

Pioneer Memorial-Stoney Creek United Churches

Two Churches - One Heart - One Community

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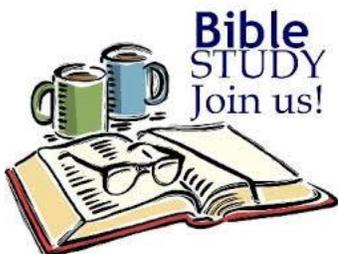
Join Us For Worship!

Join us this Sunday, March 22 for worship at 9:30 a.m. at our **Stoney Creek United location**. Due to the ongoing boiler issues at Pioneer Memorial we will continue worshipping at Stoney Creek United until April 12.

**** PLEASE NOTE - WORSHIP IS NO LONGER BEING SHARED ON ZOOM!
An audio recording of the worship service is available on YouTube and is accessible via the Stoney Creek UC website at stoneycreekunited.ca ****

Updated Worship Schedule

Due to the ongoing boiler issues at Pioneer Memorial, we will continue worshipping at Stoney Creek United for the rest of March and the first two Sundays in April. We will return to worship at Pioneer on Sunday, April 19 and for the month of May.



The Bible Study group has resumed their regular meetings, discussing the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday's service on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. The group will continue to use the **OLD** Zoom link: 424-263-1461 and the password: grace.

You are also invited to join an in-person Bible Study Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Stoney Creek United to discuss Max Lucado's book, "Unshakeable Hope"

Guitar Sing-Along

All are invited to an evening of music, fellowship and fun, Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room at Stoney Creek United Church. You are welcome to bring your guitar - but it is not required!



More than anything else as a Christian, I am a realist. And I know that the application of Biblical principles, though not always easy, has proven valuable in my journey on this faith walk. One very practical application piece I've come to know is that of putting on the "Whole Armour of God" as prescribed by the Apostle Paul in Ephesian 6. It is vivid, as it depicts a soldier preparing for battle. And the truth is, we are in a real battle with a real enemy, named by the Apostle as the Devil. Many people raise questions of the use of the word "Devil" in 2026 and argue that perhaps just saying "evil" would suffice. Well, to each his/her own, but naming your adversary is the first step in defeating it or them. Clearly, evil is manifested differently and the chief architect in designing their application is the Devil. But I'll say more about that another time. What is true is that the Apostle Paul creatively used the imagery detailing the pieces of the actual mail worn by fighting men of the day, and repurposes them for use in spiritual warfare.

Paul was not the first to use this analogy, so he knew most people could relate to the picture he painted. The urgency in his tone makes it a call to action for all believers, both of his day and ours. This passage has always intrigued me because it seemed to come out of nowhere. But I've discovered that Paul's messages are based solidly on earlier Biblical texts. This portrayal of a soldier has taught me practical ways of guarding my faith and resisting the enemy. I'm more able to meet daily challenges while keeping my peace. And I so love my peace.

The Ephesian 6:10-20 passage is corroborated by many similar words of advice in scripture, but very pointedly is 1 Peter 5:8 "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." A different writer, but pretty much the same advice. We are instructed as Christians to be alert, sober-minded, and active in resisting the devil, who acts as a predatory enemy. Key passages emphasize relying on God as a fortress, putting on spiritual armour, and standing firm in faith to withstand spiritual attacks and temptations.

Paul ends the section outlining the individual pieces of armour, all seven of them, and the use of each in this battle we must face. He went on to offer a reminder to us to pray, and a request that the churches would lift up his need for boldness as he speaks out for God. Perhaps we too should pray for boldness as we face the challenges of our time.

Blessings!

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

We hope you will join us for any or all of the following during Holy Week!

- Thursday, April 2: **Maundy Thursday dinner & worship at Faith United Church**
5:30 p.m. - Dinner (meal provided)
6:30 p.m. - Worship
- Friday, April 3: **Good Friday Worship, 11:00 a.m. at Stoney Creek United Church**
- Sunday, April 5: **Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. at Stoney Creek United Church**



You Are Invited To A Farewell "Old-Fashioned Tea"

Saturday, May 2 - 1:30 p.m.
at Pioneer Memorial United Church
1974 King Street East
Cost: \$20

All (men, women, children) are welcome!

For tickets contact Helen Beese or Maureen Hayman

Church Clean-up

Helpers are needed to clean out closets and storage areas at Pioneer in preparation for the sale of the church building. A couple of dates have been set up - all helpers welcome! "Many hands make light work!"

- Thursday, March 19 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28 - 9:30 am - 12:30 p.m.

The End of an Era!

This past Thursday, March 12, a group from the UCW (and friends!) met in Pioneer's kitchen to make their famous meat pies for the last time. The pies have been enjoyed for many years (no one is quite sure just how many!). They were a HUGE seller at the annual Christmas Shopping Basket Bazaar, always selling out shortly after the bazaar opened! They were a featured menu item in the Bartonville Diner at the bazaar and were served for lunch at Pioneer's Annual Meeting for a number of years. Due to popular demand, in the 1990's, the UCW began taking orders and making meat pies on a monthly basis (except in the summer months). As some of the original makers had to quit, new faces stepped up to join the "Meat Pie Ladies".

Thursday was a sad day for the group - making meat pies was a lot of work but it was a lot of fun too! Thanks to everyone who supported the UCW in this venture - the workers and all the people who have purchased pies over the years!



Hard at work!



Kathy puts the top on the LAST meat pie!

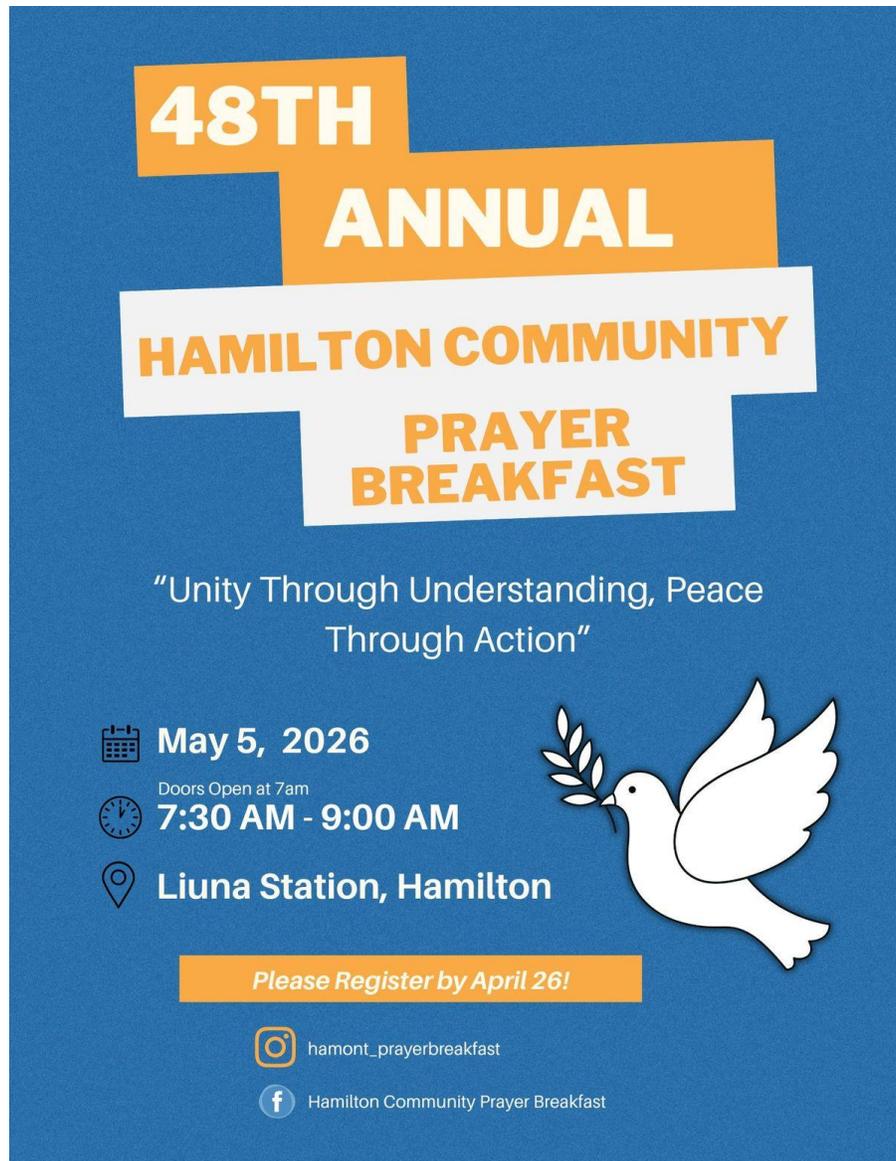
Bible Challenge

Welcome everyone! This column is about fun, and stretching our knowledge of the Bible. Don't worry if you don't know all the answers — that's how we learn! The goal is to discover something new about the Bible - bonus point if you know the scripture verse, if there is one! Answers will be in next week's eNews.

- 1) After appearing to His disciples for forty days after His resurrection, what happened to Jesus?
- 2) Who wrote the Book of Acts?
- 3) The name of what place means The Place of the Skull?
- 4) How does God make His Word known today?
- 5) For how many generations did Jehu's sons rule?
- 6) In Acts, a certain group of Jews conspired together and bound themselves with an oath to not eat or drink until they killed which person?
- 7) Which two people said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near"?

Answers to last week's Bible Challenge:

- 1) How did Jesus go into Jerusalem for His triumphant entry?
He came riding on a donkey's colt (John 12:15)
- 2) Who does Matthew depict as the greatest prophet and lawgiver, and as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets?
Christ (Matthew 5:17)
- 3) Where did the fourth angel in Revelation 16:8 pour out his bowl?
On the sun (Revelation 16:8)
- 4) What has been put in subjection under the feet of Jesus?
Everything (Ephesians 1:22)
- 5) What did God say to Solomon in a dream?
Ask for whatever he wanted God to give him (1 Kings 3:5)
- 6) Who was noted for extremely fast driving?
Jehu (2 Kings 9:20)
- 7) Who said, "First sell me your birthright"?
Jacob (Genesis 25:31)



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“Unity Through Understanding, Peace Through Action”

 **May 5, 2026**
Doors Open at 7am
 **7:30 AM - 9:00 AM**
 **Liuna Station, Hamilton**



Please Register by April 26!

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 Hamilton Community Prayer Breakfast

Tickets: \$35 Please contact Maureen Hayman for more information if interested.

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

As settlers, we continue to benefit from the land and its gifts. As settlers, we must ask ourselves how or if we have shared and cared for the earth and its gifts. Facing the truth is hard. Truth must come before reconciliation.

