

THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH : 1826 - 1995

Russeltown Flatts

We Gather To Remember

1939 - 1945 and VE Day
and

Those who served in the Armed Forces;
Those who served on the Home Front;
We Have Been Blessed with 50 Years of Peace



(Courtesy P. Norton)

A warm welcome to Rev. Gabor G. Nitsch and the St. Paul's United Church choir, with choir master Gerard LaPalme. Lindsay Cullen and the Ormstown Band's contribution is greatly appreciated.

Rev. Elke Mehnert : Hemmingford Pastoral Charge
July 30, 1995 - 2:30 p.m.

The United Church of Canada
The Little White Church -- Russeltown Flatts, Quebec
July 30, 1995 2:30 pm

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Musical Prelude : Gerard LaPalme

Words of Welcome :

Call to Worship :

Moment of Silence : *Remembering those whose memory will
always live in our hearts and minds,
forever and ever.*

Introit : #511 : Lord of the lands, beneath Thy bending
skies

Prayer of Approach :

Hymn : #441 : Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

We Listen To God's Word :

Hebrews 11 : 1 - 16, Ken Aldridge
Hebrews 11 : 17 - 31, Robert Curry
Hebrews 11 : 32 - 40
Hebrews 12 : 1-2, Connie McClintock

Hymn : # 242 : Saviour, sprinkle many nations

Sermon : "Our List of Heroes" -- Rev. Nitsch

Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer : -- Rev. Nitsch

Hymn : # 401 : Onward! Christian soldiers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements :

Presentation : "Stairs" -- Marge Pedersen

Maintenance/Cemetery Reports : -- Lyman Roberts

Choir Offertory : This Land Is Your Land

Offertory Hymn : For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son, To die on Calvary's tree, From sin to set me free; Some day He's coming back, What glory that will be! Wonderful His love to me.

Prayer of Dedication :

Closing Hymn : # 453 : O Thou within whose sure control

Commissioning :

Choral Benediction : The Choir sings : "Go Now In Peace"

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On Saturday, June 24th, a very beautiful wedding was celebrated in our "Little White Church" when Colleen, daughter of Donald and Ronald Yull and Glen, son of Beryl and John Forget were united in Holy Matrimony. Congratulation and best wishes are extended to the happy couple who have taken up residence in Franklin Centre.

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The commemorative plaque celebrating the restoration of the steps and entrance has been placed by descendants of the church's early worshippers. It is their desire that future generations will use and preserve this House of Worship as did their ancestors. The plaque reads:

**I Have Laid the Foundation,
And Another Buildeth There-On.**

1 Cor. 3:10

July 30 1995

Russeltown Flatts Church Maintenance and Cemetery

The annual meetings were held at Allan Smith's home, July 4, 1995. The financial reports were reviewed and accepted. Copies are available upon request.

Cemetery Committee Highlights

Some years ago, Mr. Gerry Rogers recorded the data on the stones in the cemetery, but did not provide their specific locations. A subcommittee will be established with a mandate to record the locations of the burial lots. This data should be a valuable supplement to Mr. Rogers' book. Members are hopeful that volunteers will assist with this project.

A review of the cemetery's policy not to permit development on the north side of the church, from the road to the rear was confirmed. This vacant area is a key asset in the functioning and beauty of this historic property. Existing burial lots in this area were sold some time ago, but the committee is determined to prevent this area from further usage.

Maintenance Committee Highlights

In 1994, it was decided the time had come to replace the decaying and increasingly dangerous front steps. Thom's Renovation & Construction of Howick, who enjoys an excellent reputation in this community, tendered for the job. As so often happens in renovations, surprises are in store! With the removal of the old concrete, it was discovered that the beam under the church had completely rotted away. This added additional work and expense to the job.

The roof has been a concern for many friends of the Church and upon inspection, it was revealed that indeed, most of the existing nails were loose and should be replaced. With more than 2,500 new screw-nails installed, the committee has been assured that there should be no concern about the roof for many years. The galvanized roofing is in good condition and only needs to be kept painted.

A major project for the future will be the repair or replacement of the shutters. Any suggestions or recommendations would be appreciated. Do you know of anyone who would be interested in this job?