

*Pioneer Memorial - St. Columba
Grace Community*

Two Churches - One Heart - One Community

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Celebrating The End of An Era...



During the worship service on Sunday October 19, we recognized the conclusion of the co-operative ministry of Pioneer Memorial United Church and St. Columba Presbyterian Church. There was a lovely luncheon afterwards, celebrating our relationship.

While this service marked the end of our formal Ecumenical Agreement, we know that this relationship and the friendships we have made will continue into the future!

On Sunday October 26th, we celebrated Rev Mark Winger's retirement. His final service as our minister included special music chosen by Rev Mark and the choir. One highlight was a trio performing "Get Together", featuring vocalist Lesleyann Forester, Brian Forester on lead guitar and Rev. Mark on rhythm guitar (and the congregation joining in on the chorus!). The service concluded with the congregation encircling Rev Mark during the singing of "Go Now in Peace" A lovely reception followed worship. The Sunday School children presented him with a homemade cookbook of their favourite recipes. Rev. Mark, we wish you all the best in this next chapter of your life - there is a whole new way of life ahead, full of experiences just waiting to happen. Rev Mark's first big adventure in retirement is a "Habitat for Humanity" build in Guatemala in January.



"Come on people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another
Right now"

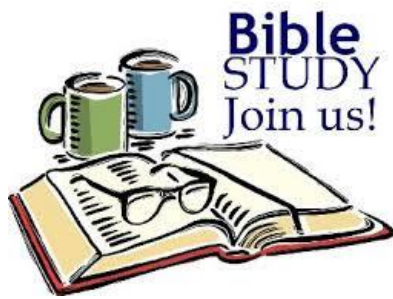


The Sacrament of Holy Communion



"Go Now In Peace"





The Bible Study group meets on Zoom, this Thursday at 3:00 p.m. The group will continue to use the **OLD** Zoom link: 424-263-1461 and the password: grace. Anyone interested is invited to join.

Scriptures: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1: 11-23; Luke 6: 20-31

Fall Worship Schedule

- November 2:** **Joint Worship** - 9:30 a.m. Pioneer Memorial. Lay-led service with guest speaker Greg Flis, whose reflection will be: "Striving for a Saintly Reflection".
- November 9:** **Joint Worship** - 9:30 a.m. Pioneer Memorial. Remembrance Day service led by Mardi Bullivant & Jo-anne Vanstone.
- November 16, 23, 30:** **Joint Worship** - 9:30 a.m. Pioneer Memorial. Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Veronica Palmer.
- December:** **Joint Worship** - 9:30 a.m. Stoney Creek United.
- December 24:** **Christmas Eve Family Service** - 7:00 p.m. Pioneer Memorial

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.

