

*Pioneer Memorial - St. Columba  
Grace Community*

*Two Churches - One Heart - One Community*

**eNews - Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

***Join Us For Worship!***

Grace Community will be worshipping Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at our Pioneer Memorial location for the months of September, October and November - we hope you will join us.

As always, Sunday worship will be shared on Zoom at **11:00 a.m.** The **NEW** Zoom link is: 423-166-6412 and the password is: grace.

**Please note:** This Sunday's service, September 29, will **NOT** be shared on Zoom as our "Zoom-master", Gilbert Chainey, is away on a well-deserved vacation!

***Meat Pies!***



The UCW are taking orders for meat pies! Please call Helen Beese, 905-389-5556, or the Church Office, 905-545-9552, to order. Orders must be in by **September 29!** Small pies only – cost \$4.00 each. Pick-up date: **Thursday, October 3, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** in the King Street entrance.

***Grace Women***

All women are invited to a "Grace Women" gathering at 1:30 p.m. on September 30 at Pioneer Memorial. We hope to make this a monthly event!



## Minister's Message

Scripture readings: Psalm 27, James 5: 13-16a

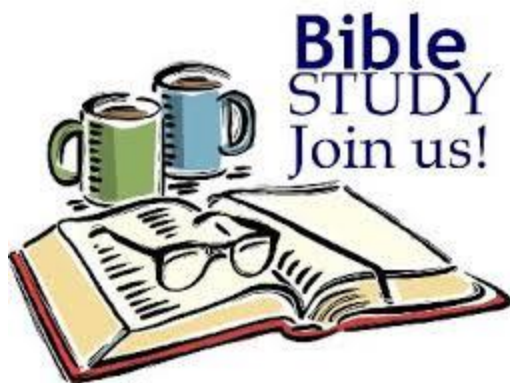
*"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."*

The epistle writer James offers church members a peculiar prescription in the face of illness...gather the elders to pray and anoint! How unlikely would we be to accept James' advice in this day and age? Did we not dispense with church elders years ago? Why would we call elders when we won't even call a doctor?

Is there any role that the church can/should play in the health and healing of its members? Isn't that what we pay the minister to do?

See you Sunday!

*Mark*



The Bible Study group meets on Zoom, Thursdays at 3:00 p.m., **STARTING NEXT WEEK!** The group will continue to use the **OLD** Zoom link: 424-263-1461 and the password: grace, **NOT** the new link that is being used for worship services. Anyone interested is invited to join.

## Scripture Readers Needed!

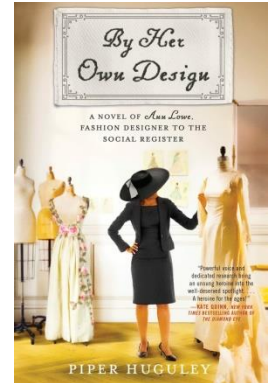
If you would be willing/able to read scripture for a Sunday service on an occasional basis, please contact the Church Office, 905-545-9552. The selected reading will be emailed to you on the Friday (so you can practice!) and a paper copy will be available for you on Sunday morning. Thanks for your help with this important ministry!

## *Prayer Requests*

If you, or a family member/friend, are experiencing illness, hospitalization or a medical procedure/surgery, you are invited to call (905-545-9552) or email (4secretarypioneerememuc@cogeco.net) the Church Office to request prayers. These requests will be passed on to the minister and Pastoral Care Committee.

## *Book Club*

The next Book Club meeting will be on Thursday November 7th at 7 pm on Zoom when we will discuss *BY HER OWN DESIGN* (a novel of Ann Lowe, Fashion Designer to the Social Register) by PIPER HUGULEY. You will need to make your own arrangements for getting this book as it is not available as a Book Club Kit. There are a few copies at Hamilton Public Library including a Large Print one.



## **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.