

The United Church of Canada

Russeltown Flats Church

July 24, 1988

162nd Anniversary

2:30 p.m.

Organist: Daphne Bye-Benoit

Choir - St. Paul's United, Orms.

Guest Minister - O. Carmichael

The People Gather

Prelude - Organ music & Hymn sing led by
Sheila Lawrence

Call to Worship:

Leader: Gather, at God's command, to worship and
pray, to honor God with your whole being.

People: Our help comes from God, who made heaven
and earth.

Prayer: "Our Father, we have come to this place of ^{deceit}
to our memory for a new awareness of your presence.

We come from a busy world, rushed and often
frantic with the concerns making demands upon
Quiet our minds and racing thoughts as we sense
your unseen presence and feel too the presence
still of friends and family, who once shared these
pews. Give us a new vision of ourselves as your
sons and daughters that we might better serve the
present age. In Jesus name we pray. Amen."

HYMN #681 - Unto the hills

We Listen For God's Word

Isaiah 51: 1-7, 15 & 16 (Crystal Clarke)

Responsive Psalm #712 (63rd) & Gloria

Children's Message & Hymn 623 - Jesus loves me

Ephesians 5: 15-20

CHOIR - The Church in the Wildwood

GOSPEL - Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23. (Robert Wood)

Sermon - Roots that give strength for today

HYMN #362 - A charge to keep I have

We Respond to the Word

Confession - "Gracious God, in our concern for our
daily needs, we often forget our rich
heritage which has made us what we are.

We are slow to acknowledge our dependence upon you and upon the many others, the fruits of whose labours we enjoy. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to see that only as we fully participate in life and its challenges of today and take up the torch of faith and pass it on, are we being your sons and daughters."

Silent Prayer / Assurance / Announcements

Offering: Erica Kemp, David Roberts, Dryw Wilson
Heather Wilson

CHCIR - "His name is wonderful"

Dedication of Offering

Dedication of plaque to memory of Mrs. John Forbes presented by Marge Pedersen..

Report of the Maintenance Committee (Lyman Roberts)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

HYMN (Congregation's Choice)

Commissioning & Blessing / Amens.

Announcements

Welcome! A special greeting to all persons who worshipped here prior to 1949. Our sincere appreciation to the organist and choir of St. Paul's United, Ormstown.

- The Offering today, after direct expenses, to be forwarded to Wesley-Knox Church. The Russeltown Congregation joined Wesley Knox in 1949.
- Flowers are in memory of our loved ones.
- Mrs. John Forbes - is honoured today by a plaque

that Marge Pedersen has made in her memory. A pioneer citizen, she is credited with raising the funds and giving the leadership to have this church built....."(she provided) a framer, the settlers turned out and raised the building, all the outside work of which was done by bees. It was raised in 1826 but was not finished for some years afterwards....(Sellar's History).

Greeters at the door: Muriel Edgerton; Lyle Gilmore

RUSSELTOWN FLATS CHURCH

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The Church's registry of marriages, baptisms and burials has been photocopied and are on the table at the rear of the Church. Kindly feel free to examine these records. (1939-1949) are missing)

The financial statements for the Maintenance and Cemetery Committees are available upon request.

The Maintenance Committee

1967 - Mr. Donald E. Black, having kept a personal interest in the maintenance of the Russeltown Church, opened a bank account 'In Trust' to record donations and expenses for the Church.

1976 - After a bequest of \$2082.50 was received from the estate of Arnold Wilson, Mr. Black called a meeting with Lyle Gilmore, Wilfrid Robinson, Calvin Edgerton and Lyman Roberts to organize and develop a constitution to govern a committee to be responsible for the maintenance of the Church.

The Committee was organized, including Mr. Black, and a constitution adopted. Hence the formation of the Russeltown Flats Church Maintenance Committee. Current members are: Elizabeth Wood Bourassa, Dorothy Curran Clark, Calvin Edgerton, Brand Edwards, Alan Smith, Ronald Yull, Lyman Roberts (Sec.-Treas.) and Lyle Gilmore (Chairman).

1981 - The Cemetery Committee, which for many years had consisted of Lyle Gilmore and Wilfrid Robinson, decided to expand and adopt a constitution similar to that of the Maintenance Committee. This was done, and the current Committee consists of: Elizabeth Wood Bourassa,

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Dorothy Curran Clark, Calvin Edgerton,
Brand Edwards, Lyman Roberts, Alan Smith,
Lyle Gilmore (Sec.-Treas.) and Ronald Yull (Chairman)

Both the Maintenance and Cemetery
Committees appreciate the support received by
friends of this Little White Church.
Continued suggestions & support are
most welcome.

142nd Anniversary Service - 20 years ago -
Guest speaker Rev. John Anderson of Howick. Since
previous year the outside of the church was
painted and the shutters repaired and painted.
Special thanks given to the Nilson brothers for
work on the shutters and to Lyle Gilmore and
Ron Yull for arranging for the painting.

120 years ago - On the motion of Mr. Reay
it was resolved that the Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper be dispensed in this church on Sabbath the
12th day of July ensuing and that Friday
preceding be observed as a day of Fasting,
humiliation and prayer, and Monday following as
a day of Thanksgiving."

July 4, 1971 - 145th Anniversary -

Guest speaker Rev. A. MacDonald of
Riverfield Presbyterian assisted by his church
choir and organist.