

# *Our Story*

*Knox Presbyterian Church*

*Tiverton, Ontario*

*150 Years*

From the scrapbook collection of Alberta Smith  
and recollections of the congregation of  
Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, Ontario

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## Dedication

We dedicate this book of memories to those pioneers who came to this area over 150 years ago. Their hopes for a good life for their families in this new country were high. Their faith in God was strong, and their courage unfaltering. They left us a wonderful heritage.

Lest we forget those hardy pioneers,  
Lord bring to mind their labours, toils and tears:  
A heritage to us, they left behind,  
May we receive it with a thankful mind.

What can we leave to those who follow on,  
When we life's little course down here have run?  
Can they think back to us and say,  
"They pointed us to Him who is the way"?

Anonymous

## An Anniversary Prayer

"Thanks to Thee, Father, thanks unto Thee  
For all Thy mercies, constant and free;  
Leading Thy servants through all the years,  
Opening the pathways; comforting fears.  
Guide us our Father; guide us **this** day –  
Into the future's unknown way.  
In this Thy world, Lord, help us to live,  
As Thou directress our lives to give.  
O Father, bless us, make us to know  
Thy Holy Spirit's power in us flow.  
Help us to share Lord, joining our hands  
With all Thy children in all the lands.  
Thine is the Kingdom, Thine is the Power,  
Thine is the Glory, through every hour;  
Thine is the Way, Lord, guide us we pray  
Into Thy future, into Thy Way. Amen"

Written by Louise A Reith

## Foreword

As we look back over 150 years and try to record the history of this congregation, we realize there are many gaps in our church's story. Our records are not complete, some have been lost, and some events were probably never recorded or preserved. We have tried to accurately record the materials that we had. We are grateful to those many people who have contributed clippings, pictures, stories and memories. If you find mistakes, please forgive us – we did our best! To those who have helped in any way in putting this book together, we offer humble thanks – you have made this possible.

This book is the story of people, from pioneer days to the present time – people of faith who were dedicated, resourceful, conscientious and grateful to God for His blessings. This book is one of memories more than history.

To name all who carried out the work of Knox Church congregation during the 150 years would be impossible. They and you have served by prayer and service, and by faithful attendance at worship week by week, and are known to God. To you who will continue in the years ahead as Christ's disciples in Knox Church, be assured that God is at work with you, renewing your strength and upholding you with His love.

Hold high the torch; you did not light its glow  
Twas given you by other hands, you know.  
I think it started down its pathway bright  
The day the Master said, "Let there be light."  
And He once said, who hung on Calvary's tree,  
"You are the light of the word – Go shine for me."

*Author unknown*

*Cover: The front cover is a composite photo of the unfinished mural in the parking lot entrance being painted by local Tiverton artist Bert Degraaf. The sides are cut off – you just have to come to church to see the full scope. The three ministers depicted are: the congregations first minister Rev. Alexander MacKay; Rev. Kenneth MacLennan who was here in 1909 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Rev. R. H. MacLeod who ministered during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the congregation in 1959. There is a blank spot for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as the congregation has no regular minister and is "looking to the future". Various other important symbols like the Bible and communion vessels, quilters, piper as well as historically significant buildings can be found. You can just glimpse on the left the historical plaque at Sinclairs Corners and a horse and buggy on the right. The rear cover shows the lighted cross at the front of the Sanctuary.*

# The Beginning

In exploring the early days of this congregation, it is important to keep in mind that the area around Tiverton was settled in 1851. Many of the pioneers were of Scottish descent, with the Presbyterian Church strongly represented among them. Our hardy forefathers landed on the shores of Lake Huron, traveling inward to claim land where they could establish a home and raise their family. These pioneers underwent hardship and endured hours of hard work in order to establish a home and earn a living. They gave thanks to God for a safe passage to this new country. It was their trust and faith in God that made survival possible. Immediately they made plans to have services of worship and ultimately to build a church. The story of this congregation and the growth of the village of Tiverton are closely intertwined. When the church and post office were moved to Tiverton, Sinclair's Corners began to decline. As Tiverton developed, so did the Presbyterian Church. The township of Bruce and Kincardine were developed at the same time, with Tiverton lying partly in both townships. In 1879 Tiverton became a village, and was no longer a part of the townships. In the following years, Presbyterians were affected by and involved in the growth of the congregation as well as the development of the village.

## Sinclair's Corners

Sinclair's Corners is significant in the history of the Tiverton area because it marks the first settlement. Michael Green arrived in 1851 and stayed until 1884. Other early pioneers were John MacKinnon and Alexander McBain. Archibald Sinclair built his house near the northwest corner of Lot 1, Concession 2. In the same year he built the first sawmill and gristmill in the township on the creek south of the house. Another first was the Post Office, opened in 1853 bearing the name Bruce. It was located in the Sinclair home with Archibald's son Peter as the first Postmaster.

In 1853 David Gibson, the Government Engineer, allowed the Saugeen to Goderich road to deviate westward through Sinclair's Corners, bringing all north south traffic through this settlement.

After several years planning the first Presbyterian Church of the area was erected in 1857. It was a log construction measuring 40 by 35 feet. By 1860 the congregation outgrew the log church and a new one was built in Tiverton in 1862.

Also in 1857, there were two small stores operated out of the home owned by Alex MacIntosh and Granny Cameron. A pearl and potashery in a two-story building provided a market for the abundance of ashes from the pioneers' chimneys.

When the Post Office moved to McInnes' store in Tiverton and the Presbyterian Church also relocated to Tiverton, Sinclair's Corners declined.



Present historical plaque



Tiverton Crest

## Some Significant Dates

There is no decisive date that we can say is the actual beginning of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton. There are too many variables. During the four years after 1851 there were no regular religious services among the Presbyterians. Ministers and missionaries did come from time to time, as they were available.

On January 9th 1856 the Rev. Daniel Clark was appointed to Kincardine and the surrounding townships.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856 Rev. John McNaughton and Rev. Ferguson dispensed communion. A meeting was held at the home of Mr. Gunn to discuss erecting a church in the immediate future. A second meeting was held at Sinclairs Corners and a building committee formed with Malcolm MacKay, chairman and J. P. McIntyre, secretary.

In 1857 a log church was erected at Sinclairs Corners.

In December 1859 a meeting was held for the purpose of moderating a call to a minister.

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1860 a call was presented from South Bruce and Greenoch in favour of the Rev. Alexander MacKay.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> 1860 Rev. MacKay was ordained and inducted. The stipend was \$440.00 annually.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> 1860 seven men were ordained and inducted as elders of the united congregation of South Bruce and Greenoch. A communion roll was made up numbering 64.

In 1862 the congregation of South Bruce built a new church in Tiverton at the site of the present church.

In 1865 we find the "Presbyterian Church, Tiverton" replacing the designation of "South Bruce".

In 1868 Rev MacKay moved to New York State. Rev. John Fraser of Kincardine was named the interim moderator. A formal separation from Greenoch Station took place at this time.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1870 Rev. John Anderson was inducted. Later that year the frame church was enlarged.

In the summer of 1871 a manse was built.

In 1875 the Underwood section of the congregation was separated by mutual consent and joined with Centre Bruce.

In 1899 at the annual meeting, a decision was made to build a new church.

In 1900 a new brick church was built.

In 1901 on the first Sunday of the New Year, this church was dedicated.

In 1907 the mortgage on the church building was discharged and it seemed the right time to celebrate the Jubilee of the congregation.

In 1909 the congregation held Jubilee celebrations. Was this the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation? You decide! At any rate, anniversary celebrations are reckoned from this date – 1909 – and in 2009 we acknowledge the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this congregation and celebrate the occasion with joy!

### Ministers for the First 50 Years of Knox Church Tiverton

Rev. Alexander MacKay 1859-1868

Rev. John Anderson 1870-1894

Rev. James Steven 1895-1897

Rev. Kenneth MacLennan 1897-1914

## Churches

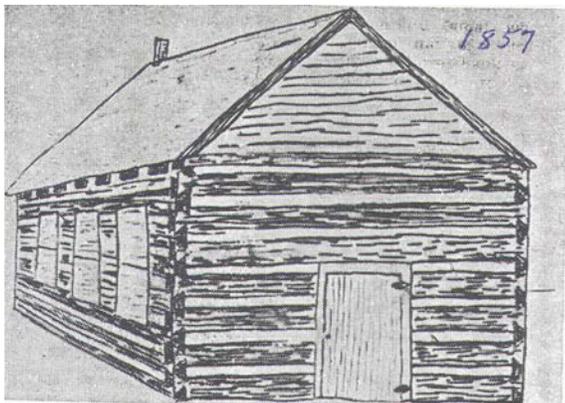
*“Beautiful is the large church  
With stately arch and steeple;  
Neighbourly is the small church,  
With groups of friendly people,  
Reverent is the old church,  
With centuries of grace;*

*And a wooden or a stone church  
Can hold an altar place.  
But whether it be a rich church,  
Or a poor church anywhere,  
Truly it is a great church  
If God is worshipped there!”*

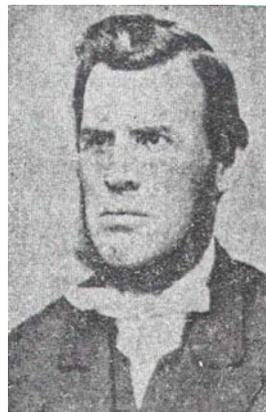
*Anonymous*

## The First Church Building

The first church building in which Presbyterians in this area would worship was built at Sinclairs Corners in 1857 on the side of the creek that runs through the southeast corner crossroads at Lot 1, Concession 2 of Bruce Township. At the time, Sinclairs Corners was a prosperous settlement, boasting a post office, school, two small stores, a pot and pearl-ash factory, a sawmill and a gristmill. The log church was 40 feet 35 feet. The seats were planks laid on blocks of wood. William Wilson, who later became an elder, was the mason appointed for the building of the church. This church, known as the South Bruce Church, had members from miles in all directions.

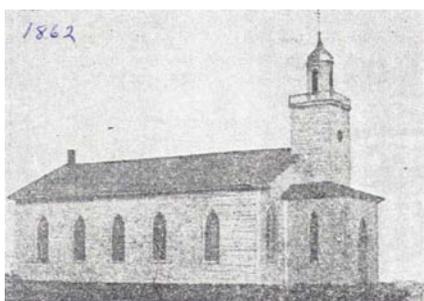


The first log church



Rev. Alexander MacKay

## The Second Church Building



The congregation quickly outgrew the first log church. The post office had been moved to Tiverton, and gradually business moved there also. It seemed sensible to build the new church there. In June 1862 Timothy Allan sold one quarter of an acre of Lot 1, Concession 1, Bruce Township to the congregation on which to build a new church. A frame building 50 feet by 35 feet was erected on this lot, which is the same location of the present brick church. The frame church was described as being commodious and comfortable. Early in the 1870's, this church was enlarged.

## **Early Days**

Stories of early days in the Presbyterian Church are not readily available. Those who could tell us of those times are no longer with us. Many of us have heard of events and people, but our memories have not retained much of this interesting information. But there are some memories that have been recorded.

In one instance, a request was made for a married, ordained minister. His salary would be augmented by an allowance for the upkeep of his horse. Mostly, his accommodation would be with pioneer families as he traveled from place to place. An unmarried preacher received no horse allowance. He would be expected to walk along forest paths, as did those pioneer settlers. Ministers would not necessarily be paid in cash – part of their stipend would be produce – particularly for a married minister.

## ***Sunday in the 1850's***

Sunday was a very special day for those pioneer settlers. It was a day set apart for worship, and only work of absolute necessity was carried out. Saturday night would be bath night, probably taken in a washtub in the curtained off area near the fireplace. Clean clothes would be ready for the next day. Earlier on Saturday, preparation for the Sunday meals would be made as no unnecessary cooking was done on Sunday. The wood box was filled. Of course farm chores had to be done and animals tended to, but no work in the fields or woods was ever done on Sunday. Worship services, if a minister was available, were held as regularly as possible. If there was no service, time was spent memorizing scripture passages and singing hymns. A time of church school was held for the children, often outdoors, under the direction of a father. Prayer was simple and sincere. Because their work through the week was heavy and demanding, this time of shared worship and quiet companionship, made them confident and strong as they faced the week ahead.

*From an old newspaper clipping*

## **A Hard Life for Women in the 1850's**

Mrs. Donald MacLean came to the tenth of Kincardine in 1853 with her young husband and other members of the family. She was obliged to stop at the log home of Mr. and Mrs. Sailor Jack McArthur, grandparents of Mrs. Ollie Catto, just south of Tiverton, to have her baby. When she was able to travel again she rode up the tenth on a jumper drawn by a yoke of oxen.

Food was a big worry to these early housekeepers. It was scarce and cash was usually non-existent with which to buy it. Many stories have been told of families existing sometimes for weeks on potatoes, turnips and salt. As early as the year 1851, every settler had an acre of potatoes and an acre of turnips, even if he had nothing else. Fish and wild pigeons were plentiful at certain times of the year. Dan Matheson told of knocking pigeons off tree branches with clubs and his mother dressed and packed them by the hundreds in barrels for later consumption. Wild berries were picked and preserved.

The year 1859 stood out as a very hard year, taxing the culinary abilities of the women to the utmost. The grain crop was a failure in 1859 because of poor weather and as the settlers had no cash crops, they had no money to buy grain or flour. Today 1859 is still referred to as the "Famine Year". The settlers were all given grain according to their needs by the municipalities and the men paid for it by developing township roads that, up to now, had been rough bush trails.

Housekeeping was a difficult job with water having to be carried from the nearest creek until the men found time to dig wells. Clothing was made of very heavy material

## ***A Hard Life for Women in the 1850's***

and hard to wash. All soap had to be homemade, and every scrap of grease was carefully hoarded for this purpose. Sewing was all done by hand until they could afford sewing machines, and it was often done in the evenings by candlelight. The knitting needles were never put away, even in summer. The spinning wheel was a prominent piece of furniture in most homes and many families had looms. As late as the 1890's Mrs. James Downey made rag rugs for customers. The loom stood in the Downey drive shed loft and is now in the Bruce County Museum in Southampton.

Many more stories could be recounted of the pioneer mothers and their lives in the bush. These women deserve to be remembered and honoured, along with the mothers of today.

*Ae' Glint on Ither Days by Hilda Downey*

## **A Pioneer Family**

***Dan and Annie (Puss) Paterson***

John Paterson and his wife, Flora McLean, came from the Isle of Mull, Scotland in 1831 and settled in Mariposa Township near Unionville. They had seven sons and one daughter, all born in Mariposa, John, Levis (Lee), Kate, Duncan, James, Neil and Hector. In 1851 the Paterson family came up to Bruce leaving the eldest son, John, with his maternal grandparents, to farm in Mariposa. The family came to Goderich and from there to Inverhuron. They walked up through the bush, following the blazed trees



recently marked by the surveyors. At this time there were a few families living at Inverhuron but inland only Michael Green on lot J, Concession 2, the present Conquergood farm, Timothy Allen, on lots q and 2, and two brothers, William and Hugh McManamy near Inverhuron where the Mackenzie's are today.

John Paterson settled on lots 59 and 60, Concession C, Kincardine. He built a log shanty at once for shelter, and then a log house. It stood just north of the little creek that runs through the village, and south of the McInnes Block. In 1853 he built the frame house farther west on his property, and in which the Paterson family lived until his granddaughter, Katie Paterson died on April 17 1976. Jean Dent is residing in it today. The log house was used as a meeting place for the tiny community, a church and a school.

John Paterson wanted a village at this corner and he encouraged other men to set up small businesses on the corner of his lot. This became the southwest quarter of Tiverton. This family played a prominent part in the life of the community in many ways. They were workers in the Presbyterian Church from the time they offered the use of their log house for church services, and later their new barn for communion services, down through the years until the granddaughter, Annie, who was a active member of the Ladies Aid until her death. A grandson, Dan, was a village councilor and active in community affairs as long as his health allowed him. The library, lodges and Women's Institute were all of great interest to them and they took an active part in all of them. Perhaps no other family has contributed as much continuous participation in the activities of the village and in the growth of the Presbyterian Church in Tiverton as the Paterson family.

1860's

**CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED CONGREGATION  
OF SOUTH BRUCE AND GREENOCH SEPTEMBER 27 1860**

John Paterson  
Mrs. John Paterson  
Mrs. John Matheson  
Hugh Matheson  
Mrs. Hugh Matheson  
Mrs. H. MacKay  
Mrs. D. MacLennan  
Mrs. John McRae  
Donald MacKenzie  
Mrs. Donald MacKenzie  
Malcolm Bell  
Widow Bell  
John Urquhart  
Mrs. J. Urquhart  
Miss MacLennan  
Donald MacKay  
M. MacDonald  
R. Beaton  
Mrs. R. Beaton  
Mrs. F. Beaton  
John Anderson  
Mrs. J. Anderson  
Angus MacDonald  
Duncan Campbell  
Mrs. John Sinclair  
Timothy Allan  
D. Stewart  
N. MacDougall  
Mrs. N. MacDougall  
Wm. Wilson  
Mrs. Wm. Wilson  
Widow Stewart  
Malcolm MacLennan  
Flossie McCurtin  
Widow Matheson

Widow MacKay  
Widow MacLean  
Widow MacLean  
Katie MacLennan  
Mrs. Montgomery  
Mrs. D. MacKay  
Mrs. George Paterson  
Mrs. Cameron  
Mrs. John MacDonald  
John MacLeod  
Widow Nicholson  
Donald MacDonald  
Mrs. Donald MacDonald  
Mrs. Sees  
Duncan MacKenzie  
Wm. Huston  
Miss Huston  
Mrs. A. Sutherland  
Robert Stroner  
Mrs. Stroner  
Malcolm Montgomery  
John MacSween  
Neil Beaton  
Mrs. Norman Morrison  
Angus Campbell  
**SESSION MEMBERS**  
**South Bruce (Tiverton)**  
Hector MacKay  
John Matheson  
Dugald MacLennan  
John MacRae  
**Greenoch (Glamis)**  
John MacLeod  
Murdoch MacDonald  
Hugh Cameron  
Wm McKay

## Church and Home Life on the Bruce

Chiefly Scottish people, mostly from the Highlands, settled the region. Nearly all of them were deeply religious people. The consequence was a high standard of religious life in the community. Ministers preached in both English and Gaelic. People thought nothing of walking long distances to church, but others came by horse and buggy, cutter or sleigh. For the protection of the horses in the winter, there was a church shed.

The Minister was held in the highest honour. In the services no organ was permitted. A precentor led the singing, giving out the lines, to make sure everyone could participate. Sunday was well observed. Many things were not done on that day which has been condoned in later years. Work of necessity and mercy were allowed, and only these. Everything that could be done on Saturday was done, in preparation for Sunday. Most families went to church as a matter of course. Those who didn't attend were held up to the young people as a dreadful warning.

Sunday School was held for the children. There they were taught the stories in the Bible. They also learned a children's version of the catechism. Every year the Sunday school picnic was held, and was a joyous time for young and old. It was held in the woods, and swings were put up in the trees. The feeding was very fine.

Communion services were very important in the lives of the people. If there were too many for the church, they were held outdoors. English and Gaelic services would be held separately. Sometimes the tables were simply boards covered with white cloths. There were many who never partook of the sacrament because they thought they were unworthy to participate in the special privilege.

The people as a rule brought up their families well. Parents taught the truths of the Bible to their children, supported the ministry and gave of their substance, as they were able. They instilled a wish in their children that each would grow up wanting to do some good in the world before they died.

In the church building, I remember the huge box stoves, burning wood, and with lots of stovepipes carrying the heat and smoke. During the services, we stood up to pray and sat down to sing. The collection was taken up by long handled wooden boxes, which could reach the farthest person in the pew. In later years, communion tokens were used, given out ahead of time by the elders. These were oblong pieces of pewter with these words on them 'This Do in Remembrances of Me'. These were returned when communion was attended. The idea came from Scotland where the table was guarded against unworthy people.

As young people what did we learn at home and at church? We learned diligence, meekness, thrift, truthfulness, the ability to live in harmony with family and friends – and we had to have had a sense of humour.

*From an old newspaper clipping – author unknown*

### **A Scottish Blessing**

*"If after Kirk you bide a wee,  
There's some would like to speak to ye.  
If after Kirk you rise and flee  
We' all seem cauld and stiff to ye.  
The one that's in the seat with ye  
Is stranger here than you, maybe.  
All here have got their fears and cares,  
Add you your soul unto our prayers,  
Be you our angel unawares."*

## Sunday School circa 1890



Starting at the top, the people listed below have been identified.  
Some names are not known.

Mrs. Finlay, J. B. Finlay, Wallace Nelson, Allan Nelson, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Shier, Mary Ann Haug, Sophie Haug, G. Leggett, Billie Haug, Clara Blair, Dorothy Chambers, Lizzie Blair, Alice Haug, Lela Nelson, Belva Finlay, Laura Blair, Edith Haug, Lela Finlay, Gladys Haug.

### ***The Brick Church***

In 1895, the nucleus of a building fund to erect the third Presbyterian Church was formed. In 1898 a canvass of the congregation was made to assess the feelings and support for this endeavor. This carried out by the minister, Rev. K. MacLennan and J. A. MacKenzie. The results justified the resolution at the annual meeting in 1899 to proceed with the building of the church on the site of the frame church erected in 1862. However the lot is now described as being on Lot 7, registered plan B of the village of Tiverton.

A plan submitted by Mr. Fawcett of Sarnia was, with certain modifications, accepted. Tenders were called for the work. The contract for the stone, brickwork and plastering was given to Mr. Duff from Port Elgin. The contract for woodwork was awarded to Mr. Stevens of Chesley. The stained glass windows came from Hobb's Hardware Co. in London. Other minor contracts for the other work were distributed to different parties.

The people of the congregation worked tirelessly hauling stone, sand, bricks and other materials as well as doing whatever else was required of them.

The building committee in 1900 was John A. MacKenzie - chairman, John A. McKellar - Secretary, James Montgomery, A. H. MacKay, D. J. McIntyre, Jacob Grunder, W. J. Farrell and Duncan Cameron.

## ***Laying of the Cornerstone***

The cornerstone was laid on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1900. The minister read a short history of the congregation from its inception to that date. George Ord, clerk of Session, then deposited this historical statement, which contained the names of all the office bearers of the church, in the cavity under the stone. With it Mr. Ord placed the last annual report of the congregation, the minutes of the Synod of London and Hamilton, *The Record*, *The Presbyterian Review*, *The Toronto Globe*, *The Mail and Empire*, *The Montreal Witness* and *The Tiverton Watchman*. Alexander McKinnon, treasurer also deposited a number of coins.

Mr. Henry Cargill was then introduced by the minister who spoke of him as a man of honour in the Councils of the Dominion, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the bearer of a name famous in the history of the Church of Scotland.

Mrs. MacLennan of the Tiverton manse then presented a beautiful and suitably engraved silver trowel to Mr. Cargill and Mr. John McKenzie, chairman of the building committee. Mr. Cargill after gracefully acknowledging the presentation proceeded with the duties of the day. After laying the stone with a level and plumb, Mr. Cargill wielded the trowel as one accustomed to it and the stone was placed and declared well and truly laid.

## ***Dedication Service***

The first Sabbath of the new century was a day long to be remembered by the church people of Tiverton, for on that day the new Knox Church was opened and dedicated. The church is a handsome building, a credit alike to the village in which it occupies a commanding position and to the congregation who have given so liberally and laboured so hard to have a house of God, which should be fitted for this worship. The interior is beautifully finished and furnished with comfortable pews with polished quarter-cut oak ends. The pulpit, communion table and chancel chairs are of massive polished oak, and are the gift of Miss McInnes in memory of her brother, the late Norman McInnes. The church is lighted with acetylene gas: the gas plant, the fixtures and the carpet are the gift of the Ladies Aid Society. The choir has purchased the organ, a compensating pipe organ. The church with all its furniture has cost over \$12,000 and only a comparatively small debt remains.

In the opening services, the minister, the Rev Kenneth MacLennan, M.A. B.D. was assisted by the Very Rev. Principal Grant, D.D. of Queen's University. Also assisting were the Rev. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Steven - former ministers, Mr. Ross G. Murison, M.A. Toronto University, and Mr. P. M. McEachern of Glamis. Much sympathy and admiration was felt for Dr. Grant who a few days before had suffered so great a bereavement in the loss of his wife yet, rather than disappoint the congregation, bravely kept the appointment. He preached both morning and evening, and his sermons were greatly appreciated.

The formal dedication took place at the morning service and was conducted by Mr. Murison. In the evening the congregation was far too large to be accommodated in the church, and an overflow service was held in the basement.

On Monday evening, from 6 to 8 p.m., the ladies provided a hot supper and afterwards the choir rendered admirably a program of sacred music that was interspersed by short and suitable addresses by the local and visiting clergy. On Tuesday there was entertainment for the children, which was greatly enjoyed. Knox Church was favoured with splendid weather and good sleighing for the whole celebration. The collection at the different meetings amounted to about \$600.00

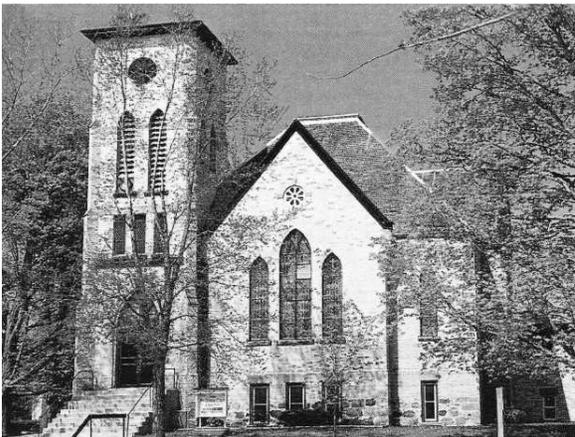
## The Present Church Building



The church is approximately 2300 square feet. The main entrance (below the tower) fronted onto Queen St. (now changed to Main St.) and has three flights of stairs from street level to the sanctuary. Internal stairs down to the basement and up the gallery are of radial design. The interior is still oriented toward the northeast corner with the curved balcony and pews encircling the altar. The acoustics are near perfect - like a theatre in the round.

The pews are still the original ones. Have you noticed that they are numbered? Pews for the sanctuary were paid for with a rental fee, and your family would have sat in the ones rented at worship service. This custom continued for a good number of years. As late as 1925, James Ord was appointed to look after anyone who applied to rent a pew. Although this system is no longer in effect, some families still gravitate towards a particular pew. However no one gets upset if someone else gets there first!

Also in the early days, every church had a shed. It was used to shelter the horses and vehicles of families who came to worship services and other events. The shed at Knox resembled a long low barn with the door to the west and possibly a window above the door. The date of its construction is not known, but in all probability it was built shortly after the church was completed. It stood north of the church and a large door allowed both horse and vehicle to enter. The team would be tied to a hitching loop fastened to the wall. The floor was bare earth. Drivers would often bring hay for the animals – not only for nourishment but to ensure they were quiet during the services. During the week, others who came to the village for various reasons would use the shed. In 1917 a committee was formed to look into building a community shed. In 1923 the Board of Managers was authorized to dispose of the church shed with the amount received to be turned over to the community shed. The church shed sold for \$61.42.



Through the years, changes have been made for a number of reasons. Around 1930 extensive work was done to the tower. At some time it was lowered, likely because of water penetration and capped with a peaked roof. In 1937 electricity came to Tiverton. The heating system has progressed through wood, to oil, to electric and finally to the present state of the art geothermal units with added air conditioning! 1974 renovations were made to the basement lights, ceiling and paint. 1984 saw an extensive renovation of the sanctuary with changes to the altar

area. In 1991/1992 a new two-story addition on the north side replaced the inadequate old choir room. This added much needed handicapped washrooms on both floors and space for a new kitchen and elbowroom in the basement. In 2000 the sagging wooden floor in the Sunday school room under the sanctuary was removed and replaced with

## ***The Present Church Building***

concrete and carpet. Although the exterior appears much as it did in 1900, excellent stewardship over the years has kept the building in good shape. The roof has been worked on; stained glass windows have been reworked, refurbished and covered with exterior glass to protect them from the elements. Also an extensive project in recent years repointed and replaced damaged exterior bricks and stonework.

## **Sunday School Picnic at Inverhuron -1900 or 1901**



Background: Jack Gilles.

Top row, left to right: Walter Newman, Captain Angus Matheson.

Second row: Jack MacKenzie, John MacKay, James Millar, Ida McIntosh (Mrs. Dr. Cliff), Rhoda McKenzie, Jean Carruthers, Annie Millar, Edith McIntosh (Mrs. H. Steincamp), Annie Dewar (Mrs. Dugald MacKenzie), Tena Gilchrist, Maria Gilchrist (Mrs. Hope), Mrs. Robert McIntosh, Mrs. Angus Buchanan, Lexie McKinnon (Mrs. George MacFarlane), Nelson Newman.

Third row: Mrs. Captain Angus Matheson, Christena Matheson, Tena McLeod (Mrs. John MacKay), Edith Smith, Nellie Millar, child at knee, Sadie Millar (Mrs. William Newman), Mrs. James Millar, Margaret McNeill, Kenneth McLay, Kate McIntosh (Mrs. Robert Stevenson), Pearl McIntosh (Mrs. William McDonald), Kenneth McNaughton, Maggie Anderson (Mrs. John Patton), Carrie Giles (Mrs. Dr. Thomson), George MacFarlane, Alex MacFarlane in father's arms, Malcolm Campbell.

Fourth row: Kate McKenzie (Mrs. D. J. MacArthur), Jessie McKenzie (Mrs. William Wilson), Christena Wilson on mother's knee, Mrs. J. McKenzie, Jessie McFadyen (Mrs. D. B. McDonald), Mary Dewar, Margaret McNaughton (Mrs. Kannipan), Kate McDonald, Annie McNaughton, Jessie Matheson (Mrs. McGregor), Mamie Carruthers (Mrs. J. Angeleri), Annie Matheson (Mrs. Wood), Kenina Hansen, Angus Buchanan, Jon Patton.

Fifth row: Ethel Newman (Mrs. Stevens), Albert Smith, William Carruthers, Tom Carruthers on father's knee, Margaret Vallance (Mrs. William Carruthers), Nellie Carruthers (Mrs. William Tenant) on mother's knee, Mrs. K. McNaughton, Fanny Humphrey (Mrs. M. Campbell), Wallace Campbell on mother's knee, William Campbell, Jack McIntosh, John Millar, Dan McNaughton, John Bonnett in back, Dan McKenzie in front, Albert John Newman.

Sixth row, from the centre: Martyn Campbell, Mae Campbell (Mrs. J. McGaw), Angus Campbell, William Allen in front, Norman Campbell, Colin McDonald, Bert McIntosh, Murdoch McDonald, Andrew Allen in back, Clare Walker, Neil Matheson.

In front: Robert McIntosh, Sunday School Superintendent.

## Memories

*From a book written by Min Hughes Shewfelt who grew up on a farm on Con. 2, Bruce Twp. Lot 5.*

Ginn and Toe's Dad was raised a Methodist, their mother was raised Presbyterian and the neighbours were Baptists.

Their Mother read the Bible and Bible stories to them so often they knew them off by heart. They had to memorize the catechism as well a Bible verses. The Bible stories also had pictures of God and one day, when Ginn was four or five years old, she was lying on the lawn by the side of the house and she saw a vision of God in the sky. Was it a dream?

No extra work was ever done on Sunday. Just the meals and the milking and the animals fed, "jobs which were necessary". Nothing but hymns could be played, sung or whistled. The children could not play games. It was supposed to be a day of rest for man and beast.

The Sunday dinner was always special, but the baking would all be done on Saturday. Sunday morning the family got all dressed up in their Sunday go-to-meeting best, and climbed into the buggy or buggies to go to Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton. Dr. McLennan was their minister. The older boys sang in the choir and as Kate, Joe, Bill, Ginn and Toe got older, they sang in the choir as well. Jeanette McLaurin was the organist and choir leader at the time.

On Sunday the boys wore suits and white shirts. The collars were separate from the shirts. They were hard collars that had to be done by a Chinese laundry. Sometimes they wore celluloid collars and these were also a very hard collar that could be wiped clean, but were also very flammable.

Sunday School was held in the afternoon and sometimes, in summer; Ginn and Toe walked the 2 ½ miles. They wore white, lawn dresses with tucks and lace insertions and full gathered skirts. With the dresses, they would wear embroidered slips that ere starched so stiff that they could almost stand alone. They also wore white, cotton pants with embroidery and these may have been starched as well. Their dresses had wide, ribbon sashes tied in a large bow at the back of the dress. They wore black, patent leather slippers and white leghorn hats, with a low crown and a wide brim. There was also a ribbon around the crown and an elastic under the chin. Little girls always wore hats. Their hair was braided into two braids, with a hair ribbon on each braid half way down. The hair was loose from the ribbon down.

The boys wore flat, straw hats in summer or black Christie Stiffs. These were black dress hats, very stiff with rolled edges and a rounded top to the crown.

Ginn and Toe had to change their good clothes the minute they got home from Church or Sunday School or from day school. Their dresses had to be ironed with sad irons, heated on a hot stove and the dresses were not done up every time they wore them unless they got them dirty. They were taught to be very careful not to get them dirty or torn.

The older ones in the family went to church again at night. If their Mother wanted to go to church at night, the boys would take her, come home after church and

## **Memories**

then go back to Tiverton to meet their girl friends. The church was the centre of community life and the young folks met their friends and sweethearts there.

There were lots of activities at the church. Christmas trees, church suppers, meetings, choir practice and women's meetings.

The Christmas tree was a big event to look forward to. The Sunday School teachers took weeks to train their classes in acts and skits. For the big night one year, Ginn and Toe were in a Maypole drill. Mrs. Dan McLaren trained the girls for weeks and weeks for the drill. It was all very precision work and not one mistake could be made or it would throw everyone else out of place. This was very beautiful to watch, but took a lot of patience on Mrs. McLaren's part to train a bunch of girls in such precision. The Maypole was all done with coloured tissue paper streamers, joined to a pole in the centre, something like an umbrella. Then the girls marched to music and criss-crossed at different angles to the Maypole. It took about an hour, but was beautiful to see.

One of the highlights in the church that Ginn and Toe remember was when one of the local girls, Miss Margaret Brown, was to leave for China as a Missionary. The church, which was large, was packed with people, even the large galleries were full. All the people were so proud of her and gathered at the dedication service to wish her well in her life's work. The year was 1913.

One of the events in church life that Ginn and Toe really looked forward to was the Sunday School Picnic. They always worried in case it rained that day and spoiled the picnic. If it was raining in the morning, they watched to see what the hens did. If it was just going to be a shower, the hens would run for cover, but if it was going to rain all day, the hens would stay out in the rain and continue eating. So Ginn and Toe got pretty mad at the hens if they stayed out in the rain.

The picnic was held at Inverhuron each year. Ginn and Toe would go to Tiverton, sometimes they walked or sometimes someone drove them. Waiting at the church would be haywagons with the hay level with the side racks, to sit on. All the kids climbed onto the wagons until they were full to overflowing. They had a lot of fun as the horses jogged along and the at last landed at Inverhuron. Everyone would jump off the wagon and the fun really started. First it was a dip in the lake and then maybe a ball game, then races, games and prizes. By then it was time to eat and everybody would be hungry. The young folks sat around in a big circle, on the grass, while the older folk passed around the sandwiches, cakes, pies, tarts, cookies and lemonade. What a feast it was! After eating, all the kids piled back into the haywagons, tired but happy, for the ride back to Tiverton, where someone would meet Ginn and Toe to take them home. If it wasn't too busy on the farm, some of the older ones in the family went to the picnic too, but Ginn and Toe liked it best when they could go on the haywagon with the other kids.

When Ginn and Toe were older, their Dad let them have a horse to drive to Sunday School, or a buggy or cutter, depending whether it was winter or summer.

## Knox Church Guild circa 1906



During the pastorate of Rev. Dr. MacLennan. Left to right.

Front row: Isabel Dickson, Florence Grunder, Mary Matheson, Kate Hughes, Rev. Dr. MacLennan, Mrs. MacLennan, Marion MacLennon, Nellie McLaren, Jessie Matheson, Jennie Munro, Joe Hughes.

Centre row: Margaret MacLennan, Lela Nelson, Dan Cameron, Norval Hyde, Gordon Church, Edgar Helm, George Hughes, Bert Begg, Bill Grunder, Finlay MacLennan, Dunc Cameron, Charlie Fox, Donnie Matheson, Hugh McLean.

Back row: Belle McEwan, Jeanette McLaurin, Margaret Campbell, Edith McKellar, Rebecca Matheson, Belle Munro, Margaret Cameron, Helen MacDonald, Kate Bell, Linda MacKay, Jean Begg, Lou Bell, Christie Campbell, May MacKay, Johnnie Patton.

## Jubilee Celebrations 1909

*In April 1909, a committee was formed for the purpose of preparing for a Jubilee. Miss Lily Turner was put in charge of the decorating. Early one morning Dan Paterson took a wagonload of young women and their leader Miss Turner, back to the bush on the farm where Jack Bowie lived. They filled the baskets with lovely large ferns, which they later placed around the church. They gathered evergreen boughs, which they fashioned, into garlands. The ferns and garlands transformed the house of God into a bower of beauty for this memorable day of thanksgiving and celebration.*

*This account of the Jubilee celebrations is from the souvenir booklet published later in the year. The booklet sold for 25¢.*

*In his introduction to the booklet, Rev. MacLennan writes, "The minutes of a Session Book are not the materials of which an interesting narrative can be made, and yet it is well at this time to put some of these matters on record because the generation*

## ***Jubilee Celebrations 1909***

*that took part in the work in early years is fast passing away. May the Divine Blessing rest on the Congregation now, and in the days to come."*

The committee fixed the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of June for the days of the Jubilee Celebrations. The committee agreed to invite Rev. James Steven, a former pastor, to preach, and also Rev. J. A. Anderson of Goderich, son of the late Rev. John Anderson. It was also agreed to invite Rev. F. A. MacLennan to preach a sermon in the Gaelic language in the afternoon. The ladies under the guidance of Miss Matheson were to look after the supper and the Guild directed by Miss Turner was left in charge of the decorations. The ladies, and the Guild and indeed all people, worked with heartiness as to make everything a perfect success and joy. We heard endless encomiums passed upon the decorations that were certainly most beautiful, and the dainty and bountiful supper was no small task to prepare for the crowds that gathered that evening. We have often been favoured with perfect weather in matters connected with the church, but never more signally than during the Jubilee days. Sabbath and Monday were the perfection of midsummer days. The church was closely filled in the morning when Rev. James Stevens conducted the service.

Rev. Jas. A. Anderson of Goderich preached a very appropriate sermon from Phil. III, 13, "Forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forth to those things that are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." All were apparently enjoying the services of the day and doubtless many will remember with pleasure for the rest of their days the Jubilee Sabbath on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1909. On Monday, the weather as remarked, proved equally charming, and the people were to work early in the afternoon preparing for the evening. Supper was served free to all the people of the congregation and their friends, which really meant the whole neighborhood. There was however, enough and to spare for all. Miss Matheson and Mrs. MacDonald and all the other ladies deserve all the praise given to them for their work that day.

In the evening the Auditorium of the Church was packed to overflowing. The night became very sultry, but the utmost good nature prevailed, and there was no disorder of any kind to mar the enjoyment of the evening.

H. Ruthven MacDonald, baritone soloist, is a host in himself, and his singing is enough to give tone and dignity to any meeting. He sang seven in the course of the evening. Addresses of congratulatory nature were delivered on behalf of the Presbytery of Bruce by Revs. John MacKinnon and Thomas Wilson. Dr. Johnson and Mr. Cook of the Baptist and Methodist Church also made short addresses respectively. Rev. Andrew MacNab of Underwood and Rev. W. C. MacLeod of Port Elgin also spoke in a very kindly way. The last speeches were by Rev. Jas. A. Anderson and Rev. James Steven. Reference was frequently made in these addresses to the work of the pioneers who made the building of the Church of God coeval with the clearing of the virgin forest. Our indebtedness to them was pointed out, and our duty to serve God in our generation, and to transmit to those who shall come after us His testimony, and His law that they may put their hope in God, and to serve Him throughout the length of days.

Of the old elders a few still remain with us though none of the original session. All these will soon be gone beyond the bar into the blessed heaven of rest which God hath provided for all who love Him and serve Him. May the blessing of God rest abundantly upon His cause in this congregation in time to come, and may the centennial celebrations find Knox Church, Tiverton, still flourishing and holding forth the Word of life. "This is our God forever and ever. He will be our guide even unto death. Lo, I am with you always even to the end of days."

## ***Jubilee Celebrations 1909***



**View from Pulpit showing Jubilee decorations in June 1909**

### **Officers and Leaders 1909**

Minister:

Rev. K. MacLennan BD PHD

Elders:

J. P. McIntyre, Donald Matheson, John A. MacKenzie, Dugald MacKenzie, Lachlan Bell, John Dewar, D. J. McIntyre – Clerk, P. D. Cameron, George McCallum, A. R. Bell

Board of Managers:

J. B. Ord – Secretary, D. Cameron - Chairman

Geo. MacKay, D. J. McIntyre, John Munro, Donald McKay, J. Kenmond, Lachlan Bell, L. McLean, Wm. Munro, Wm. Hendry, Neil MacKinnon, J. C. McKenzie, Malcolm Campbell, Tom Semple

Treasurer: Standard Bank

Financial Secretary: D. J. McIntyre (Salary \$18.75)

Sabbath School: Peter Cameron - Superintendent  
Geo. McKay – Secretary

Organist: Miss H. McDonald (Salary \$93.75)

Caretaker: D. J. McIntyre (Salary \$99.00)

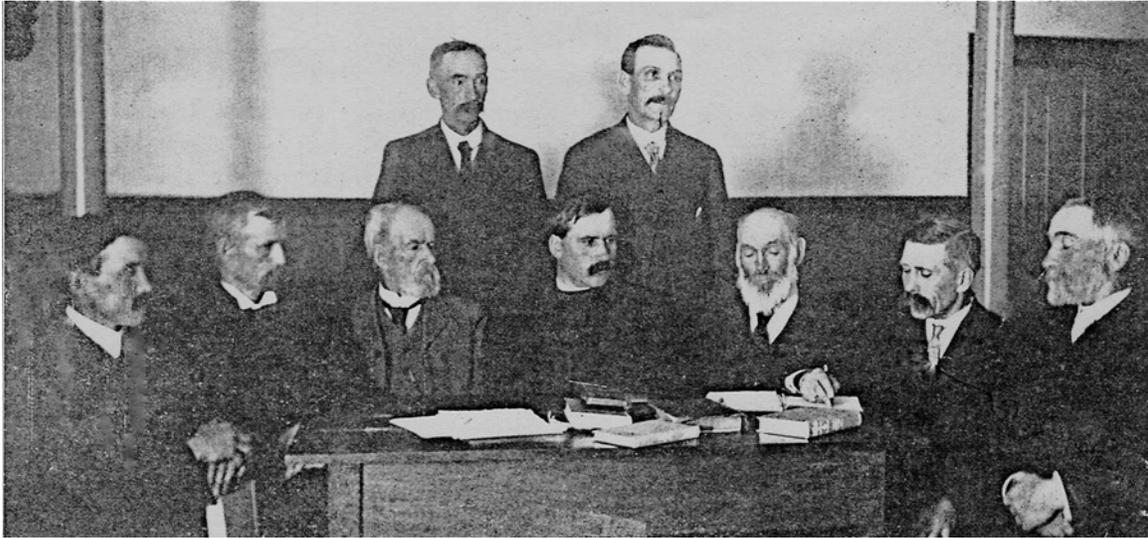
W. F. M. S.: Mrs. P. J. Brown – President  
Kate C. McDonald – Secretary  
Jennie Munro – Treasurer

Young People's Guild: Tena E. Gilchrist – President  
Helen McDonald – Treasurer  
Kate McDonald – Secretary

Ladies Aid: Mrs. D. E. McLaurin – President  
Mrs. A. D. McDonald – Secretary  
Mrs. John Munro – Treasurer

Auditors: John McKellar  
Geo. MacKay

## Session 1909



Standing: P. D. Cameron, Dan Matheson.

Seated: A. R. Bell, Lachlan Bell, George McCallum, Dr. MacLennan, John A. MacKenzie, D. J. McIntyre, Dugald MacKenzie.

Absent: J. P. McIntyre, John Dewar.



## Board of Managers 1909

Back: unknown, Neil MacKinnon, Mr. Munro, John Kinmond, Lachlan MacKinnon, unknown, James Ord, Mr. McIntyre.

Front: George MacKay, Thos. Morrison, Lachlan Bell, Duncan Cameron, Lauchie MacLean, J.C. MacKenzie.

*The church is unique in that it is so able to cut across age boundaries and social-status boundaries. When one loves the Lord Jesus Christ and sincerely seeks to follow Him, then one quite by surprise comes upon a community that he did not know existed, a community that is experienced within the heart; and when this community is found, nothing is ever quite the same again.*

*Gerald J. Jud*

## Early Transportation



## Ministers for the Middle 50 Years of Knox Church Tiverton

Rev. James Robinson 1915-1921

Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair 1922-1929

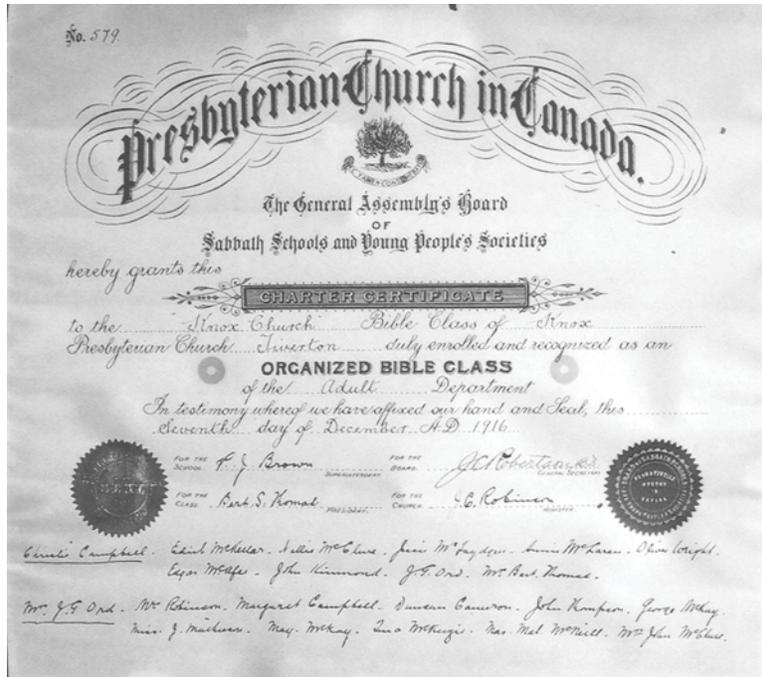
Rev. Angus MacIver 1929-1943

Rev. A.W.J. McMullen 1944-1947

Dr. Robert G. MacKay 1948-1952

Rev. Joseph Taylor 1953-1956

Rev. R.H. MacLeod 1956-1960

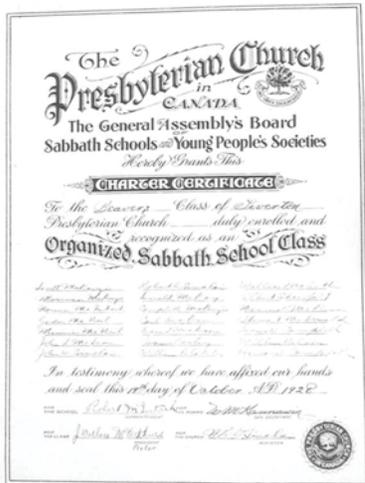


## 1916 Bible Class

Minister: Rev. J. C. Robinson, Church School Superintendent: P.J. Brown

Members: Christie Campbell, Edith McKellar, Nellie McClure, Jessie McFadyen, Annie McLaren, Olive Wright, Edgar McAfee, John Kinmand, J. G. Orr, Bert Thomas, Mrs. J. B. Ord, Mrs. Robinson, Margaret Campbell, Duncan Cameron, John Thompson, George McKay, Miss J. Matheson, May McKay, Tena MacKenzie, Mrs. M. McNeil, Mrs. John McClure.

## Beaver Class 1928



Lovell MacKenzie	David Dickson
Morrison MacKenzie	James Varley
Norman McIntosh	William Blakely
Gordon McNeil	Wallace MacArthur
Maurice McNeil	Albert Shewfelt
John L. MacLean	Maxwell MacKinnon
John W. Sinclair	Stewart McDonald
Robert Sinclair	Donald Campbell
Donald McKay	Wilbur Nelson
Campbell MacKenzie	Howard Campbell
Carl Dickson	

Sunday School Superintendent: Robert McIntosh

Minister: Rev. N. R. D. Sinclair



A picnic at Inverhuron. Left to right: Christy Campbell, Lizzie Paterson, Mr A.R. Bell, Nellie McClure, Lizzie Kinmond, Margaret Campbell, Florence McClure, Bessie Ronson, Belle Munro, Annie Paterson, Jennie Cameron, Miss Brooks, Miss Armstrong, May Bell, Jeannetta McLaurin, Jennie Munro, Margaret Brown, Florence Bell, Maggie McEwen, Muriel Cameron, Hannah Murray, •••••, Linda MacKay. Sitting Finlay MacLennan and Malcolm McClure.

***Picnic Circa 1903***



**Inverhuron Sunday School Picnic 1908**



***Knox Church, Tiverton***

***Bible Class***

***1916***

***Rev. Robinson – minister***

## At the Sound of Jubilee

*Tiverton Presbyterians celebrate Diamond Jubilee.  
Five Pastors in 60 Years – 1919*

Beginning with Sunday, and all through the week, culminating with eloquent and inspiring services from a great scholar on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tiverton Presbyterian church people have had a good time and at the sound of the great jubilee, have attended the services with much pleasure every evening with large gatherings on Sundays.

Rev Dr McLennan, a former pastor preached forceful sermons on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, while on the week days, the pastor has had with him, the local pastors from Glamis, Chesley and the surrounding county, as well as having Dr McLennan.

Knox Presbyterian Church has a splendid record. Away back in 1851, Bruce County began to be settled and by 1856 there was a desire that this Presbyterian Church should be doing something in Bruce Township. An occasional visit was received by clergyman and at the end of 1859 Bruce Twp called its first Presbyterian minister in the person of Alexander MacKay. Along with the Twp of Greenock, the people promised a stipend of \$440.00 a year. In the 60 years following up to now, the church has had but five pastors, Rev Mr. Mackay, 8 yrs, Rev Mr. Anderson, 25 years, Rev Mr. Stevens three years, Rev Dr. McLennan, 19 years while the present pastor Rev Mr. Robinson has been serving about four years.

Knox church is a handsome building, but the interior is even more attractive. It is one of the finest churches to be found anywhere and the equal of many of the large city edifices. The building reflects great credits upon the congregation and is evidence that the people of Knox Church have said, "that as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" and have seen to it that the Lord's house is one of beauty and strength.

The celebration of the diamond jubilee has not been with out an ideal display. The gathering together of the people in their church and listening to simple gospel sermons and taking part in services of praise and prayer has been the program and it has been delightful and restful. The discourses by the visiting ministers and the pastors and especially those of Rev Dr. McLennan have been a source of inspiration and desire for the gospel truths.

On Sunday, Dr Kilpatrick, one of the prominent scholars in Canada, a professor in New Testament history in Knox College, Toronto, delivered impressive addresses.

In the morning, he began his discourse by saying: The note we ought to strike is "From necessity we ought to advance" Everything around us was moving upward and onward. If the church did not go upward and onward, it was going backward and downward. No Christian should occupy a mild spiritual position. What was needed today was self-examination. What about my soul? What about my living and giving? Do they measure up? Dr Kilpatrick complimented the Tiverton people on their splendid position among the churches, but it was not sufficient. They must progress or go back. Changes did not always mean

## ***At the Sound of Jubilee***

advance. Changing a form of worship, or creed, or politics did not always mean advance. Real advance must be made in the name of the things that endure.

The speaker eloquently referred to the Scottish church. The great principles of the Sovereignty of God, the righteousness and love of God, the necessity of Christ were the things it sacrificed for. There is too much wishy-washy religiosity going about” said Dr. Kilpatrick. God was spoken of in a light way. Christ was as necessary for the living as well as for the dying. The twentieth century called for machinery, yes, but machinery was of no consequence without steam. We need action and we need to study our Bibles more. A wider vision was needed by the church. There is still room for expansion.

Christian homes were needed. There was too much using of homes for eating and sleeping. Mere houses they were. We want homes in Canada where moral values were taught the children. Where the parents have ambitions for the boys and girls. Christian homes were needed to lay the foundations for high character. Out of Christian homes come statesmen – the men Canada was so much in need of. Out of other kind homes came ‘smart’ businessmen and ingenious politicians. ‘God give us Christian homes ‘ said Dr Kilpatrick ‘that we may raise up men and women who will know how to serve, who will know that selfishness is not righteousness.

An admirable discourse was closed with the thought that God was always at work, and expected His people to be found busy in service for Him’.

In the evening, he delivered another forceful address on ‘The Answering Sacrifice’ and on Monday night addressed a large gathering on ‘Volunteers for the Hilton’

All the services of the Jubilee have been a feast of good things and people from all over the district and of every denomination have enjoyed and will long remember the gospel messages.

## **Pictures taken during Rev. Sinclair’s pastorate 1922 – 1929**



### **Congregation**

“KNOX CHURCH” sign was situated to the East of the front steps

**Pictures taken during Rev. Sinclair's pastorate 1922 – 1929  
Bible Class 1928**

Left to right

Front: Miss W. McQuaig,  
Lina (Urquhart) Scott,  
Dorothy Sinclair, Irene  
Urquhart.

Standing:

Dave McIntosh, Rev. N. R. D.  
Sinclair, Mrs. Dan McLaren,  
Eddie Surridge, Mrs. Dave  
McIntosh, Mrs. Sinclair, Bert  
Thomas, Edith Steincamp,  
Bob McIntosh, Thelma  
MacKellar



**C. G. I. T. Group**



**Tuxis Boys Group**

Back: Norman McIntosh, Carl  
Dickson, Don MacKay, John  
Sinclair, Robert Sinclair and  
Alvin McNeil.

Front: Jim Varley, Howard  
Campbell, Earl Dickson, Cam  
MacKenzie, Maurice McNeil,  
Morrison MacKenzie, Rev.  
Sinclair.

*Note: Some of the names above may be incorrect.*

## Pictures taken during Rev. Sinclair's pastorate 1922 – 1929

### Boys Class 1926

Front:

Rev. Sinclair, Dave McIntosh

Boys:

Don MacKay, Jimmy Varley, Andy MacDonald, Robert Sinclair, John Sinclair, Earl Dickson, Jack McDonald, Jack Begg.



### Jr. Boys SS Class 1927

Left to right:

Donald McDonald, Donald Sinclair, Jack McDonald, Alex MacKenzie.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Congregation at Knox Church Tiverton 1859 – 1934

*Former members of Congregation send Greetings 1934.*

*Rev. K. McLean, Wingham Pastor, Speaks at Sunday Services.*

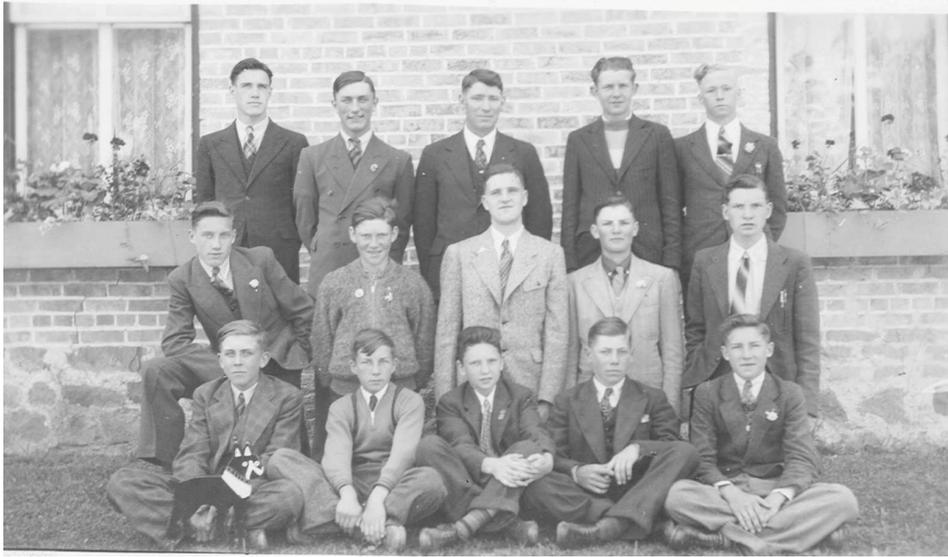
On Sunday, July 22, 1934 special services were held in Knox Church, Tiverton to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that congregation.

Rev. K. MacLean of Wingham the special speaker for the occasion, delivered able addresses at both services to a very large congregation. The special music rendered by the choir added much to the services. The anthem 'Hark, the Song of Jubilee' which the choir sang at the morning service was sung at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church. Three members of the present choir were members at that time. The male quartette gave splendid selections at both services and at the evening service the choir sang 'Hark, Hark, My Soul' Catherine McIver taking the alto solos and Mrs. Dawson taking the obligato in an exceptionally pleasing manner.

A number of former members and adherents came long distances to be present at the services, among them friends from Galt, Tilbury, Tara, Southampton, Walkerton, Kincardine and Port Elgin. A letter of greeting was read from Rev. J. D., Anderson of Beautharnois, Quebec.

Letters were also received from a number of friends who were unable to be present. The special anniversary collection amounted to about \$330.00

## ***John McFadyen's Sunday School Class 1937***



**Back row:**

Cameron Slade, George Begg, John McFadyen, Willie Web, Wib Shewfelt.

**Middle row:**

Glen Slade, Bruce MacDonald, Jack MacDonald, Grant Begg, Murray Todd.

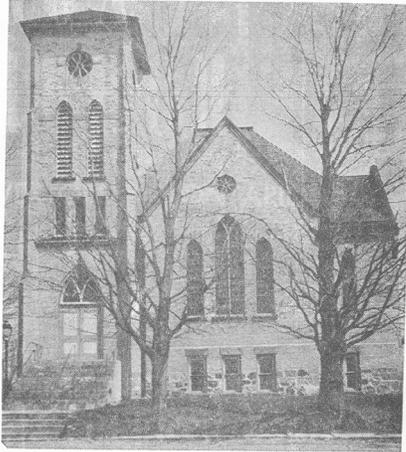
**Front row:**

Mac Hutton, Glen Webb, Norman Todd, Lloyd Hutton, Laurie Slade.

## **CENTENNIAL INFORMATION**

1859 ONE HUNDRED YEARS 1959

*Special Centennial Services*  
JULY 5th and JULY 12th



**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TIVERTON, ONTARIO**

REV. R. MacLEOD — MINISTER  
MRS. GEORGE E. MacKAY — ORGANIST

**On Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** - Rev. Robert Sinclair of Knox Church, Embro, a son of the Tiverton manse will preach in the morning and Rev. Allister Wilson of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, home from India and a son of the congregation will preach in the evening.

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** - Centennial Congregational Supper under the auspices of Knox Ladies Aid.

**Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>** - Centennial Public Gathering in the church. Special program is arranged and greetings will be brought by members of Presbytery and other friends of the congregation.

**On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** - Rev. E. A. Thompson, D.D. Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be the guest speaker. At the evening service, Rev. Donald Sinclair of Dundalk will assist in the service.

It is with sincere gratitude to God that members of Knox Church celebrate their Centennial marking a hundred years of Presbyterian witness in Tiverton. On this day of thanksgiving let us give Praise and Glory to God.

**Centennial Service**  
**Draw Many Home to Old Tiverton Kirk July 5<sup>th</sup> 1959**

Opening services commemorating 100 years of Christian witness in Tiverton were held Sunday in Knox Presbyterian Church in the village of Tiverton. Close to perfect weather prevailed for the services, which drew an overflow congregation in the morning and a well filled church for evening worship. Those unable to gain admittance in the morning heard the service in the Sunday School room as it was relayed there by public address system.

On Tuesday night a congregational supper was held and the centennial observances continues with Thursday gathering and services next Sunday.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers by Mrs. R.P. Webster and her assistants. Two lovely baskets of mums and gladioli were presented in loving memory of former church members, Mrs. Eldon Stewart (Mary Surridge) and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Webster.

The four-tiered cake, baked by Mrs. Jack Gazel and exquisitely decorated by Mrs. William Cottrill was placed in front of the choir railing where it became the focus of all eyes upon entering the church. Its intense whiteness was softened by touches of gold adding an atmosphere of purity to the already colourful decorations. A tiny, lighted church topped the cake symbolizing the thought behind the celebrations at this time.

The minister of Knox Church, the Rev. Roderick MacLeod, presided in the pulpit, assisted in the morning by the Rev. Robert Sinclair of Embro, and in the evening, by the Rev. Allister Wilson, missionary on furlough from Dindor, India.

Mr. Sinclair is a son of the former Tiverton minister, the Rev. Dr. N.R.D. Sinclair, now retired and living in Ottawa. Mr. Sinclair based his sermon on the text "Lazarus Come Forth, I am the Resurrection and the Life". He said that miracles are earthly actions with heavenly meanings and that Jesus did not do for man what he was able to do for himself. He only did that which man was unable to do. There is much work to be done, and it must be done by people. People through the sin of indifference keep the Church shackled in grave clothes. 'We answered the call of Christ for one hundred years. Let us unbind the church and let the church go forwards' he urged.

At the evening service, the Rev. Allister Wilson, who was raised in the Tiverton church, said he was reminded of the time he sat in this church and gave his heart to Jesus Christ. The Rev. J. Robinson was the minister at the time and evangelistic services were being conducted by Mr. Konkle. Mr. Wilson has spent over 20 years in the mission field. His great grandfather, William Wilson, was one of the original elders of 1860, and the mason for the log church built in 1857 at Sinclair's Comer, north of Tiverton.

Mr. Wilson gave a missionary sermon, likening a missionary in the field to an ambassador in a foreign country. He told of the work that is done, gave several very interesting incidents to illustrate various hardships and problems that are a part of the daily lives of missionaries.

### **Centennial Service**

Two fine musical selections were heard during the morning service by the Allenford male quartette, consisting of Ernest, Eldred and Robert Crawford and Frank Tolton who have been guests of Tiverton on previous occasions. In the evening Mrs. Arno Kelly and Miss Charlotte Gall of Kincardine sang 'Abide with Me' accompanied by Miss Janet Ann MacFarlane, a former member of Tiverton Presbyterian Sunday School. Mrs. Thomas Phair, also of Kincardine, sang 'The Holy City' and the choir sang an anthem 'Whisperings of Jesus'.

Besides guests from neighbouring churches and a number from such places as Guelph and Detroit, many friends were pleased to meet again, Miss Dorothy Sinclair of Ottawa, sister of the Rev. Robert Sinclair. There were those, too, who returned to their childhood church and took pleasure in sitting again in the 'family pew'; old friends met and caught up on family news; additions to families were introduced and admired; absent members were remembered with fondness. Lunch was served in the schoolroom to those who wished to visit a little longer after the morning service.

### **Centennial Congregational Supper and Gathering**

On Tuesday evening the Centennial Congregational Supper was held in Knox Church. This was under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society with the C.G.I.T. group assisting in the serving. At this time the centennial cake was cut by Mrs. J. Angeleri president of the Ladies Aid Society. She was assisted by Miss Annie Paterson. Music on the bagpipes played by the Rev. Neil McCombie and Normie MacIntosh with Marjorie McIntosh on the drums added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

On Thursday night a public gathering was held in the church. A special program was enjoyed and greetings were extended by members of the Presbytery and other friends of the congregation. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

*Newspaper clipping from 1959*

### **CAPACITY CONGREGATIONS GATHER FOR FINAL SERVICES OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – JULY 12, 1959**

Service that will long be remembered by the capacity congregations marked the termination Sunday of the centennial observances at Knox Presbyterian Church Tiverton.

Members of the celebrating congregation were joined by friends from afar, who remember Knox Church as home and by friends from other churches in the district.

As on the opening Sunday, ideal weather conditions prevailed a fortunate circumstance, inasmuch as the ladies organizations were hostesses for a social gathering which followed the morning service.

Again too, seasonal flowers enhanced the beauty of the stately sanctuary and the musical portion of the service provided an opportunity to hear the church's own choir and quartet, as well as visiting vocal trios.

## **FINAL SERVICES OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION JULY 12, 1959**

The Rev. Dr. E.A. Thomson of Toronto, clerk of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada delivered the day's sermon. He was assisted in the conduct of worship by the minister, the Rev. Roderick McLeod and in the evening, by another of the 12 sons of the congregation who chose the ministry as a calling, the Rev. Donald Sinclair of Dundalk.

A feature of the morning worship was the presentation of dedication of flags – a Union Jack and Church flag – the gift of Mrs. Jean Sinclair of Niagara Falls, given in memory of her grandparents, the late Mr. & Mrs. D.A. McLaren, long associated with the growth and history of Knox Kirk.

Accepting for the session and congregation, John McFadyen declared the Union Jack reminds all of freedom, justice and opportunity wherever it flies, while the church flag will be a constant reminder of eternal life.

They were dedicated by the minister. Accompanying the flags was a floral tribute from Mrs. H.A. McGillivray of Walkerton and Mrs. F. Boulton of Cobourg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McLaren.

To his morning audience, Dr. Thomson based his remarks on the text 'Man shall not live by bread alone'. There is a danger of the church failing to proclaim the need of living by the work of God, he said. 'The primary business of the church is to preach the gospel, for there is constant need for spiritual food, which can only be supplied from this source and in this fashion.

Misses Joy Hylton, Elaine Ross and Margaret Hendry of Toronto Bible College were heard in "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and 'Follow Me', while the Kirk quartet, Archie Oliver, Kenneth Hendry, Harold Hendry and Ivan MacKenzie sang "I Have Heard of That Land".

At the conclusion of the service many lingered to reminisce on earlier days at Knox and to enjoy the hospitality of the congregation, which took the form of an alfresco buffet.

For the concluding centennial service, Dr. Thomson spoke from the text 'We are ambassadors for Christ', stressing the fact that ambassadorship is a difficult task and that to meet with any success it is essential that the ambassador be close to and familiar with that leader he represents.

Miss Charlotte Gall sang "He Shall Feed His Flock" and Mrs. Thomas Phair 'Come Unto Me'. They were joined by Mrs. Arno Kelly to sing 'Beside the Still Waters' while the church choir contributed the anthem 'Now the Day is Over'.

### **Grandpa's Girl**

*A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"*

*"Yes, Sweetheart", he answered, "God made me a long time ago".*

*"Oh", she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"*

*"Yes, indeed, Honey", he said, "God made you just a little while ago".*

*Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"*

*Knox News*

## PICTURES CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION JULY 1959



### **Knox Choir and Guests – July 1959**

Front: Campbell MacKenzie, Ken Hendry, Doris Bonnett, Wynne Webster, Eleanor Thompson, Jessie Grunder, Harold Hendry, Ivan MacKenzie.

Back: Margie MacFarlane, Becky Hunter, Joan Taylor, Mrs. George H. MacKay, Jessie Avery, Christena Scott, Mrs. George E. MacKay – organist.

*God loves you, whether you like it or not.*

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION JULY 1959

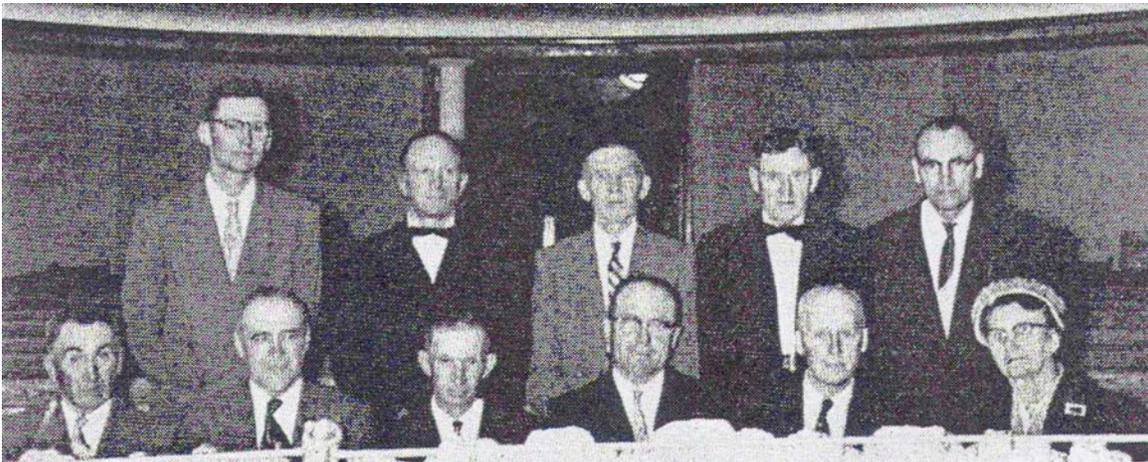




### **SESSION 1959**

Front row: Duncan Cameron, Ollie Catto, Allan Evans, Rev. R. McLeod, Ewart McKenzie and Harold Hendry.

Back row: John McKenzie, Charlie Potter, George H. MacKay, Gordon Avis and John McFadyen.



### **Board of Managers 1959**

Front row: Ivan McKenzie, Morrison McKenzie, Eldred Reid, Jack Gazel, Harold Hendry and Mrs. Angeleri.

Back row: Grant Helm, R.L. Scott, Charles Potter, George H. MacKay and Gordon Avis.

Absent: R.P. Webster, Neil Grunder, Hugh Smith, Herman Carefoot and Chambers McKinnon.

### ***Jonah and the whale revisited***

*A sixth grade Presbyterian girl was having a disagreement with her friend regarding the story of Jonah and the whale. The friend said the big fish did not have a mouth large enough to swallow a man.*

*The girl snapped back, "My Bible says a whale swallowed Jonah and, when I get to Heaven, I'll ask Jonah about it."*

*Her friend laughed and asked, "but what if Jonah went to hell?"*

*The young girl replied, "Then you ask him."*

*The Presbyterian Outlook*



### **Choir 1959**

Front row: Mrs. R. Young, Helen Cottrill, Laura J. Hendry, organist Mrs. G. MacKay, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. R.L. Scott. Second row: Mary McKenzie, Beth Evans, Mrs. Hays, Barbara Shewfelt, Marlene McKinnon, Janet Downey, Mrs. J. Hunter, Mrs. W. Grunder. Back row: Fraser Downey, Archie Oliver, Norman MacIntosh, Ivan McKenzie, Harold Hendry, George Hendry. Absent: Mrs. R.P. Webster.

### **CGIT Girls Serve Wedding Lunch for Margaret Hendry and Peter McKague**



Front row: Carol Carefoot, Sheila Campbell, Mary Lou Norman, June Smith, Kathryn Grunder, Margaret Anne MacKay. Second row: Linda Shewfelt, Sharon Norman, Elizabeth Schwass, Janet Downey, Mary Francis Campbell, Sharon Cottrill. Third row: Sharon Campbell, Jean Gottschalk, Marjorie McIntosh, Lillian McKay, Barbara Gazel. Back row: Mrs. George (Mary) McFadyen, Mrs. John (Alberta) Smith, Mrs. Lovell (Glenna) MacKenzie. *August 1959 photo*

1959

**SESSION**

Rev. Roderick H. MacLeod — Minister  
Ewart MacKenzie — Clerk

Gordon Avis	George H. MacKay
Duncan J. Cameron	John MacFadyen
Ollie Catto	Charles Potter
Allan Evans	John H. MacKenzie
Harold Hendry	

**BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Chairman — Neil Grunder	
Treasurer — Mrs. John Angeleri	Secretary — George H. MacKay
Herman Carefoot	Grant Helm
Jack Gazel	Dick Webster
Harold Hendry	Eldred Reid
Charlie Potter	Chambers MacKinnon
R. L. Scott	Morrison MacKenzie
Hugh Smith	Ivan MacKenzie
Gordon Avis	

**SABBATH SCHOOL**

Superintendent — Harold Hendry  
Secretary — Jack Gazel      Treasurer — Bruce Cottrill

**W.M.S.**

President — Mrs. R. L. Scott  
Secretary — Mrs. James Surridge  
Treasurer — Mrs. Ivan Mackenzie

**ORGANIST** — Mrs. George E. MacKay

**CARETAKER** — Mr. George H. MacKay

**LADIES AID**

President — Mrs. J. Angeleri  
Secretary — Mrs. Surridge      Treasurer — Mrs. George E. MacKay

**C.G.I.T.**

Leaders — Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Lovell MacKenzie,  
Mrs. George MacFadyen

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**

President — Norman MacIntosh

**EXPLORERS**

Leaders — Mrs. Rod H. MacLeod and Mrs. Francis Campbell  
President — Jamie Drennan      Secretary — Catherine McLeod  
Treasurer — Karen MacKinnon

**CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH (MISSION BAND)**

Leader — Mrs. Alan Dent      Secretary — Charlie Steinhoff  
President — Judy McConnell      Treasurer — Garry Smith

**CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

William Brown — Chairman	Mrs. William Grunder
Duncan Cameron	Alan Evans
Mrs. R. P. Webster	Harold Hendry
Mrs. George Downey	George H. MacKay
Ewart MacKenzie	Rev. Mr. MacLeod
Mrs. Stuart Bradley	Mrs. J. Surridge — Secretary

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**Ministers during the next 50 Years at Knox Church Tiverton**

Rev. Frank Parsons 1961-1965

Rev. John Elder 1966-1968

Rev. John Fortier 1970-1975

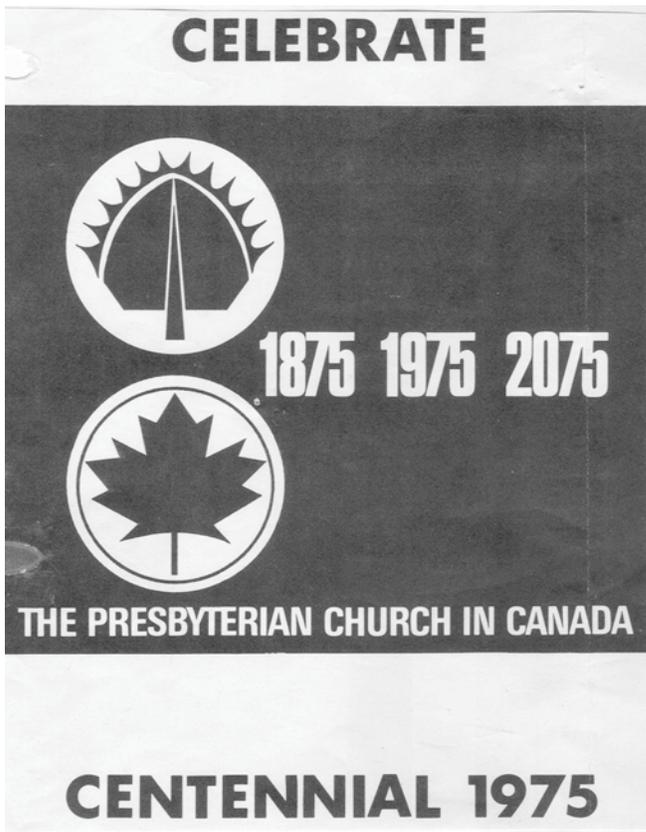
Rev. Douglas Black 1976-1990

Rev. Alex Mitchell 1990-1998

Robert McCall (lay minister) 1999-2000

Rev. Wendy Lampman 2000-2007

## 1975 - Knox Tiverton Celebrates Centennial of the Presbyterian Church in Canada



In 1875 all the Presbyterian Churches united to become the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is celebrating the one hundred years of union this year, and Knox Church, Tiverton, observed its special day of celebration on Sunday May 25, 1975

The centennial committee arranged the program of the service. Mrs. Boris Stepnow, Mrs. John L. Smith, Miss Judy Brown, James Inkster and Grant Helm and involved the co-operation of other church organizations, even the Explorers who, with their leaders beautified the flowerbeds. A banner above the pulpit proclaimed the three words, Remembrance, Response and Renewal, which is the theme of all the celebrations throughout centennial year.

While the congregation was gathering, a sing time of old requested favorite hymns was held under the leadership of the church

organist, William Van Dam, and a choir member, Mrs. Gordon Brown in a pretty, old fashioned dress with cap. As the sing time was ended the church was filled to capacity with former members and friends and friends from neighboring congregations.

The worship service opened with the singing of the centennial hymn, 'One Hundred Years' composed by Stuart B Cotes for this occasion and sung to the tune of 'Aurelia' - 'The Church's One Foundation'.

Music played a prominent part in the service. A large choir of Intermediate and C.G.I.T. girls sang the Centennial Hymn, accompanied by Mrs. Don MacKenzie at the organ. They also sang 'Jesus Loves Me'. The other children in the congregation stood and joined in with them.

The congregation read in unison 'A Centennial Declaration' a renewal of the Christian's belief. Mrs. Ivan MacKenzie assisted Rev Mr. John Fortier with the service, by giving a Prayer of Remembrance, and Mrs. Eldred Reid read the Scripture. In remembrance of the customs of our forefathers, the hymn 'Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him' was sung while seated and the congregation stood while Grant Helm led in prayer.

A group of young boys in the church, Bob Young, Bob MacKenzie, Richard Taylor, Don Inkster, Jim Hunter, Ken Young and Jim Young took up the offering and again a note of remembrance was introduced when Harold MacKay of Tonawanda, N.Y. gave the offertory prayer in Gaelic. Mr. MacKay was born at Inverhuron, attended the Sunday School conducted there by Knox Church and attended Knox Church in Tiverton. He left Tiverton 63 years ago and has been attending church services here every

## **Centennial of Presbyterian Church in Canada**

summer since then when he returns for his holidays. For many years Tiverton's Presbyterian ministers were expected to be able to preach in both English and Gaelic and Mr. MacKay is one of the rare individuals in this district who can speak in both languages.

In place of the usual sermon Mr. Fortier held a question and answer period with six girls of the last communicants' class, who are now members of the church. They asked pertinent questions regarding the historical significance of the symbols to be seen in the church sanctuary, such as the Burning Bush, the large Christian flag draped in the pulpit area, the different styles of crosses in decoration designs. During this period Mr. Fortier mentioned that the first Protestant church service in Canada took place in 1758 in Fort Louisburg on Cape Breton Island, conducted by French Huguenots. All the Presbyterian Churches in Canada united together in June of 1875.

Throughout the service beautiful music by the two choirs added to the atmosphere of a joyful birthday celebration. The girls' choir sang 'Praise the Savior's Holy Name' and 'The Gift of Love'. The senior choir sang 'O Worship the King', 'Holy Art Thou (Largo)' and 'Hark the Sound of Jubilee' with Mrs. John Fortier as soloist. Mr. Campbell MacKenzie also sang a very fine solo, 'The King is Coming'. Mrs. Fortier is leader of the girl's choir.

The benediction was given by Mr. Fortier in French, the language of his forefathers, and reminiscent of the French Huguenots of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, thousands of who lost their lives rather than renounce their Protestant faith.

The congregation, some of them dressed in centennial costumes, including a gentleman in his bowler hat, retired to the church hall for sandwiches, cake and tea. The cake was provided by the C.G.I.T. girls who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday in Knox Church and the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of C.G.I.T. in Canada. Mrs. William Cottrill decorated the cake in the CGIT colours and emblem. The church was decorated by the flower committee of the church with spring flowers in old-fashioned containers, tables with mementoes of by gone days, several treasured Bibles and a washstand with the old-fashioned china set that stood for many years in the minister's vestry.

Mrs. Maxwell MacKinnon contributed two excellent sketches of the former log building built in 1857 at Sinclair's Corners and the frame church built in 1862 on the site of the present church.

A happy time of visiting with old friends in the church and on the lawn in the warm summer weather brought the momentous occasion to a jubilant conclusion. The beautiful newly renovated church hall is the 1975 centennial project of Knox Church



This lapel pin, we trust, will be worn proudly. It is meant to provoke questions and provide you, the wearer, with an opportunity to give answers.

The pin is made up of symbols found in The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Centennial logo.

The Burning Bush, long a traditional symbol of the Presbyterian Church is now found in contemporary dress. The "Bush" represents the Call to obedience and service; a truth for yesterday as well as tomorrow.

The Maple Leaf is a symbol for the Dominion of Canada. To each of us it speaks of our beautiful country and our many people; native Canadians to the most recent immigrants, all either part of His Church or our responsibility in Jesus Christ.

Wear this pin with pride — wear it with conviction, for Christ and His Church.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
Centennial Committee



Commemorative communion  
tokens issued by  
Presbyterian Church  
for 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

***Knox Celebrates 60 Years of CGIT in Canada at Centennial***



CGIT with banner that shows theme of Remembrance Renewal and Response

**Project re 100 years of Presbyterian Church in Canada**  
**Church Renovations 1975**

**Expenses:**

Basement Floor	\$ 562.94
Basement lighting	960.07
Basement draperies	685.14
Basement ceiling	980.81
Tower roof	245.47
Church drains	<u>172.56</u>
	\$ 3,606.99

Total Donations to Building Fund 1975	\$ 4,732.72
Brought forward from 1974	263.70
Interest 1975	91.39
Balance December 31, 1975	<u>\$ 1,480.82</u>

Outstanding Repairs for 1976 –

- Basement Stairway Landing & Wall
- Furnace Room
- Sunday School Partitioning

Board of Managers  
Knox Presbyterian Church  
Tiverton, Ontario

**KNOX OBSERVES**

**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH BUILDING – 1976**

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, observed the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the present building on Sunday, January 25, 1976. Mr. Bob Thibodeau, a second year student at Knox College, Toronto, conducted the service in the absence of a regular minister. Mr. Thibodeau called upon the Clerk of Session, James Inkster, who read from the Session minutes the accounts of the laying of the corner stone and the service of dedication.

Although this service took place 75 years ago, we still have with us a good number of those who attended the service as children. Some of them had very clear memories of the event; others were too young for it to make a lasting impression on them. Ewart McKenzie, grandson of the Rev. John Anderson, is one of those who remembers the day and was present on Sunday. He served for many years as clerk of Session. Miss Katie Urquhart and Mrs. Pearl (McIntosh) Anderson were present as children and also at the anniversary service on Sunday.

## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church Building - 1976**

Others who attended the original dedication service in January of 1901 are, Gordon Brown, Miss Margaret Brown, Finlay MacLennan, son of the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, Mrs. Russell McKellar, Mrs. Ryerson Robinson, Miss Mae McEwen, Mrs. Russell Kirkconnell, Miss Muriel Cameron, Mrs. Margaret Wood, Mrs. R.E. Begg, Murdoch Morrison, Miss Katie Paterson, Mrs. Will Miller, Mrs. Winnie Campbell, George Hughes, Neil Grunder, Jack MacLeod, Mrs. Helen McClure, and Dan McNaughton. Mrs. Ivan McKenzie read the list during the service on Sunday, adding a few interesting comments regarding the members. For instance, Dan McNaughton says he remembers attending the ceremony of the laying of corner stone, Mrs. Begg remembers exactly where she sat with her father in the church and Gordon Brown remembers it was snowing.

A great amount of planning, work and money went into the building of the church. It is beautiful, receives many compliments from visitors, and will serve the Presbyterians in this district for many years to come.

## **Village of Tiverton 1879 – 1979**

### **Centennial Service of Worship at Knox Presbyterian Church Tiverton on Sunday, July 1, 1979 at 11 A.M**



Tiverton has had a wonderful weekend, one that will be remembered and talked about for years to come. The committees have not had time to make up their reports but we know people were home from as far away as Florida, British Columbia and Germany, and no doubt other places just as far distant. It is impossible to name all the people in today's issue who were home.

The church services on Sunday morning were very well attended in both churches. Extra chairs were needed to seat the crowd in Knox Church who came to hear Dr. Robert Sinclair preach the sermon. He is the son of a former Tiverton minister, the late Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair who was in Tiverton from 1922 to 1929. There were many who remembered Dr. Sinclair as a boy, and some who had kept in contact with the family throughout the years. Dr Sinclair and Rev. Douglas Black, present minister of Knox Church, were college friends.

Dr. Sinclair took time to reminisce about his father and family and the time they lived in Tiverton. He said his father considered the years he spent here were 'the best years of his ministry'.

Dr Sinclair remembered many people, but he remembered especially Dugald MacKenzie, father of Ewart MacKenzie who is the senior elder today in Knox Church. Dugald used to fold his arms across his stomach when Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair began his sermons, and then relaxed and closed his eyes. Young Robert thought Dugald was sleeping through his father's sermons until his father explained that Dugald was listening to every word and could discuss the sermon in detail with the minister later.

## **Village of Tiverton 1879 - 1979**

The second memory he had of Dugald was of Ewart and Ivan, sons of Dugald, bringing a load of hay to the manse for the horse and cow the Sinclair family owned. Each year the first load of hay from the MacKenzie fields, the first fruits of the harvest, were given to the Lord's servant, the minister of Knox Church.

Dr. Sinclair's third memory of Dugald was of him being superintendent of the Sunday School held in the Inverhuron School. Dr. Sinclair was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Zondervan during the weekend and the two men went down to see the old school that had so many memories for Dr. Sinclair.

Dr. Sinclair's theme for his sermon was 'Ye are the salt of the earth'. He mentioned that it was exactly 50 years ago last week since the Sinclair family left Tiverton.

Some of the flowers that decorated the church so beautifully on Sunday were donated by the Taylor families in memory of their parents, Ted and Mary Taylor. Others were from the families of Larry Brown and Will Smith who passed away recently.

Special music was presented by the choir, and Dr. Don MacKay of London, whose ancestors were very early Inverhuron residents, was the guest soloist. At the close of the service, lunch was served in the church schoolroom by the ladies of the church, and many old friends were able to visit during this luncheon period.

To assist the Ladies Aid of Knox Church in their church related activities for Centennial Weekend, they are asking that anyone who is willing to donate pies for Saturday, June 30, sandwiches or squares for Sunday, July 1, please phone Mrs. Dan McFadyen 368-7148 or Mrs. Tena Surridge 368-7147. The ladies will be selling pies and sandwiches beginning at 11 a.m. at the church on Saturday, June 30.

## **1879 TIVERTON 1979** **“ Let's All Shine In '79”** **Renew Old Acquaintances - Meet New Friends** **TIVERTON'S 100th BIRTHDAY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30**

11:00 Light lunch available Knox Presbyterian Church.  
12:00 Heritage Parade - Floats depicting the Heritage and Centennial times of Tiverton

**SUNDAY, JULY 1st**

11:00 Church Services.  
12:00 Lunch Served on lawn [weather permitting] at Knox Presbyterian Church.

*1979 Newspaper clippings*

*C-H-U-R-C-H spells church but means nothing unless U R in it.*

## ***Tiverton's over 80s in 1979***



From left to right, Front row: Dan McNaughton, Coll McDougall, Ruby Campbell, Ruth White, Lottie Cameron, Sarah McIntosh, Thelma McKellar, Francis Campbell, Alice Gottschalk. Back row: Ewart MacKenzie, Rae Shipley, Mary Angeleri, Waldi Kirkconnell, Rosa Kirkconnell, Martha Buchanan, Lizzie McFadyen, Millie Bell, Lou MacKinnon, Katie Urquhart, Alice Cooley, Jack McLeod. Absent: Pearl McPherson.

*Most of these people belong to Knox Church congregation.*

## ***Tiverton Mural***



The above mural is located on the north side of the Masonic building in Tiverton. It clearly shows that the growth of the village of Tiverton and the Presbyterian Church go hand in hand. Note the picture of John Paterson, a prominent man in both. In the upper right hand corner is the original brick Presbyterian Church.

## Bible Study

Bible Study seems to be an activity that is formally documented in a rather hit and miss fashion. In the early days of our church, Bible Study was very important. Sunday afternoons were spent by families reading the Bible, committing verses to memory, and making sure children learned also. For many years, the Sunday School had a Bible Class that met in the sanctuary, while children met downstairs. The parents, who were waiting for children who were at church school attended, as well as other adults of the congregation. Usually the minister was the teacher, but sometimes an elder was pressed into leading. This continued until the 1960's.

Probably there were mid-week Bible Studies, but there is no definite record of such, in those earlier years. Other attempts for Bible Study classes lasted for a few years, and then, for various reasons ceased. Some were held in homes, some in the church and as well as study, they were an evening of fellowship. Records are scarce in many areas of church life, and perhaps this is an area of study that existed longer and oftener than the records show.

Since 2000, Bible Study resumed at Knox Church on Wednesday mornings. Later Rev. Wendy began an hour of study and discussion at Tiverton Park Manor with the residents, and any members of the congregation that wished to attend.

### *Bible Study in the 1980's*



Left to right:  
Joyce Van Dam,  
Donelda MacKinnon, Bill  
Van Dam Jr.,  
Katy Campbell,  
John Smith,  
Alberta Smith

Left to right:  
John & Pat Copeland  
Allan & Marjorie Evans  
Jean & Allan Dent  
Hidden person  
Wynne & Dick Webster  
Bill & Joyce Van Dam



## Bible Study in the 1980's



Left to right:  
Rylla Stewart,  
Laura Hendry,  
Allan & Marjorie Evans,  
George & Joanne Potter,  
(Joanne hidden),  
Albert & Tena Bosch,  
Lloyd Bowles

John Smith, Ronnie MacKenzie,  
Gordon Brown (hidden), Donelda  
MacKinnon, Katy Campbell,  
Alberta Smith, Ruby Brown,  
Joanne & George Potter, Tena &  
Albert Bosch



Debbie Van Dam, Alan &  
Jean Dent, Beccy Hunter,  
Margaret Reid, Mary Bowles,  
Gordon & Ruby Brown,  
Ronald MacKenzie

Bible Study planning  
meeting



## Renovations for 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Knox Congregation

In December 1983, a congregational meeting was held to consider a proposal to renovate the sanctuary as a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project. The congregation approved the proposal. It was agreed that D. MacArthur be the contractor with a total cost to be \$28,375.00. On Feb 6, 1984 renovations began. During renovations, Sunday worship services were held in the church activity room and the church school had classes in the adjacent Community centre.

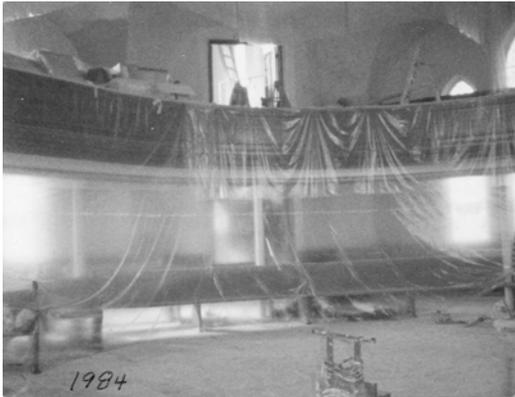


### KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, J.D. MacArthur as contractor, began the renovations of the sanctuary of Knox Presbyterian Church. The stairwells leading to the sanctuary and church school rooms will also be renovated. The renovations are the major project marking the 125th anniversary of the congregation.

View of pulpit and choir area in 1983 before renovations began.

### Some views during construction



*The Church is an organism that grows best in an alien society.*

*C. Stacey Woods*

## Sanctuary Re-Opens for Worship Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1984



We rejoice in having you with us as we celebrate a landmark in the life of the Presbyterian congregation in Tiverton. As part of the recognition of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we have renovated our Sanctuary. This project is a memorial to former members and friends of the congregation. It has been made possible by the Memorial Fund gifts from a multitude of people to whom we are grateful. A Memorial Plaque will be prepared and unveiled on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at our Anniversary Celebration Service.



### ***RENOVATIONS DEDICATED***

As part of the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, extensive renovations have been done to the sanctuary. These were recognized at the church service Sunday morning Mar 4, 1984, and the sanctuary reopened for worship by the minister, the Rev. Douglas Black, assisted by Don MacArthur, contractor, and Ernest Young, chairman of the project committee.

An oak cross, indirectly lighted, adorns the pulpit area. This sanctuary cross was presented to the congregation by Mrs. Eldred Reid, chairperson of the Board of Managers, received by Ken Hendry, trustee, and dedicated by the minister to the glory of God in grateful memory of the founders of the congregation.

*We must always be on our guard lest, under the pretext of keeping one commandment, we be found breaking another.*

*St. Basil the Great – 379 A.D.*

## ***Renovations Dedicated***

Special music by the choir and guest soloist, John Kelly, enriched the service of worship. The sermon 'What do we remember' was followed by the celebration of Holy Communion, thus concluding this very special service of dedication, remembrance and worship.

The congregation of Knox Church, Tiverton, is grateful for the generosity, skill, care and concern of those whose resources of wealth, time and energy made possible the beauty of the sanctuary. It was gratifying to welcome the many friends who joined the regular congregation for this important occasion.

Other services and events have been planned to celebrate this landmark in the life of Knox Church. A memorial plaque will be unveiled at a special service on Aug 5.

## ***Important Milestone Celebrated August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1984***

An important milestone in the history of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton was marked on Sunday, Aug 5, when the congregation celebrated their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of witness in this area by two special services. The Rev. Douglas Black occupied the pulpit for both services and William Van Dam Sr. presided at the organ.

At 11a.m. the guest speaker was Mrs. Margaret J. Taylor, B.A. D.D. of Belleville, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. R.G. McKay, minister in Tiverton from 1948 to 1952. Dr. Taylor's topic was 'The Old Becomes New'. Special music for this service was by Mr. A. Postuma, Kincardine who played several selections on the euphonium, including The Lord's Prayer, and The Holy City. Also at this service the Rev. Mr. Black dedicated the special commemorative plaque. The plaque was presented to the congregation by Mr. Ernie Young, chairman of the renovation committee and unveiled by Mrs. Laura Hendry.

The Rev. Robert A. Sinclair, B.A. D.D. of St David's Ontario, son of the late Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair, minister from 1921 to 1929 in Tiverton, brought the message in the 7 p.m. service, choosing as his topic 'Words That Measure All Time'. Mrs. Eleanor Thompson, Glamis, contributed a very beautiful and appropriate solo. The Anniversary Hymn, the words to which were written by Miss Louise Reith, a daughter of a former minister at Glamis Presbyterian Church.

Two very inspiring solos, 'Beside Still Waters' and 'Thou Most Holy' were sung by the Rev. James Francom, rector of Kincardine Anglican Church, accompanied by his wife Nancy at the organ. The beauty of the recently renovated sanctuary was enhanced by many floral decorations that also emphasized the 125<sup>th</sup> theme.

The members of the Ladies Aid, assisted by the ladies of the congregation, served a bountiful luncheon after the morning service and light refreshments in the evening. During this period of fellowship present members of the congregation were pleased to welcome many former members as well as other guests.

## Milestone Celebrated August 5<sup>th</sup>



Margaret J. Taylor



Rev. Robert A. Sinclair and Rev. D. Black



Laura Hendry and Ernie Young

## **KNOX CHURCH CELEBRATES 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

A capacity congregation, composed of members, former members, church school children, C.G.I.T. girls and many visitors, assembled in Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton on Sunday, Oct 21, 1984, at 11 a.m. to celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Rev. D. Black conducted the service and introduced the guest preacher, Rev. Frank Parsons, of Albert College, Belleville, a former minister of the congregation. Rev. Parsons had a special message for the children, followed by a timely and inspiring address to the rest of the congregation. Special music was provided by guest soloist, Jack Holdsworth of Toronto.

At the close of the service, Allan Evans deposited records and pictures from each organization in the church, a ministerial message, the 1983 annual report and current newspapers into a time capsule, prepared by Gordon Bradley. Ernie Young and Shannon Dobson presented the capsule to Rev. Black for dedication. The capsule was then carried out to the cornerstone where, in the presence of the congregation, it was deposited and sealed, to be reopened on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A time of fellowship and refreshments was then enjoyed downstairs where many acquaintances were renewed.

At 8 p.m. the final celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary culminated in an evening of religious music, presented by the Glamis Community Choir, under the direction of Elaine White, and assisted by the church organist, William Van Dam and guest soloist, Jack Holdsworth. Debbie Brown played a trumpet solo, 'The Holy City', during the gathering of the offering. After the benediction by Rev. Parsons, a social hour followed in the church.

### ***Time Capsule Contents 1984***

- Minister's Letter
- Kirk Session report and pictures
- W.M.S. report and pictures
- Ladies Aid report and pictures
- Church School report and pictures
- Board of Managers report and pictures.
- Choir report and pictures
- C.G.I.T. report and pictures
- The 1983 Church Annual report
- The Presbyterian Record July-Aug 1984
- The Kincardine News Oct 17, 1984
- A current Living Faith
- Sunday bulletin Oct 21, 1984
- The Western Ontario Farmer' Oct 1984
- An Ontario bi-centennial coin
- Business cards from various people

It is hoped the capsule will be scheduled to be opened at the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton in 2059 A. D.

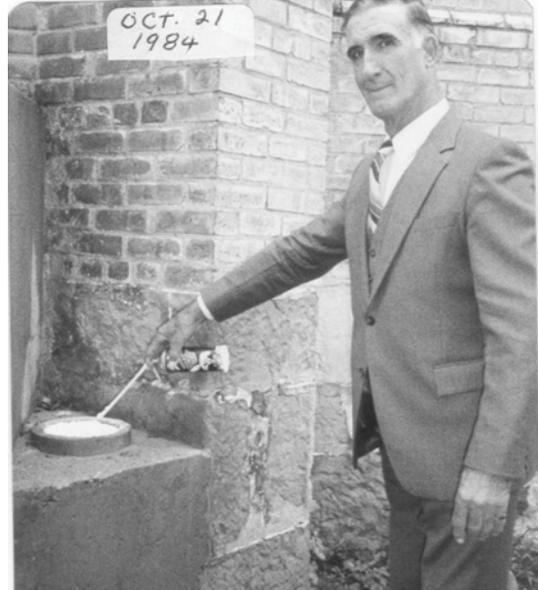
*A scientist said, making a plea for exchange scholarships between nations, "The very best way to send an idea is to wrap it up in a person." That was what happened at Christmas. The idea of divine love was wrapped up in a person.*

*Halford E. Luccock, Christian Quotations.*

## KNOX CHURCH CELEBRATES 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Allan Evans, Rev. Black, Shannon Dobson, Ernie Young, Jim Inkster.



Allan Evans seals capsule



Rev. Black and Rev. Parsons



Glamis  
Community  
Choir

## **Addition to Church 1991-1992**

For several years the congregation of Knox Church had been concerned that the building was not accessible to all, because of narrow radial staircases leading to the sanctuary, the gallery and the basement. There was also need for extra room for some of the groups and activities. In 1973, a chair lift was thought to be the answer to accessibility, but investigation by the Board resulted in no action for a variety of reasons.

In 1990 the Board once again addressed these concerns. It was discovered that a government grant was available through the Access Fund, to make existing buildings handicapped accessible. After considerable planning, the Access Committee of Knox Church received permission from the congregation to proceed.

The project called for a straight flight of stairs from ground level to the sanctuary and basement, as well as installation of a hydraulic elevator. A wheelchair accessible washroom was planned for each level. The main basement area was to be enlarged by relocating the kitchen and adding a craft room. At sanctuary level, a choir room, church office and nursery were to be incorporated. The doors to the sanctuary needed to be relocated. The resulting plan was to tear down the old choir room and north entrance to make way for an addition to the east and north of approximately 1400 square feet. It was also required that the entry from the parking lot be at ground level, with a wide hallway, 6 foot wide passageways, and 3 foot wide doorways.

After a false start, the contract was finally awarded to Allen- Hastings Ltd. of Chesley. John Ward, as chairman of the Renovation Committee, regularly reported on the progress of the project.

Funding came from the government 'Access' grant and from donations to the Memorial Renovation Fund. During renovations, Church School classes were held in the adjacent Tiverton Community Centre until November 1992. Most activities carried on as usual during the renovations, and adapted to the changed circumstances at the time.

### **Building Fund Campaign**

With the theme 'Faith in our Church, Faith in our Community' a building fund was set up. This was a call for money. The Provincial government, through the 'Access Fund' would contribute up to \$50,000.00 in matching funds for every dollar raised locally. A thought that some families might wish to make a permanent or significant recognition for deceased loved family members was addressed. Donations over \$100.00 would be recorded in the 'In Memoriam' book, kept in the sanctuary. Donations over \$500.00 were to be recorded on the 'Memorial Renovation' plaque in the church vestibule. Other plans for fund raising were proposed – lawn sale, bazaar, sale apple pies and carrot cakes. Other events followed. These funds would all be channeled through the 'Memorial Renovation Fund'.

*I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand. I surf (the Internet)  
and I pay a huge phone bill. With apologies to Confucius*

## ***The Access Project Report***

- Jan. 29/92 - Annual Meeting – Approval to use Memorial Renovation Fund for Building Project – Approval to borrow up to \$50,000.00 to finance
- Feb. 4/92 - Ontario Government approval, 12 months to complete project.
- Mar. 13/92 - Technical Review received from Access Fund.
- April/92 - Received cheque for half of Access Grant (\$19,151).
- June 27/92 - Cancellation of Conditional Contract with *lowest bidder\**  
\*Note name withheld for this publication
- July 9/92 - Allen-Hastings Ltd. quotation approved by the congregation.
- Aug. 5/92 - Construction commenced.
- Nov. 29/92 - Building dedicated
- Dec. 2/92 - Elevator inspected and passed.
- Dec. 31/92 - Final holdback payment to Allen-Hastings Ltd.

The Board of Managers has signed a maintenance contract for the elevator with the elevator supplier, Delta Elevators.

The Building Fund was well supported to the extent that our borrowing was within the limits set, despite the fact that the project cost was higher than the cost anticipated in 1991, (by reason of the lowest – perhaps unrealistic – bid).

Special thanks to the Building Fundraising Committee of Jean Dent, June MacKenzie, Ken Young and Ernie Young, to a supportive Board of Managers and always available treasurer, Julie Mahaffey. Thanks to all who assisted in brick cleaning, demolition and rubble removal and the less inspiring work of weekly clean-up. It was agreed clean up and dumping work be done by volunteer labour. In this area we particularly thank Bill Hunter who was ever available with his tractor and trailer. Thanks to Margery for the use of the Dining Room as an “Operations Office” for the duration. Finally, thanks to Rev. Mitchell who was able to secure the Moderator at a very appropriate time, close to completion of the addition.

### **Access Project – Church Addition – Financial Reconciliation**

(\*\*N.B. all figures are rounded and represent Dec. 31/92 figures)

COST	FUNDING
Contractor.....\$140,000.00	Congregational (Building...\$87,850.00
Painting.....3,000.00	and Memorial R. Funds
All other costs..... <u>2,000.00</u>	Access Grant.....19,150.00
\$145,000.00	*CIBC Loan.....50,000.00
	(Repayable over 4 years)
	<u>\$157,000.00</u>
	+Balance Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> /93.....\$12,000.00

\*CIBC loan – Monthly payments will be approximately \$1,400.00.

We will be very dependent on pledges made for 1993 and continuing “Bricks and Mortar” contributions to meet these monthly costs. It is recommended that the Memorial Renovation Fund/Building Fund continue for this purpose and that loan payments not be made from current expenses for 1993.

Chairperson: John Ward

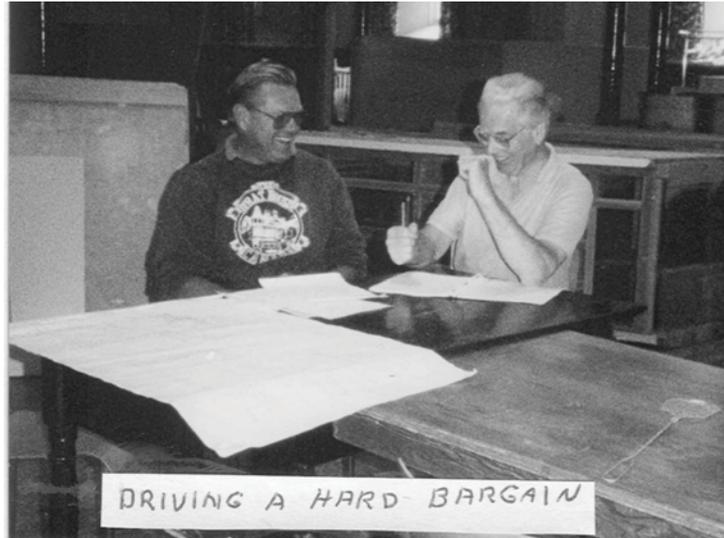
## Access Project in Pictures



This is the before view of the north side of the church. Plans called for the removal of the back entrance, stairway and choir room on the left.

*The old chimney had already been removed in 1983 when the heating was converted from oil to electricity.*

John Ward negotiates with the successful contractor: Allen-Hastings Ltd. in August 1992.



The old rear entrance was demolished before building began. As many bricks as possible were recovered and cleaned to cover the exterior facing Main Street (Queen St. in 1992) to blend with the main church building.

Jeff Hamilton takes a breather

**SOD TURNING AND SITE DEDICATION  
FOR THE ADDITION TO KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TIVERTON**

**Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> 1992**



A SOD-TURNING CEREMONY was held recently at Knox Church, Tiverton, Ont., to launch officially the renovations to the church building which will make it readily accessible to people with disabilities, as well as providing more space and washrooms. Assistance has been obtained from the province's Access Program. Pictured, left to right, are: John Ward, convener of the building committee; Rev. Alex Mitchell; Allan Evans, representing the session. 1992

**THE CALL TO BUILD**

Leader: According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3: 10, 11*

Leader: We are members of the household of God.

**People: Let us build upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the corner stone. \***

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, the only king and head of the church, let this broken ground be the site upon which we will raise up a building to the glory of God and where our vision will take shape and form.

**People: We dedicate ourselves to the completion of this building, that here our vision may grow and that here we may serve our God faithfully and well in our time.**

\* Based on Nehemiah 23:20 and Ephesians 2:20b



Some of the congregation attending that day



## **Building Fund Committee**



**Knox Church Yard Sale**  
 Knox Church, Tiverton will hold a yard sale on Fri., July 24 from 1-9 p.m. and Sat., July 25 from 8 a.m.-12 noon. Donations are gratefully accepted and for pick-up assistance please call Ken Young 368-7315 or John Ward 368-5536.

June MacKenzie and John Ward are ready for customers.

August 15<sup>th</sup> 1992

**CRAFT SHOW:** The Building Fund Raising Committee is planning on having a table at the Tiverton Craft Show in August. Knitting, crocheting, needlework, etc. would all be useful items to be sold in support of our fund-raising drive. If you would like to contribute items to the table, please contact Donna Williams at 368-7988 or June MacKenzie at 368-7347.



## **Fund Raising Committee Report**

*The Fund Raising Committee had a very busy and successful year. We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the following projects.*

Pizzas.....	\$46.00
Take out turkey and beef dinners.....	549.00
Cook Books.....	381.00
Apple Pies.....	375.00
Summer Craft Show.....	434.00
Yard Sale.....	1,458.00
Fall Craft Sale and Bake Table.....	467.50
Georgian Gentlemen.....	500.00
Lion's Christmas Pies.....	90.00
Lion's Dinners.....	<u>790.00</u>
	<b>\$5,090.50</b>

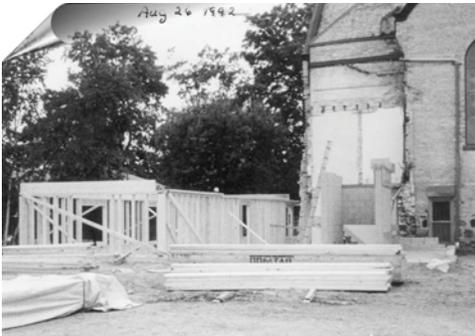
## Construction In Progress



Old part just about removed



Footings are poured



Moving along well!



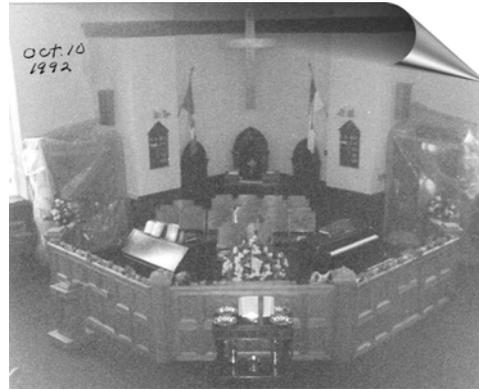
The brick goes on.



## Inside Construction In Progress



Ken Scott



New entrances on each side

### Service of Dedication - Ministers Presiding

#### **The Rev. Dr. Linda J. Bell**

Moderator of the 118<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and minister of the McDonald's Corners – Elphin – Snow Road Pastoral Charge in the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

#### **The Rev. John P. Vaudry**

Moderator of the Presbytery of Bruce-Maitland and minister of St. Andrews Church, Wingham.

#### **The Rev. Alex M. Mitchell**

Minister of Knox Church, Tiverton

*The people of Knox Church, Tiverton extend their thanks to The Rev. Dr. Linda J. Bell, The Rev. John P. Vaudry, the Presbytery of Bruce-Maitland and all our friends from other congregations for helping to make this Service of Dedication a meaningful and joyful experience. Following this service, everyone is invited to tour the Addition before moving to the Church Hall downstairs to join us for refreshments.*

### Dedication Day Pictures



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**THE PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE-MAITLAND**

The Service of Dedication for the Access Project and Church Addition of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, Ontario 3:30 P.M. Sunday November 29, 1992

*Presbytery shall gather outside the (rear) door of the Church Addition. The Session shall assemble at the front of the church around the communion table. The Moderator of General Assembly, having knocked on the door three times will call out: Open to me the gates of righteousness. I will go into them, and will praise the Lord.*

*The door shall be opened from within by the Clerk of Session, who will deliver the keys of the church to the Moderator saying:*

**Clerk: This Access Project of the Church Addition has been erected as a place to learn of and serve God, and for the work and the witness of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in token of which I deliver to you the keys and ask you to dedicate this place to the glory of God.**

Anthem: Knox Choir – “We Dedicate this Temple”

Hymn: #304, “Christ is made the sure foundation” (vs. 1-3)

**THE SERMON; “GOD NEVER GIVES UP”**

**THE DEDICATION:** Moderator: Beloved in Christ, for as much as God has put it into your hearts to build this Access Project and Addition to your church building, let us now fulfill the purpose for which we are assembled and dedicate this Addition to the honour of God’s most holy name.

**People” Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be forever. Amen.**

**THE DECLARATION:** M: In the name of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, I give you these keys charging you to use this building solely for the glory of God and the service of the people who come to this place in need. Here may pure worship be prepared and encouraged. Here may the Word be studied and proclaimed. Here may newness of life be sought. Here may people be nurtured in spirit. Here may the good ordering of the church be maintained in the name of Jesus Christ, the only head of the church, to whom be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: “NO ONE A STRANGER”

*We have built on past foundations  
Prophets and apostles gave  
Christ, our cornerstone, directs us,  
“Welcome all I came to save.”  
As your Spirit dwells within us  
We your greatness would extol.  
May all power and vict’ry  
Be to you who makes us whole.*

The Benediction and Congregational Choral Amen

*\*Excerpts from Service*

*"An Evening with the Moderator"*

We invite you to spend a social evening with  
**The Rev. Dr. Linda J. Bell**  
Moderator of the 118th General Assembly  
of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

**Date: Friday November 27th** 1992

**Times: Reception at 7:00 P.M.**  
**Dinner at 7:30 P.M.**

**Location: The Sutton Park Inn,**  
**725 King St., Kincardine**

**Cost: \$ 18.50 Per Person**  
**(Including all taxes and gratuities)**

*All are invited to this evening  
of entertainment and buffet dinner  
featuring a choice of Chicken Breast or Roast Beef.*

**For information or tickets please call:**

Allan Paisley at 396-2311, or  
Alex Mitchell at 368-7235.

This evening co-sponsored by the congregations of Knox Church, Kincardine  
and Knox Church, Tiverton.

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**Friday Nov. 27th**  
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**Admit One**

**"AN EVENING WITH THE MODERATOR"**

In honour of Dr. Bell's visit to our Presbytery, there will be a reception and dinner in her honour at the Sutton Park Inn Kincardine. All are invited to this evening. Tickets are available from Mr. Mitchell. Cost is \$18.50 per person, inclusive of taxes and gratuities.

**Get your tickets soon!**



Rev. Dr. Linda J. Bell is the first woman moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.



**Completion December 1992**



**John Ward gives a final briefing to the congregation**



**Views of completed addition on December 14<sup>th</sup> 1992**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> 1994**



**Knox Presbyterian Pays Off Loan**

Members of Knox Presbyterian Church had cause for celebration Apr. 24 when it was announced the loan for the building addition had been repaid in full. A \$50,000 loan was taken out to complete the \$150,000 addition with a pay back period of three to five years anticipated; the loan has been repaid in just over 18 months.

The addition provides a larger and much improved kitchen area, nursery area, minister's study and a larger entry hallway and larger passages.

1994 MAY  
Provincial funding through the ACCESS fund assisted with the provision of an elevator to all areas as well as washrooms that are accessible to the disabled.

***John Ward shows congregation that thermometer has topped out.***



***The Church as seen from Main St. in 1994***

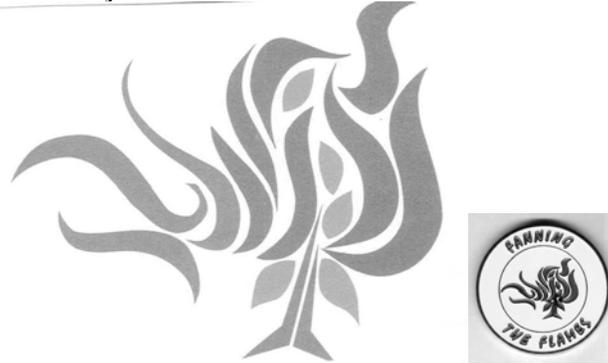
*Church Funnies*

*Bulletin miscue: Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands!*

*A child is overheard asking her mother as they leave church, "Why was the commercial so long?"*

# FANNING THE FLAMES

The Presbyterian Church in Canada In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



Logo and pin above

In 1997 after careful consideration about directions for the Presbyterian Church in Canada in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the General Assembly listened to the voice of Presbyterians all across the country as they clearly told us there are six priorities for Our work and worship. The priorities have been identified and the General Assembly has approved the acronym **FLAMES**, the accompanying Logo and the **FANNING THE FLAMES** motto.

<b>FLAMES:</b> six priorities to sharpen our focus and Affirm our values in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century	All six of the priorities will be emphasized in the next six years. In each year one priority will be highlighted above the others
<b>F</b> ocus on Children, Teens and Young Adults	1999 – 2000 Mission: international, national, justice
<b>L</b> aity Equipping	2000 – 2001
<b>A</b> ctive Evangelism	2001 - 2002
<b>M</b> ission: International, National and Justice	2002 – 2003
<b>E</b> ducation for laity and clergy	2003 – 2004 Spirituality
<b>S</b> pirituality	2004 – 2005

All the elements of the **FLAMES** have significance

The **SEVEN RED FLAMES** represent the seven years of the **FLAMES** priorities (seven is the number of wholeness)

The **FIVE GREEN LEAVES** represent the living church filled with grace (five is the number of grace)

The **TWO BROWN STEMS** represent the word of God upon which our Church is built (two represents the two Testaments, Old and New)

The **THREE BLUE SWIRLS** represent the Holy Spirit fanning Our flames to new life (three is the number of the Trinity)

The **FONT IS CALLED MISTRAL**, after the clean and refreshing wind system that blows across the Mediterranean Sea at the end of winter heralding the arrival of spring and new life.

## Dedication for Hymn Books and Psalters

On Sunday, July 12 the new Hymn Books and Psalters were dedicated. The Hymn Books were presented by Miss Margaret Hughes of London in memory of the Hughes and McKellar Families and the Psalters by John H. MacKenzie in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacKenzie and the Henderson Family. The Session and entire congregation appreciate these generous gifts to enhance our worship.

*The Hymn Books that were no longer used in Knox Church, Tiverton were donated to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Glamis for use in their sanctuary.*



*July 12 1998  
Dedication of  
HYMN BOOKS  
and  
PSALTERS*



*Rev. Mitchell  
Margaret Hughes*



*Rev. Mitchell  
Janet & John  
MacKenzie*



# W.M.S. Centennial 1898 - 1998

## KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TIVERTON W.M.S. CENTENNIAL SERVICE 1898-1998

Musical Prelude - Debbie Stanton - Ruby Brown  
 Welcome and Announcements - Donelda MacKinnon  
 Congregational Hymn Sing  
 Call to Worship  
 Candle Lighting Ceremony - Past Presidents'  
 Hymn #382 Christ for the World we Sing  
 Prayer of Adoration and Confession *Donelda*  
 Old Testament Lesson : Exodus 3: 1-12 - *Pat Copeland*  
 Responsive Reading: #641 Psalm 67 - *Pat*  
 Solo - Joanne Cole  
 New Testament Lesson: Luke 10:25-37 - *Pat*  
 Children's Hymn #242 This is my Father's World  
 Children's Story - Margaret Wonfor  
 Prayers of the People - Donna Williams  
 Solo - Joanne Cole  
 Offering - Doxology  
 Message - W.M.S. - Glad Tidings - *Margaret Brown Wonfor*  
 Closing Hymn #389 In Christ there is no east or west  
 Benediction - Choral Amen  
 Musical Postlude *Debbie + Ruby*

**Greeters and Ushers**  
 Margaret Reid, Margery Ward, Doris Young,  
 Lis Roberts, Irene Bradley, June MacKenzie.

**Candle Lighting Ceremony**  
 Alberta Smith, Margaret Reid, Joyce Van Dam,  
 Janet MacKenzie, Jean Dent, Ruby Brown.

## Sunday August 9, 1998

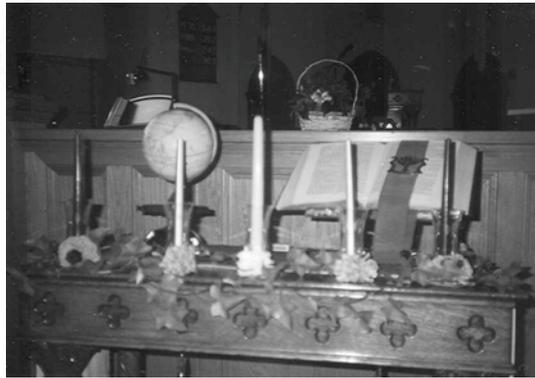
Welcome - We are pleased and honoured that you have chosen to worship with us today and a sincere welcome is extended to all. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to sign one of our guest books, either in the sanctuary or in the main hallway.

W.M.S. Worship Service - The service of Worship today has been prepared and led by W.M.S. members in celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of MacLennan Auxiliary. Our special guest speaker is Margaret (Brown)Wonfor of London whose family were life long residents of the Tiverton area and members of this church. Our soloist is Joanne Cole of Tiverton. We are grateful for their participation. A time of food and fellowship will follow the service. Everyone is welcome. There will also be a display of W.M.S. pictures and memorabilia.

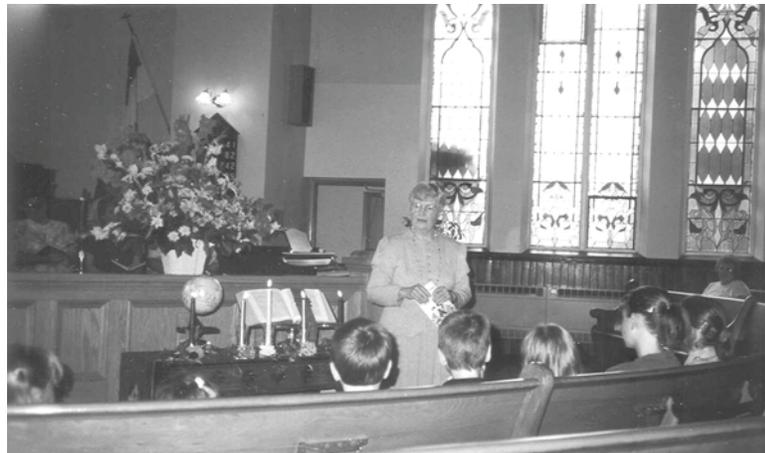
Vacation - Mr. Mitchell will be on vacation until August 31st. In the event of an emergency or pressing church business you may contact our Clerk of Session, Donelda MacKinnon or your District Elder.

Summer Services - August 16 - Lay People  
 August 23 - Rev. Ken Knight  
 August 30 - Adrian Rehorst  
 Food Grains Project.

Lunch Committee  
 Donna Williams, June MacKenzie, Renske Ribbink



Margaret Wonfor tells the children's story



## W.M.S. Centennial 1898 - 1998



Pat Copeland  
Donelda MacKinnon  
Donna Williams  
Ken Hendry  
Ruby Brown  
Doris Young  
unknown

Joanne Cole – soloist  
Debbie Stanton - pianist



Janet MacKenzie  
Ruby Brown  
Joyce Van Dam  
Alberta Smith  
Margaret Reid  
Jean Dent

## BANNERS May 1999



Cross: Called cross of the suffering with rays of the sun behind.  
 Flames: Seven-fold flame which appeared on the day of Pentecost represents love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith. (Galatians 5:22).  
 Descending Dove: Most frequently used symbol to represent the Holy Spirit and the Presence of God—expresses innocence and purity. This is the oldest of symbols with the nimbus around the head. Rays of light were ancient emblems of Divine Power.



The cross and dove are similar to the Pentecost banner. Other symbols of the church have been added – the open bible, burning bush and a fish

This banner is displayed with other banners made to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Congratulating Joyce on her handiwork are Margaret Hughes and Mary Lou MacKay.

Joyce Van Dam made all these three banners. They hang in Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton, where they are a wonderful addition to the sanctuary.



*The moment we make up our minds that we are going on with this determination to exalt God overall, we step out of the world's parade... We acquire a new viewpoint; a new and different psychology will be formed within us; a new power will begin to surprise us by its upsurgings and its outgoings.*

*A. W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God.*

## BANNERS May 1999



Hanging the Banner May 1999  
Joyce Van Dam, John Smith

**2002**

### New Antependia 2002

Have you noticed the beautiful new green Pulpit Fall, Communion Table Runner and Bible Marker which have been gracing our Sanctuary since June? These were hand made by the capable fingers of Margaret McConnell and Joyce VanDam. A special dedication service was held during worship on June 16. Green is the colour of the Church year called Ordinary Time which stretches from Trinity Sunday in the spring, until Christ the King Sunday, just before Advent. The dove represents peace and the new covenant. It was a dove which brought the olive branch to Noah to show him that the flood waters were subsiding. It was a dove which God sent at the time of Christ's baptism to proclaim him the Messiah. The three circles symbolize the Holy Trinity. Since the circle is a figure without a Beginning or ending. It represents God who is both eternal and one. Three interlocking Circles stand for God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

**100th Anniversary  
of Laying of the Cornerstone Celebrated July 9, 2000**

At the Sunday worship service on July 9th, the congregation celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone, marking the commencement of construction of the present church building. This service of celebration, commemoration and rededication incorporated some customs from the past, the congregation sitting for some hymns and standing for some prayers. At the conclusion of the service, a ginkgo tree was dedicated on the south lawn to mark this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Henry Cargill, MP of Cargill, laid the cornerstone on July 2, 1900.

Bob McCall, lay minister of Knox Church led the worship service and was assisted by Ken Hendry and Betty Mitchell representing pioneer families and Donelda MacKinnon who represented the session. Instead of a sermon, a question and answer period between the minister and younger members explained our Presbyterian heritage. Gladys Munro, Trevor Cottrill, Maggie Young, Brittany and Ben MacPherson asked pertinent questions. The choir sang several appropriate anthems. At the conclusion of the service, all went outdoors for the dedication of the ginkgo tree.

***The Ginkgo Tree***

Today we are dedicating a ginkgo tree to mark the laying of the cornerstone of this church building, 100 years ago and to recognize the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Because this tree is capable of living well over 1000 years, its planting demonstrates our continued faith as we move into the next millennium. As Christians we ponder the future but while the stones and mortar may crumble, we believe that God's love will endure.

The Ginkgo tree is also a symbol of hope. Ginkgo trees situated in Hiroshima appeared to be the only plants that survived the atomic blast of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1945. The following spring, Ginkgo leaves grew normally without deformities. Because these trees are alive today, the Japanese regard the Ginkgo as a bearer of hope. Ginkgo trees can be found around the globe and because of this they symbolize the modern concept of Gaia, that the people of earth are one and that God's love is universal.

In the fall the leaves of the Ginkgo tree turn a strikingly beautiful golden colour, and for this reason it is known as the tree of thirty gold crowns. Perhaps it will help us to remember that our Saviour was betrayed for that (thirty pieces of silver). The tree symbolizes the cross on which Christ died to take away our sins.

As this Ginkgo tree grows into its majestic splendour, we pray that the members of Knox Church will likewise bloom and grow into fruition.

# The Ginkgo Tree

KNOX CHURCH TIVERTON  
ORDER OF SERVICE  
July 9, 2000

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING - (favourite old hymns)

CENTENNIAL HYMN: "One Hundred Years" - front cover  
Please remain standing and read responsively  
MINISTER: "It's good to see all of you here, but why are you here?  
CONGREGATION: We are here to praise God for all the wondrous things He has done for us  
MINISTER: After you praise Him, what will you do?  
CONGREGATION: We will seek to learn of His will for our lives.  
MINISTER: After you learn of His Will, what will you do?  
CONGREGATION: We will go forth to live His Will in our lives."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison) Remain Standing  
Almighty God, we are gathered here in Your name on a day that is special to us. We are grateful for the health and strength and desire that enables us to come. We are glad to meet with you and all Your people, young and old. Let Your living and powerful Word come to us. Help us to follow Your directions and know Your power in our lives, our families our nation and our world. Lead us into the fullness of life which is in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour - whose words we use as we pray, "Our Father....."

CHOIR: "This is our house"

(All Standing) "A Centennial Declaration" - See Insert

CHOIR: "O worship the King"

PRAYER IN REMEMBRANCE - Ken Hendry

At the conclusion of the service, a ginkgo tree was dedicated on the south lawn to mark this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

HYMN #373 - "Jesus loves me, this I know"

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 102: 11-22 Donelda MacKinnon  
Philippians 1: 3-11

HYMN #323 - "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him" Please remain seated for this hymn

PRAYER: (all standing) - Betty Mitchell

OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Janet MacKenzie

CHOIR: "Thy hand, O God, has guided"

DIALOGUE: "History's Significance in Symbols"  
- Minister and new Church Members

HYMN #282 - "Filled with the Spirit's power"

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Ben MacPherson  
Gladys Munro  
Trevor Cottrill  
Brittany MacPherson  
Maggie Young*

Welcome to all of you who have come to Knox Presbyterian Church today to share our service of celebration to commemorate the centennial of this church building.

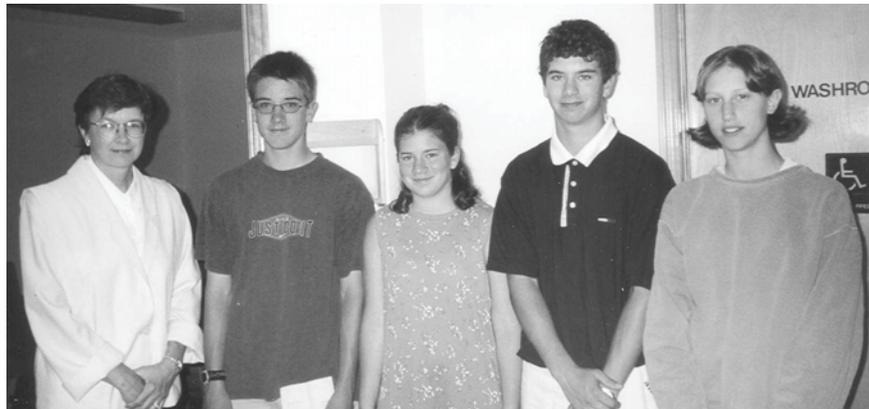
In our service today we have tried to incorporate some of the customs of the past, when we remain seated for a hymn and then stand for a prayer following it. We realize that our church is what it is today because of those who went before us, and that the future depends on us who are a part of it now.

Today several of our congregation have worked together to lead in this special service of praise and celebration.



Alan Dent,  
Maggie Young,  
Ian Mitchell,  
Pat Copeland  
John Copeland  
John Smith  
Joyce Van Dam  
Betty Mitchell  
Velma Hendry  
Mary Campbell  
Jean Dent  
Gladys Munro  
Bob McCall

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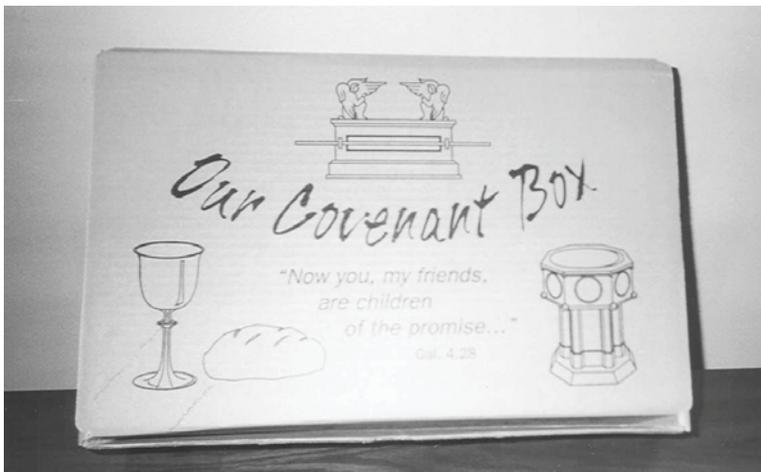
**January 7, 2001**

Knox Church Building 100 Years Old

Presbyterian Church in Canada is 125 Years Old

Today we commemorate two special events. Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton was built in 1900 and dedicated on the first Sunday of 1901. We give thanks for this strong, attractive building where people of the area have come to worship for 100 years and commend the pioneers who built this very fine church.

In 1875 all Presbyterian churches in Canada united to become the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Today we also recognize that the Presbyterian Church in Canada is 125 years old and dedicate this **Covenant Box**. Items of special significance were placed in the box, reminding us of our past and giving us promises for the future. All convey faith, hope and love. Rev. Wendy explained each item to the Church School as she placed it in the box. Anniversaries remind us of old promises that we have known from the time we were children. There are old and new promises for the years ahead for all of us. The Covenant Box has been placed in a prominent place and will be opened in 25 years.



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## Christian Faith Festivals



Hundreds of people gathered at Victoria Park, Kincardine for the first ever Faith Festival, sponsored by the Kincardine & Area Ministerial Association in September 2000. Each church in the area had a booth around the perimeter of the park, to tell what their church had to offer in the way of worship, fellowship and outreach. Some featured activities for children. Members of each congregation were present to answer questions or explain pictures or literature. In addition the park featured an on-going BBQ, sno-cone machine, Bouncy Castle and Bungee Run for young people. There was ample time to sit in the park, enjoy the sunshine and listen to the various musicians who performed on the grandstand. A mass choir from all the churches performed at the close of the afternoon. Admission was free. Knox Tiverton participated in the festival this and subsequent years. In 2007, the Ministerial Association decided to discontinue the festival, due to lack of interest from some ministers and churches. Word from those attending these festivals was positive, describing the afternoon as a relaxing, informative experience.



## Christian Faith Festivals



### Photo Directory



In 2001, plans for a photo directory for Knox Church became a reality. Families were invited to come to the church to have their picture taken. As well pictures of all the groups were included. All were in colour. At the back of the directory is a list of members and their addresses. Each family photographed received a free copy of the directory and a free colour photo. There was an opportunity to purchase additional photos if one wished. This directory has been an excellent reference for helping families to get to know one another. It will be an invaluable historical record for the church and a memorable keepsake. Due to the many long hours of the committee in organizing and phoning, our church has a photo directory.

Committee: Tom & Mary Frances Scott, Laura Jean Hendry. Our thanks to them for their perseverance and time.

It is gratifying that so many people are proud to be associated with our congregation by participating in our photo directory project.

## Congregation Approves Five-Year Restoration Plan

The annual congregational meeting of Knox Church was held on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002 following lunch at the conclusion of the morning worship service. Following the election of chairman, Tom Scott and a secretary, Ted Stewart, the meeting proceeded routinely until the Board of Managers report.

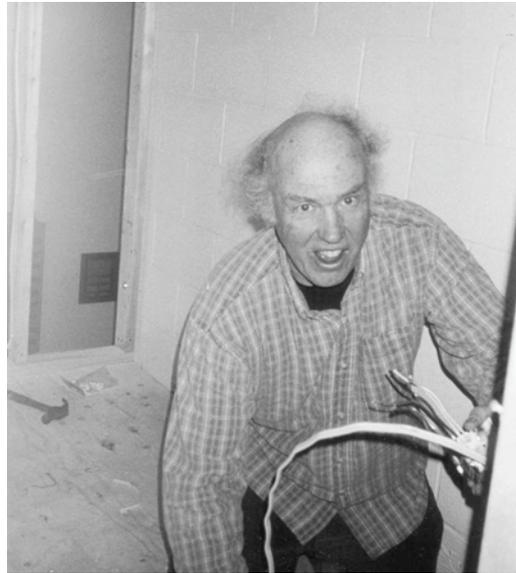
The focal point of the meeting dealt with the Board's recommendation to proceed with a five-year restoration plan for the church building. Using visual aides, John Copeland walked the congregation through a list of repair, restoration and renovation projects that the Board estimates will cost about \$220,000. The largest project involves the restoration of the tower that includes the replacement of approximately four thousand deteriorating bricks, the repointing of the entire tower and the protection of the small circular windows at an estimated cost of \$111,000. The other two major projects involve the repointing and restoration of deteriorating areas on the four walls at an estimated cost of \$70,000 and the repainting of the sanctuary at a cost of about \$25,000. Other smaller projects include the construction of a janitor's closet on the sanctuary level next to the elevator, the replacement of light fixtures in the Sunday School, the replacement of a window in the nursery with one that will open, the repair and modification of the small sanctuary windows and the replacement of the existing caps on the four dormers with concrete caps.

The congregation gave its consent to proceed with the five-year plan. With approximately \$7,500 in the Memorial Renovation Fund at year end, the meeting approved the transfer of an additional \$25,000 from current funds on hand to the Memorial Renovation Fund, thus providing sufficient funding to complete all projects, except the largest three, this year.

**Proposed Five Year Restoration Plan - February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002**

<b>Project</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Funded From:</b>	<b>Preliminary Estimate</b>
1. Paint South/West Entrance (above stairs)	2002	Budget	\$1,000.00
2. Fix ceiling at elevator	2002	Budget	\$250.00
3. Replace light fixtures in Sunday School room	2002 2003	Grant Helm interest	\$630.00 each year \$1,260.00 total
4. Protect 3 more windows on south of Tower	2002	Memorial Renovation Fund	\$500.00 * (approved 2001)
5. Replace a window in nursery so it opens	2002	Memorial Renovation Fund	\$600.00
6. Construct Janitor's closet	2002	Memorial Renovation Fund	\$2,000.00
7. Repair 4 small Sanctuary windows (that open)	2002	Memorial Renovation Fund	\$2,000.00
8. Make 3 small Sanctuary windows so they open & install screens	2002	Memorial Renovation Fund	\$1,380.00
9. Caulk Church Windows	1-5 years	Note*	\$4,000.00
10. Repair South Sanctuary window	1-5 years	Note*	\$6,710.00
11. Replace caps/eaves on 4 dormers of Church	1-5 years	Note*	\$2,000.00
12. Repoint/replace bricks on Tower - (6 windows*)	1-5 years	Note*	\$111,000.00
13. Repoint/replace bricks on North - (window*)	1-5 years	Note*	\$18,000.00
14. Repoint/replace bricks on South - (window*)	1-5 years	Note*	\$18,000.00
15. Repoint/replace bricks on East - (window*)	1-5 years	Note*	\$17,000.00
16. Repoint/replace bricks on West - (window*)	1-5 years	Note*	\$17,000.00
17. Paint Sanctuary	1-5 years	Note*	\$25,000.00

Note\* As per Recommendation #3, to be funded from Memorial Renovation Fund - as funds become available from Possible Sources of Funding.



Don Manary wires up new closet

## **Five-Year Restoration Plan Looks Great Already!**

*October 2002*

By the time you read this, all the scaffolding on the south wall will have been removed and you will be able to see the result of the summer's work!

The brickwork required more extensive repair work than was originally thought. We can report however, that a very thorough job was done. A bad section of the wall above the alcove between the main tower and the main wall – where almost every brick required replacing. Probably little known about (because it was tucked away in the alcove) was a boarded-up window in very poor shape. This has been removed, reinforced and insulated and the area rebuilt with brick. Contrast this alcove now, with the other alcove on the west side of the tower. The main wall has been capped with a substantial stone cap and the back of the wall, which projects above the cedar roof shingles, has been very effectively flashed to prevent moisture from melting winter ice, getting under the shingles or into the brickwork. The round window at the apex of the wall has been restored and painted. The wall below ground level, composed of fieldstone, had many gaps where 100 year-old mortar had fallen away. This has been repaired then was generously parged and coated with waterproofing. Ernie Roberts and his crew have done great work! For those interested in numbers: some 1,000 brick have been used in the repair of the south wall.

The Memorial Renovation Fund is the source of funding for this project. Contributions to the fund will result in the preservation of a building that congregational members who have passed on, must have loved. What a privilege to contribute to the fund, in their honour and memory! Contributions will enable us to tackle another wall next year. Just mark your contribution MRF in the “other” section of your offering envelope.

Thank you!

Your Restoration Committee

## **All Saints Sunday**

Traditionally, All Saints Day is Nov. 1. On the Sunday following this date, Knox Church has been holding a special service since 2002 during regular worship, to honour the 'saints' of our congregation, who have died during the past year. A candle in memory of each deceased person is lit by a family member. With the family, we remember them in the way they shared our lives, and for their contributions to our church. The family member is given a red rose.

“For all the saints, who from their labours rest  
Who Thee, by faith, before the world confessed.  
Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight”

A prayer for All Saints Sunday:

*O holy God, source of all compassion, grant us the gift of remembering, the grace of gratitude for the saints gone before us. Through their witness we have come to know of your forgiving love, and your way of everlasting life in Christ Jesus.*

*Merciful God, we confess the sin of thinking ourselves to be self-made, self-instructed Christians, for we tend to forget the many who have been instrumental in our spiritual formation and in our growth. We confess we have not cherished these saints as we ought, naming and honouring them before you and one another. We forget that if we know faith and courage, someone taught us how to be steadfast in times of trouble. If we are loving and giving, someone loved and gave to us. If we are nourished with the stories of faith, someone taught them to us. And if we are a praying people, someone prayed with us and for us. Help us to be more giving of ourselves and more trusting in one another.*



**Table with roses and candles for “All Saints Sunday”**



**Knox Church Tiverton Alpha Group 2003**

# The *Alpha* Course

## ***The Alpha Program***

Early in 2003 Rev. Wendy Lampman and the Session of Knox Church started to investigate the merit and feasibility of running an "Alpha Course" in our area. Session is weighing the possibility of starting this fall, subject to the involvement of other area churches. Letters have been sent to seven churches in the area asking them if they are interested in joining us in this endeavour. Initial response to telephone inquiries with contact persons was generally positive.

Alpha is an interdenominational Video course on the Christian faith. It is written and billed as an "introduction to the Christian Faith". In fact it has also found much use in the area of "Spiritual growth", or teaching/leading Christians toward greater Spiritual awareness. It begins with a "Celebration" meal that is as nice a meal as the people offering the course can reasonably provide. The concept is to show in material form that we care for the guests and they are important to us. This meal is followed with a video talk, "Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?" Subsequent meetings begin with a meal followed by a video talk and "Small group" discussion time. Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton hosted the program in the inaugural years 2003/2004.

Chalmers Community, Tiverton Baptist, Shiloh Community and Knox Presbyterian churches ran the Alpha program again this fall (2004). The Tiverton Baptist church hosted the program this year. Alpha is a lay-led exploration of the Christian faith. Each Alpha evening began with a meal and a short video, followed by a friendly discussion.

About 20 people attended this year's program. We had some younger families this year so Nursery/Childcare was incorporated. Some of the people in attendance this year did not have ties to any church and were not familiar with Christian teachings. This gave a sense of outreach to the program.

The delicious meals and fellowship over ten weeks created closeness within the small groups. The group discussions gave participants the opportunity to share their Christian beliefs in a non-threatening environment. The interaction of the local churches provided a sense of cooperation and common purpose between Christians of other denominations.

In spite of its success there is some concern that we may not have the support and commitment to continue the program. We plan to meet early in the New Year with representatives of the churches and determine future activities.

As it turns out, Knox did not continue with the Alpha program for the year 2005-2006 in Tiverton. Other area churches did present it for those interested.

## Lay Ministers

On Sunday morning, June 11 2004, two members of the Knox congregation, George Potter and Carolyn Keyes (below), were commissioned as lay ministers by the Rev. Wendy Lampman. They have completed a training course for lay ministers at Calvin Institute. Since that time there have been many opportunities for them to use their training as pulpit supply in various churches, or on a longer term when a church has a vacancy. They are in demand in our own congregation when the minister is away, or during our pulpit vacancy.



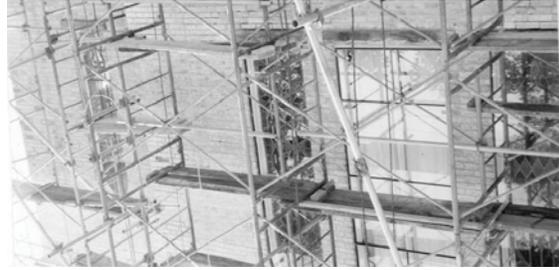
## Sign Dedication 2005

Sunday May 29, 2005 was a special day at Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton. Prior to the service in the sanctuary, the congregation gathered outside where a new sign had been recently erected. Bob Wilson, chairman of the Board of Mangers, presented the sign for dedication. The design and artwork were done by Andy Kruzinski. Norm Dobson, Don Fidler, Ken Hendry, Glenn Lampman, Don Manary and Bob Wilson supplied the labour with special thanks to John Smith for the complete rebuild of the sign. George Potter, Clerk of Session, accepted the sign and the Rev. Wendy Lampman offered a prayer of dedication.



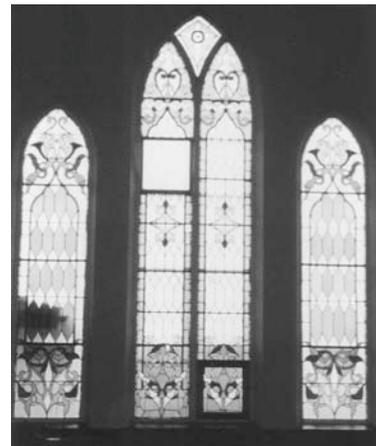
George Potter, Bob Wilson, Rev. Wendy Lampman

### **South window under repair**



**May 25 2005**

In the sanctuary, the restored stained glass windows were rededicated. John Copeland explained that the restoration of the windows was part of the five-year plan of the Restoration Committee and approved by the congregation. Scott McPherson received several quotes, with the contract given to Edward's Glass of London. When the church was built in 1900, the windows were purchased from Hobbs Hardware in London, Ontario. An early catalogue of this company was on display. John introduced Margaret Hughes (right) of London and Inverhuron, whose generosity made the restoration possible. Margaret graciously presented the windows for rededication with these words, "When I learned about this project, I really wanted to be part of it. My grandparents and parents were all members of this congregation, and I consider this my second church home." George Potter accepted this gift on behalf of the congregation and the Rev. Wendy Lampman rededicated the windows with prayer.



Margaret Hughes, Rev. Wendy Lampman,  
George Potter, John Copeland

## Ministers & Missionaries from Knox Church

These are some of the people who have gone into full-time service, spreading the gospel message throughout the world. To them we are grateful, and thank them for their faithful service wherever God led them. But we know there are many others, who have allowed their faith to shape their lives, and have stood for the truth. They have provided leadership and service, wherever they were needed. Our hearts are filled with thanks for their example to us. They have been/are an integral part of Knox church.

Three sons of **Donald & Ann MacArthur**, early pioneers who settled on Lot 1, Con 8, Kincardine Township, entered the ministry.

**George MacArthur**, born 1852. In 1931 he completed 50 yrs in the ministry.

**Dougal MacArthur**, the second son, ministered in Ontario and Saskatchewan

**John MacArthur** emigrated to U.S.A. and entered the ministry. Because of the poverty of the area, there was no money to support a minister, so John was forced to farm.

**Donald Cameron** was born on Lot 20 Con 12 Kincardine twp., the son of Donald and Margaret Cameron. He went to U.S.A.

**James Alexander Anderson**, born 1853, was the son of Rev. John Anderson. He preached at Whitechurch and Goderich

**John Duncan Anderson** was the second son of Rev. John Anderson, and preached mostly in Quebec. He served as hospital chaplain in Montreal, and was deeply interested in missions

**John R. MacLeod**, born in 1848, was the son of Murdock MacLeod, an elder of Knox Church. He taught school before becoming a minister.

**Archibald MacKenzie** was born 1860, the son of Archibald MacKenzie, of Lot D, Con 1, Bruce Twp. He spent time on a mission field in Alberta, and then preached at churches in Ontario

**Robert Sinclair** was the son of Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair. He preached at churches in Alberta, later returning to minister in Ontario. In later years, he returned often to Tiverton as a guest minister

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**Margaret Taylor** is the daughter of Rev. Robert G. MacKay. Although not an ordained minister, she gave many years of service to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, through Ewart College and the Board of Congregational Life, among other areas. In 1983 she was awarded an Honourary Doctor of Divinity degree, becoming the first layperson to be so honoured. Margaret often visited Knox as a summer visitor or guest minister

**Margaret H. Brown**, the daughter of P.J. Brown was born on Lot 6 Con1, Kincardine Twp. She taught school locally. After university she was dedicated in Knox Church, Tiverton as a missionary to China, in 1913, by Rev. K. MacLennan. After her retirement, she worked for the Mission Board in Toronto. The Mission Band of Knox Tiverton that was reorganized in 1950 was named in her honour.

**Allister Wilson** was born on McNab St. Lot 1 Inverhuron. He was the son of Wm. Wilson and the great grandson of W. Wilson who helped build the log church in 1857. He went as a missionary to the Bhil field in India in 1937. After his retirement to Florida, he visited Knox many times to preach and tell of his experiences. The Explorer Group of Knox, reorganized in 1950, was named in his honour.

### Your Mission

There is need of the tiniest candle,  
As well as the garish sun;  
The humblest deed is ennobled  
When it is worthily done;  
You may never be called to brighten  
The darkest region afar;  
So fill for the day, your mission,  
By shining where you are.

## Gallery of Knox Ministers

Rev. Alexander MacKay (1860-1868)

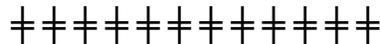
*Died 1904*

*Wife: Name unknown*

The Rev. Alex MacKay was born in Zorra Township in early 1833, the son of Robert and Christena McKay and a brother of Dr. George Leslie McKay, the pioneer missionary of Formosa. He was called as the first Tiverton area Minister on January 3, 1860. The induction took place in South Bruce on April 25, 1860.

The Rev. Mr. McKay had a large territory to cover in his pastoral calls. In the early years these were made on foot along forest trails and very often he spent a night in a settler's log home.

The Rev. Mr. McKay served faithfully for eight years when he accepted a call to Elmira, New York State. He will be remembered as the young pastor who laid the firm foundation for the Tiverton Presbyterian Church, raising the communion roll to 123 by the time he left. Those who knew him held him in very high regard.



Rev. John Anderson (1870-1894)

*Died 1908*

*Wife: Margaret Kennedy*

*Family: 2 sons and 4 daughters*



The Rev. John Anderson was born in Abernethy, Strathspey, Scotland in the year 1823. He came to Canada as a young lad in 1839 and settled near Ottawa. He was called to Tiverton in 1870. He was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1870.

Not long after he began his work in Tiverton, the frame church had to be enlarged. A new manse was also built in 1871 on King St. South.

By 1875, the membership Knox Church had increased to 245. Rev. John Anderson continued his ministry in Tiverton until his retirement in January 1894.

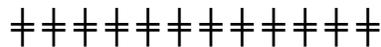
Rev. Anderson's two sons, Rev. James Anderson and Rev. John Anderson, entered into ministry during his pastorate. He had four daughters, one of whom married Dugald MacKenzie of Lot D, concession 1, Bruce Township. When he retired he bought Braeside and lived there until he passed away.

## Gallery of Knox Ministers

Rev. James Steven (1895-1897)

The Rev. James Steven was inducted into Knox Church on January 23 1895 and it is said that he did excellent work. He was very popular among the young people. Steven spoke only English so other pastors came to preach Gaelic services. The use of communion cards was introduced in the congregation, replacing the original tokens.

A building fund was started for the erection of a new church during his time. While he was only at Knox Church Tiverton for two years, the people held him in high esteem.



Rev. Kenneth MacLennan (1897-1914)

*Died 1943*

Wife: Bessie MacLeod

Family: Finlay, Marian and Margaret

Rev. Kenneth MacLennan was born in Harris, Scotland in 1867. He came to Canada in 1885 to study for the ministry. He was called to Tiverton in 1897 and was inducted on December 30.

Rev. MacLennan graduated from McGill University and Presbyterian College, Montreal. He received a degree in theology and was ordained in Kincardine in 1893. Rev. & Mrs. MacLennan spent 4 years in China as missionaries. The brick church was built during his pastorate. In 1898 Mrs. MacLennan organized a Mission Society and was its first president. In 1914, after serving 17 years in Tiverton, Rev. MacLennan accepted a call to Glengarry Presbytery. The people of Tiverton were very sorry to see him go.



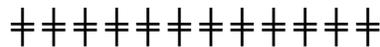
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Rev. James C. Robinson (1915-1921)

*Died 1952*

Rev. Robinson served 6 years as minister of Knox Church. He was born on a farm near Nobleton in 1865.

Rev. Robinson studied at Queen's University and Manitoba College. He was ordained in 1910. It was during his ministry that 'duplex' envelopes were introduced. Up to this time, the minister's stipend was raised by collecting a pledged amount from each member of the congregation. Rev. Robinson is remembered as a faithful and dutiful servant of Christ. He retired from active ministry in 1944 and lived in Belmont until his death.



Rev. N. R. D. Sinclair (1922-1929)

*Died 1963*

Wife: Adeline Shand (died 1967)

Family: John, Dorothy, Robert, Jean, Mary and Donald



Rev. Sinclair was born near Whitby in 1877. He graduated from the University of Toronto and Knox College. He was ordained in 1903 and served in four Ontario charges before coming to Tiverton in 1922. The C.G.I.T. and Tuxis groups were started for young people of the area. He was instrumental in establishing the Continuation School in Tiverton.

He had been president of the Ontario Education Association. The practice of presenting a Bible to each child who memorized the "Shorter Catechism" was adopted in 1925. That same year Church Union took place, but under Rev. Sinclair's tactfulness and guidance, Knox Tiverton remained true to its Presbyterian roots. In 1929 Rev. Sinclair received a call to Allandale. He retired in 1949. In 1940 he received "Doctor of Divinity" title from Knox College. Rev. Sinclair had a lively, friendly family who endeared themselves to all. Two of his sons became ministers.

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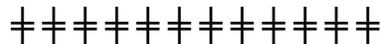
Rev. Angus MacIver, DD (1929-1943)

*Died 1951*

Wives: Harriet Olding, Edith McIntosh Steincamp

Family: Sheila and Catherine

Rev. MacIver came to Tiverton from Port Perry in 1929. Born in the Isle of Lewis, Scotland in 1881, he came to Canada in 1897. He was a fluent Gaelic preacher and was known as an outstanding scholar in languages and theology. Rev. MacIver had studied in Vancouver and Montreal, graduating in theology. He served in Western Canada, where he tutored many students who were studying for the ministry. His first wife was gifted musically, and gave many young people their start in piano playing. She gave freely of her talents to the community and church. In 1947, Rev. MacIver was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity. His ministry in Tiverton was greatly appreciated. He was a true gentleman, a man respected and beloved by all. He received a call to Wyoming in 1943, after serving in Tiverton for 14 years. During those years he was also minister at the church on Concession 10, Kincardine Township.



Rev. Andrew W. J. MacMullen (1944-1947)

Wife: Marie

Family: Paul



Rev. MacMullen came to Knox Tiverton as a young man, having just completed his work on the mission field after his graduation. He was inducted into Knox Church, Tiverton in the summer of 1944. Rev. MacMullen was born in Merrickville and was a graduate of the University of Toronto and Knox College. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Barrie in 1943. Early in his ministry in Tiverton he brought his young bride, Marie, to share the manse. He described the session of Knox Church as good men “who were truly interested in the spiritual side of the church.” He left Tiverton in 1947 to go to Harriston.

## Gallery of Knox Ministers

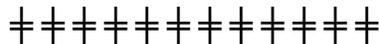
Rev. Robert G. MacKay (1948-1952)

*Died 1958*

Wives: Elizabeth Scott (died 1946), Lulu Marritt

Family: Margaret and Alec

Rev. MacKay was born in Kintore in 1877. He was a teacher in Saskatchewan. In 1898 he entered the University of Toronto to study for the ministry, graduating in theology in 1905. He served in several mission fields and congregations until 1937. He then served 5 years as Protestant Chaplain in the Federal Penitentiary at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Rev. MacKay was called to Knox Tiverton in 1948. He married for a second time, and together they worked tirelessly in the service of God. Youth groups that were disbanded were reorganized and flourished. Music was an important part of worship services, along with Biblical preaching. Both of them were held in the highest regard by everyone in the church and community. In 1949 Knox College conferred on him the honorary degree 'Doctor of Divinity'. Dr. MacKay and his wife retired to Thamesford in 1952. A room known as the MacKay room was dedicated in his honour at Knox College and is a Christian Education Resources room.



Rev. Joseph E. Taylor (1953-1956)

*Died 1997*

Wives: Violet Hancock, Gladys Simkin

Family: Lois and Faye



Rev. Taylor was born in England, and after coming to Canada, he entered the ministry. Details of his education are not available, but possibly at McMaster University and Knox College. Rev. Taylor came to Canada at an early age. He left school at ten to help support his family, and received his education through night school. He entered the ministry and served in several congregations. Desiring to help others, he helped build up a new downtown mission 'Evangel Hall.'

His wife Violet Hancock was a graduate of Toronto Bible College. She died in 1983. Rev. Taylor was inducted into the pastoral charge in Tiverton in 1953. His sermons were described as both 'searching and reaching.' In September 1956, Rev. Taylor was called to Tottenham. He later remarried Gladys Simkin, a friend from Evangel Hall.

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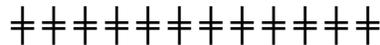
Rev. Roderick H. MacLeod (1957-1960)

*Died 1972*

Wife: Margaret MacKenzie

Family: Sylvia and Catherine

Rev. MacLeod was born in Scotland, coming to Canada in 1936. He graduated from Presbyterian College, Montreal in 1939. He served in churches in Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia before coming to Ontario in 1937. From 1943 to 1945, Rev. MacLeod served as chaplain in the Royal Canadian Navy. Rev. MacLeod was inducted as the minister of Knox Tiverton in 1957 where he ministered until 1960. Plans to build a new manse, adjacent to the church were begun during his ministry.



Rev. Frank Parsons (1961-1965)

Wife: Joan

Family: Mark and Christopher

Rev. Frank Parsons was born in New Zealand, and was educated in the British Isles. He taught school in England and studied theology in Ireland. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister. He served several pastorates and was both a hospital and penitentiary chaplain. He was called to Knox Tiverton in 1961, and was the first minister to occupy the newly built manse. He organized a Married Couples Club that disbanded when he left. Rev. Parsons left Tiverton in 1965, having received a call to Erindale.



## Gallery of Knox Ministers

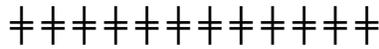
Rev. John Elder (1966-1968)

*Died 1981*

Wife: Lylie

Family: Calvin, Ruth, Sara, Patricia,  
Elizabeth and Dorothy

Rev. Elder was born and educated in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and also studied in Nebraska. He graduated from Omaha Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Rev. and Mrs. Elder were married in Belfast and left for Canada on their wedding trip. He served two charges in Ontario before being designated in 1941 as a missionary to British Guiana, South America where he served until 1960. Mrs. Elder was the treasurer of the Mission Council there. Rev. Elder was inducted early in 1966 as minister of Knox Tiverton. His Irish wit and story telling delighted people of all ages. Rev. Elder left Tiverton in 1968 to go to Belmont.



Rev. John Fortier (1970-1975)

Wife: Shirley MacKay

Family: Andrew, Shelley and Gregory

Rev. Fortier was born at Melbourne, Quebec in 1934. After receiving his high school education, he received his B.A. at Sir George Williams University in Montreal in 1957. He graduated from Presbyterian College Montreal in 1960. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in Quebec in 1960. Rev. Fortier served in several charges before coming to Knox Tiverton in 1970. Both Rev. Fortier and his wife had musical talents that they used freely in the choir and community. Shirley organized an Intermediate choir. Rev. Fortier left in 1975 for

Tyne Valley, P.E.I., and an appointment by the Board of World Mission.



## Gallery of Knox Ministers

Rev. Douglas Black (1976-1990)

Died 1999

Wife: Helen

Family: Jim, Karen, Robbie and Joanne

Rev. Black was born and educated in Toronto. During World War 2 he worked in Goose Bay, Labrador with the RCAF. He was an accountant for the payroll. After the war, he studied theology at Knox College and was ordained in 1957. He served in several Presbyterian Churches in Ontario before coming to Tiverton from Greenbriar in Brantford. He was inducted as minister in Tiverton in 1976. Because of failing health, he took early retirement in 1990 and moved to Brantford. He passed away at age 72. His wife, Helen died in 2007.



Rev. Alex Mitchell (1990-1998)

Wife: Gerry

Family: Sandy, Anne and Ian

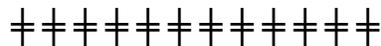
Rev. Mitchell came to Tiverton from Grand Valley, Ontario. He was born in Scotland near Glasgow. Before he became a minister, he spent 2 ½ years as a psychiatric assistant (therapist) at Clark Institute. A friend encouraged him to enter the ministry and recommended him to Knox College. He graduated with a Masters Degree in Divinity and was later ordained. His wife Gerry is a nurse and childbirth assistant (midwife). In 1988, Rev. Mitchell received and accepted a call to St. Timothy's in Ottawa.

## Gallery of Knox Ministers

Bob McCall (1999-2000)

Wife: Shirley

Bob was a schoolteacher and later a superintendent of public schools. He came to us as a lay minister when the pulpit was vacant as a result of Rev. Mitchell's call to Ottawa. During his time at Knox Tiverton, he made an immense contribution to the life and witness of Knox Church. His keen mind and spirit were evident in his eloquent preaching and pastoral care of the congregation.



Rev. Wendy Lampman (2000-2007)

Husband: Glenn

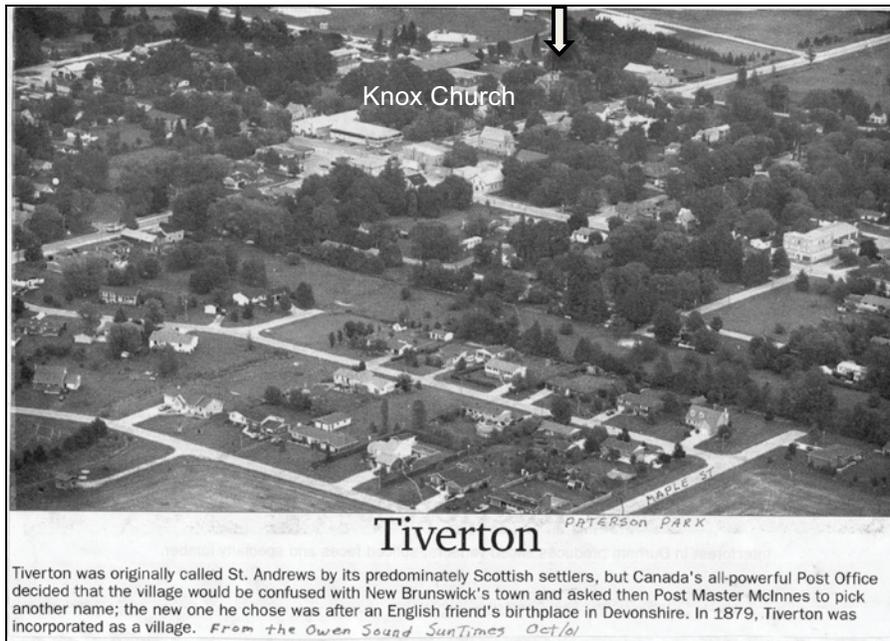
Family: 8 sons



Rev. Wendy was raised in Rhodesia where she started a career as a public school teacher. She came to Canada in 1969 and taught school. Later she entered into the field as a social worker. During this period she felt a call from God to enter the ministry. She entered Knox College, Toronto and obtained a Masters of Divinity degree. She came to Tiverton August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Knox Tiverton was Rev. Wendy's first pastoral charge since her ordination in her home church Kirk-on-the-Hill, Fonthill in June 2000. Previous experience as a student included Stokes Bay, King City and Evangel Hall in Toronto.

Her husband, Glenn, took early retirement in July 2001 and became an integral part of Knox Church and the community, always ready to lend a hand. Rev. Wendy's experience in teaching and social work was an asset. Her willingness to help in time of trouble has been experienced by the whole community. Rev. Wendy received a call from Madoc, Ontario and began her ministry there in January 2008.

## Aerial View of Tiverton 2001



## Manse History

Not really a manse, the home of the first minister, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacKay, was a “lovely, warm, log house”, to quote the words of its later occupants, Mr. and Mrs.



D.A. MacLaren. It was built in 1860 by Hugh MacEwen and stood on lot 2 conc. 1 Bruce Township, near the road, on the farm that belonged to Timothy Allan, first settler in Tiverton (1850). This log house was sold to John A. MacKenzie in 1921. John gave and moved this building to his son for a summer home in Kincardine. It still stands and Allan’s daughter and her husband still live there in the summer.



*2008 views above show original logs and windows. Additions to the front and back were made and a dormer added. The original roof from inside can be seen.*

The second minister, Rev. Anderson and family resided in a house south of the McInnes Block for the first year they were here, 1870. It was at that time a decision was made to build a new manse. In 1870 a committee was appointed by the Church congregation to purchase land to build a manse. The committee consisted of John Thorrington, Dr. Patterson, Finlay Hood, J.P. MacIntyre, Norman McInnes, Angus McCallum, and the property was purchased in November of 1870 from Mr. Charles Wickham.

## Manse History



This was a 50 acre property on King St. South. The house is a two-storey structure with a stone foundation approximately four feet thick with the main house being four tier brick thick (this used to be called a solid brick). Until 1969 the house was adjoined to the barn by a utility room, woodshed and walkway. There also was a 2 seat toilet in this area. This manse housed the ministers and their families until 1948, when it was sold to Albert Roppel. Many weddings were held in the living room of this home. It

is reported that often Mrs. (Rev.) Sinclair provided the wedding meal after the ceremony. After one wedding, when the couple came to leave in their buggy, they found the wheels had been changed on one side. The happy couple drove off with a large wheel on one side and small one on the other. While ministers lived here they kept a cow, a horse and a few hens.

In 1948 the MacKay family, grandchildren of Hector MacKay one of the first elders of this church in 1860, offered their home to the church for \$2,500.00 as they were leaving for Vancouver, B.C. After some discussion, the Board of Managers accepted their offer. In Sept. 1948 Rev. R.G. MacKay was given permission to ask Presbytery to obtain another



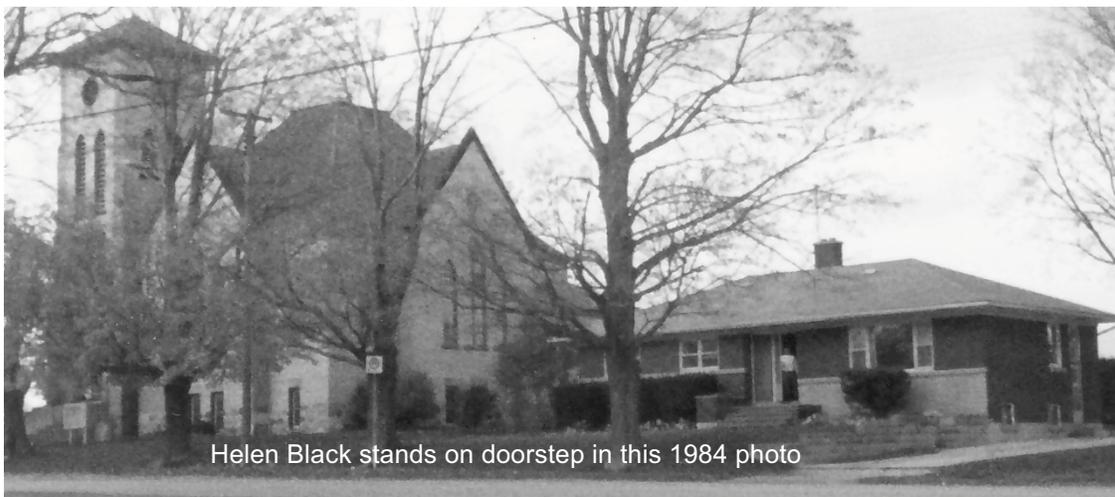
manse and to dispose of the old manse and glebe (*U.K. - a piece of land belonging to a church and lent temporarily to a member of the clergy to provide additional income*). It stands on lot 3 Queen St. East, (now Main St.)



In Feb. 1960 a congregational meeting was held to discuss building a new manse and selling the present one. Vote was almost unanimous to build a new manse. In Mar. 1960, after hearing the report of the manse committee, a motion was made that the congregation build a new manse provided the cost does not exceed \$14,000.00.

This manse was built adjacent to the church, immediately to the east by Burton Urquhart Construction. It is a brick bungalow. The main floor features 3 bedrooms, bath, kitchen, dining and living rooms.

## Manse History



Helen Black stands on doorstep in this 1984 photo



Initially the manse lower level was partially finished, containing a large office for the minister, a laundry, and storage area. Later a large family room was carpeted, and renovated, a second bathroom added and storage closets built.



When the addition was built on the church, the minister's office was moved there, and the manse office converted to a bedroom. Necessary upkeep has kept the manse comfortable and well maintained. New windows, added insulation, a

wood burning stove and chimney are some of the improvements. Outside repairs were made to the retaining wall and driveway. New fences have been erected. A deck on the rear and a walkway to the church were built with the help of Glenn Lampman.

## Focus on Friendship and Fellowship Group

The Focus on Friendship and Fellowship Group was formed in January 1998. The meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the church. The meetings were quite informal. Each month a special feature of interest as well as devotions, sometimes drams, readings and prayer were included.

Some interesting meetings have consisted of household hints, visits to area gardens, memoir writing, videos on decorating, floral crafts, no-sew curtain creations and women of the Bible. We've listened to Mega Memory tapes and had guests demonstrate reflexology, ear candling, pewter plaque construction, crafts, needlework and quilting. Special speakers have also informed us on gardening, travel experiences and specialized nursing.

At the present time, this group no longer meets.

***The Miracle of Friendship***

*There's a miracle called Friendship  
That dwells within your heart  
You do not know how it happens  
Or how it gets its start  
But the happiness it brings you  
Always gives a special lift  
And you realize that Friendship  
Is God's most precious gift.*

*-Author unknown*



Left to right:

Mary Duthie, Mynona Paige, Ruby Brown, Linda Young, Lillian Leggett, Doris Young, Pat Copeland

Left to right:

Linda Young, Lillian Leggett, unknown, Samantha Young, Caroline Young, Mary Lou Mackay, Mynona Paige, Renske Ribbink



Rev. Wendy and June Frost help Doris Young and a couple of unidentified ladies prepare cookie mix.

## **Ladies Aid**

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1888 with more than thirty members. Their purpose was to assist the Board of Managers with church and manse projects as well as some financial support. This work has been faithfully carried out through the years, with many accomplishments reflected in the well maintained manse and church that we have today. It has become the custom for the Ladies' Aid to be responsible for the upkeep of the interior of the manse, while the Board of Managers maintains the exterior. Funds have been raised by tea meetings, travelogues, lunches, dinners, free will offerings and of course, quilting. Regular meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, consisting of a brief worship service, business and quilting. Often additional quilting sessions are held.

Prices have changed over the years. In 1888 a package of needles cost 5 cents; a spool of thread was 4 cents and 6 yards of cotton cost 60 cents. In 1934 they increased the price of quilting to \$2.00 for fine quilts and \$1.50 for ordinary ones. In 1984 they quilted 7 quilts, the price \$40.00 to \$60.00 depending on the size. The price of catered meals was \$6.00 per plate. The ladies organized many congregational garden parties and dinners. They also offered their services in providing lunch after funerals.

The ladies have equipped the kitchen with the necessary dishes, etc. making it a convenient area for themselves and all church groups to prepare meals and snacks. In 1992 it was wonderful for them to have a bright, cheery quilting area, a roomy kitchen with adequate cupboards and sinks. Many projects, particularly meals, require the assistance of the whole congregation. They in turn are grateful for the organizational skills of the Ladies' Aid. These ladies work to the Glory of God by providing many of the material needs of Knox Church.

### ***The Quilters***

They went and plyed their needles  
The wintry afternoon through  
Sewing dainty stitches  
Until the pattern grew.  
It spread across the surface  
Of the quilt bright and gay  
Done just the same-  
As in Grandma's day  
The time passed in chatter  
On Subjects large and small  
While the stitchers kept in time  
To the talk enjoyed by all.  
Then needles are put aside  
With many a thoughtful smile  
As they look their handiwork over  
And pause for a coffee awhile.

Author Unknown

### **Tiverton Knox Ladies' Aid**

*Within the Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, is a group  
Known as the Ladies' Aid, an industrious troop.  
They're mostly famous for their quilting ability,  
And turn out products of excellent quality.  
When I joined this group four years ago  
Edna said, "Don't fret! The ropes we will you show.  
We need new members. It's only a quarter to join.  
And right through our meeting, stitches are still sewn."  
So, down to the quilting's, I did go.  
Soon along came the other Grace in tow.  
We brought our needles and our thimbles  
I never saw before fingers so nimble.  
Mary MacKenzie had patience galore  
As over the seams and linens I tore  
She was our faithful president for 15 years  
And when she passed away, we all shed tears.  
Our dedicated Secretary, Mrs. Surridge  
Coaxed us on and said, "Don't lose courage  
Even if we are a bunch of grey haired gossips  
Our bank account is growing, the proceeds topsits."  
We couldn't manage without Marion MacKay  
Woops, I mean McDonald, all our debts she does pay  
She carries good will between us and the managers  
Keeps them on their toes and shows them good manners.  
We have Margarets numbering two  
You should see the work they go through  
They took our exhibits to the fair  
And we got first prize for our ware.  
We could never be credit takers  
Without our willing dinner makers  
There's Verna, Phyllis and Chris  
Who serve meals that are simply delish!  
One of the ladies who gathers quilts is Lizzie  
Then she says, "Here's another, let's get busy."  
Isabel works quietly around the posts  
She sits on books to give her a boost.  
Our thanks to Laura who comes now and then  
To keep our communion dishes from turning green.  
Only this past year we acquired these members new  
Phyllis, Rev. and Mrs. Black and Helen Pettigrew.  
A faithful worker Norah, has passed on,  
With her quiet humor, many friends she won.  
One who moved away was Mary Roppel.  
Her talents she used in quadruple.  
Another committee takes care of the manse.  
If we can paint or paper, there's our chance.  
The ones who decorated with care  
Alberta, Marion and the Jeans toiled there.*

*Grace (Bruce) MacPherson circa 1977*

**Tiverton Knox Ladies Aid**

Back: Mrs. A. McLeod, Mrs. J. Drummond, Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. J. L. McKenzie, Mrs. C. Gibson, Mrs. J. McKinnon, Jean Carruthers, Grace McKay, Amy Wood, Mrs. G. Munro, Mrs. W. Blakely, Mrs. R. Bradley, Mrs. J. A. McLeary, Mrs. W. Gray.  
Seated: Annie Paterson, Mrs. S. Hutton, Mrs. G. H. McKay, Jean Brown, Lillian McKay, Mrs. R. E. MacKay.  
Front: Ena Henderson, Mrs. W. Gottschalk, Marion McKay.



Circa 1951 at manse at Mr. & Mrs. G. McKay Anniversary



1967

Seated: Margaret Preston, Isabel McIntosh, Nora Semple, Irene Cottrill, Tena SurrIDGE, Pearl MacPherson, Ena Henderson.  
Standing: Nellie MacFarlane, Millie Smith, Mamie McFadyen

Ladies' Aid 1971:

Tena SurrIDGE,  
 Irene Cottrill,  
 Mary (Ivan) MacKenzie,  
 Edna Inkster,  
 Nellie MacFarlane



Back row: Helen Black, Jeannet Campbell, Tena SurrIDGE, Marion MacDonald, Grace (Bruce) McPherson, Grace (Stuart) McPherson, Lizzie McFadyen, Nora Semple.  
Middle Row:

Isabel MacFarlane, Alice Gottschalk, Rae Shipley, Jennie Gibson, Pearl McPherson, Mary MacKenzie, Tena Roppel.  
Front row: Verna Munro, Alberta Smith, Edna Inkster, Jean Dent.

**Tiverton Knox Ladies Aid**



June 1984: L – R: Tena Surridge, Laura Hendry, Jeannet Campbell, Helen Pettigrew, Marg McConnell, Marjorie Evans, Alberta Smith, Donelda MacKinnon, Grace McPherson, Irene Bradley, Tena Roppel, Lillian Mackay



Lizzie McFadyen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday  
L –R Marion MacKay, Tena Roppel, Verna Munro



Ena Henderson presenting a Bible from the Ladies' Aid President Mary MacKenzie in memory of Myrtle (Wm) Helm, Amy Woods and Mrs. Bob Bradley



Left Mary Angeleri  
Right Annie (Puss) Paterson  
Both were long time Ladies' Aid members and both served as President.

**Ladies' Aid 2001**

Back: Velma Hendry, Irene MacKinnon, Grace (Stuart) McPherson, Alberta Smith

Middle: Irene Bradley, Helen Pettigrew, Jean Dent, Donelda MacKinnon

Front: Janet MacKenzie, Grace MacPherson, Margaret McConnell, Mary Leggett



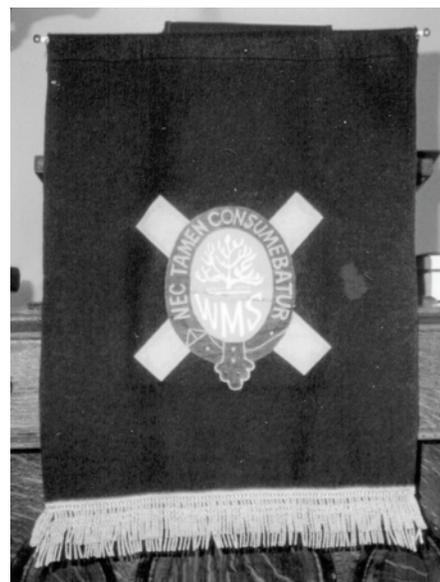
## MacLennan Auxiliary – Women’s Missionary Society



The Women’s Foreign Missionary Society (W. F. M. S.) of Knox Church, Tiverton was organized in May 1898 and held its first meeting in June. The first president was Mrs. (Rev. K) MacLennan (left) and the society was named in her honour. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Ord were vice-presidents, Annie Dewar was secretary and Miss A. McCallum was treasurer. Two associate branches sprang from this one. The Underwood Branch was organized in 1928 at the home of Mrs. Geo. H. MacKay of Con 6 Bruce and continued until 1942. The Sinclair Branch, organized in June 1929, had Mrs. Herb Slade as president and continued until 1940. MacLennan Auxiliary continued to meet regularly with their focus being foreign missions – the Klondike, and the Indians of Northern Ontario. In 1914, all mission groups united to become the Women’s Missionary Society – Western Division. Through the years from 1898 to the present time, there have been

many, tireless faithful members who were ever mindful of the needs of our own area, our province and in later years the world. Mission is everywhere. In addition to the regular members, many of the congregation assist at special meetings and support special projects. Their assistance is invaluable. Regular meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. and feature worship, music, mission and Bible study, business and fellowship and all are welcome. Each year a special area is studied and supported financially, whether it be a local need, a crisis in another country or a social problem such as Aids. Our first financial commitment is the Bruce-Grey Presbyterial, who decides where our mission offerings are most needed. The motto of the W.M.S. is “The World for Christ”. 2008 is the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MacLennan Aux. Will the next years find us as dedicated to mission, as were those women of long ago who began this society and those faithful women who followed in their footsteps?

The Women’s Missionary Society  
Is a community of Christians  
Whose purpose,  
In response to the love of God  
In Jesus Christ,  
Is to encourage one another and  
All the people of the church to  
Be involved in local and world mission  
Through prayer, study, service  
And fellowship.



**Women's Missionary Society**



**MacLennan Auxiliary members of Knox Presbyterian Church and Home Helpers from the 4th of Bruce area. Left to right front: Maggie McNeill, Nellie McClure, Mrs Harry Steincamp, Mrs Allen Nelson, Lottie McKay, Anna Farrell, Rev. Matheson, Mary Campbell, Mildred Farrell, Aggie Campbell, Martha Steinhoff, behind her perhaps Mrs Harry Gibson. The little girl in front Catherine Steinhoff. Back Row: Annie (Dewar) MacKenzie, Winnie MacKenzie, Martha Conway, Mrs Joe McKay, Sarah Steinhoff, Mary (McLean) Surridge, Mrs Angus McDonald, Mrs James Conway, Mrs P.J. Brown, Mary McNeill, Janet Gibson, Mrs Bob McIntosh, Mrs Robert Campbell, Mrs Malcolm McNeill. Picture was taken at Mrs Robert Campbell's home 4th Bruce. CIRCA 1908**



**W.M.S. Inverhuron Park: Back: Nellie MacFarlane, Ruby Brown, Alberta Smith, Lillian (Geo. E.) MacKay, Jessie Avery, Katy Campbell, Lillian Grunder, Hilda Downey, Mary (Ivan) MacKenzie Middle: a guest, Tena Surridge, Donelda MacKinnon, Jean Dent, Isabel MacFarlane, Maggie Begg Front: Margaret Reid, a guest, Bonnie MacKinnon, Debbie Brown, Christena Scott**

**Women's Missionary Society**



Back: Alberta Smith, Joyce Van Dam, Helen Black, Laura Hendry, Margaret Reid, Ruby Brown, Becky Hunter, Annabelle Buchanan

Front: Donelda MacKinnon, Wilma Christy, Katy Campbell, Tena Surridge, Irene Bradley, Marjorie Evans, Carol Bell

**W.M.S 1984**

Back: Margaret Reid, Becky Hunter, Katy Campbell, Laura Hendry, Marjorie Evans Middle: Mary Duthie, Annabelle Buchanan, Tena Surridge, Pearl Fitzsimmons, a guest, Christena Scott, Front: Ruby Brown, Alberta Smith, Donelda MacKinnon



Standing: Becky Hunter, Bill Hunter, Donelda MacKinnon, Alberta Smith, Jean Dent, Janet MacKenzie, Clara McArthur Seated: Joyce Van Dam Ruby Brown, Margaret Reid, Irene Bradley, Margery Ward

## W.M.S Moments



A quilt for Camp Kintail 1995

Back: Laura Hendry, Muriel Stewart, Margaret Reid  
Centre: Jean Dent, Joyce Van Dam, June MacKenzie, Alberta Smith, Donelda MacKinnon, Doris Glover,  
Front: Janet MacKenzie, Gerry Blathway



2004 quilt for Camp Kintail  
Margaret Reid



W.M.S. 2001

Back: Alberta Smith, Donna Williams, Renske Ribbink, Donelda MacKinnon, June MacKenzie, Jean Dent, Velma Hendry, Marjorie Evans, Ruby Brown  
Front: Janet MacKenzie, Rev. Wendy Lampman, Doris Young, Reta Gottschalk, Irene Bradley, Joyce Van Dam

## W.M.S. Moments



Hats & Supplies for Evangel Hall  
June Donelda Donna Ruby



Mission Awareness Sunday  
Pat Copeland Marilyn Wilson



2007

Elyse DeBruyn photo

The Tiverton Knox Presbyterian Church WMS's hosted its annual rummage sale at the church on April 26. From left, WMS members Janet MacKenzie, Donna Williams, Ruby Brown and Pat Copeland peak out from behind some of the clothes up for grabs at the event.



Rummage Sale



Cutting the 100th Anniversary Cake  
Margaret Reid Donelda MacKinnon



*Sun of my soul, Thou Savior dear,  
It is not night if Thou be near;  
O may no earth-born cloud arise  
To hide Thee from thy servant's eyes.  
John Keble (1866)*

## W.M.S. Moments



Rummage Sale 1994  
 Pat Copeland Jean Dent  
 Janet MacKenzie Alberta Smith  
 Donald MacKinnon

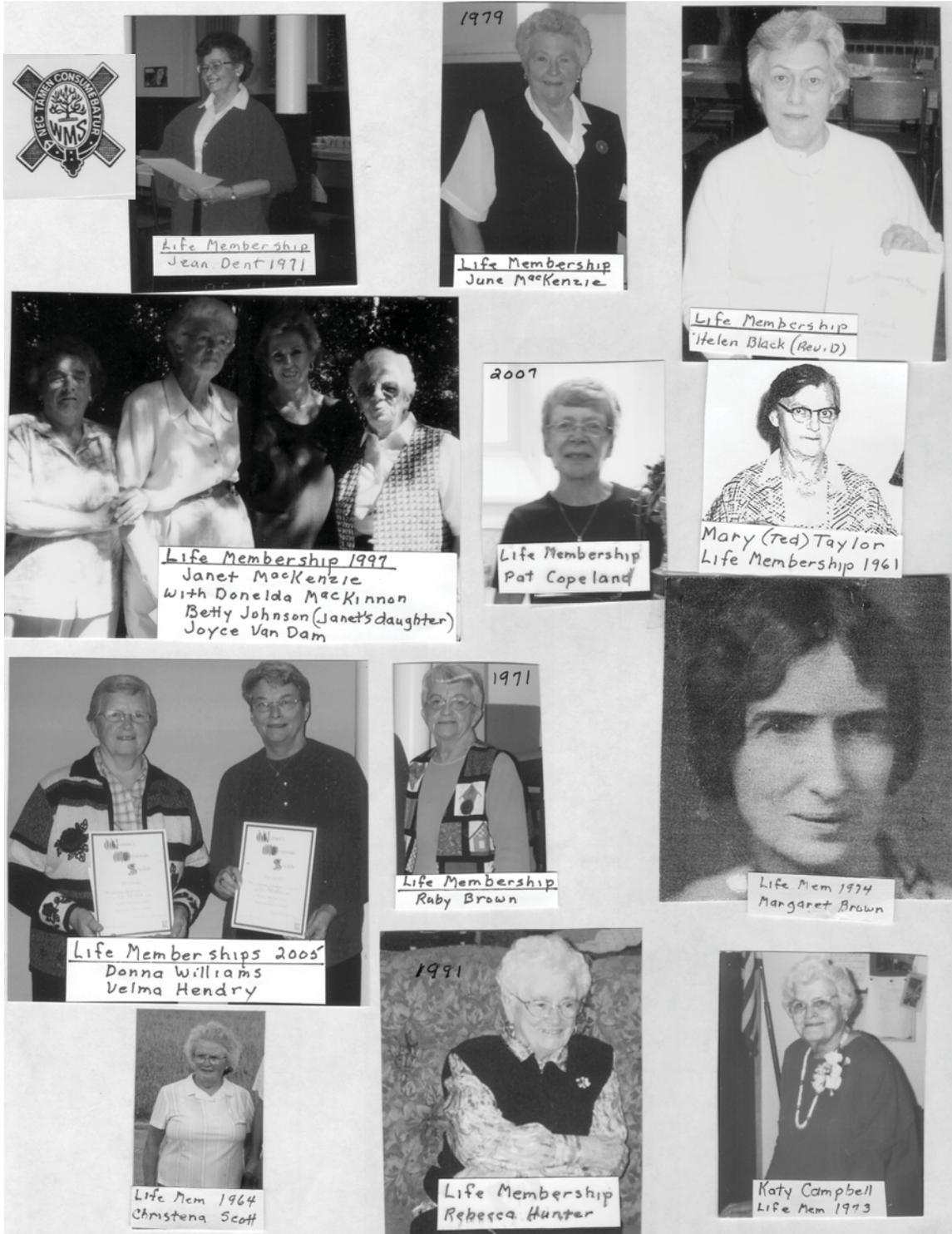
### Rummage Sale

A spring rummage sale will be held in the basement of Knox Church, Tiverton on Apr. 28 from 1 to 8 p.m., and on Apr. 29 from 10 a.m. until noon. Donations of good, clean seasonal clothing and small "white elephant" items may be left at the church on Apr. 25 and Apr. 26. 1994



Delivering Unsold Rummage 1994  
 Gordon Brown Ernie Young  
 Bill Hunter John Smith

## W.M.S Life Memberships



*I know what it is to doubt and question. And I suspect that every Christian who takes the time to think seriously about his faith, does so too.* Clark H. Pinnock

## W.M.S. Honourary Memberships



Honourary Memberships 1975  
Tena Sunridge Mary (Ivan) MacKenzie  
Presented by Irene Cottrill



Honourary Membership 1975  
Shirley (Mrs. Rev.) John Fortier  
Presented by Tena Sunridge



Honourary Membership  
Doreida MacKinnon  
Presented by Donna W.  
and Ruby B. 2000



HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS  
Reta Gottschalk Margaret Reid  
Irene Bradley 1995



Honorary  
Joyce Van Dam  
2008



Honourary Membership  
Marjorie Evans  
Presented by  
Irene Bradley



Lillian Grunder  
Honourary Membership 1982



Honourary Membership  
Alberta Smith 2003  
with Eleanor Crabtree  
Presbyterial President

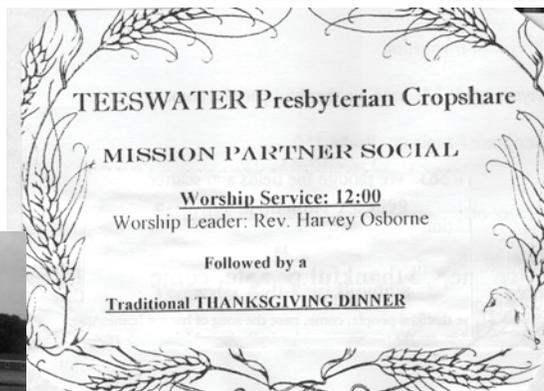
Christ says that not alone in the Church is there forgiveness of sins, but that where two or three are gathered together in His name they shall have the right to promise to each other comfort and the forgiveness of sins. Martin Luther

## W.M.S. Life and \*Honourary Memberships 1906-2008

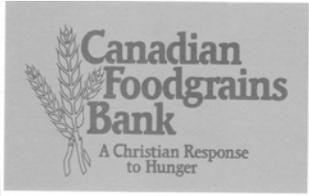
Mrs. (Rev.) K. MacLennan	1906	Mrs. Rev. Frank (Joan) Parsons	1965
Miss Florence Bell	1906	Mrs. Geo. H. (Lil) MacKay	
Mrs. Tooke (Kate) McDonald	1913	*Mrs. John L. (Alberta) Smith	1962
Mrs. P. J. Brown	1908	<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>2003</b>
Mrs. Dugald MacKenzie (Jessie Anderson)	1916	*Mrs. Bruce (Donelda) MacKinnon	1966
Mrs. J. B. Conway	1916	<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>2000</b>
Mrs. John Henderson	1919	*Mrs. Eldred (Margaret) Reid	1967
Nellie (McClure) Lawrence	1922	<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1995</b>
Mrs. Dugald MacKenzie (Annie Dewar)	1924	Miss Bessie McNaughton	1968
Mrs. J. C. MacKenzie	1927	*Mrs. Neil (Lillian) Grunder	1968
Mrs. Neil MacKenzie		<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1982</b>
Mrs. James Ord		Mrs. Cliff (Irene) Cottrill	1969
Mrs. John L. MacKenzie		Miss Nellie MacFarlane	1969
Mrs. Peter Hutton	1946	*Mrs. Allan (Marjorie) Evans	1970
Mrs. Dan McLaren	1950	<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>2007</b>
Mrs. (Rev.) R. G. MacKay	1951	Mrs. Jessie Cairns	1971
Mrs. Wm. Brown	1952	Mrs. Jack (Jessie) MacLeod	1971
Miss Ena Henderson	1953	Mrs. Alan (Jean) Dent	1971
Mrs. Mac (Norman) Todd	1953	Mrs. Gordon E. (Ruby) Brown	1971
Mrs. Gordon (Jean) Brown	1955	Mrs. Alex (Isabel) MacFarlane	1972
Mrs. Gordon (Nonie) Ribey	1954	Mrs. Eldon (Jessie) Avery	1972
*Mrs. Mary (Ivan) MacKenzie	1954	Mrs. George E. (Lillian) MacKay	1973
<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1975</b>	Mrs. Francis (Katy) Campbell	1973
Mrs. James Avis		Miss Margaret H. Brown	1974
Mrs. J. B. Struthers		*Mrs. Rev. John (Shirley) Fortier	
Mrs. Donald Matheson		<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1975</b>
Mrs. Harry (Edith) Steincamp		Mrs. Dugald (June) MacKenzie	1979
Mrs. John MacKinnon	1956	*Mrs. Stuart (Irene) Bradley	1983
Miss Margaret Cameron	1958	<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1995</b>
Mrs. George (Hilda) Downey	1958	Mrs. Wm. (Joyce) Van Dam Sr.	1983
*Mrs. James (Tena) SurrIDGE)	1958	<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1975</b>	Mrs. Hugh (Annabelle) Buchanan	1984
*Mrs. Harold (Laura) Hendry	1958	Mrs. Rev. Douglas (Helen) Black	1989
<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1980</b>	*Mrs. Wilbur (Reta) Gottschalk	1990
Miss Margaret Campbell	1958	<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1995</b>
Mrs. Duncan (Lottie) Cameron	1959	Mrs. Jamison (Rebecca) Hunter	1991
*Mrs. Bert (Maggie) Begg	1960	Mrs. John (Janet) MacKenzie	1997
<b>*Honourary</b>	<b>1976</b>	Mrs. Fred (Donna) Williams	2005
Mrs. Ted (Mary) Taylor	1961	Mrs. Ken (Velma) Hendry	2005
Miss Flo Campbell	1961	Mrs. John (Pat) Copeland	2007
Mrs. Alex MacKenzie	1963		
Mrs. Robert (Christina) Scott	1964		

## Canadian Food Grains Bank *Teeswater Cropshare*

In the fall of 1992, a farmer from a rural Presbyterian congregation in Monkton, Ontario had an idea. His church could rent a parcel of land to grow corn specifically dedicated to feeding the hungry of the world. The harvest would be administered, tilled, planted, maintained and harvested making use of the expertise and resources within the rural congregation. Money to buy seed, fertilizer, insurance and rent could come from other rural and urban congregations. This project would put faith in action. The idea grew and today many Presbyterian congregations have accepted the challenge. Other denominations adopted the idea and are also participating. Harvests of corn, soybeans, barley and wheat are the main crops that are feeding the hungry. This allows Presbyterians World Service and Development to provide food relief through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. In 1995 Knox Church Tiverton Missions Committee invited the congregation to support financially the Teeswater Cropshare project. The month of May was designated as the month when the voluntary donations of money would be received to assist Teeswater. Each year a goal is set, and each year the goal is surpassed by the generosity of Knox congregation and friends. Each year support for this worthy cause has grown. In 1995, \$500.00 was contributed; in 1996 \$1,653.00; in 2002 \$2,961.00; in 2007 \$3,570.00. In most cases the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) matches the funds 4 to 1. A social time, hosted by Teeswater is enjoyed in the summer or fall by supporting congregations.



Lapel pin



# TEESWATER PRESBYTERIAN CROPSHARE

Lending a helping hand to the world



*The person who rows the boat does not have time to rock it.*

*Presbyterian Record*

# TEESWATER PRESBYTERIAN CROPSHARE



*We are faced with magnificent opportunities disguised as impossible situations.*

*Presbyterian Record*

## Men's Group

Early in 2002, some of the men of the congregation met at the manse to formulate plans for a men's group. On Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>, all the men of the congregation were invited to meet in the activity room to partake of coffee and doughnuts and enjoy a time of fellowship. Plans were hatched to have amen's breakfast on the last Sunday of the month at 8 A.M. The men would take turns preparing breakfast. Voluntary price would be \$5.00. Glenn Lampman assumed the role of leaser with George Potter as treasurer. John Smith was "toastmaster" (he made the toast). These men undertook many congregational projects and fundraisers such as yard sales, Easter sunrise breakfast, pie making (this project conscripted the ladies). Surplus funds, after expenses, were donated to the Renovation Fund of the church. The Easter sunrise breakfast, after an early service was particularly enjoyed – eggs, bacon, sausage, hot cross buns, jam, toast etc. In 2007 the average attendance was seven. Breakfasts continued to be sumptuous and enjoyable. Rumour has it that the breakfast discussions were varied, practical and educational. In the latter part of 2007, three members moved away, necessitating the suspension of the men's group.

**LIONS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**  
**START YOUR MORNING OFF WITH**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8Am-10Am**  
**MADE BY KNOX PRES. CHURCH MEN'S**  
**GROUP /FUND RAISER**



Cooking Easter Breakfast

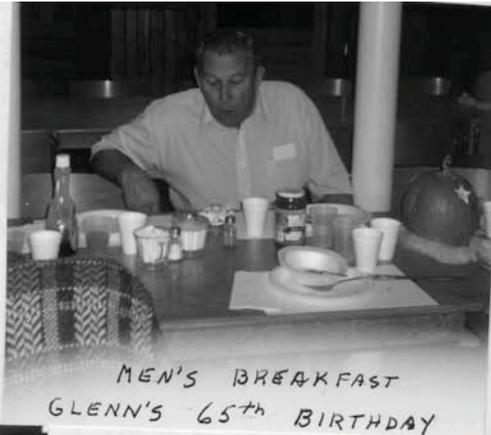
*Because upon the first glad Easter day  
The stone that sealed His tomb was rolled away,  
So, through the deepening shadows of death's night,  
Men see an open door ... beyond it, light.*  
Ida Norton Munson

**Men's Group Activities in Pictures**



*Going to church doesn't make you a Christian; any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.  
Billy Sunday*

## Men's Group Activities in Pictures



*He was the Word that spake it;  
He took the bread and brake it;  
And what that Word did make it  
I do believe, and take it.*

*John Donne (1631)*

## Church Parades



Members of the Tiverton Lodge of Odd Fellows, augmented by visiting members from Kincardine, Ripley, Bervie and Underwood, assembled 65 strong for church parade to Knox Church, Tiverton, on Sunday morning. The front seats in the centre of the auditorium were occupied by eighteen Kincardine Rebekahs. G. E. Harrison, District Deputy for Bruce District was present, as were also two veteran Odd Fellows wearing sixty year jewels, James Begg and Murdoch McNeil. Inasmuch as truth is one of the corner stones of the standards of faith and standards for the Order, Dr. McKay took as his theme, "The search for truth." He pointed out that the search for the truth is the foundation of all substantial progress and of all popular education. 1950

It was customary for local lodges and other groups to parade to Knox Church on a Sunday for worship. In the above picture of the I.O.O.F. lodge returning from worship, the buildings to the left of the men were destroyed in a fire in 1941.

THIS MORNING: We especially welcome the parading members of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 183, Kincardine to our Remembrance Service of Worship. We also welcome our visitors present for this occasion. Following the Service of Worship you are invited to join in the *mn* Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Memorial Park. 1989

On Sunday, June 12, about sixty members of the Masonic Order A.F. and A.M. from North Huron District paraded to Knox Presbyterian Church, where they attended Divine District Service. The minister, Rev. Douglas Black delivered an outstanding message to the visiting members and the congregation. An inspiring solo, "How Great Thou Art" was rendered by Mrs. Marlene Campbell. Flowers were placed in the church in memory of deceased brethren of Bruce Lodge, Tiverton. Mr. Wilfred Campbell of Tiverton is the D.D.G.M. of North Huron District. 6-18-1977

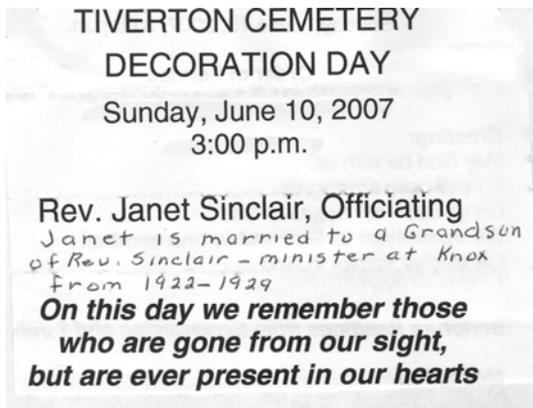


## Inverhuron Pioneer Cemetery

This small plot of land holds the graves of many of the early pioneers of the Inverhuron area. Names on the tombstones are very hard to read in many cases. This cemetery now lies within the boundaries of Inverhuron Provincial Park. In this cemetery you will find graves of many who helped establish the first Presbyterian Church at Sinclair's Corners in 1857.

## Tiverton Cemetery

No early records of Tiverton Cemetery are available, but it is believed that on the northwest side of the hill on King St. N. leading down to 'tannery creek' is the first burial ground of Tiverton's pioneers. The Methodist Church chose this ¼ acre site in 1850, and was also where a small frame building which the Methodists used as their first place of worship was built. In 1872 a second ¼ acre was purchased and in 1913 one acre was bought from Jack Drummond. In 1972 the village purchased the Mawhinney property to the south, severed 3 building lots from it, and added 1 ½ acres to the cemetery. Carl Haug constructed the stone gates, one pillar was later removed and a large stone, on a base, indicated it is Tiverton Cemetery. In the Haug family plot is a stone sundial built by Carl. In this cemetery are buried many members of pioneer families, some famous names of people of earlier days, and many of recent years. Many names we recognize as being faithful diligent workers in the Presbyterian Church as they sought to serve their Lord are recorded here. Their claim to fame – Good and faithful servants to their God, their family and their village. Today we give thanks for and remember those who are gone from our sight and are ever present in our hearts.



# Tiverton Cemetery



TIVERTON CEMETERY DEDICATION SERVICE: The newly formed Tiverton Cemetery Board invites you to a brief service of dedication and commemoration at the cemetery this afternoon at 2:00 P.M..

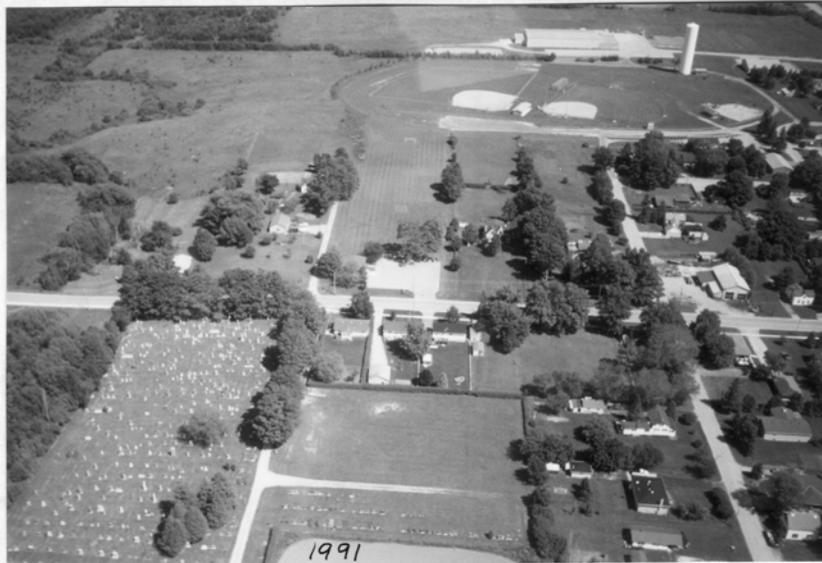
## Dedication and Commemoration Service 1992

A large crowd of interested people gathered at the Tiverton Cemetery at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 9, for a service of dedication and commemoration conducted by the Rev. Alex Mitchell of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton and the Rev. David Williams from Glamis Baptist Church. Accompanying the singing of the hymns was Mr. Frank Bean of Brampton. Also contributing to the service was Piper, Major Watson Morrison of the Kincardine Pipe Band.

At the conclusion of the service, Tiverton Reeve, Dorne Fitzsimmons who is also chairman of the newly formed Cemetery Board expressed hopes that this Memorial Service would become a regular event and explained plans for much needed improvements at the Cemetery. Mrs. Betty MacKinnon, R. R. 3, Tiverton, who has compiled excellent cemetery records was also present to assist people desiring information.



Tiverton Cemetery Board 1992  
 Back-Randy Roppel, John Taylor  
 Dorne Fitzsimmons  
 Front Dianne Toda, Dorenda MacKinnon  
 Betty MacKinnon



## Tiverton Cemetery



Timothy Allen came to this area in 1830. He owned lots 1 & 2 Con. 1 Bruce Twp. From lot 1, he sold a parcel of land for the Presbyterian Church in 1862.



JOHN MATHESON was instrumental in establishing the Presbyterian Church in Tiverton and was a charter member of that church. He was one of the original elders. The gravestone is found in the cemetery in Inverhuron Provincial Park, Ontario. 1790-1866



Rev. Wm. Fraser, a Baptist minister also preached for the Presbyterians and conducted communion, before the Presbyterians had secured a regular minister



Rev. John Anderson was minister at Knox 1870-1894

## Stewardship and Outreach Committee

Early in 1997, the Kirk Session appointed the first ever stewardship committee to assess the financial situation of Knox Church and to make plans for the future. Ernie Young was chairman of the committee assisted by Ken Young and Alberta Smith. In discussing their purpose, the committee concluded that stewardship means more than finances – it involves the whole person including their time and talents as well as treasure. Plans and deliberations were based on that thought. In the following months, it seemed that stewardship also involves outreach. June MacKenzie was named fund raising convenor and during the first year convened a fish dinner and plant sale. Many ideas were implemented that sought to involve more people in worship and church activities. In 2005 Cheryl Cottrill and Wendy Parry replace Ernie and Alberta on the committee. One of their first projects was a 'Buy a Brick' Wall to raise money for church renovations.



Ken Young, Ernie Young  
June MacKenzie, Alberta Smith

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Committee is pleased to report that over \$6,000.00 has been contributed to the "Special Gift Offering". This is an outstanding accomplishment of 57 families – about one-third of the congregation, and we thank them for their dedicated stewardship. The bank loan has been repaid and we are anticipating the repayment of the internal loan when the balance of the families have an opportunity to respond. We give thanks to God for His love and blessings to all of us, as we continue to work together. 1997

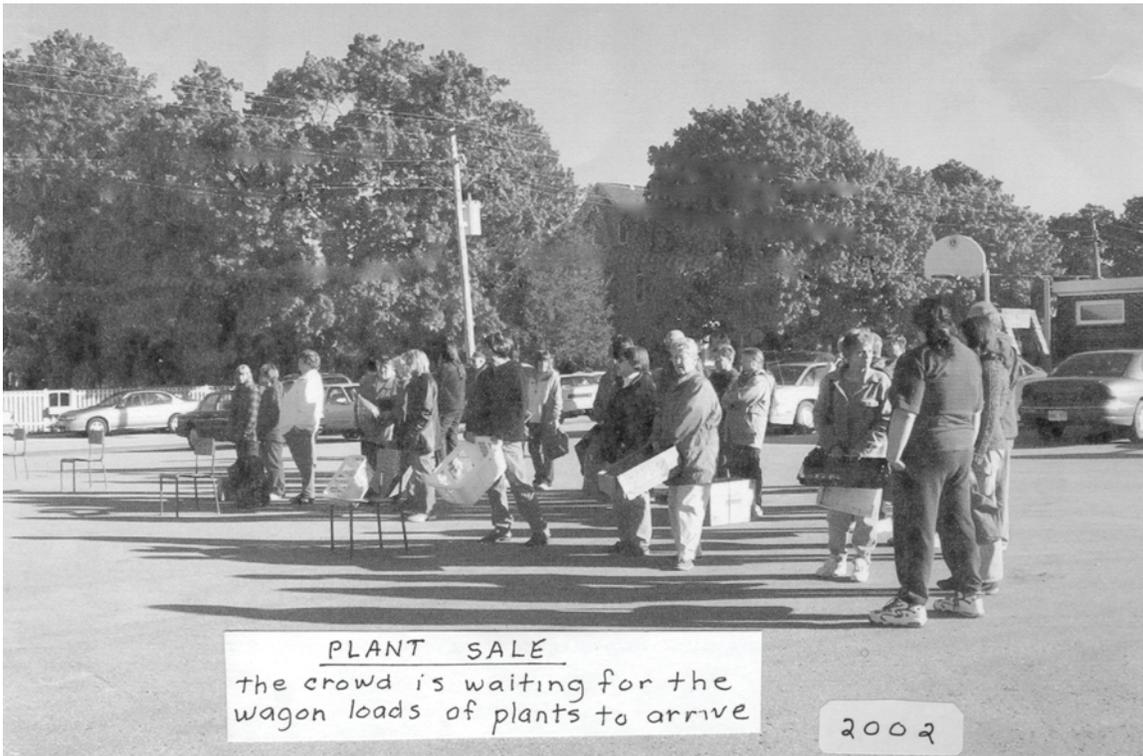
A Seminar on Estate/Planned Giving  
WITH  
**HENDY ANDREWS**  
Planned Giving Officer  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
on Sun. March 14, 1999 at 2.15'  
*Information and answers about*  
*Making A Will, Power of Attorney, Gift Annuities,*  
*Tax Savings, Leaving a Bequest, Gifts of Property and*  
*Gifts of Life Insurance*

## Stewardship and Outreach Committee



You may have noticed on your way into the Church a "brick wall" has been set up in the foyer by the parking lot. The 2005 Stewardship/Congregational Life committee has begun a "Buy a Brick" campaign to help finance the restoration of the bricks on the east wall of the Church. The project will cost approximately \$17,000. You may purchase a brick for \$20.00. Your name will proudly be displayed on an individual brick on the Knox "brick wall." The congregation will be able to watch the building of the wall as donations come in. If you wish to "buy a brick" with a friend, more than one name can be displayed on a brick. To purchase a brick please pick up a form by the wall in the foyer. Simply fill in the form and enclose it in your offertory envelope, along with your donation. Each week the wall will be updated with the names of those who generously purchased a brick the week before. Please offer your support to help restore the Church through this campaign.

*Wendy Parry, Ken Young, June MacKenzie, Cheryl Cottrill & Rev. Wendy*



## Plant Sales



*I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am. John Newton*

## Fish Dinners



Fish Dinner 1998  
June MacKenzie  
Donelda MacKinnan



Donna Williams 2001

TICKET  
PLEASE



Cutting Pies  
Wilma Manory  
Mary Frances Scott



ENJOYING 2004  
Murray Munro, John, Pat Copeland,  
Jean Dent, George & JoAnne Potter  
Jasper & Gladys Munro & others

**FISH DINNER**  
**KNOX CHURCH, TIVERTON**  
**TUES. APRIL 25, 2000**  
**AT 6:00 P.M.**

## Cookie Walks

The Congregational Life Committee is hosting a "cookie walk" Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Church School room. Offered for sale are fancy cookies, squares, Christmas puddings and cakes. It's a chance for people who don't bake or are too busy to bake to get homemade treats that are fresh and delicious. For further information call June MacKenzie (519-368-7347).



Dec. 7/06  
**Knox  
Cookie  
Walk**

*Troy Patterson photos*  
Above: Volunteers Jesse MacKenzie and Amanda Lawrence, both 14, make up a box of goodies for a visitor. Right, Cheryl Cottrill and Paul Bridgeford, both of Tiverton, scoop up some of the goodies that were up for grabs.



*Troy Patterson photo*

The Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton held its first ever Cookie Walk fundraiser on Saturday. The event was a success, raising \$880 for the church's memorial renovation fund. Volunteers Mary Duthie and Janet MacKenzie show off some of the goodies that were scooped up by visitors. Guests were even calling for the recipes after the event they enjoyed it so much.

## **Garden Parties, Teas, Dinners, etc.**

Food and fellowship go hand in hand in Knox Presbyterian Church. Many events do not seem complete until food has been enjoyed, and a time of mingling and neighbourliness experienced.

In the early days of the congregation, when a special Sunday worship service was held, the whole day was spent in worship – morning and evening services with a Gaelic service held in the afternoon. On the Monday following, tea would be served at 6 p.m. followed by a programme. On the first Monday of 1901, following the dedication of the church building, the ladies served a hot supper to everyone.

Garden parties were held as early as 1897 – with proceeds of \$58.00 from the one that year. There are records of garden parties held in the late 1930's and 1940's. Tables were set up on the west lawn of the church. The food was brought to the basement, and handed out through the windows to the waiting servers. When all had been fed, a programme of local talent was enjoyed.

Tea meetings seemed to be a pleasant form of fund raising. In 1889 the Ladies' Aid held a tea meeting that netted \$50.26. From 1921 we read that plans for a tea meeting about the full moon of February were made. It was held and netted \$106.00. Times change – there are seldom evening services, no Gaelic services, and lunches are served Sunday noon following worship.

Many meals for weddings and local group events have been served in the church basement. It was not easy and required the expertise of the ladies. There was no kitchen – just a sink at the door to the furnace room, and the cupboards are that are in the Sunday School room. In that room there was a platform and two wood stoves to work around. A row of screens parallel to the cupboards with tables in front of them left just enough room for the ladies to work. Food was brought in, plates were individually served, on real china, and carried to the tables by willing hands. The food was good, hot and tastefully served. When the furnace was no longer needed, that room was renovated to include cupboards and 3 sinks. Later in 1992, when the addition was built, the kitchen was moved and renovated. Some meals and lunches are still served in the church basement – now called the activity room.

With the air-conditioned community centre just across the parking lot, and large enough to serve many people, most church dinners are served there. In 1983, the first summer smorgasbord supper was served to many who came to enjoy delicious food – salad, turkey, ham, rolls and lots of homemade pies. This yearly supper has continued to be held on the second Tuesday in July. A hot turkey supper is also held annually – this one on the first Tuesday in November.

Whether members of the congregation are serving coffee, lemonade, lunches or dinners, a spirit of cooperation and friendliness is evident. Everyone is needed and is willing to help, cheerfully and capable, wherever there is need.

*A young girl was heard to confidently proclaim to her brothers, "God hangs fruit on trees so it won't get dirty!"*

## Church Suppers



The night before

All ready to go!



Going!



## Church Suppers



Buelah Munro  
cutting Pies



WMS POTLUCK SUPPER 2004

L-R Margaret McConnell

- Linda Young
- Mary Young
- Isabel Colombe ?
- Lois Kelly ?
- Donelda MacKinnon ?
- Barbara MacKenzie
- Carolyn Hamilton
- Jean Collins
- Doris Young



MISSION STUDY  
DINNER

1996

- Annie Krepenhoffer
- ? Irene MacKinnon
- Velma Hendry
- Darlene Lamont Stevens

*Bulletin miscue: The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm - prayer and medication to follow.*

## Lunches



## Lunches



1994



Don Manary  
Ian Mitchell



2004

A Clean-up Crew



2003

Janet MacKenzie  
Cheryl-Verna's daughter  
Verna Munro



W.M.S. Lunch 2000  
L-R Jean Dent, Marjorie Evans, Ruby Brown, June MacKenzie,  
Janet MacKenzie, Margery Ward, Donelda MacKinnon,  
Irene Bradley, Reta Gottschalk

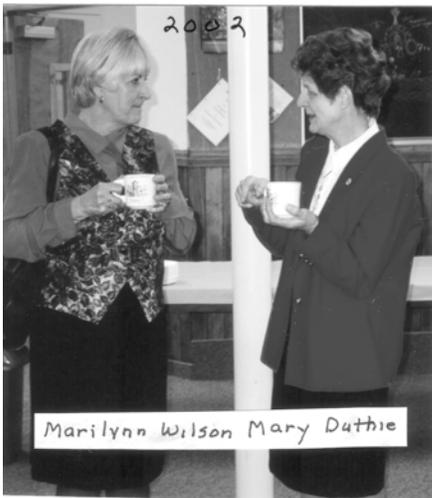
## Coffee Hour



JoAnne Potter Jean Dent



Joyce VanDam Betty Mitchell Alberta Smith  
Donelda MacKinnon 2001



2002

Marilynn Wilson Mary Duthie



2002

COFFEE HOUR

Doris Young Donna Williams June MacKenzie



Coffee Time 1992

Joanne & George Potter  
Laura Hendry



Jean Dent Velma Hendry Doris Young

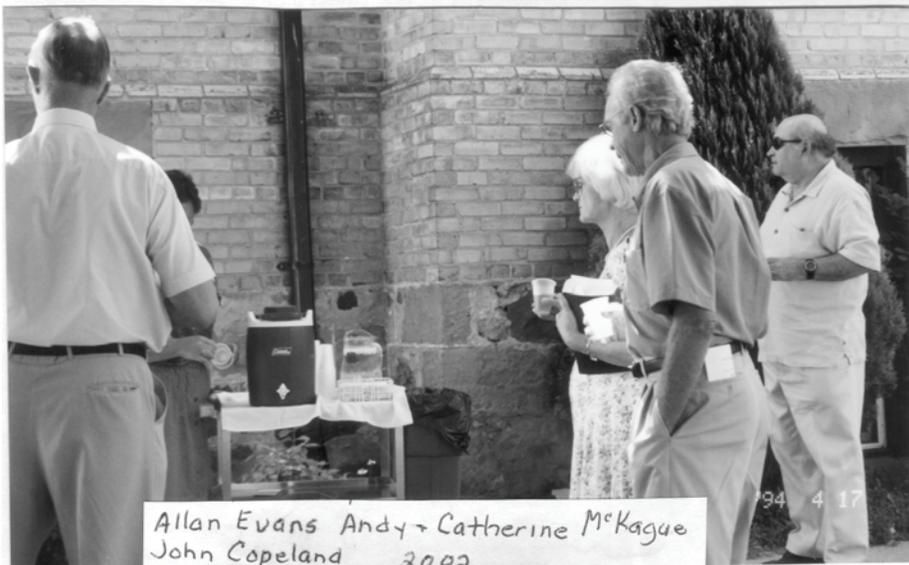
## Lemonade on the Lawn



2006 left to right  
Brittany Quipp, Marlene  
Parry, Wendy Parry, Ian  
Mitchell, Lillian Leggett,  
Jordan Quipp



Ian Mitchell, Lillian Leggett, Jordan Quipp, Wendy Parry



# Winterfest



Winterfest

Winterfest Choir: Donna Williams, Ted Stewart, Eleanor Roppel  
 Front: Doris Young, Donelda MacKinnon, Jennifer, Nicole MacKay  
 Organist: Helen MacKenzie



Heather Hunter and Alison Lawrence heap Andrew Wright's bowl at a special luncheon hosted by Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton on Sunday in conjunction with Winterfest celebrations. 2002



## Winterfest



INFORMAL CHURCH SERVICE  
Time: 10:30 a.m. 2004  
Location: Knox Presbyterian Church  
Event Contact: Wendy Lampman, 368-7235  
Lunch served after the service with a free will offering.



CHILI & PIE SUPPER 2004  
Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Location: Tiverton Community Centre  
Fee: \$7.00



## EVANGEL HALL

On November 16 2006, 13 members of our congregation visited Evangel Hall to see our mission dollars at work. This is a Presbyterian inner-city mission that is supported by the W.M.S, the Outreach Fund and many individuals of Knox Church Tiverton. Evangel Hall is located in downtown Toronto and ministers to those less fortunate members of society – to those living on the streets, or to anyone that needs help of any kind. The Session and the W.M.S. organized the trip with the entire congregation invited to accompany them.

For 93 years, Evangel Hall operated from an old building on Queen St., but in February 2006 a new building was dedicated on Adelaide St., where they are continually expanding their programme.

When we arrived at 11 A.M. we were welcomed by the doorman and entered the drop-in centre where people, mostly men, were enjoying some food, fellowship and shelter from the pouring rain outside. Nurses were on hand to give out flu shots to all who came in. We saw a sign that said, "Sorry, no razors or toothbrushes available today." We were glad that among the many bags of warm clothes we took to them, there were two large carry-on bags packed with special needed items, plus many other hygiene articles.

We were taken on a tour of the six-storey building to the chapel, kitchen, thrift shop, etc. and to the 84 apartments (rent-geared-to-income) that accommodate 130 people.

Evangel Hall works in partnership with other social agencies to meet the needs of these people. We were amazed at the range of help offered, which included the building, food, fellowship, money counseling, spiritual programmes and the list goes on. The loving atmosphere in the building and the caring dedication of the staff was very evident.

Our congregation supports Evangel Hall, but in leaving this place, we were very humble and, thinking of what we had witnessed and what was being done, we realized our help was very minimal. We give money, but they give of themselves; however, what we give helps them help others. Our mission dollars are definitely at work at Evangel Hall.

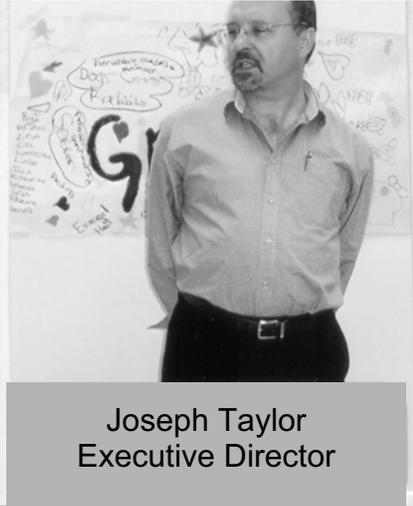


Left to right: Gordon Brown, Ruby Brown, Jean Dent, Lillian Leggett, Glenn Lampman, Donelda MacKinnon, Rev. Wendy Lampman, Ernie Young, Pat Copeland, Doris Young, Alberta Smith, John Smith, John Copeland

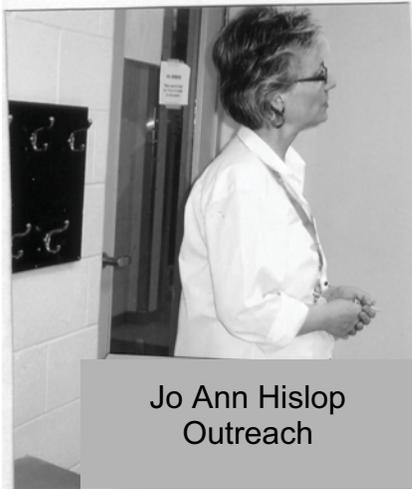
# Evangel Hall



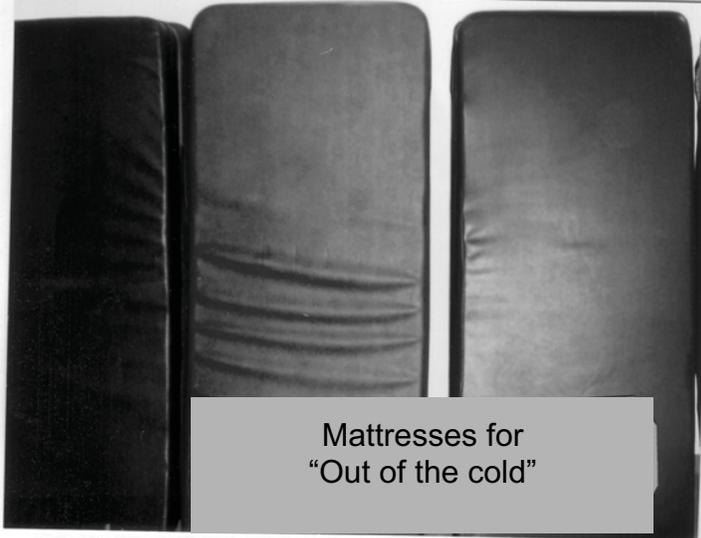
Drop-In-Centre



Joseph Taylor  
Executive Director



Jo Ann Hislop  
Outreach



Mattresses for  
"Out of the cold"



Chapel



The doorman

## Walk of Memories

The Walk of Memories is a quiet, beautiful corner of Tiverton where one can go to sit quietly, observe the beauties of nature, meditate and remember loved ones. It is a joint project of Tiverton Lion's Club and the Municipality of Kincardine. It was dedicated in October 2001, with the tree theme in evidence in the prayers by Rev. Wendy Lampman of Knox Church. Speeches reminded us that trees represent new life, strength, longevity and remembrance. The Walk of Memories is a work in progress. New benches, a waterfall, additional trees, lighting, flowers, gazebo, walkway and plaques indicating the names of those remembered have been added. Among those names are individuals who have been part of Knox Church, Tiverton, honoured by their family and remembered by all of us. In November 2002, Knox Presbyterian Church purchased a tree in loving memory of all who had been part of the Presbyterian Church in Tiverton and who are no longer with us. The dedication reads, "This tree symbolizes that the loved ones who have been part of our lives will never be forgotten. May this tree be a symbol of faith to all who are living, that how we live is as important as how we are remembered."



## Walk of Memories



## Church Library

In January 2004 a church library was established using the shelves in the meeting room in the basement. Space is limited and only books, etc. of a religious or moral nature are needed. We are fortunate to have an excellent public library in the village, but it was felt we needed to supplement the reading material with more books of this kind. Donations of non-fiction, fiction, children's and adult books or videos will be welcomed. Borrowing will be on the honour system. A register will be provided where the borrower will list the title(s) of the book(s), date borrowed and date returned. Mary Campbell stocked the shelves to begin and Dianne Currier is her successor.



## Canadian Bible Society



The Canadian Bible Society has been in existence for over 150 years. From the 35<sup>th</sup> report of the Upper Canada Bible Society in 1875, we read of a visit to Tiverton Presbyterian Church:

*THE REV. E. BARRASS. ---"In my second journey I spent a Sabbath at Tiverton, the recollection of which will always afford me unmingled pleasure. I preached twice and visited two Sabbath schools, one of which was attended by the largest number of young persons and adults I have ever remembered to have seen at any Sabbath school. At the time of my visits the roads were in the most wretched state. I regret to state that, owing to the severity of the weather, which prevented all sorts of conveyances being of any use, I could only reach some of the places, but I wrote to some of the officers of those branches immediately which I could not visit, desiring them to forward their accounts to Toronto. I have to again speak of the uniform kindness of the ministers and friends generally, especially those who entertained me while I was storm-stayed. . . . My five years of agency have greatly increased the circle of my acquaintances, besides leading me to become more attached to those who do not belong to the section of the Church with which I am associated. I shall always take pleasure in aiding the Society all in my power, and believe that more strenuous efforts should be made, by all denominations, to support the Society, which aims to give a copy of the Word of God to every man, woman and child in the world.*

Knox Church has always supported the Canadian Bible Society – as a congregation and individually. For many years, the community Good Friday service saw the Baptist and Presbyterian congregations at worship together. The offering from these services usually were sent to assist the Bible Society.

Marion MacKay, Sec-Treas of our Tiverton and area Bible Society, reports have mailed \$277.15 in donations. Our 'Thanks' to all who contributed to this worthy cause. 1974

## Church Newsletter



Hi! Welcome to the first issue of the Newsletter for and about Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton. The Board of Manager's thought it would be of interest to the members to have a newsletter with the news from the past months and upcoming events listed. It will be a better way for you to stay in touch with all that is happening within our church. It will be delivered along with your Communicants card by your elder. Editor - Mary Hutt

Mary Hutt continued this newsletter for several years in the 1990's as she reported on activities at Knox Church.

In 2000, the stewardship committee revived the idea of a church newsletter as a means of keeping the congregation aware of

activities and meetings of Knox Church, and informing all of upcoming services and events. Ted Stewart agreed to be the editor.

When Ted moved to Kincardine Marilyne Wilson succeeded Ted as editor. Marie Wilson in turn succeeded Marilyne.



## Memorial Vigil for September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001

A memorial service was held at 5 P.M. on Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> in Knox Presbyterian Church Tiverton to honour and remember the thousands of victims of the horrifying attacks in New York City, Washington and Pennsylvania on Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. In an emotion filled service conducted by the Rev. Wendy Lampman, six members of the congregation lit candles of peace and hope, in memory of the children, youth, women, men, plane victims and rescue workers lost trying to save others. A flower-laden memorial cross stood at the front of the sanctuary. During the singing of the closing hymn, "Abide With me"; the flame of the candle of peace and hope was used to light the candles of those in the congregation. At the conclusion of the service, all departed in silence. Ed Roberts of Tiverton designed a memorial plaque that was sent to the mayor of New York City. All the community was encouraged to sign the plaque. A book of condolences from the Municipality was forwarded to the American Embassy in Ottawa. Many members donated blood at a special clinic, and many who gave, did so to assist their American neighbours. The generosity and willingness of the local people to assist their American friends in time of need signifies the inherent good in people to help in time of tragedy. The memory of the 24 Canadians killed on that tragic day will remain in the hearts of Canadians forever.

*Memorial Vigil*  
*Knox Presbyterian Church,*  
*Tiverton*



## Congregational Church



For many years a little white church stood at the corner of Concession 11 and sideroad 15 of Kincardine Township on land donated for this purpose by Donald Lamont. In 1856, Scottish pioneers who desired to have a place of worship built a log church. The log church was replaced in 1876 by a white frame building.

In the early 1900's, this church withdrew from the Congregational Union and ministers from the Presbyterian Churches in Glamis and Tiverton conducted services, with church school held on Sunday afternoons from spring until fall. The last three ministers to serve the congregation were the Rev. Peter Reith from Glamis, the Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair and the Rev. Angus MacIver, both from Tiverton. The church closed in 1943 because of diminishing population and the increase in the ease of travel. The last use of the church was for the funeral of Miss Alice Gardner, a maiden lady of the area. In the late 1940's the church building was sold to George Dixon who used the material to build a home in Kincardine.



When the church closed, many of the people chose Knox Tiverton as their church home. Many memories came with them. Some remembered that Rev. Reith always had peppermints in his pocket for the kids. What a disappointment when Rev. Sinclair came and no peppermints. He soon remedied that! When Rev. MacLennan was minister, he was paid \$4.00 per Sunday with no services in bad weather. Learning Bible verses was top priority for Sunday School children. There was Mission Society and a Christian Endeavour group. Spittoons were placed at the ends of the seats where needed. Young boys of the area who lit the fires each Sunday were paid 25¢. At Sunday School picnic time, a farmer with a truck would go up and down the 10<sup>th</sup> to collect people. Not everyone had a car in those early days. The manse was situated across the road and east of the church.



On the afternoon of June 2, 2001, under rain threatening skies, about 50 people who had connections with this church gathered to dedicate a plaque provided by the Kincardine Historical Society to commemorate the existence and place of this church in local history. The Rev. Wendy Lampman of Knox Church, Tiverton, conducted a service of remembrance, paying tribute to the vision and faith of Scottish pioneers who built the church and the memories deep in the hearts of those who worshipped there. As the service concluded and raindrops began to fall, the group moved to Knox Tiverton for a time of food, fellowship and exchange of memories.

Back: Eva Begg, Jean Campbell, Stuart McPherson, Bruce McPherson, Shirley Thompson, Bob MacKinnon.  
Middle: Isabelle Berardini, Effie Davey, Katherine MacKinnon, Clara Gilcrest, Marg McPherson.  
Front: Catherine Ruetz, Jessie MacKinnon, Eleanor Scott, Alberta Smith.



## **Tiverton Cenotaph Dedication**

On August 6 1989, a new cenotaph at the corner of Queen St. (*now Main St.*) and James St. (*now Memorial Park Drive*) was dedicated by the minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Rev. Douglas Black, in an impressive ceremony. Efforts of the Tiverton Lion's Club assisted by the Kincardine Branch 183 of the Royal Canadian Legion made this construction possible. This cenotaph commemorates veterans from the village and surrounding area who gave their lives during war years. Each year on November 11<sup>th</sup> area residents gather in front of the cenotaph in solemn remembrance of those who paid the supreme sacrifice. Wreaths are laid in front of the cenotaph by area organizations, as they remember loved ones who are no longer with them and pay tribute to all who have fallen. Prayers for peace in the world are offered and silently affirmed in the hearts of everyone present. Poppies are deposited on a white cross, as the crowd quietly disperses.

*Sunday, Aug. 6, 1989*

### DEDICATION OF TIVERTON & DISTRICT CENOTAPH

O Canada - led by Tiverton and District Community Singers

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise.  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

HYMN - God Our Help in Ages Past - led by Tiverton and District Community Singers

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.	Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
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Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure: Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.	O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home. Amen.
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SCRIPTURE READING - Rev. D. Black  
ADDRESS - Lion President Frank Mahaffy  
UNVEILING - Lions and Legion members  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION - Rev. D. Black  
LAST POST - Don Stone  
THE SILENCE ( 1 minute)  
REVEILLE - Don Stone

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE - Rev. D. Black

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

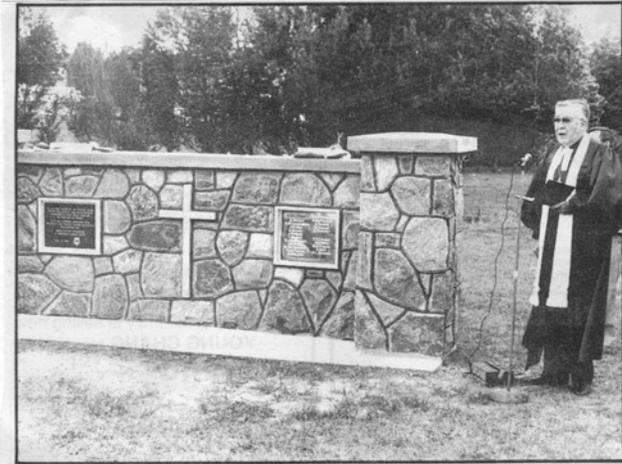
Response: "We will remember them."

PLACING OF WREATH - Tiverton & District Lions Club

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN - led by Tiverton and District Community Singers  
God save our gracious Queen  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen:  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us;  
God save the Queen.

BENEDICTION - Rev. D. Black

## **Tiverton Cenotaph Dedication**



Rev. Douglas Black led the dedication service of the new Cenotaph in Tiverton, Sunday. The Cenotaph commemorates veterans from the village and area who gave their lives in the two World Wars.



Frank Mahaffey, Tiverton Lions Club president, joined Rev. Douglas Black and the Tiverton and District Community Singers at the dedication of Tiverton's new Cenotaph. Efforts by the Lions and the Legion made the Cenotaph construction possible.



The dedication of the Tiverton cenotaph was a solemn occasion. Here, members of the Kincardine Legion colour party and Rev. Douglas Black [far right] pay their respects to those lost in two world wars.



## LEST WE FORGET

### Dedicated to the memory

Dedicated to the memory of those who served so valiantly and gave their lives in the service of their country.

#### In Memoriam

Albert Ahmad  
Bert Con  
John G. Giles  
George Knight  
George MacPherson  
Harvey MacArthur  
John McAfee  
Alex Russell

Ernest H. Cunningham  
John Finlayson  
Thomas Hughes  
Martin McFadyen  
Neil MacKinnon  
William McCormack  
Wendel Russell  
Cecil Scott

#### Roll of Honour World War I

L.A. Carter  
Albert Groves  
Wesley Haug  
Stuart MacPherson  
Hugh MacNaughton  
Walter McLaren  
William Russell  
James Thomson

#### World War II

Francis Cooper  
Ralph Schnittker  
Sherman Ferris  
Earl Reid

Space does not permit us to list the names of others who served and returned. Ferris Branch No. 430 Canadian Legion was formed in Tiverton in 1946 and named in memory of Sherman Ferris.

### LEST WE FORGET

It is fitting that we should pay tribute to those members of our congregation who have served in World Wars I and II. For their great efforts to make it possible for us at home to worship in freedom, we say a heartfelt "Thank you."

#### WORLD WAR I

George Wm. Campbell  
Donald W. Cameron  
George Hughes  
Bert S. Thomas  
Nurse, Maria Gilchrist  
John Farrell  
Wm. Newman  
Gordon Church  
Chas. Cecil Fox  
Neil MacKinnon  
Neil MacDonald  
Findlay MacLennan  
Thomas Hughes  
Archie McClure  
Neil Grunder  
Walter MacLaren  
Wm. McKellar  
John MacKinnon  
George MacPherson  
Archie Mathieson  
Sterling McGregor M.D.  
Earl R. Nice  
Albert Preston  
Wm. M. MacDonald  
Oliver Wright  
Angus Norman  
Gordon Clare Walker  
John Sinclair  
Percy Arthur Barnes  
George Duncan MacArthur  
George Phillips  
Wm. John Patterson  
M. Bert McClure  
Norman John MacDonald  
Clare Kean  
Wm. Dobbs  
Murdoch Matheson  
Donald B. McDonald  
Murdoch MacDonald  
Wm. Jacob Grunder  
Fred Sturgeon  
Andrew Murdoch

*Donald B. McDonald*

Whatever part each played  
The great, the small  
We do them honour and  
remember all.

#### WORLD WAR II

L. A. W. Noreine Campbell  
N. S. Jean MacKenzie  
Alex MacKay  
Walter Norman  
Elmer Shewfelt  
Clarence Urquhart  
John MacDonald  
Norval Catto  
Donald Munro  
John A. Begg  
Morris McNeill, D.S.  
Gordon Shewfelt  
John L. Smith  
Lloyd Gottschalk  
A. J. MacKenzie  
Neil MacLeod  
Stuart MacDonald  
Norman MacIntosh  
Donald Johnston  
Neil MacPherson  
Elmer Smith  
Kenneth Scott  
John Corbet D.S.  
Wm. Scott  
David Dickson  
John Bell  
George Begg  
Gilvray McLean  
James Surridge  
John Johnston  
Wallace Campbell  
Gordon Bell  
James Inskter  
Albert Shewfelt  
Wilbert Shewfelt  
Richard Webster  
Russell Avis  
Clarence McNaughton  
Louis Shrider  
Clifford Munro  
Alex Shrider  
Reginald Smith  
Fred Smith  
Lloyd Smith  
Stanley Schwass  
Donald J. MacDonald  
Hugh MacKinnon  
Bruce MacDonald  
Wm. Carter  
Anderson MacDonald  
Malcolm Sinclair

160th Platoon W.W.I



160TH Platoon in front of Tiverton Town Hall. Left to right front row: 1. Clare Kean 2. 3. 4. Donald Cameron, 5. D.A. McDougall, 6. Billie (Pug) Paterson, 7. George MacPherson. 2ND Row: 1. Wes Haug, 2. Jack Sinclair, 3. Mac McDonald, 4. Bert McClure, 5. Angus Norman, 6. Archie Matheson, 7. Charlie Symons. 3RD Row 1. MacKinnon, 2. Jack Brown, 3. Parsons, 4. 5. 6. 7. Lieut. McCracken, 8. 9. Bert Preston, 10. Clare Walker. 4TH row: 1. George MacArthur, 2. Herb Inskter, 3. Wes Smith, 4. Archie Matheson, 5. Jim Thomson, 6. Bill Dobson, 7. Donald Cameron, 8. Jack Thomson, 9. Mac McDonald, 10. 11. 12. Nelson. BACK Row 1. Albert Abbs, 2. 3. Bill Campbell, 4. 5. 6. Sandy Robinson, 7. 8. Bill Robinson, 9. 10. Walter MacKenzie, 11. 12. 13. Some not named are Bill Stout, John Finlayson, Doug McKay, Percy Barnes, Torrence MacLennan, Kitchen, Spoule, Bob Nuttal, Neil Carlton, Jack Brown, Captain McKay, Mac McDonald, Norman McDonald.

## Doors Open Ontario and Christmas Tour of Homes

Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton has participated in these two area events.

Doors Open raises awareness within the community of heritage homes, buildings etc. It shines a spotlight on the role historic buildings play in building a community and encourages us to maintain them. When people visit Knox Church, members of the congregation and minister are on hand to guide through the building, point out interesting areas and tell, through work and posters, the history of the building. Often the guides are dressed in period costumes.

The Christmas tour of homes is usually held in late November. People have lovingly decorated their homes for Christmas with unique ideas and decorations. Knox is the oldest church in Tiverton. The sanctuary is dressed for Christmas with traditional and natural decorations with subdued lighting. Refreshments are offered at the close of the tour featuring home made goodies. The first manse built by the Presbyterians was also featured on the tour. The homeowners related its history as they guided you through rooms beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

## Doors Open Ontario 2005

Discover Ontario's Heritage

### "Doors Open" Heritage Tour

Knox Church, Tiverton was one of the heritage buildings on the "Doors Open" fall tour. On Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon church members dressed in period clothes, acted as greeters and guides for those who came to see our beautiful church. Although the attendance was a little disappointing, those who did come were keenly interested – asking lots of questions and taking pictures. The display of old pictures, Bibles, dishes etc. attracted much attention. Thank you to all who helped in any way with our first heritage building tour.

### 75 Main Street

The oldest church in Tiverton, **Knox Presbyterian Church**, has opened its doors to the tour again this year. Its splendid sanctuary, with magnificent woodwork, is dressed for Christmas with traditional and natural decorations. Please feel free to enjoy refreshments, made by volunteers and members of the church, and the Kids' Craft Corner in the lower level. A donation would be welcomed with thanks.

### 128 King Street

Once the manse for the Presbyterian Church, this home was built in 1859 and 1871 and claims many of its original features. Homeowners **Norma and Don Ruthven** welcome you to come up the stairs of the wide gingerbread adorned front porch and enter the home through the large front door. Inside you will be transported to a Christmas past with many rooms filled with period furnishings, high ceilings, wood floors, beautiful crown mouldings and baseboards. And an impressive staircase leads you to the second floor, to enjoy still more rooms donning festive treasures.

Knox Presbyterian Church,  
Tiverton  
Year built: 1900  
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m.

75 Main Street, Tiverton

The congregation was established in 1857. This third and present church is in pared down, sober, Presbyterian Gothic style – strong and stalwart. The contrast between the brickwork and the window detail is simple and elegant. Note the rose windows in the tower and façade with their classical framing.



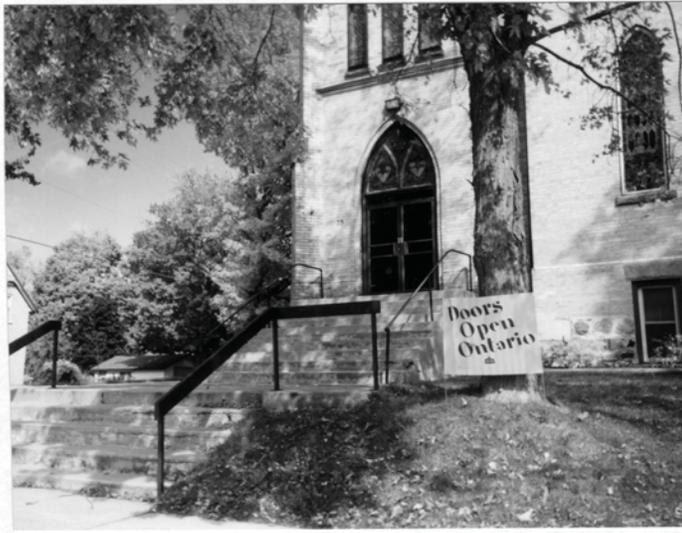
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'Stylistically, on the exterior, the church is a solid and somber structure; roughly square in footprint with a magnificent tower that was capped with "Norman/Gothic" crenellations. The architectural vocabulary is a Gothic Revival, but spare and lean, a form of "Presbyterian Gothic". There is no extra rustication beyond the field stone foundation. The rhythm of the windows is the only ornamentation of the facades. Even the buttresses on the tower are subdued and lean in their visual functionality. A later addition to the west side of the tower has added a Classic Revival in the pediment attached to the tower. At some time the tower was lowered, likely because of water penetration, and capped with a peaked roof. Otherwise, the exterior has had few changes since 1900. The inside, however, is another story – quite unique and sumptuous. One would expect a square location for the altar, noting the window placing from the exterior, but this is not the case. The interior is oriented toward the northeast corner with the curved pews and curved balcony above encircling the altar. The impression is VAST space and elegance and the windows offer a wonderful wash of light. Also the acoustics are near perfect. The pews, which are all original, encircle the altar like a theatre in-the-round; the church is the perfect "preaching church". There is no centre aisle for procession, only a focus upon the preacher and the sermon. The woodwork is rich and elegantly simple. In 1992, sod was turned for an addition to the church. The addition is sympathetic to the existing building in that it cannot be easily seen from the front and street side of the church. It adds to the effectiveness of the church's mission but does not impede upon the beauty and balance of the existing historic structure.'

*Jane Rigby*



***Doors Open Ontario and Christmas Tour of Homes***



*This is the irrational season  
Where love blooms bright and wild.  
Had Mary been filled with reason  
There'd have been no room for the child.  
Madeline L'Engle, from Weather of the Heart*

## Tiverton Fall Fair

The Agricultural Society sponsors a fall fair in Tiverton every year, usually in October. This helps to keep our rural heritage alive. They try to encompass both education and entertainment. It is a time to unite rural and urban peoples of the area. Knox Church, Tiverton strongly supports the fall fair, both as a church and as individuals. Volunteer hours are many. Exhibits, floats and displays add to the enjoyment for themselves and others.



## Tiverton Continuation School

In 1876 a four room brick school on McKay St. in Tiverton was opened. This is now an apartment building. It was erected to educate children of the area who were of public school age. At first only 3 of the rooms were needed, so the extra room was rented out. Soon only 2 of the rooms were necessary as 2 teachers were adequate for the number of pupils. The 2 rooms on the lower level were used for these pupils, leaving the 2 upper rooms vacant.

In the early 1920's, the Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair who was minister of the Presbyterian Church spearheaded a movement to use the upper 2 rooms of the school to provide further education for those who finished public school. He had a young family as many others of the area, who were ready for continued education. Money was not plentiful and many could not afford to send their children to Kincardine High School. In 1922 a school board was formed to seek permission from the Department of Education to establish a Continuation School to accommodate pupils from the area and village. Education for pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> Form (Grade 9) to 4<sup>th</sup> Form (Grade 12) would be available. The last year, 5<sup>th</sup> Form (Grade 13) would be received in Kincardine. The Continuation School opened in 1923 and closed in 1951.



*Tiverton Public School*

*The village school was built in 1876 and contained four rooms. A bell was purchased but was too heavy for the belfry, so it was eventually moved to the town hall. The building was also used as a Continuation school.*



The memories were flowing Saturday as former students of the Tiverton Continuation School gathered for a reunion at the Tiverton Community Centre. The school was started in 1923 by Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair, who felt there was a need for more schooling of the rural students in the area. Four teachers tried their best to educate the youngsters in the old four-room schoolhouse. Some of the teachers at the school over the years were Miss McCuiag, Miss Clements, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Ferris, Mr. Wayne (music), Mr. Stevenson and Miss Lillian Cameron (principal). Standing in the front of the old school, which closed in 1951, and is now an apartment building, are original students Katy Campbell, Gordon McNeil, Margaret MacLennan, Myrtle Munro (Cameron), Dorothy Sinclair (McCowan), Jean Hendry and Catherine McDougall (Bryant). Students returned from far and wide for the reunion.

## The Village Bell

There was no excuse for anyone to be late for church if they were within hearing distance of the village bell. Between 1874 and 1967 this bell rang every Sunday morning at 10:45. Church services at that time were 11 A.M. On a clear day this bell could be heard for several miles in all directions, reminding people it was church time. During the week, the bell rang several times daily, 8 A.M., 12 noon, 1P.M. and 6 P.M. Clocks were set with the punctual ringing of the bell. It had originally been bought for the new school (now an apartment building) but it was found to be too heavy to be hung in the belfry of the school. In 1880 the bell was moved to the belfry of the town hall when it was built. The whole community depended on the bell in many ways – children hustled home for supper when they heard the 6 o'clock bell. To farmers in the fields, the 12 o'clock bell was a welcome reminder that noon had arrived. When horses heard the bell ring, they knew it meant time for a rest and some food, and headed for the barn. Mrs. Annie (Smith) Schwass was the last bell ringer. The bell was in storage for many years. In 1979 the Tiverton Lion's Club for the centennial of the village of Tiverton erected the bell. In an impressive ceremony, Rev. Douglas Black gave the prayer of dedication. It is north of the Presbyterian Church, adjacent to the Community Centre.



The Tiverton town bell was dedicated at a ceremony Friday to start the Tiverton centennial celebrations. Annie Swass, left, pulled the rope to ring the bell after Rev. Douglas Black delivered prayer of dedication. 1979

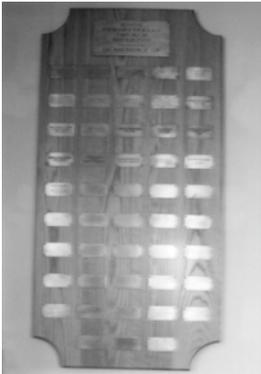
## Tiverton Park Manor

In 2002 a proposal to build a Retirement Residence within the boundaries of Tiverton was made. Land was obtained on King Street North, where Tiverton Park manor would be erected. Personal independence is highly valued by all of us. Unfortunately the time comes when people are forced to choose an alternative to living alone. Tiverton Park Manor's mandate is to provide needed support in a homelike setting, allowing area residents an opportunity to remain in their own community. The Advisory Board members were Andy & Catherine McKague, Lia Ellyatt, Rev. Wendy Lampman, Ernie Young, Marilyn Wilson, Sandy Donald, Lois Osborne and Harvey Deleeuw. Once again Knox Presbyterians are actively involved in a village project. Tiverton Park Manor had the grand opening on August 7<sup>th</sup> 2004.



## Memorials

For many years loved ones have been honoured and remembered by gifts to the church. Special occasions such as anniversaries were also noted. Psalm books, Hymnbooks and pew Bibles were given in this way. The person honoured, and name of the donor were inscribed in the front of each book. Family, friends, neighbours or church groups gave these books. Church furnishings were also given in memory of loved ones. In 1979 a formal Memorial Renovation Fund was established to provide a means for those wishing to make memorial gifts or for any unspecified



bequests. This fund would provide financing for renovations and restoration to church, property or sanctuary furnishings and major manse renovations. A Memorial Book with the name of the remembered and the name of the donor was established at this time. The original Memorial board with plaques was established to encourage donations for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sanctuary renovations. With donations of \$500.00 or more in memory of someone, that person's name is inscribed on a plaque on the Memorial Board. A second board was purchased when the original became full.

## Preparing Sunday Bulletins



Carolyn Hamilton  
1998 - 2000



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2000 - 2009



Julie Inkster  
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