

## Minutes for Mission

### **A Vibrant Youth Program**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support programs for children and youth. Let us hear a story of The GO Project.

“The GO Project has taught me so much about faith and social justice, but I didn’t even notice I was learning because I never thought you could have that much fun while learning! ”

Those are the words of a youth who took part in The GO Project youth mission program. For nine years, The GO Project has been offering a vibrant experience of church to youth and children.

The first program happened at Islington United Church in Toronto, and it’s been an adventure ever since. First offered for youth, GO now also offers summer camp programs for children as well as a young adult intentional community.

The GO Project has youth programs in Halifax, Vancouver, Saskatoon, and St. John’s, in addition to the Toronto site. The youth live in community and work alongside volunteers at Community ministries in the host city. Youth who have participated in The GO Project leave with a strong sense of community and a passion for leadership.

We sing thanksgiving that, through our gifts for Mission & Service, children and youth continue to grow in faith and community, able to offer leadership that can mend the world!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing Thanksgiving to God!

# Welcome TO Pine River United Church



Sept. 10th, 2017

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

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*A warm welcome to Pine River United Church.  
May this time of worship offer you  
strength for the week ahead.*

- \* INDICATES AN INVITATION TO RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT.  
CONGREGATION MAY RESPOND WITH THE PARTS  
PRINTED IN BOLD.

*We acknowledge that we gather here on traditional  
Saugeen Ojibway territory. We give thanks for the stewardship of  
the land by the indigenous peoples of Canada through the ages.*

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND GREETING

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
THE LOVE OF GOD  
AND THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
BE WITH YOU ALL

**And also with you.**

- \* OPENING HYMN: "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"  
VU # 660

### 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH SPECIAL SONG...

***Happy Birthday to you,  
God's love grows in you.  
May the Lord bless and keep you,  
In all that you do.***

### CALL TO WORSHIP: (PSALM 135:1-3)

PRAISE THE LORD!  
PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD;  
GIVE PRAISE, O SERVANTS OF THE LORD,  
YOU THAT STAND IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD,  
IN THE COURTS OF THE HOUSE OF OUR GOD.  
**Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
sing to his name, for he is gracious.  
We gather to praise the Lord!**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love**

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***Thank you to everyone who  
assisted in the service today.***

***Please join us downstairs  
for refreshments and fellowship.***

## Announcements

**Thank you to all who participated in the making of the  
beefsteak pies. We will have them for sale at Kountry  
Kitchen, Oct. 7th, starting at 11:00 a.m.**

**(Please note: there is no corn in the beefsteak pies)**

**Sept. 12th: UCW Meeting** will be at RVilla at 10:30 a.m.  
followed by lunch and meeting at Little's  
Restaurant (Variety) in Ripley.

**Sept. 14th: Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 15th: Men's Coffee Group, 9:30 a.m.**

**Sept. 20th: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Women's Institute**

**Food Bank:** This week we are collecting back to school items  
or anything else would be greatly appreciated.

**NEWS:** If you would like to be sent emails, please fill out the  
form at the back of the church.

***Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:  
As a church we are called to pray for  
each other and our mission in the world.  
This week keep in prayer our  
brothers and sisters at  
Arkell United Church, Waterloo Presbytery***

**so that we might have all we need to survive and to thrive. In return, receive here our offerings. May you bake them into the bread that others need to nourish their lives. Amen**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)**

**Our father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\* HYMN: "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND" VU # 670**

#### **\* SENDING FORTH**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE.  
MAY THE LOVE OF GOD SURROUND YOU;  
MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST GIVE YOU COMFORT  
AND MAY THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT GIVE YOU STRENGTH AS YOU CONTINUE  
YOUR MINISTRY AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD. AMEN.**

#### **SINGING A BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER:**

**"GO NOW IN PEACE" (PLEASE BE SEATED)**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day.**

#### **OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

**Awesome God, we gather this day that we might be nourished and receive strength. We recognize our own needs for acceptance, tolerance and grace. When storms try to overtake us, we seek your peace. Yet, when our faith is floundering, we fail to seek your mercy. Forgive our cowardice and replace it with courage and conviction. Empower us to be a people of conviction and a church of strength, as you forgive our lack of boldness. In the strong name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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#### **THE WORD**

**OPENING SONG: (SEATED) MORE VOICES "LORD, PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY"—SUNG TWICE. MV # 18**

**SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 12:1-14**

**"PASSOVER INSTRUCTIONS" DARREL DAVIDSON**

**GROWING WITH GOD: (AT THE SOUND OF THE "RAIN STICK", ANY YOUTH ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD)**

**\* HYMN: "WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD" VU # 675**

**REFLECTION: "POST-MODERN PHARAOHS"**

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN: "WHEN WILL PEOPLE CEASE THEIR FIGHTING?" VU # 687**

#### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\* OFFERING HYMN: "GRANT US, GOD, THE GRACE" VU # 540**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)**

**Creator God, you give us our daily bread**