

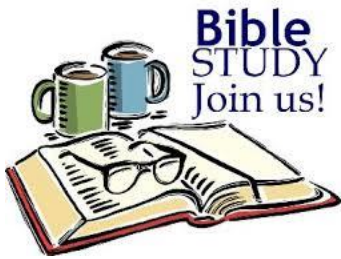
Pioneer Memorial-Stoney Creek United Churches

Two Churches - One Heart - One Community

eNews - Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Join Us For Worship!

Join us for worship this Sunday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m. at **Pioneer Memorial!** All welcome!



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. The group will now be discussing the book "Fascinating Bible Studies on Every Parable" by Dr. William H. Marty. All are welcome!

Clean-Up Dates

We have come up with some dates in the next few weeks to go in and continue cleaning out at Pioneer now that the building has been officially sold. We have had our walk-through with the purchasers and have a better idea of things they don't want that we need to remove.

Here are the dates:

Mon, June 1st: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Wed, Jun 3rd: 1pm - 4pm

A task is easier and quicker to complete when many people work together

Many Blessings,

Kathy

From the Minister's Desk... The evolving Creed

Both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds are just two of a plethora of creeds used by many denominations and religious groups. The United Church of Canada is no different. According to John Young, Executive Minister, Theological Leadership, United Church of Canada, "People both inside and outside the United Church have sometimes wondered whether the denomination has a theology. In reality, the United Church has a rich and vibrant theology. That theology is expressed in the denomination's formal faith statements, but it is also expressed in hymns, liturgies, prayers, sermons, and church committee statements".

While the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed were formerly credos from the antecedent denominations, there needed to be a formal expression of faith for the new United Church as of the Basis of Union. Young noted that "The purpose was clear—the proposed church union required a statement of a commonly held theology as part of the basis upon which these denominations could unite. Relatively broad in its expression of the Christian tradition, the original Doctrine section represented well the general theological currents of the latter part of the 19th century."

Further, he indicated that, "By the mid-1930s, there was a growing sense that the United Church needed to restate its faith...The 1936 General Council authorized the preparation of such a document. The appointed committee brought a proposed statement to the 1940 General Council. That council approved the document, known since as the 1940 Statement of Faith. Unlike the theologically quite broad Doctrine section of the Basis of Union, the 1940 Statement of Faith focused on the contemporary context. It also reflected the theological emphases of the era. It was heavily used into the 1960s as a background document for church membership educational material and other resources designed to teach the faith tradition."

John Young offered more insight into the formulation of the United Church's statements of faith, when he added that "In the mid-1960s, the Committee on Christian Faith was asked to draft a brief, modern expression of the faith, based on new liturgical resources and the sense that the United Church needed a more contemporary expression of the Christian faith for use in worship than either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed afforded. The result was the United Church Creed, also known as A New Creed. The 1968 General Council sent the initial draft back to the Committee on Christian Faith for further work. The resulting revision was approved by the Executive of the General Council later the same year. The language was modern, but the theology expressed was less tied to the era itself. This creed has been revised twice since 1968, in both cases to reflect a changing context. In 1980, the language of the creed was made gender inclusive. In 1995, the addition of the line "to live with respect in Creation" spoke to an enhanced concern for the created order and the impact of human activity on it."

A New Creed

"We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God."

Prayer Requests

If you would like prayers for someone in your family, for a friend, or for yourself, please submit your requests to Rev. Lennox at lennox1112002@yahoo.com, or (226)-920-8799.

Your request will be kept confidential, unless you wish it to be included in the Prayers of Intercession.

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. What did Jesus teach regarding taking the speck of sawdust out of your brother's eye?
2. For whom was the Epistle to Philemon written?
3. Where were the Abana and Pharpar Rivers?
4. By whom is the love of God poured out into our hearts?
5. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
6. Who was King Saul's older daughter?
7. Who said, "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea"?

Answers to last week's Bible Challenge: May 6

1. When Jesus states that God cares for the sparrows in Luke 12 verses 6 and 7, what is He saying to us?

That if he cares for even the sparrow, He surely cares for us. Luke 12 6-7

2. Which two New Testament books give the genealogy of Christ?

Matthew and Luke. Matthew 1:1-16; Luke 3:23-38

3. Name the river in which Naaman washed seven times?

Jordan. 2 Kings 5:9-14

4. In what place was a door opened for Paul's ministry?

Troas. 2 Corinthians 2:12

5. How did Moses obey God to obtain water at Massah?

By striking the rock at Horeb. Exodus 17:6

6. Who was Moses' mother?

Jochebed. Numbers 26:59

7. Who said, to Daniel, "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people?"

Gabriel. Daniel 9:21-24

Mark Your Calendar!

- Sunday, June 7, noon-2:30 p.m. Wesley Urban Ministries "Case for Kids" Walk, Run or Ride at Bayfront Park. This event raises funds for Wesley's Children, Youth and Family Programs. If you are interested in participating, either by collecting sponsors and walking or by sponsoring someone else, please see Bob Heil.
- Sunday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. The Stoney Creek United Church Choir presents their annual Spring Concert "Here's to Song". This exciting evening featuring the choir and guest musicians will be held at Stoney Creek United Church. Refreshments to follow and a freewill offering will be collected in support of Stoney Creek United Church.
- Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. "Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing" at Pioneer Memorial. Everyone is invited to come out and sing your favourite hymns - old and new!
- Sunday, July 5, 2:00 p.m. Service in Celebration of the Ministry of Pioneer Memorial United Church at 1974 King Street East. This is NOT the end of our story as Pioneer Memorial United Church, just the end of a chapter! We hope you will come out to say "Farewell" - please invite your family & friends, former members and adherents to join us as well. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Roast Beef Dinner



Stoney Creek United Church is holding a Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m., with proceeds going towards replacing the fire alarm control panel. Cost: \$30 (adults), \$15 (children 12 & under). Tickets are on sale now!

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.