

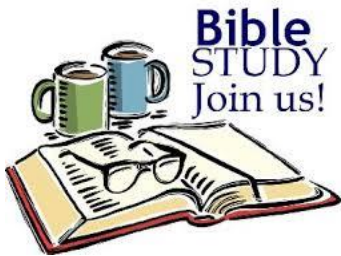
Pioneer Memorial-Stoney Creek United Churches

Two Churches - One Heart - One Community

eNews - Wednesday, May 20, 2026



Join us for Pentecost Sunday worship, May 24, at 9:30 a.m. at **Pioneer Memorial!** All welcome! Be sure to wear red!



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!

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 lennox112002@yahoo.com, or (226)-920-8799.

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

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...

Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector (Luke 18: 9-14) (*Adapted*)

One: Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:

Two men went to the Temple to pray.

One was a Pharisee,
and the other was a despised tax collector.

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer:

Two: I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.

One: But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying,

Three: O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.

One: I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

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. Complete the Beatitude , “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs...”
2. How many verses are in Psalm 119?
3. Where was Quirinius governor?
4. To what place will the living righteous be caught up when Christ returns?
5. Who lost his strength after his hair was cut off?

Answers to last week's Bible Challenge: May 13

1. What did Jesus teach regarding taking the speck of sawdust out of your brother's eye?
That you should first take the plank out of your own eye. Matthew 7:4 - 5
2. For whom was the Epistle to Philemon written?
Onesimus, Philemon's slave. Philemon 8 - 19
3. Where were the Abana and Pharpar Rivers?
Damascus. 2 Kings 5:12
4. By whom is the love of God poured out into our hearts?
The Holy Spirit. Romans 5:5
5. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
100 years old. Genesis 21:5
6. Who was King Saul's older daughter?
Merab. 1 Samuel 18:17
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”?
Daniel. Daniel 7:2

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

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, hosted by Erin Hayman. 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!

An Invitation

Dear Friends of Pioneer Memorial United Church:

This is an invitation to a **Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving** for our building, Pioneer Memorial. For 71 years, the building at 1974 King St E. has served as a sanctuary for worship, a centre for ministry, and a home for our community.

It is with heavy hearts, yet profound gratitude for God's faithfulness, that we invite you to join us for a final service to mark the closure of this cherished space.

The **Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving** will celebrate the ministries, friendships, and sacred moments that have occurred within these walls. We will also take this opportunity to give thanks for all who have worshipped here and to prayerfully look forward to how Pioneer's faith community will continue to worship and serve alongside Stoney Creek United Church.

Service Details:

- **Date:** Sunday July 5th, 2026
- **Time:** 2 pm
- **Location:** Pioneer Memorial United Church

Following the service, there will be refreshments in the MacMillan Hall and a time to share memories, fellowship, and stories.

We hope you can join us for this important occasion as we honour our past and entrust our future into God's hands. Please invite your family & friends, former members and adherents to join us as well.

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Sincerely,

Melanie Jamback

Chair of Church Council