Music in the Church

A choir was not always an important part of worship in the early days, as it is today. There seems to be no record of the time choirs were begun, but when the present church was built in 1900, a roomy choir loft was included. We can assume there were choirs before that date. In today's worship, choirs play an important part in the service by leading congregational singing and providing anthems or solos. The organist is usually also the choir leader. Guest soloists and singing groups from other churches are enjoyed on special occasions. Choir members wear gowns and for many years, also wore hats. I think they were glad to dispense with the hats. At first the men wore gowns but now just the ladies wear them. Junior and Intermediate choirs were organized from time to time, but seemed to be short lived. Leadership and suitable time to practice seemed to be hard to find. Sometimes the Church School sings as a choir to the delight of the congregation. Choir practice is held weekly on an evening agreeable to all. Through the years, many faithful, dedicated singers, who give freely of their time and talent, have blessed Knox Church. We depend on them to lead congregational singing and provide a special anthem. Their love of music and their desire to serve their God and Church are apparent to all.

In 2005 the Sunday School, under the direction of Superintendent Heidi Pasley, set a goal to raise money for a set of chimes for the church. Their efforts were successful and the chimes were ordered and arrived in October. Immediately a chime choir was formed and after hours of practice played its first music during worship. Pat Copeland was the first leader followed by Julie Buchanan. This choir is a welcome addition to worship services at Knox.

Pictures of Knox Church Organists



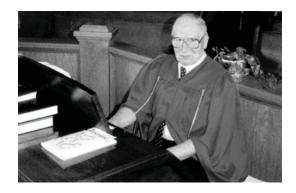
Above: Martha Steinhoff (Mrs. Jim Connell) 1925

Right: Lillian MacKay (Mrs. Geo. E.) 1929 - 1973

Mrs. Lillian (George) MacKay was honoured by the congregation at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton for her long service as organist and choir director. Mrs. MacKay, who seldom missed a practice or a Sunday service, has been with the Knox church for 43 years. Friends, present and past congregation members gathered in the church basement on Sunday, May 6 after the regular service for a luncheon and presented Mrs. MacKay with several lovely gifts in appreciation of her work.



Available Pictures of Knox Church Organists



Wm. Van Dam Sr. 1973 - 1990





Helen MacKenzie (Mrs. Donald) Interim organist





In February 2002 the congregation held an 'Appreciation' coffee hour to thank Debbie for her faithful years as organist. Tributes were expressed and gifts, on behalf of the congregation and choir, were presented.

Available Pictures of Knox Church Organists







Lynn Broughton 2003 -

Music and People



Harold Hendry sang in Knox Church choir for 60 years. He was honoured by the congregation in October 1977 and presented with an embroidered plaque made by Joyce Van Dam



Burton Eskrick 2006 with mouth organ

Some Choirs



Choir 1978

<u>Back</u>: Ken Hendry, Wm. Van Dam, Campbell MacKenzie, Jim Inkster and Harold Hendry.

<u>Centre</u>: Friend of Joyce, Joyce Van Dam and Debbie Brown.

<u>Front</u>: Erika Lipfert, Joan Taylor, Christena Scott, Ruby

Brown and Jessie Avery.

1996

<u>Back</u>: Ken Hendry, Ronnie
MacKenzie and Rev. Mitchell.

<u>Centre</u>: Ruby Brown, Doris Young,
Joyce Van Dam, Donelda
MacKinnon and Donna Williams.

Front: organist Debbie Brown.

<u>Back</u>: Ken Hendry, Bob McCall, Ted Stewart and Glenn Lampman.

<u>Middle</u>: Donelda MacKinnon, Donna Williams, Ruby Brown, Renske Ribbink and Doris Young.

<u>Front</u>: Mynona Paige, Wm. Van Dam, Ian Mitchell and Debbie Stanton.





Men's Choir – Mothers' Day 2001

<u>Back</u>: Ernie Young, Ken Hendry, Ted Stewart, John Smith and guest.

<u>Front</u>: Ian Mitchell, Ken Young, Gordon Brown, John Ward and Glenn Lampman.

Guest Music Groups









Organ and Piano Dedications



WILLIAM VAN DAM, (chairman), Mrs. Jack MacLeod, Mrs. Gordon E. Brown and Harold C. Hendry, members of the organ committee of Knox Church, Tiverton, Ont., stand behind the newly-dedicated organ. 1972





ORGANIST: W. Van Dam SOLOIST: Mrs. Arno M. Kelly

A large number of visitors, many of them former residents of the Tiverton

them former residents of the Tiverton area, joined the local congregation of Knox Church, Tiverton on Sunday morning, Aug. 9. A special part of this service was the dedication of the new piano which has been donated to Knox, Tiverton by Donald J. McDonald of Brampton in memory of his wife, the late Geraldine (Cronk) McDonald. A special guest at the service was the Rev. Donald Sinclair of Orangeville, son of a former minister at Knox, who

son of a former minister at Knox, who dedicated the piano. 1992
Also assisting at the service was guest pianist, Mr. Frank Bean of Brampton who joined with regular organist Mrs. Debbie Stanton in providing music for this special occasion.

Demolition has begun at the north end of the church in preparation for their renovation project. Next Sunday morning, Aug. 16, immediately follow-ing worship, the congregation will move outdoors to officially break the ground for the average days addition.

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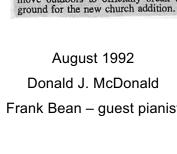
Dedication of Piano



DEDICATION OF PIANO: Today we will dedicate our new piano to the glory of God in memory of the late Geraldine (Cronk) MacDonald, wife of Donald MacDonald, who has graciously donated this fine instrument to Knox Church, Tiverton. Our guest today, who will dedicate the piano, is the Rev. Donald Sinclair of Orangeville, son of a past minister of Knox, Tiverton. We welcome Mr. Sinclair to our church today, and thank him for participating in our service. Aug. 6:1992



August 1992 Donald J. McDonald Frank Bean - guest pianist



Choir & Quartets



<u>Back</u>: Willis Dickson, Cam MacKenzie, George McFadyen, Bill Hughes, Harold Hendry, Ivan MacKenzie, Dugald MacKenzie, Gordon Ribey and Ken Hendry.

<u>Next</u>: Mrs. G.E. (Lillian) MacKay – organist, Mary MacKenzie, Margaret Hendry, Jessie MacKenzie, Mary MacKinnon, Jessie Grunder and Nellie MacFarlane.

<u>Next</u>: Mrs. (Rev.) R.G. MacKay, Eleanor Surridge, Jessie Taylor and Mae Brown.

<u>Front</u>: Rev. R.G. MacKay – minister.



Quartets





Compbell MacKenzie Reu John Fortier Harold Hendry Ken Hendry 1924 ORGANIST - Win Van Dam

- Positions open in soprano, alto, tenor and bass no others need apply.
- Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the Sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director.
- Experience: No applications will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some time.
- Beginning wage: Increased satisfaction and joy in the service of God.
- Fringe benefits: Social security. We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members.
- Hours: Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm and Sunday mornings. There is occasional opportunity for overtime.
- Retirement: Generally determined by the printed notes becoming too small, the hymnal too heavy, the notes too high, the Sanctuary too hot or too cold or the Musical Director unable to play the notes you sing.
- We are an equal opportunity employer!



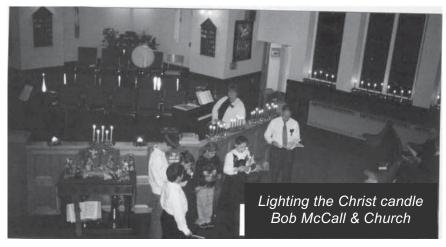
The Pressed Leaf: A little boy opened the big old family Bible with fascination; he looked at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf that had had been pressed between the pages. "Momma, look what I found" the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment the boy replied, "It's Adam's suit!"

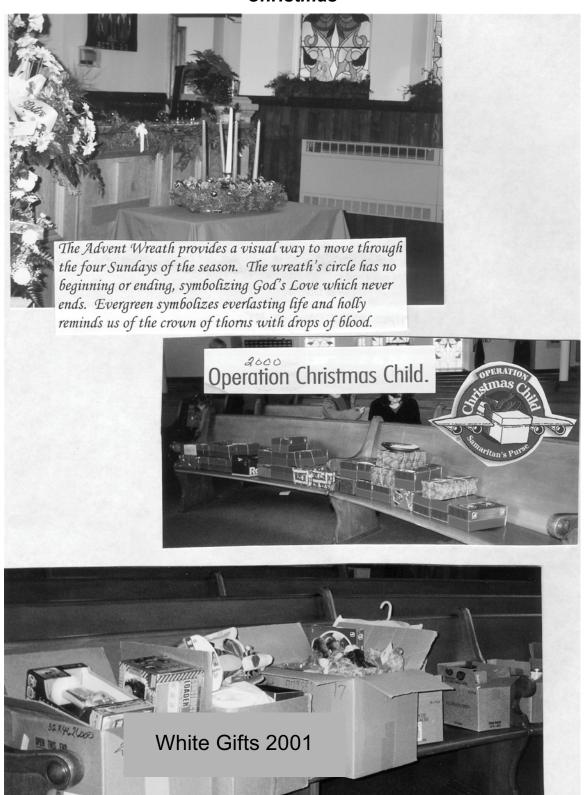
Knox News



L.-R. Front Donna Williams, Poris Young, Renske Ribbink Donelda Mackinnon, Sandra Brown and Marnie Stewart, Ruby Brown, Ken Hendry, Beth Evans, Judy Brown, Eleanor Roppel. Back Bob McCall, John Ward, Pat Copeland Caroline Young, Mynona Paige. Planist Debbie Stanton





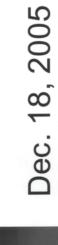




























2002

Did you notice how well dressed Santa was at Christmas? In the fall a plea came from the North Pole for someone to sew a new suit for Santa. Annie Kreppenhofer donated her time and sewing talents to make the new Santa suit. June MacKenzie supplied the finishing touches. The results you saw! Many thanks to both these ladies.

Knox Bulletin

I Remember

We asked the oldest members of our congregation to tell us their memories of customs, changes and special events that are no longer part of our worship. These are their thoughts: "I remember-"

- When the centre seats were reserved for those taking communion. Others, including children sat in the side seats.
- A Preparatory service was held on Friday evenings before communion, in the church to centre your thoughts on the Sunday Sacrament.
- We always stood when the minister entered the pulpit, a sign of respect because he was God's messenger.
- That all services began with by singing "Holy, Holy, Holy".
- The two box stoves in the basement, and the long lengths of stovepipe. There also was a platform, on which there was a horsehair settee and chair.
- When we sat for the hymns and stood for prayer.
- The pump at the northeast of the church. Water was carried from there to the church, until John McFadyen installed a water system in the village.
- The beautiful candlelit Vesper services with the C.G.I.T. leading a Christmas service of worship. The pews were full for this.
- Helping to prepare meals for banquets with no kitchen. One sink between the Sunday School room and the furnace room provided the clean up area.
- When missionaries such as Margaret Brown, Beatrice Scott and Allister Wilson told us of needs in India and China.
- The narrow stairs at the north entry door. A short flight led to the minister's room, and a longer flight leading to the furnace room and through to the Sunday School rooms.
- When the organ was at the back of the choir loft, with the choir sitting in front of it. There was no piano.
- When everyone dressed up in their 'Sunday Best' for church services. All the ladies wore hats. No casual clothes were worn.
- Two worship services on Sunday one in the morning and one in the evening with a prayer meeting on Wednesday.
- When the cupboard for the choir gowns (and hats) was in the basement. The choir
 put on the gowns down there, walked up those narrow stairs to the tiny choir room,
 which was at the west. The minister's room was the big one to the east. These
 rooms were reversed in 1961.
- Hearing a story about a lady, Mrs. Angus Gilchrist, who died at the church annual meeting in 1907.
- Reading in the annual report about a death of a man whose widow was referred to as the husbands "relict". (Incidentally relict is still in the dictionary and means widow).
- My Grandmother telling me that shoes were very precious they were lucky to have one pair. It was a common sight to see families carrying their shoes along dusty or forest trails, then putting them on as they approached the church.
- When the minister came for a meal. Children had to be very quiet, speak when spoken to, and be on their best behaviour. It was an honour to have the minister come for a meal or a visit

Caretakers

One of the important roles in a church, often unnoticed and taken for granted, is that of the caretaker. It is no small task keeping a building ship-shape, always ready for regular services but also for extras – meetings, weddings, funerals, celebrations, etc. Through the years Knox has had many capable, conscientious caretakers. On occasion the congregation has had to pitch in when no regular caretaker was available. The first record of a caretaker was A. H. MacKay in the 1890's. Later we read of D.J. McIntyre acting as caretaker in 1909. Others were John McVane, Harry Gibson, Wm. Nice, Hugh McDougall, George H. MacKay, Marion MacKay and Eldon Roppel. Eldon has been the faithful caretaker of Knox church for the last 25 plus years.

Note: This may not be complete.

Margaret Brown Mission Band

The first record we have of a Mission Band is 1907. So it seems that almost from the beginning of this congregation, there has been a Mission Band for children of public school age. From a 1911 church report, the Jewels Mission Band met on the first Saturday of each month. They heard mission stories, sang hymns and learned Bible verses. In that year they gave \$19.95 to missions. Martha Convay was secretary. Other reports note they sewed articles for the Indian schools. They dressed several dolls to be sent to the Indian children. From a 1924 report, the Mission Band had a booth at the annual church bazaar, presided over by M. Hendry, T. Kinmond and M. Steinhoff. In 1935 the Mission Band presented a concert to a large audience. There were songs, recitations and dialogues. During the following years membership dwindled as the older children started high school and interest waned. In 1950 the Mission Band was reorganized for children 5 to 8 years of age, and named the Margaret Brown Mission Band in memory of a missionary. Rev. and Mrs. MacKay began the group and Mrs. Gordon Ribey was the leader for many years. Mission and Bible stories, choruses and hand work were enjoyed. Later the Presbyterian Church changed the name of all Mission Bands to Children of the Church (C.O.C.). The programme remained the same with the emphasis on mission. Leaders of this group were Mrs. Gordon Ribey, Jean (Alan) Dent, Betty (Bob) MacKinnon, Lyla (Chambers) MacKinnon, June (Dugald) MacKenzie, Norma (Don) Ruthven, Lillian (Orland) Leggett, Betty (Rae) Johnson, Betty (Ron) Lowther, Faith (Don) Fidler, Phyllis Paige, Mary (Doug) Elliott, Mary Lou (Dave) Bourne and Barbara (John) Fisher. Often older Church School or C.G.I.T. girls assisted the leaders.



1950's

<u>Back</u>: Donna Potter, Barb Gazel (?), Sharon & Sheila Campbell, Janet Downey, Barry Carruthers and Carol Cottrill.

<u>Middle</u>: Linda Shewfelt, Kathleen Potter, Lenore Griffith (?), Jean Gottschalk, Carl Avin, Helen Noren, Margaret Ann McSween, Lillian McKay, Carol Carefoot, Cheryl Munro and Ora Cameron.

<u>Front</u>: Mary Lou Norman, Marj McIntosh, Elizabeth Potter, Liz Swass, Mary Belle McSween and Aileen McKay.

Margaret Brown Mission Band



1950's

<u>Back</u>: Margaret Ann MacKay, Carol Cottrill, Cora Lee Gazel, Carol Carefoot, Laura Jean Hendry, Margaret Ann McSween, Billy Smith, Gordon Young, and Carl Avis.

Front: Marjorie McIntosh, Carol Mackay, Barbara Gazel, Mary Belle McSween and Faye Taylor.



May Meeting of Mission Band

<u>Back</u>: John Steinhoff, Bob Surridge, Norman McIntosh, Bruce Cottrill, Helen Cottrill, Barbara Shewfelt, unknown, Janet MacFarlane and Jean Steinhoff.

<u>Second</u>: unknown, Ruth Pettigrew, Isabelle Norman (?), Sheila Campbell, Irene Surridge, Sharon Cottrill, Lillian Todd and Margaret Bruce.

<u>Third</u>: Mrs. Don (Reta) MacKay, Julia Brown, Sharon Campbell, Sandra Bruce, Beth Evans, Donna Jean Potter and Mary Frances Campbell.

<u>Front</u>: Beulah Blakely, Kathleen Potter, Margaret Ann MacKay, Carol Carefoot, Carol Cottrill, John McDougall, Gordon MacKay and Alexander MacFarlane.

Summer Meeting 1950's



<u>Back</u>: Mrs. Ribey, Eleanor Farrell, June MacKinnon, Margaret Hendry, Dorothy Young, Joyce Young, Marilyn Webster and Mrs. Surridge.

<u>Middle</u>: Janet Ann MacFarlane, Marilyn Inkster, Joyce Gottschalk, Isabelle Norman (?), Helen Cottrill and Edna Young.

Front: Irene Surridge, Sharon Cottrill, Mary Frances Campbell and Jean Gottschalk.



Back 2 rows: Laura Jean Hendry, (?), Lillian Mackay, (?), (?), Carole & Sharon Cottrill.

4th row: Barbara Gazel, Sharon Norman, Marjorie McIntosh, Carol Carefoot, (?), Carl Avis.

3rd row: Ora Cameron, Mary Lou Norman, Mary Belle, Anne & Lois McSween

<u>2nd row</u>: Gordon Young, Betty Gazel, Cheryl Munro, (?), (?), Betty Hutton, Gordon Bradley, Joyce Gottschalk, Helen Cottrill and Joyce Young.

Sitting at front: Jean Gottschalk, Aileen MacKay and David Young.

Children of the Church 1968



<u>Back</u>: (L – R) leaders Mrs. Don (Norma) Ruthven and Mrs. Dugald (June) MacKenzie.

4th row: Darlene Campbell, Nancy Ribbink, Bob Hunter, Steven Sainsbury, Roger Young, Julie Ribbink and Teresa Lazette.

3rd row: Carole Hanks, Carolyn Smith, Kathy Lazette, Catherine Young, Lorna Hutton and Carol MacPherson.

2nd row: Lori Ruthven, Debbie Campbell, Mary June MacKenzie, Lee Anne Pinkerton, Verna Catto, Debbie Brown.

<u>Front</u>: David Taylor, John Dickson, Jamie Pinkerton, Brian Young and Richard Hyde.

Allister Wilson Explorers



Rev. and Mrs. MacKay organized an Explorer group in Knox Church in 1950 for boys and girls aged 9-11, and named in honour of Allister Wilson, a missionary in India for many years. This age of children would have been included in the Mission Band of earlier years. Members wore uniforms – navy skirt or slacks with a white cotton top. Their purpose was based on the Bible verse James 1:22 'Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.' Their activities –

Mission and Bible stories, music, games, craft projects and fun – reflected their purpose. The Explorer group is an affiliate of the W.M.S. On completing certain requirements members were awarded a star to be sewn on their sleeve. In the early 60's the formation of the Boy Scout troop attracted the boys and soon the Explorer group had only girls.

Leaders of the Explorer group were: Margaret (Earl) McConnell, Jean (Neil) McLeod, Irene (Cliff) Cottrill, Lila (Chambers) MacKinnon, Marjorie (Allan) Evans, Katy (Francis) Campbell, Mrs. (Rev.) Rod MacLeod, Donelda (Bruce) MacKinnon, Joan (Rev. Frank) Parsons, Jean (Alan) Dent, Julie (Frank) Mahaffy, Jean (Norval) Catto, Lois (Gordon) Bradley, Joan (Allan) McDougal, Barbara (John) Fisher, Jo Anne (George) Potter and Mary (Doug) Elliott. In the late 1970's, as membership in C.O.C. and Explorers decreased, they continued as one group for a short time under the leadership of Mary Elliott. Older Church School and C.G.I.T. members often assisted the leaders.

Explorers 1950's



Left to right - Front row, Isabelle McRitchie, Isabelle Norman, Margaret Bruce, Ruth Pettigrew, Donna Jean Potter. 2nd row, Irene Surridge, John Campbell, Marietta Gottschalf, Donnie MacKenzie, Julia Brown. Fraser Downey. 3rd row, Marlene MacKay, Shirley Rapier, Bruce Cottrill, Lynne Campbell, Sharon Cottrill, Bill MacKenzie, Lillian Todd, Normie McIntosh. Back row, Helen Cottrill, Janet Ann MacFarlane, Margaret McConnell (leader, Barb Shewfelt, Jean Steinhoff, Malcolm Campbell and Bob Surridge.



Allister Wilson Explorer Group circa 1954

Leaders: Jean MacLeod, Lila MacKinnon and Irene Cottrill.

<u>Girls</u>: Kathleen Potter, Kathryn Grunder, Carol Cottrill, Betty Gazel, Beth Evans, Barbara Gazel, Laura Jean Hendry, Lois MacSween, Janis Baker, Marlene MacKinnon, Mary F. Campbell, Sharon Norman, Sheila Campbell, Ann Drennan, Carol Carefoot, Margaret Ann MacSween, Sharon Campbell and Dianne MacArthur.

<u>Boys</u>: Bill Smith, Barry Carruthers, Bob MacKenzie, Carmen Gazel, Ken Scott, Dwight MacLeod, Bill Campbell and Jim Campbell.

Explorer Group 1968

Back: Mrs. Bruce (Donelda) MacKinnon, Carol Pinkerton, Sandra Brown, Anne Marie Norman and Mrs. Alan (Jean) Dent.

Middle: June McConnell, Mary Falconer, Eunice McConnell, Lois Catto, Linda MacKinnon, Debbie Ruthven and Carolyn Taylor.

<u>Front</u>: Susan Shewfelt, Margaret Slade, Judy Brown and Janice Dent.



C.G.I.T.

The first record we have of a C.G.I.T. (Canadian Girls in Training) for girls 12-17 is 1922. It was formed shortly after Rev. Sinclair became minster of Knox. Mrs. John L, MacKenzie was the first leader. Some records indicate it disbanded at the end of Rev. Sinclair's pastorate, but snapshots show it still in operation into the 1930's. In 1950 Rev. and Mrs. MacKay, with Mrs. MacKay as its leader for a few months, reorganized C.G.I.T. This group continued in the same pattern as the younger groups – worship, Bible and Mission study, recreation and fellowship. In addition, the programme broadened to include service projects – to the church and to the community. Mission was covering a wider area. The C.G.I.T. programme is based on the Bible verse Luke 2:52 "and Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man". Girls wore a white middy, with friendship tie and navy skirt. A special ceremony was held to make C.G.I.T. an affiliate of the W.M.S. A friendship badge worn on the left sleeve just above the cuff indicated this relationship.

The Christmas Vesper Service was the highlight of the year. In a candlelit setting, the girls presented a Christmas service of worship. Yearly a special with C.O.C. and Explorers was observed, when C.O.C. members graduated to Explorers and Explorers graduated to C.G.I.T. Each May, as a girl reached her 17th birthday and impressive C.G.I.T. Graduation service was held. C.G.I.T. continued to play a vital role in the life of Knox Church and the area. Camp and worship events and meetings with other C.G.I.T. groups broadened the interest of its members and their spheres of learning.

In the 1980's with life getting busier and more activities offered for children and teens, attendance and interest in C.G.I.T. dwindled until 1985 when it disbanded. Adults were busier too and leaders were difficult to find.

C.G.I.T. leaders were: Mrs. R.G. Mackay, Alberta Smith, Irene Cottrill, Glenna MacKenzie, Mary McFadyen, Marlene Roppel White, Irene Hutton, Jessie Avery, Cora Lee (Gazel) Dobson, Shirley Fortier, Randi Steen, Brenda Gottschalk, Sylvia Stepnow, Shirley Purdie, Gerda Roppel, Rhoda Wendt, Lois Bradley, Katherine Gowing, Pat Copeland, Carolyn Hamilton, Linda Mathews, Eleanor Roppel and Mary Duthie.

C.G.I.T.



THIS WAS THE first group of C.G.I.T. girls after its reorganization in 1950 by Mrs. MacKay. The girls are: front row, Irene Reid, president; Jean McKinnon, Edna Young, Marilyn Inkster, Joyce Gottschalk, Mary McIntosh, Eleanor Farrell; second row, Marlene Smith, Joyce Young, Hazel Reid, Dorothy Young, secretary; Margaret Pettigrew, Sheila Norman, June McKinnon; back row, Christine Campbell, Kathryn Gilchrist, Mrs. R. G. MacKay, Jean Cottrill, Cecelia Campbell, Shirley Reid and Mrs. J. & Smith.



Back Beth Evans, Helen Cottrill, Mary MeIntosh
Alberta Smith, Marlene Mackay, Adeline MeIntosh
Tena Mae Roppel Jean Steinhoff, Mary Frances Campbell
Front Lynn Campbell, Ruth Pettigrew, Isabel Norman,
Sharon Campbell, Sharron Cottrill, Sheila Campbell
Irene Surridge 1955-1956



Front Carol Cottrill, Marlene Mackay, Barbara Shewfelt
Kathleen Potter, Marlene Mackinson, Margaret Ann Mackay
Centre Lynn Campbell, Irene Survidge, Isabel Norman
Marlene Roppel, Cora Lee Gazel, Carol Carefoot
Sheila Campbell Back Donis Bradley Helen Cottrill
Jean Steinhoff Beth Evans, Elenna Mackenzie
Sharon Campbell Sharron Cottrill Alberta Smith 1957





Back Dianne McArthur, Cora Lee Gazel.
Carol Carefoot Janet Downey, Sheila
Campbell, Marlene Mac Kinnon, Beth Evans
Carol Cottrill Centre Mareita Gottschalk
Sharron Cottrill Mary Frances Campbell,
Sharon Campbell Front Sharon Norman
Margaret Anne Mac Kay, Laura Jean Hendry



Front Gail Gottschalk, Ruth Campbell Elizabeth Swass Back Manjorie Milntash Barbara Gazel, Jean Gottschalk, Linda Shew felt, Helen Noren, Katherine Grunder, June Smith (Juniors)

The problem is not that the churches are filled with empty pews, but that the pews are filled with empty people.

Charlie Shedd

Knox C.G.I.T. 15th Anniversary



I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Martin Luther

In the News

: C.G.I.T. holds vesper service =

"Because of a life, we are here to celebrate a birth" were the opening thoughts of the C.G.I.T. Vesper Service Sunday evening in the Tiverton Knox Presbyterian Church. The congregation was asked to join in celebrating the birth of Jesus who never turns away from the suffering or the needy, who forgives men and women and helps them begin a new purposeful life, who by a life guided by love rather than by law helps others to live with freedom, challenge and risk.

The readers were Janice Dent, Lorna Hutton, Carol McPherson and Judy Brown; candlelighters were Linda MacKinnon, Carol Pinkerton and Margaret Slade. The offering was received by Kim Hanks, Mary June Mackenzie, Marnie Macpherson, Nancy Ribbink, Winnie Smith and Sue Stepnow. The scenes from Jesus' life were taken by Carol Hanks as Martha Caroline Smith as Esther, Doug MacKinnon, Andrew, Jim Dent, Peter, Jim Inkster, Reuben, and Gordon Brown Jacob. The organist for the evening was Mrs. Don MacKenzie, and the guitarist, Judy Brown.

The church was beautifully decorated with Beeswax candles made by the girls, assisted by Mrs. John Smith, and under the direction of the leaders, Mrs. John Fortier and Mrs. Stepnow, and also Mrs. Dugald MacKenzie and Mrs. John Smith. 1973 The Explorers, C.O.C.,

Brownies, Cubs and their leaders attended the service in groups. The lovely new banner, entitled "Thanks for a Life", and made for the service by Margaret Slade and Mrs. Stepnow, focused the attention of the congregation on the theme of the service.

The CGIT of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton met on Tuesday evening September 19. Initiation services were for four new members: Caroline Smith, Carole Hanks, Vicki Butler and Dale Stone. Officers for the year are: president, Sandra Brown; vicepresident, Judy Brown; secretary, Janice Dent; secretary, Janice Dent; treasurer, Linda MacKinnon; press reporter, Lorna Hutton. The meeting ended with games, followed by Taps. 1972

CGIT holds graduation at Knox

An impressive service was held in Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday, June 1, when the Children of the Church, Explorers and the C.G.I.T. held their graduation exercises.

The three C.G.I.T. graduates, Judy Brown, Linda MacKinnon and Margaret Slade conducted the service, with each group presenting a musical selection.

Mrs. Rae Johnson, C.O.C. eader, presented Linda leader, presented Linda MacKenzie and Paul Fidler with graduation certificates. Mrs. Bruce MacKinnon explained the Explorer graduation requirements, and Mrs. George Potter, Explorer leader, presented the "E" pins, and certificates to Debbie Brown, Darlene Campbell and Brenda Potter.

Councillor Joan Chief Bradley from Explorers, and C.G.I.T. vice-president Sue Stepnow welcomed graduates to their respective groups.

Mrs. Eldred Reid, president of the Women's Missionary Society, conducted the reaffiliation service, and the first year C.G.I.T. girls, Mynona Mahaffy and Julie Ribbink, received affiliation badges and W.M.S. membership cards.

Margaret Slade and Judy

Brown explained the C.G.I.T. purpose and what C.G.I.T. has meant to them in their five years of training "under the leadership of Jesus."

Mrs. J. Fortier presented the C.G.I.T. graduates with their certificates, reminding the congregation of this exciting year of centennial for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 60 years of C.G.I.T. in Canada, and 25 years of C.G.I.T. in Tiverton.

She congratulated the groups for providing tuition for three girls at the Jhansi Boarding School in India, enabling them to continue their education, and for sending \$100 to the Korean Christian Church in Japan for food supplements for teenage school children.

During the service the Intermediate Girls Choir sang two mediate Girls Chor sang two beautful anthems, accompanied by Joan Dent at the organ; the COC sang an action hymn "The wise man built his house upon a rock," and the Explorers sang "This is My Father's world," their own group hymn. The impressive service closed with Rev. Fortier giving the bene-

Tiverton graduate explains CGIT has

What is C.G.I.T.?

What is C.G.I.T.?

Kelly Dobson gave this speech at the Graduation Service in Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, on Sunday, May 29.

Mrs. Eleanor Roppel, leader, congratulated Kelly Dobson and June Young on completing the requirements for CGT. The Mrs. requirments for CGIT, then Mrs. George Pentelow, Youth Secretary George Pentelow, Touth Secretary for W.M.S., presented the girls with their graduation certificates and Mrs. Robert Duthie, leader, pinned on their graduation pins.

"C.G.I.T., has meant to me, years of fellowship, friendship and good times. To sum all of this up in a few moments is quite difficult so I have taken each initial and given it

"C is for the Christianity we have shared with each other. This year we studied the religion and culture in the South Pacific.

"It is also for community service which at Christmas time we delivered cookies to the elderly members of our Church.

"It could also stand for church in which we hold our meetings and have at least one church service a year, our Vesper Service at Christmas time.

"G is for growth. The example of this is that I would like to give is the scripture verse on which the pur-pose is based: "And Jesus in-

creased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man." This came from Luke 2 verse 52, and so through Bible study and worship in C.G.I.T. we have also increased in wisdom and stature.

> CGIT ACTIVITIES 1970 Rev. and Mrs. J. Fortier entertained a group of ten CGIT girls and their leaders at a dinner in their home on Wednesday, May 20. At this time the graduates, Jane Shewielt, and Dianne Smith, were presented with graduation gifts.
>
> A hay ride was held Wednesday, May 27 by twenty-one girls.

day, May 27 by twenty-one girls and their leaders of the CGIT and the Intermediate Girls Choir of Knox Church. Jim Hutton Jr. provided the transportation to the sand hills at Inverhuron where a ball game was enjoyed and later the girls held a weiner roast. This was the last meeting of the CGIT until next September. 1970



Front Elizabeth Swass, Ruth Campbell, Mary Lou Norman Sharon Norman Linda Shewfelt Marjorie McIntosh Centre Jean Gotts chalk, Helen Noren, June Smith Katherine Grunder, Marlene Mackinnon, Carol Carefoot Back Carol Cottrill, Alberta Smith, Lillian Mackay Sharron Cottrill, Glenna Mackenzie, Laura Jean Hendry Mary McFadyen, Beth Evans 1959









Back Row L-R Sylvia Stepnow Carolyn Smith, Mary June Mackenzie Sue Stepnow. Lorna Hutton. Carolyn Stepnow, Rhoda Wendt. Middle Brenda Wilson, Debbie Campbell, Kathleen Young. Claire McGibney, Mynono Mahaffy, Gerda Roppel, Susan Morgan Front Lorraine Kitzler, Darlene Campbell, Julie R.bbink, Dianne Swan, Nancy Ribbink, Brenda Potter 1976

C.G.I.T. PURPOSÉ

As a Canadian Girl in Training Under the leadership of Jesus, It is my purpose to

Cherish Health, Seek Truth, Know God, Serve Others,

And, thus, with His help, become The girl God would have me be.

Luke 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP BADGE

The circle in the badge signifies the world.

The cross, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The diamond, the fourfold purpose of C.G. I.T.

The rays of light and waves symbolize the light of the Gospel stretching from sea to

AFFILIATION SERVICE





<u>Back</u>: Gerda Roppel, Linda MacKinnon, Margaret Slade, Judy Brown, Shirley Fortier and Sylvia Stepnow. <u>Middle</u>: Carol McPherson, Kim Hanks, Sue Stepnow, Mary June MacKenzie, Lorna Hutton and Carole Hanks.

<u>Front</u>: Julie Ribbink, Nancy Ribbink, Carolyn Smith, (?), and Debbie Campbell.



<u>Back</u>: Rev. Doug Black, Lois Bradley (?), Carolyn Smith, Brenda Wilson, Susan Morgan (?), Joan Bradley (?), Mary June MacKenzie, Margaret Reid (W.M.S. pres.).

<u>Front</u>: Susan Campbell (?), Debbie Campbell, Debbie Morgan (?), Marlene Paige (?), Pat Copeland.

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1977 L - R

<u>Back</u>: Lois Bradley (?), Carolyn Smith, Brenda Wilson, Susan Morgan (?), Joan Bradley (?), Mary Jun MacKenzie and Pat Copeland.

<u>Front</u>: Susan Campbell (?), Debbie Campbell, Debbie Morgan (?) and Marlene Paige (?).





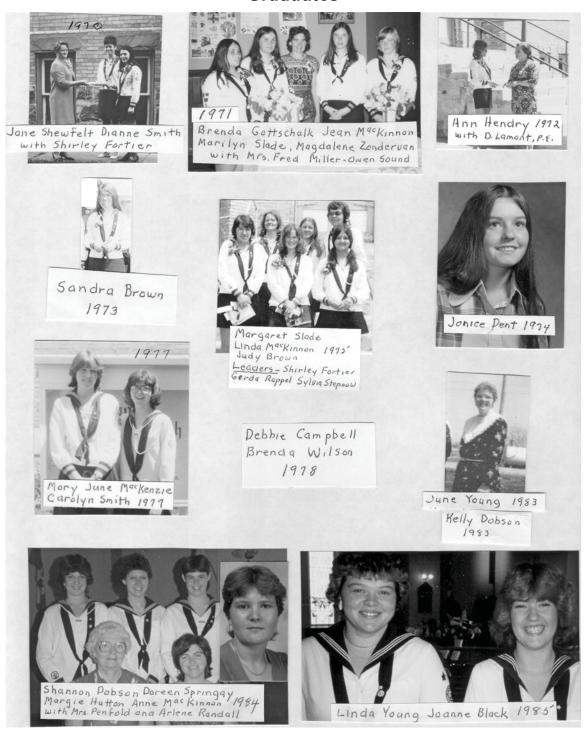
Graduates



Too many of us have a Christian vocabulary rather than a Christian experience. We think we are doing our duty when we're only talking about it.

Charles F. Banning

Graduates



The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.

G. K. Chesterton

Reunion at Sunrise Service

A group of former C.G.I.T. leaders and girls gathered together to prepare and lead worship at the Easter Sunrise service at Knox Tiverton on March 3rd, 2008. Those attending enjoyed a time of fellowship and a light breakfast downstairs.

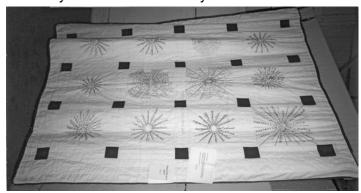


<u>Back</u>: Catherine Elmes, Sandra Brown, Alberta Smith, Mary Duthie, Sylvia Stepnow and Eleanor Roppel.

<u>Centre</u>: Sue MacLeod, Marjorie Tennyson, Carolyn Hamilton, Helen Diehl, Joyce Tout, Linda Young, Doris Young, Linda Johnston, Jane Bonnett, Lillian Leggett and Mary F. Scott. <u>Front</u>: Shirley Catto, Penny Watson, Sharon Courtney, Eleanor Thompson, Jean Gottschalk and Marlene White.

Signature Quilt

This quilt was made to raise money for the C.G.I.T. group in the 1930's. If you wanted to have your name embroidered on the quilt, you paid 10¢. This quilt is still in existence and is owned by Ken & Velma Hendry.



Tuxis, Trail Rangers & Sigma C

Records about boy's groups are very scarce. From time to time, Tuxis, Trail Rangers and Sigma C were functioning, but it seems just for short periods. These groups were just for boys while C.G.I.T was just for girls, and encompassed the same age, for the most part. There was a Tuxis group in the 1920's. Rev. & Mrs. MacKay formed a Trail Ranger group in 1950. Fraser Downey was leader with Eoin



MacKinnon Secretary and Bob Keyes Treasurer. This group met for a few years. We have a record of a Sigma C group in 1955 with Jack Gazel as treasurer and Gordon MacKay as treasurer in 1956. These groups centred on boy's interests – woodworking, sports and camp as well as worship and church oriented programmes. Although solid information is lacking, these groups were an important part of Knox Church for a time.

Canadian Girls in Training and Trail Rangers week was commemorated by these groups and their leader, Mrs. R. G. McKay, attending the Sunday morning service in Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton. Dr. McKay preached from the theme "To serve Christ - Give thyself".

Irene Reid, president of the C. G. I. T. gave the call to worship and read the new Testament lesson. George Hendry for the Trail Rangers read the old testament scripture and the dedicatory prayer.

Tuesday evening a joint banquet for these two groups and their parents was given in the besement hall. The tables were suitably decorated by members of the C. G., I. T. Toasts were given to the King, the Church our Country, Our Mothers and Fathers, the C. G. I. T and the Trail Rangers. These toasts were given by Ronald McKinnon, Christine Campbell, Irene Reid, Mervin Surriage and Marlene Dickson. Responses were given by Dr. McKay, Mr. Richard Hyde, Mrs. Eldred Reid, June McKinnon and Jim Swass.

The guest speakers were Mrs. Duncan Campbell and Mr. John McFadyen.
Mrs. Campbell's address was based on the C. G. I. T. purpose and was
most timely and helpful. Mr. McFadyen's subject was "Girls and Boys"
and was given in his inimitable and direct fashion.
Mrs., William Brown, president and other members of the Ladies' Aid were
in charge of the banquet tables.

Cradle Roll

When children were baptized, their names were entered on the Cradle Roll chart 'Our Babies' of Knox Church. In the early days of the Cradle Roll, the secretary responsible for the records visited the family to give them a small certificate, indicating their welcome to Knox Church. On each birthday, a suitable 'age' card was sent, or very often delivered to the child by the secretary. Sometimes a small book of Bible stories accompanied the card. When the child reached Church School age (5 or 6) another card indicated this important step in the child's life – now part of Knox Church School. Mrs. Harold (Laura) Hendry was the faithful "Cradle Roll Secretary' for many years. As time progressed, these customs seemed to decrease, and the Cradle Roll seemed to become nursery care for this age during worship. Usually teen girls of the congregation assumed the responsibility. A part of the basement to the east was carpeted to make a

Cradle Roll

play area for the young ones. When the addition to the church was built, a sunny room complete with crib, toys, tables, etc. was a safe place for pre-school children. Later the room was equipped with speakers, so service could be heard. This allowed parents to take their children thee during worship if they wished. A new cradle roll chart 'Our Stars' was begun in 1990, but has not been kept up to date.



Sunday School

The first records we find of Sunday School are in 1871. Lorne and Inverhuron had Sunday Schools that were under the supervision of Tiverton Church Session. These carried on during the summer months. John Mather was superintendent at Lorne until it closed in 1900. Dugald MacKenzie, who was also Clerk of Session, was superintendent at Inverhuron for many years. Others were John McAuley, John Dewar and Robert McIntosh. After the disastrous fire of 1882, families moved away and attendance at Inverhuron dwindled. But the Church School continued until 1929.

We find no date for the beginning of Church School at Sinclair's Corners or Tiverton, so we can safely assume that it was a part of church life from the beginning. We read elsewhere, that Sunday afternoons were spent reading the Bible and learning scripture and the Catechism. Early superintendents at Tiverton were Angus McRae, George Ord, D.E. McLaurin, John A. MacKenzie, L.A. Marshall, Neil Matheson, P.J. Brown, P.D. Cameron and Robert McIntosh. Following them, Harold Hendry and Allan Evans were dedicated, faithful superintendents for many years. Others were Norman Dobson, Frank & Julie Mahaffy, Alberta Smith, George Potter, Pat Copeland, Joan McDougall, Wendy Parry and the present superintendent (2008) Heidi Pasley.

Memorization of scripture was an important part, especially in the early years. Attractive certificates were awarded when the prescribed verses or catechism were memorized. Parents helped their children and both had a feeling of accomplishment when the coveted certificate was awarded. Regular attendance was emphasized, again requiring parental cooperation. A Robert Raikes certificate was given to the child for the first year of 'almost perfect' attendance. Each succeeding year a seal was added. At a special year-end service, awards were presented and the children praised for their accomplishments. Recently these awards have been held at a special outdoor service and picnic at the farm of Ken and Jeanette Young. Children participated in the informal service and a skit kept the children's attention. Adults too – who can forget Sampson & Delilah played by Paul & Lesley Bridgeford? Or Don Manary arranging rain for Noah! Games were also arranged for the children after the service. A potluck picnic with hot dogs & marshmallows cooked over an open fire added to the day along with hayrides!

For many years, the minister conducted an adult Bible class in the Sanctuary, while the younger members met elsewhere – basement, gallery or furnace room. Senior classes for both boys and girls 12-18 were held sometimes having a special outing during the week.

Sunday School was initially held immediately following worship. An observation that this was too long for children, one hour for worship and another hour of Sunday School, resulted in the time of classes changed to 10 A.M. Worship was then at 11 A.M. Since 1987, Church School classes have been held at the same time as worship. Children are encouraged to attend the first part of worship with their parents and then retire to classes after the children's time in the Sanctuary. For many years Sunday School was held year round, but now Sunday School is the same as the school year.

Knox Church is fortunate to have dedicated, faithful members of the congregation who instructed the young people week by week in Bible truths, giving of their time freely and exhibiting genuine care for the children's spiritual development.

Attendance at Church School for those older than Grade 8 seemed to falter. In the 1980's Rev. Black organized a Teens Bible Class for those in Grade 8 and older. Meetings were usually Sunday evenings at the manse. Paul Roppel was president, Joanne Black treasurer and Rev. Black, with alternate George Potter, as leaders. This group was also of short duration.

Sunday School Pictures



Senior Boys' Class 1926 - Dave McIntosh - teacher



Church School circa 1948 – Front to back L – R

Aileen MacKay, Judy Begg, Jean Gottschalk, Isabel McRitchie, Carl Avis, Ruth Campbell, Kathleen MacKay, Cheryl Ann Munro, Laura Jean Hendry, Dennis Munro, Irene Reid, Carol Cottrill, Helen Cottrill, Meryl Gottschalk, Irwin Evans, Bruce Cottrill and Elizabeth Potter. Teacher Eleanor Surridge.

Note: Not all children are identified.



Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul, May keep the path, but will not reach the goal; While he who walks in love may wander far, But God will bring him where the Blessed are.

Henry Van Dyke



Presentations highlight closing of Sunday school

The presentation of Memory Work Certificates and Attendance Awards were the highlights of the closing session of Knox Church School on Sunday morning. Parents and friends were invited to attend this special session which began at usual hour of 10 a.m.

As the people gathered, several choruses that the children had learned during the year were enjoyed under the direction of Judy Brown with Mrs. Gordon Brown as pianist.

The Mission Sunday offerings will be sent to the M.G. Abbey Home for Orphan Children in Amkut, India. The money from the Birthday Lighthouse will be given to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sutherland who are in Tanzania, Africa, to help in their work there. The large quantity of used stamps collected by the children will be sent to the Leprosy Mission in Toronto.

Allan Evans presented 13
Memory Course certificates
to children who had learned
the prescribed passages:
Bobbi Roppel, Terry
Copeland, Paul Roppel,
Joanne Black, Warren
Copeland, Anne MacKinnon,
Teresa Hunter, George
Potter, Leslie Farrell, Paul
Fidler, Debra MacKinnon,
Brenda Potter and Mary Kay
Campbell.

The Rev. Mr. Black addressed the children briefly and assisted Mrs Dugald MacKenzie in presenting Attendance Awards to the 30 children who had earned

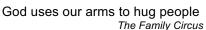
Receiving these awards were Teresa Farrell, Norfie Campbell, Robbie McDougall, Michael Elliott, Heather Campbell, Bobbi Roppel, Warren Copeland, Susan Elliott, Brian Fidler, Paul Roppel, Leslie Farrell, John McDougall, Joanne Black, Todd Manary, John Campbell, Teresa Hunter, Megan MacKenzie, Margie Hutton, Anne MacKinnon, George Potter, Terry Copeland, Linda McKenzie, Paul Fidler, Troy Manary, Debra MacKinnon, Vicki Prieb, Mary Kay Campbell, Christi Campbell, Brenda Potter, and Debbie Brown.

Appreciation was expressed to the Church School Staff for their faithfulness throughout the year and to all others who had helped in any way.

The singing of "Jesus Loves Me" and the repeating together of the Lord's Prayer brought the session to a close.

A special treat was provided for the children and everyone enjoyed a short social time together.

social time together. Sunday School classes will resume early in September.







Church School 1983-84

<u>Back</u>: Rev. Black, Bill Van Dam Jr., Kathy Brooks, Jimmy Farrell, Wayne Cramp, Gordon Roppel, Jennie Maxfield, Betty Eskrick and Ruby Brown.

<u>5th row</u>: Shannon Dobson, George Potter, Scott Grover, Norie Campbell, Bobbi Lynn Roppel, Bonnie Eskrick, Graham Duthie, Michael Martindale, Joan McDougall and Pat Copeland.

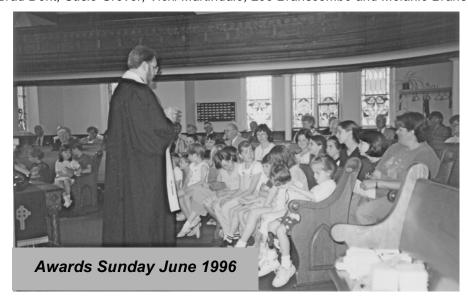
4th row: Cheryl Catto, Roy Cramp, Chris Maxfield, Anne MacKinnon, Joanne Black, Megan Roppel, Melissa Rapp and Denise Farrell.

<u>3rd row:</u> Leslie Farrell, Rob McDougall, Jeff Holland, Theresa Farrell, Jennie Grover and Gerry Maxfield.

2nd row: Judy Brown, Jamie Holland, Kevin Fidler, Jason McPherson and Amy Roppel.

<u>Front</u>: Marg Hutton, Adam Ruthven, Jason Crawford, Paul Fidler, Adam Cox, Allan Brown and Cathy Buchanan.

Absent: Brad Dent, Susie Grover, Vicki Martindale, Lee Branscombe and Melanie Branscombe.





1996

<u>Back</u>: Bailey Edwards, Sandra Parry, Irene Campbell, Sandy Mitchell and Trevor Cottrill. <u>3rd row</u>: Stephanie Young, Christine Parry, Anne Mitchell, Courtney Hutt, Ryan Lawrence, Curtis Paige, Katie MacKenzie, and Marlene Parry.

<u>2nd row</u>: (?), Vivian Campbell, Danielle Gazel, Brittany Hutt, Brad Young, Mathew Ross, Stanley Munro, Steven MacKenzie and Chad Smith.

<u>Front</u>: (?) Ross, Carrie Hunter, Brooke MacKenzie, Ian Mitchell, Jasper Munro and Jennifer Cottrill.



2000

Back: Wendy Parry and Bob McCall (Lay Minister).

Middle: Stephanie Young, Christine Parry, April Catto, Samantha Young, Amanda

Lawrence, Stanley Munro, Carly Hunter and Kelsey Young.

Front: (?), Sara Catto and Dylan Young.



2001

Back: Alison Lawrence, Gladys Munro and Don Manary.

3rd row: Marlene Parry, Carly Hunter, Kelly Catto, Dyan Semple, Christine Parry, Trevor Cottrill, Wendy Parry (supt.), Stephanie Young, Brittany MacPherson, Karyn Semple, Cheryl Cottrill and Richard Stanton.

<u>2nd row</u>: Melissa Beamish, Andrew Wright, Jasper Munro, Josh Hunter, Stanley Munro, Brad Young, Ryan Lawrence and Brady Semple.

<u>Front</u>: Kelsey Young, Sabine Pasley, Maxine Pasley, Ian MacLennon, Dylan Young, Jessie MacKenzie, Amanda Lawrence, Carrie Hunter and Jennifer Cottrill.



Rev. Wendy takes children for a tour outside during story time before adjourning to Sunday School. Adults got to listen in thanks to our sound system's wireless microphone.

Candid Sunday School Pictures















Cheryl Cottrill engages her class.

Candid Sunday School Pictures





Back: Heidi Pasley Miranda (Supt.), Broughton, Linda Young, Sabine Pasley, Maxine Pasley and Wendy Parry. Middle: Dayn Frieberger, Annika Van Vaen (?), Adam Ballagh. Dvlan Young, Lily Frieberger and Katie Franklin. Front: Rebekah Ballagh, David Ballagh, Jenna Franklin, Paige Santos and Annaliese Inkster.

Church Picnics - Outdoor Services

People from the earliest days of this congregation to the present have realized that picnics are a wonderful form of recreation and fellowship, as well as enjoying delicious food. In early days, picnics would be held on a weekday when a well-deserved rest from everyday work would be enjoyed. Sundays were not for picnics! Sundays were for worship! Inverhuron seemed to be the place of choice for these gatherings. At first they were held on the sand dunes, later most were held in McIntyre Park at the foot of the boundary. Young and old gathered during the afternoon to enjoy swimming, ball games, or just visiting, culminating with a bountiful picnic lunch. People sat in a circle on the grass and the ladies passed around food. The men served tea and lemonade. After supper races were held. One lady remembers getting a nickel for winning her race in the 1940's. As daylight turned to darkness, belongings and children were gathered, and all headed home. There seems to be a time in the 1970's and 1980's when picnics were not held on a regular basis. In the 1990's a worship service was held at the church on a Sunday morning, and then the congregation moved to Inverhuron Provincial Park for a picnic lunch and games for the children. In 1996 it was decided to have an outdoor Worship Service at the park, followed by a picnic. In 2000, rain interfered. We had worship and lunch in the church, but games for the children were held outdoors. In June 2002, Ken and Jeanette Young, on the B-Line, offered their beautiful, shaded lawn for the annual outdoor worship service and picnic. We have enjoyed their hospitality for several years since!

Knox Presbyterian Church Picnic Circa 1914/1915



Church Picnics - Outdoor Services



How many tech-support people does it take to change a light bulb? Please continue to hold. Your call is very important to us.

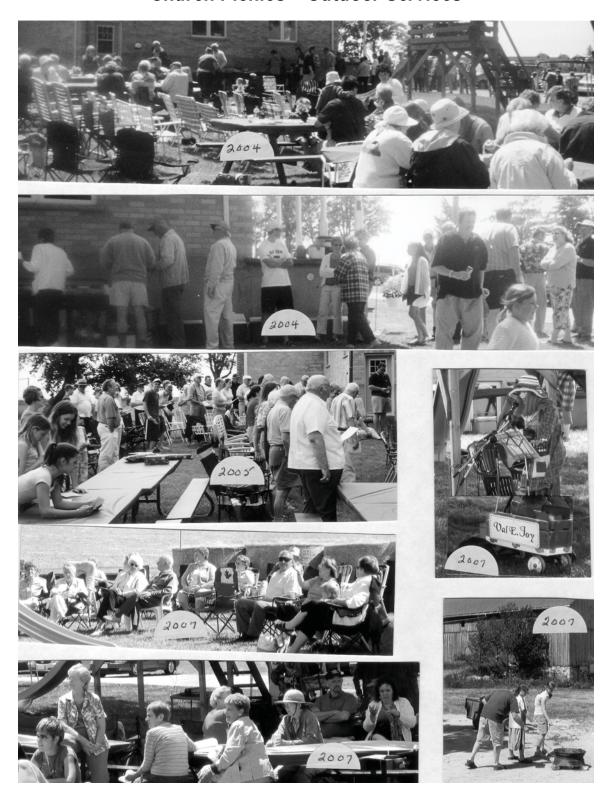
Church Picnics – Outdoor Services



The Bible is like a telescope. If a man looks through his telescope, then he sees worlds beyond; but if he looks at his telescope, then he does not see anything but that. The Bible is a thing to be looked through, to see that which is beyond.

Phillips Brooks

Church Picnics – Outdoor Services



Vacation Bible School

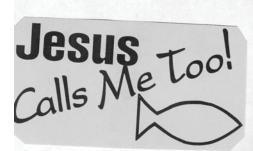
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Daily Vacation Bible School
Daily Vacation Bible School
will be held at Knox Tiverton
from July 19 to July 23, 1999

from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
The theme is "The Fisherman's Story: Jesus Calls Peter".

All elementary school aged children are welcome. Come participate in art, drama, songs, games and good conversation.







1999 and 2001 Vacation Bible Schools

Vacation Bible School







Summer Experience 2002



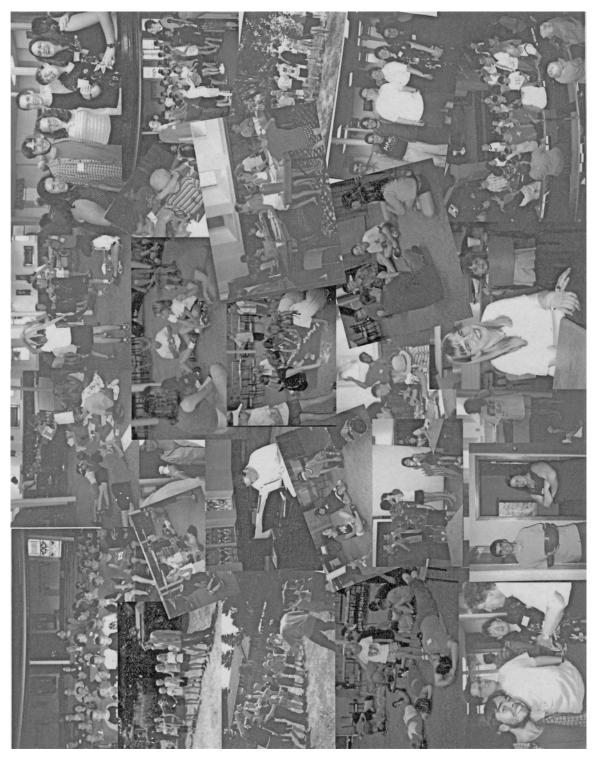
The Summer Experience Team presented Vacation Bible School (above) from the 15th to the 19th of July in 2002 at Knox Presbyterian Church. This team provided summer jobs for young people from all over Southwestern Ontario. Team members were Anne Miller, Peter Houghton, Jessica Powers, Corrin Reczuck, Adam Hall, Karen Emmons, Jeff Geddes, Melanie Brown, Adam Riddiough and Coleen Harvie. Local helpers were Christine Parry and Brittany MacPherson. Members of the team were billeted for the week at the homes of the congregation: Margery & John Ward, Catherine & Andrew McKague, Liz & Jim MacPherson, Mary Duthie and Pat & John Copeland. Forty-six children were registered for this session.

Recent History of Vacation Bible School

Bob McCall led the first Vacation Bible School of the modern era with help from Pat Copeland, Jean Dent, June Frost and Alberta Smith. Average attendance was 36 with 49 children registered. The 2001 V.B.S. had an average attendance of 21 with 34 registered. Heidi Pasley led this session with assistance from Rev. Wendy, Susan Hunter, Catherine McKague, Brittany MacPherson, Stephanie Newsham, Jean Dent, Pat Copeland and Alberta Smith. In 2002, Rev. Wendy arranged for the "Summer Experience Team" to conduct V.B.S. The 2003 V.B.S was led by Heidi Pasley and involved 10 to 14 children each day for the five days. Julie Inkster, Heather Kempers, Pat Copeland, Alberta Smith and Jean Dent assisted with the theme of Son Harvest County Fair.

The "Summer Experience 2006" team sponsored by the Synod of Southwestern Ontario again conducted V.B.S in 2006 during the week of August 21st to 25th with the theme "Come to the Waters". Leader of the team was Heather Paton and in addition to the stories, crafts, games and music for twelve children, two evening worships were presented; one in Tiverton and one at Knox in Kincardine. Billets were arranged by Gladys Munro and supplied by Mary & Tom Scott, Jeanette & Ken Young, Don & Julie Inkster, Heinz & Susan Gruetter, Mary Duthie and Pat & John Cop0eland.

Summer Experience 2002

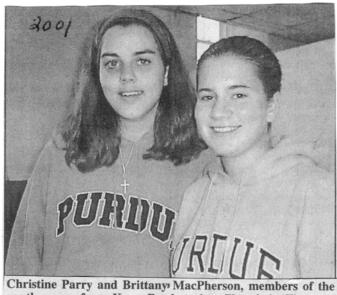


A collage of VBS activities in 2002 was made into placemats for leaders.

Young People's Society

The Rev. James Steven organized the first Young People's Society in 1895, with active groups in both Tiverton and Inverhuron. These groups were called the "Young People's Guild" or simply "the Guild", with a large attendance of both young men and women. The purpose was to provide Christian fellowship, a time to worship, have fun and engage in church projects. The name changed to "Young People's Society", with the same aims and a desire to be an asset to their church in whatever way they could. They met weekly, usually with the minister and/or adults to act as mentors. Camp Kintail played an important part in the lives of the young people. Those who attended as a youth often returned as a camp counselor. The Y.P.S. was active until the 1970's. Some went on to participate in other groups in the church. Later other youth groups of short duration were formed. In 1962 Rev. Parsons formed a "Married Couples Club" as an extension of youth groups. Couples up the age of 45 met for fellowship, recreation, special outings and discussions. The latter could get very animated when the subject was the importance of men and women in church and society! This group provided fellowship for Rev. Parsons and Joan, since they were in this age group. It disbanded at the end of Rev. Parson's pastorate.

In 2000 Rev. Wendy organized a youth group with Marie Wilson as leader with Alison Lawrence and Gladys Munro as helpers. They began with 15 members ages 10 to 14. The purpose of the group was to meet socially, in a safe place, with promotion of Christian values, public service and community involvement. Although hosted by Knox Church, all area youths were welcomed. In its short life span they were very active. They hosted a bake sale to help send Brittany MacPherson and Christine Parry to a Youth Triennium. Lorna Schwandt, Heather Hunter and Amanda McPherson organized a camping weekend. Later Christine Franklin co-coordinated several group events. Ken and/or Jeanette Young (Ross Young Bus Lines) often supplied transportation. Eventually attendance dwindled, committed leaders were not available, some young people went away to college and this group slowly suspended operation. Perhaps to be resurrected again in the future?



youth group from Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton, gave a presentation to the congregation Sunday morning outlining details of their experience at the Presbyterian 2001 Youth Triennium held in Indiana this summer. (Wilson photo)

YOUNG PEOPLE SOCIETY

1941

On Monday evening the Chalmer's Young People's Society en-tertained the Tiverton Young tertained the Tiverton Young People's Society. The meeting opened with the hymn 'Sun of my soul" and the Rev. G. Gomm led in prayer. The Bible reading was given by Alberta MacKinnon. Betty Taylor favoured with a solo "My Task". John McFadyen took the topic based on the text "For Jesus said: Ye on the text "For Jesus said: Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The hymn "Stand up for Jesus" was sung followed by a few words from Mr. Gomm. Harold Hendry led in property

from Mr. Gomm. Harold Hendry led in prayer. The worship period was closed by all singing the national anthem. Mrs. Harold Hendry gave a group of poems followed by a piano selection by Mae Brown. A reading entitled "People are fun" was given by Mrs. John Bell. A solo by Harold Hendry was followed by a reading by Margaret Brown entitled "Ten ways to kill a Young People's Society" After the recreation, lunch was served and a social time enjoyed by all

1943

The Y. P. S. meeting in Knox Church on Monday night was in the hands of Janet Hutton and James Brown. The lesson was read by Donald McDonald and John McFadyen led in prayer. J. Brown had a splendid paper on the topic "Not an abundance of things." John McFadyen gave an interesting discussion on "The Bible." During the social hour Janet Hutton conducted a quiz and Betty Sur conducted a quiz and Betty Spridge played a piano solo.

1943

The regular meeting of Knox Y. P. S. was held on Monday evening in the schoolroom of the church. The meeting which was conducted by Mrs. R. E. Begg and Miss Annabelle Surridge took the form of a farewell presentation of two of its members, Mrs. Carey Montgomery and her daughter, Margaret. Betty Taylor read the address, Margaret Jean Preston presented Margaret with an encyclopedia and Mrs. R. E. Begg presented Mrs. Montgomery with a Holman Bible. The regular meeting of Knox

1951

Leaders: Rev. & Mrs. McKay

1950

Y.P.S. Meeting 143°C
The Tiverton Young Peoples' Society met Monday night. The meeting opened by singing a hymn. The scripture was read by Lawrence Surridge. Doreen Scott led in prayer. The roll call was given and the collection was received. The topic was given by Agnes Campbell. A hymn closed the devotional part of the meeting. During the social hour Christena Campbell conducted a contest. The meeting closed by repeating the mizpah benediction in unison.

A "slide pool" was enjoyed at the regular Y. P. S. meeting on Sunday evening with slides of Detroit, Toronto, the St. Lawrence Seaway, and local scenes. Seventeen members answered the roll call by telling what they did Saturday night. Nancy Poulton conducted the worship service. 1967

Host Young People From District With **Broomball Games**

Tiverton's Young People's Society was host to members of Y. P.S. groups from Owen Sound, Wiarton, Chesley, Paisley, Tara, Burgoyne and Underwood on Saturday in the Community Centre. urday in the Community Centre. Ninety-three teenagers were present, accompanied by the Reverends F. Miller of Owen Sound. D. G. Archibald of Tara, D. Lennox of Burgoyne, C. McK. Eadie of Chesley and the Rev. and Mrs. John Elder of Tiverton.

A broomball tournament swung into action after lunch, and continued throughout the afternoon. Teams enjoyed other games in the Community Centre while waiting their turns on the ice. The playoff was between Tiverton and Burgoyne teams, the latter being the winners.

Burgoyne teams, the latter builts
the winners.

Just before the final game, everybody gathered for a worship
service led by Tom Hall of Bur-



A group from the Young People's Society of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, won the cup in the Bible Quiz contest, staged by the Y.P.S. of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbytery. The cup was awarded by the Y.P.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound. Members of the winning team are seen above, top row, left to right, George McFadyen and Betty Campbell; bottom row, Mary McKinnon and Eleanor Surridge.

Be not simply good: be good for something.

H.D. Thoreau

Bible Quiz cup won at Owen Sound in 1951



May 30,1965
Y. P. S. Service
ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

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Organ Prelude Mrs G.E. Mackay
                                                  Carl Avis
   The Call to Worship
The Sanctus
                                          Y.P.S. president
   The Prayer of Invocation
Praise Selection: #93 omit vv.3&4
The Prayer of Confession
                                               Cheryl Munro
                & Supplication
                                          Y.P.S. secretary
   The Lord's Prayer
   The Responsive Reading: Ps. 139)
                                                Irwin Slade
                                I-I2)
                                          Y.P.S. recorder
   The Children's Address
Praise Selection: #794
The Scripture: Romans I2. I-I3
                                              Irwin Slade
Anthem: C.G.I.T. choir
The Prayer of Thanksgiving )
                                              Cheryl Munro
                & Intercession )
   Announcements
   Offering
The Doxology
   The Prayer of Dedication
                                                 Carl Avis
Praise Selection: #538 omit vv.2&4
   The Sermon: 'Crowd or conscience?' Rev. Parsons
Praise Selection: #563
   The Benediction Sing amen
Organ Postlude
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WELCOME: We welcome warmly all friends and visitors worshipping with us today. We invite you to sign the Guest Book as you leave.

SUNDAY: The Church School and Bible Class will meet after the service.

Classes for intending communicants will commence this evening in the Church Room at 7.0 pm. These classes are open to any who are interested.

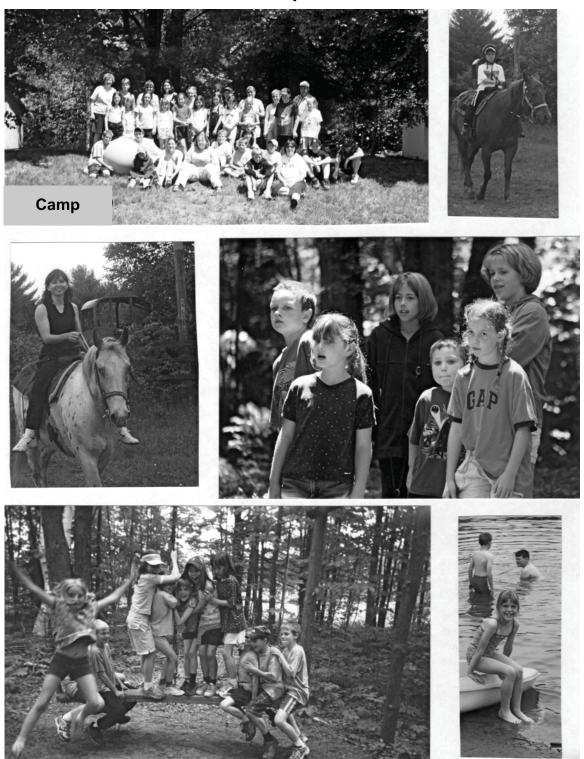
Anniversary services are being held today in Tiverton Baptist Church. The service this evening will be at 7.30 pm., and the guest speaker is the Rev.G.R. Easter, of Preston.

WEDNESDAY: The Ladies Aid will meet in the afternoon in the Church Room.

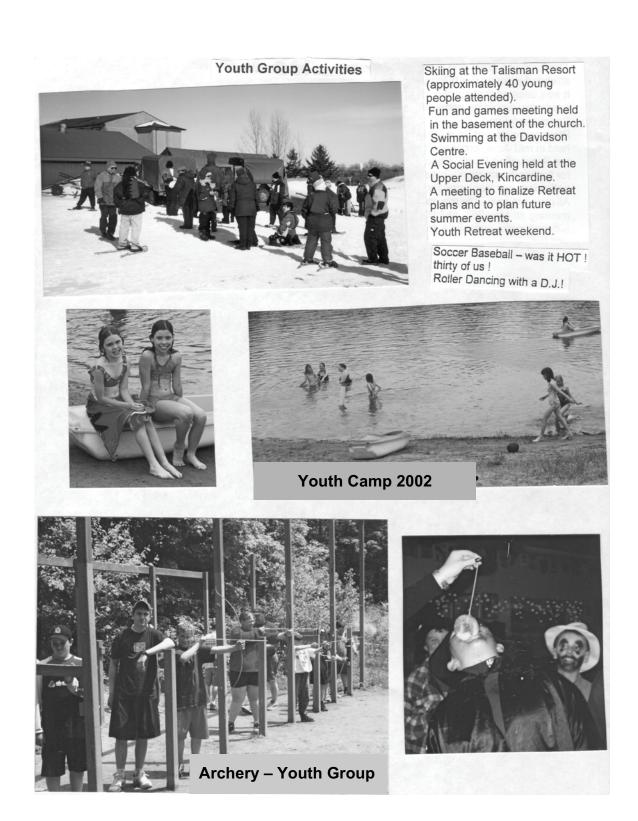
THURSDAY: The Choir will meet for practice at 8.30 pm.

SATURDAY: The Children of the Church will meet at 2.30 pm. in the Church Room.

Youth Group Activities



Young Bus Lines often supplied transportation for youth group activities.



Every time I pass a church, I try to pay a visit. So when at last I'm carried in, The Lord won't say, "Who is it?"

Celebrations



Congregational Recognition

Bob & Shirley McCall – Thank you

On Sunday August 27th, 2000 a substantial congregation of Knox people gathered with high enthusiasm in the church activity hall, following worship in the sanctuary, to recognize the immense contribution made by *Mr. Robert McCall* to the life and witness of Knox Church Tiverton during the past many months, numbering close to two years. Bob came to us at a time we were without clergy.



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2006

A surprise 80th birthday party for **Donelda MacKinnon** was held by the congregation after

regular church service. Lunch, including cake was enjoyed. This was an opportunity to thank Donelda for her many years of faithful service in many areas of church life; one of which was serving as Clerk of Session for 11 years. Donelda died in 2007.

2007

The *W.M.S.* paid tribute to *Irene Bradley* on her 95th Birthday. After their regular meeting in December, coffee and cake were enjoyed. Irene is a long time member, Life member and Honorary member; always faithful and valuable.



Saying Good-bye



Early in 2003, *John and Margery Ward* moved to Mitchell. After a regular worship service, the congregation gathered downstairs to enjoy lunch and say a sad good-bye. Both served in many areas of the church life, cheerfully and faithfully. John was the conscientious chairman of the building committee for the addition to Knox Church in 91/92. Various members paid tribute to them.

Saying Good-Bye



The congregation met after service on Sunday, August 2007 to spend some time with *Pat & John Copeland* prior to their move to Strathroy. After lunch, many voiced their appreciation, on behalf of the congregation, for their faithful service in many areas — music, Church School, W.M.S., Session, Board — to name a few. We said goodbye, but we couldn't entirely let go as John's help, computer expertise and suggestions were paramount to make this book a reality.







2008



The congregation of Knox Church, Tiverton started the year without a regular minister. Rev. Wendy concluded her ministry here on the last Sunday in December. Rev. Susan Samuel of Kincardine Knox Church was appointed as interim moderator and with the help of the Clerk of Session, Mynona Paige, the Kirk Session will provide leadership until the pulpit vacancy is filled. A search committee was appointed to seek a new minister. Regular meetings and activities of the organizations have continued. An anniversary committee had been appointed, and continues to make plans for a celebration to

recognize the 150th Anniversary of the congregation in 2009. A new service has been provided by Young Bus

Residents of the local Lines. seniors home. Tiverton Park Manor. are now picked up before the service and returned afterwards. The Board has planned to have the sanctuary painted and new carpet installed this fall. Along with Knox's



150th Anniversary, participation in another celebration is being planned, the 130th Anniversary of the Village of Tiverton.

Officers and Positions 2008

Interim Moderator: Clerk of Session: Music Director: Church School Superintendant: Board of Managers Chair: **Church Treasurer:** Use Of Building: Custodian: **Bulletin Secretary:** Newsletter Editor: Sanctuary Flowers: W.M.S. Secretary: Ladies Aid President: Anniversary Committee Chair: Search Committee Chair:

Rev. Susan Samuel Mynona Paige Lynn Broughton Heidi Paslev Mervin Catto Lesley Bridgeford Heather and John Hunter Eldon Roppel *Julie Inkster/Heidi Pasley Marie Wilson Diane Cuerrier Alberta Smith Janet MacKenzie Ken Young Tom Scott

*Heidi took over for Julie as Julie returned to Australia with Don & Annaliese. A farewell lunch was held after church on the last Sunday in October to bid them best wishes.

2008 Happenings

March 21. Rev. Terry Samuel. March 23: Sunrise Service at 8 a.m., led by the CGIT Alumni. Coffee and muffins to follow. All welcome. March 23: Rev. Jim Weir. Communion at 10:30. March 30: Carolyn Keyes.

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knoxtiver ton@bmts.com; www. bmts. com/~knoxtiverton. Wheelchair accessible. Hearing assistance available.

Worship Service and Sunday School at 10:30

Feb. 10: Winterfest. Rev. Ruth MacLean. Lunch to follow.

Feb. 17: Rev. Susan Samuel. Lunch and Annual Meeting to follow.

April 6: Rev. Jim Weir. April 13 and 20: Rev. Ruth MacLean. April 27: Carolyn Keyes.

May 4: Gary Kenny from Food Grains Bank. Lunch to follow. May is Food Grains month.

2008 Happenings

Thanks would like to be extended to all those who helped Knox Presbyterian Church of Tiverton raise \$3,592 for the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

This will now be multiplied by four to help feed the people of the world. Everyone is welcome to attend a BBQ picnic on Aug. 9 in Teeswater, at the farm of Wayne and Wendy McKague.

The next WMS meeting is the Friendship Meeting on May 14, at 7:30 p.m. Julie Buchanan will speak on Guatemala. Everyone is welcome and can bring a friend.

June 15: Worship with Rev. Ruth MacLean. Coffee Hour and Dad's cookies to follow.

June 22: Church Potluck Picnic (B-line farm of Ken and Jeanette Young) at 10:30 a.m. Bring a lawnchair.



Rummage Sale!

Troy Patterson photo The Presbyterian Church in Tiverton raised \$500 during Rummage Sales on April 17 and 18. Showing off a few of the many articles of clothing for sale were, from left to right, Women's Mission Society's Mary Scott, Liz Roberts, Betty Mitchell, Alberta Smith and Donna Williams.

Looking Ahead

To the year 2009 we recognize the 150th anniversary of this congregation. Anniversary celebrations will be the third weekend in October 2009. Through the year other activities will be held, but plans are not finalized.



- To the 130th anniversary of the village of Tiverton July 31st to August 3rd 2009.
- The completion of the mural on the north wall of the north parking lot entrance. The incomplete mural is on the cover of this book.
- The success of the Search Committee in obtaining a minister for our congregation.
- Renewing old friendships as former members and ministers return to help us celebrate this milestone.
- A growing and developing Spiritual health with faith, hope and love; looking unto Jesus Christ to strengthen and sustain us wherever He would lead.

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Postscript

Alberta Smith is the driving force, and author of most of the articles in this book. She also took a lot of the photographs. What photos she didn't take or articles she didn't write, she lovingly collected and assembled into a coherent whole to take you through the fascinating journey of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church in Tiverton over the last 150 years. It has been a pleasure to put this wealth of material into the computer. I attempted to preserve the 'scrapbook' flavour of her work. A big thank you to Cora Lee Dobson and Carolyn Hamilton for their typing. I look forward to having the time to sit down and actually 'read' this book. I hope you also enjoy the experience.

John Copeland