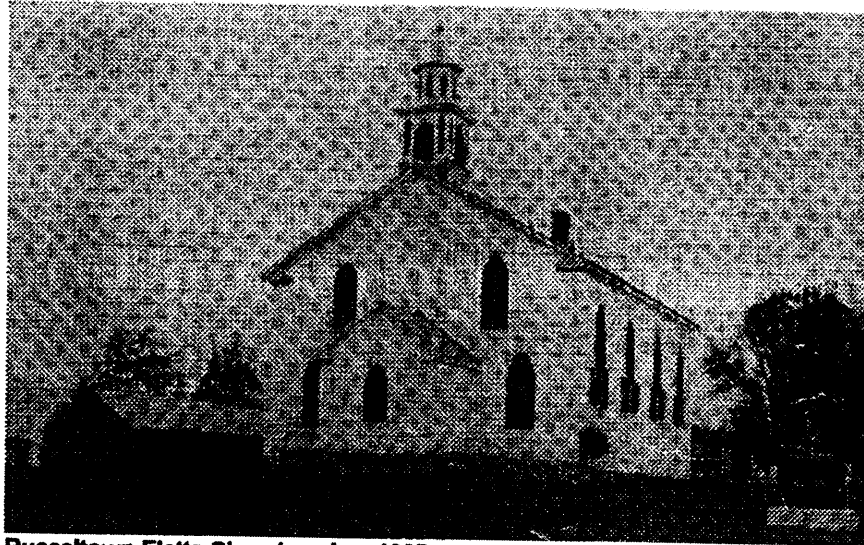


**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Russeltown Flatts Church
174th Anniversary
July 30, 2000 2:30 p.m.**



Russeltown Flatts Church – circa 1935

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Organist & Choir Director	Leslie Orr
Soloist	Elisabeth Churchill
Worship Leaders	Rev. Bonnie Mason
	Evelyn Kerr

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Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

One : Lord, you have made so many things!

All : How wisely you made them all!

The earth is filled with your creatures.

One : May the glory of the Lord last forever!

All : May the Lord be happy with what he has made!

One : I will sing to the Lord all my life;

All : As long as I live I will sing praises to my God.

One : May God be pleased with my song,

All : For my gladness comes from God.

Praise the Lord, my soul; Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Approach

Hymn : *Joyful, joyful, we adore you*

Prayer for Pardon (together)

*Merciful One, our hearts long for your forgiveness.
Touch us with your healing, cleanse us of our guilt;
Renew our spirits, that we may serve you with joy
all our days. Amen.*

Scripture Reading : I Kings 19 : 8 – 13a

Announcements and Sharing

Hymn : *Here at This Font – verses 1, 2*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dorothy Ann Black

Matthew William Stewart Wood

Affirmation of Faith (Printed on the back of the bulletin)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One : The Lord be with you.

All : And also with you.

One : Lift up your hearts.

All : We lift them to the Lord.

One : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All : It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Hymn : *Here at This Font – verses 3, 4*

Scripture : Matthew 14 : 13 – 21
Psalm 100

Message: *"Taking in new ground"*

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn : *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Benediction



A warm welcome to all who have come to visit and worship in this historic **Little White Church**. Following the service, you are invited to join together for light refreshments.

Greeters at the door today were Jean Curran, Debbie Beattie and Lyman Roberts.

The beautiful floral arrangements are thanks to Mariette Faille.

The flowers in the front of the church are in memory of Muriel Robinson Edgerton.

Offering was collected by young descendants of church members. Maggie Donovan (7th generation Edwards family), Devon Watt (Pettes family), Eric & Rachel Gilmartin (Roberts family).

Affirmation of Faith:

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church :
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.



Baptism Celebrated at Today's Service:

Dorothy Ann Black (March 10th, 2000)

Parents : Donald Angus Black & Tammy Coleman
Godparents: Pierre Prud'homme & Josée Gagnon

Dorothy is the 6th generation of Josiah P. Black, who with his father emigrated from Patrick on The Clyde, Scotland in 1827. He homesteaded on a piece of land on the east side of the English River north of St. Chrysostome. He was a Militia Officer, as well as Justice of the Peace. In 1856 he was savagely beaten for his involvement in establishing self-government in municipal and school matters for St. Jean Chrysostome. He was the chairman of the First Presbyterian Session Meeting of this Church, May 31st, 1851.

Matthew William Stewart Wood (November 17th, 1999)

Parents: William Watson Wood & Kathryn Dore

Matthew is a 7th generation Wood family member to attend this church. He is a descendant of William Wood and Janet Walker who settled in St. Chrysostome in 1829. He is the grandson of Philip and Elaine Wood. Philip is a current member of the Russeltown Flatts Church and Cemetery Committee.