

Inspired

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Blending craftsmen details with a modern flair.

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What a summer! Our second full pandemic summer! Our regions resiliency as a community helped feed our resiliency as a business. With some amazingly talented renovation professionals and of course some of the best clients around, we have by all accounts had a successful summer! Surrounding ourselves with great people sure has made getting through this pandemic a lot easier and less stressful.

As you flip through the pages of this newsletter, you'll see what the Pioneer team has been up to as well as some exciting events in our teams' personal lives and you'll meet some new faces we're thrilled to introduce and who are making our team stronger. I know you'll enjoy our feature renovation as well.

We have new challenges this fall and winter. In the spring we were experiencing sky-rocketing lumber prices—they are now creeping back down thankfully—but demand and supply chain constraints are pushing costs of nearly all other building materials higher. Coupled with on-going product delays, product shortages and longer lead times for many products, the challenges we face scheduling our projects is increasing. Some plumbing fixtures are unavailable for six months, windows are taking four to five months! This means that fall is really a good time to be planning next summer's renovation, and this allows us plenty of time to order products to ensure we can deliver your renovation on schedule!

Finally, if you know a renovation professional—a dedicated designer, project manager, or lead carpenter, you feel would fit with Pioneer Craftsmen, we would love to speak with them about joining our team! After all, the more great people we surround ourselves with the greater we will become.

Jamie

Jamie Adam, President

Feature Renovation





Ensuite - before



Ensuite - before

Whole Home Renovation

This family with teenagers and university bound children is always a bustling home. Family and friends enjoy time together and hectic schedules mean family members are always coming and going. With dated main and second floors this was the perfect time to ensure everyone felt comfortable coming home.





Foyer - before



The Renovation Challenge

With a small main entry and even smaller mudroom entering and existing was always a challenge for this large family, laundry space was at a premium and the dated Master Bedroom lacked a real walk-in closet while the Ensuite was uninspiring with a dark and small shower. The main floor principal rooms were well used and in need of major updating.

The Pioneer Design-Build Solution

Working closely with designer Chris Agombar and the homeowners, Pioneer Craftsmen designed a two-story addition to house a new large mudroom / laundry room with an inviting entrance, while the second story featured a bright new ensuite. This freed up interior spaces to create a larger updated kitchen with wine and coffee bars, while creating plenty of space for a new walk-in closet for the Master Suite. A stunning new staircase creates an inspiring entrance that foreshadows many of the unique new design elements found throughout the renovated space. Now everyone can enjoy time together or find a private space to enjoy some quiet time.



Modernizing the Traditional Home

With words like “modern” and “contemporary” floating around the world of design, many homeowners are wondering how to update their spaces to meet these trendy ideals. While a newly updated mid-century modern living room may be on your Pinterest board, it can be an unrealistic endeavor if you live in a traditional home with all the accompanying details. For example, walking into a sleek contemporary kitchen when the rest of the house is full of traditional arched entryways and crown molding can be a jarring experience for both you and your guests. So how can you incorporate more modern details into your remodeling project while maintaining the integrity of your traditional home? **Check out the below pointers to give you some inspiration on how to make this possible.**

1. **Decide on what you really love and what you hate** by creating a thoughtful list of where in your space you feel most inspired, happy, relaxed, or even euphorically nostalgic. It's also just as important to note what is not working for you by homing in on the specific aspects of your space that spark no real joy, that may not be functioning properly, or causing an inconvenience.
2. **Embrace transitional design** and get the best of both worlds by marrying modern with traditional aesthetics. Artfully blending together some elements of this style like stone and marble, clean lines, sleek profiles, and feminine and masculine touches, gives the feel of contemporary without losing the charm of the traditional detail. Transitional design is a happy medium for those homeowners that desire an updated space but do not wish to move.
3. **Focus on your home and your goals** by honoring your own personal needs, tastes, and future, rather than trying to “keep up with the Joneses.” While it may be tempting to style your kitchen exactly like your favorite HGTV show or Pinterest board, you'll want to incorporate the right value with the style to maximize your enjoyment along with your investment and resale potential.
4. **Turning to a professional for guidance** through the entire process can truly help ensure your space is created with a thoughtful balance of beauty and brilliant function. Knowing where to start can be the hardest part for many homeowners considering remodeling. At Pioneer Craftsmen, we are experts at asking you all the right questions to fully understand you and your vision, which guides us in developing beautiful solutions unique to you!



Fall Fun in KW

Snyder's Family Farm



Head out to Snyder's Family Farm for a fall Hayride, Corn maze, Haunted house and so much more! Enjoy farm attractions in this outdoor physically distant experience. Each Fall Fun Ticket includes access to enjoy the animal barnyard, jumping pillows, giant peddle cart track, play areas and straw jump. In the evening the farm turns into an outdoor haunt. Come enjoy the live horses on the hayride, the action, the actors, the atmosphere. This is the fall event not too miss.

Enjoy a Fall Countryside Train Ride



Join us for a train ride on our heritage railway equipment through the area's beautiful farming landscape rich in Mennonite heritage with three train times each Thursday and Saturday coinciding with days the St. Jacobs Farmers Market is open.

You can board our train at either the Farmers Market station platform or the Waterloo Northfield Drive station platform directly across from the Northfield Drive ION station.

You can add to your train experience by taking the Mennonite Country Wagon Tour operated by Elmira Wagon Tours which includes a delicious homemade lunch from Kitchen Cuttings Café.

The tour is available on the first two trains of the day setting off from the Elmira stop taking you through some of our area's most beautiful Mennonite farmland in an open-air people mover trailer pulled by a classic tractor. This ride is a delightful experience to taste, see, and smell what our countryside has to offer!



Pumpkin Spice White Russian Cocktail

This Pumpkin Spice White Russian Cocktail is exactly what you need to be sipping on this season. This festive fall cocktail brings the perfect pumpkin flavor to a classic White Russian with the addition of pumpkin spice creamer. It's so creamy, dreamy, and delicious! You have to try this pumpkin cocktail for yourself.

For the Drink

- 3 ounces 2 shot glasses good quality vodka
- 3 ounces 2 shot glasses pumpkin spice creamer
- 1.5 ounces 1 shot glass Kahlua
- Whipped Cream and pumpkin pie spice for garnish

For the Rim

- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon sugar or sparkling sugar
- 3 tablespoons crushed graham crackers

1. Mix the ingredients for the rim together on a shallow plate. Dip the edge of two glasses in water and then dip into the graham mixture. Press to coat. Set the two glasses aside.
2. Pour vodka, creamer, and kahlua into a large cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake lightly until combined and cold.
3. Pour into glasses and top with whipped cream and pumpkin pie spice.



We are delighted to introduce you to our two new team members that have joined the Pioneer family. Welcome **Brad Ashbourn**, who joins our expert crew of Renovation Design Specialists! Please also welcome **Aaron Birrell** who has joined our talented Project Manager Crew!

The Pioneer family wishes to congratulate **Nathan Presley** on the birth of his beautiful little boy, Luke Nathaniel Presley, born on June 19.

We'd also like to wish a very Happy 50th Birthday to both **Jennifer Dainard** and **Brad Ashbourn**.

We would like to congratulate **Ben Mayberry** and his fiancée Samm on their recent engagement. **Josh Pesant** became a first-time homeowner this year—congrats on your new home Josh!



Brad Ashburn



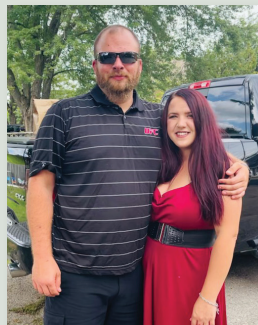
Aaron Birrell



Baby Presley



Jennifer Dainard



Ben & Samm



Josh Pesant

If you have a minimum of five years' experience as a Lead Carpenter in residential renovations (including full additions), and are committed to providing excellent customer service, we'd love to hear from you! Please email your resume with references to: hr@pioneercraftsmen.com or fax 519-743-6991