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Seven contestants are vying to be this year's Aylmer Fair Ambassador including, for the first time, a man. The Ambassador contest was, until last year, the Fair Queen competition. Men weren't eligible. One man was supposed to enter in 1995 when the title was renamed and males became eligible, but he backed out at the last minute. This year's contestants include, front, from

left: Jim Van Roestel, representing Country Pleasures; Marianne Maertens, Calton Women's Institute; Veronica Liddle, Avalon Rebekah Lodge 224; back: Erin Hannah, Aylmer Lioness Club; Joanne Newell, Aylmer Rotary Club; Natalie Smit, Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute; and Cindy Bircham, Colonel Talbot Branch 81, Royal Canadian Legion.

Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute sponsored Natalie Smit in the 1996 Aylmer Fair Ambassador contest.

J.A.  
A.V.R.

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Megan Jenkins, front, was named 1998 Aylmer Fair Ambassador during August 12 opening ceremonies. Rebecca Lunn, standing left was first runner-up and Cassandra Lee Claessens, second runner-up.

As winner, Miss Jenkins will participate in several fair board activities in coming months and represent Aylmer and area at the 1999 Canadian National Exhibition fair ambassador competition in Toronto.

J.H.

Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute sponsored Megan Jenkins. Congratulations Megan!

# Megan Jenkins named 1998 fair ambassador

Megan Jenkins, 17, of RR1 Belmont was "thrilled" when named Aylmer Fair Ambassador for 1998 last Wednesday.

It represented the culmination of a dream she had since childhood, she said.

The selection of Miss Jenkins from among six contestants was announced by Tracey Antonissen during fair opening ceremonies in front of the grandstand.

Rebecca Lunn was first runner-up with Cassandra Lee Claessens, second runner-up. Other contestants included Melanie Graham, Elizabeth Wales and Melissa Benner.

Judges were Lynda Pres-

sey, Kevin Morrell and Stewart Burberry.

Miss Jenkins is the daughter of Jim and Jeanette Jenkins. She has a 14-year-old sister, Katie. The family operates a Holstein dairy farm near Belmont.

She has been active in the fair since she was six years old, showing cattle with the 4-H Club. "I just love the fair."

On becoming a fair ambassador (formerly fair queen), she said:

"Ever since I was a little kid, I had seen and heard about the fair queen competitions. It's always been in the back of my mind I would like to win that someday. So,

I was thrilled when they announced I was the winner."

The prospect of entering the fair ambassador competition at next year's Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto leaves her feeling slightly intimidated but also excited.

"It's the biggest fair in Canada," she said. "There'll be ambassadors from all over but I am sure I will enjoy it."

The day after being chosen ambassador, she said she was looking forward to distributing ribbons to winners of various other fair competitions, greeting visitors to the fair, and talking to youngsters to encourage their participation in future fairs and ambassador competitions.

Miss Jenkins will begin her Ontario Academic Credit year (Grade 13) at EESS in September.

When she graduates, she plans to attend university and get a degree in business although she has not decided the type of business career.

Miss Jenkins works on the family farm helping with milking and other chores. She also has a part-time job at Mustang Drive-in theatre.

Her hobbies include 4-H programs, reading and extra-curricular activities at school.

She teaches Sunday School at Belmont United Church.



Melanie Graham, 18, of RR 2 Springfield was named Aylmer Fair Ambassador for 1999 during opening ceremonies on

Wednesday, August 11. She is flanked by Heather James, left, first runner-up, and Becky Lunn, second runner-up.

K.M.W.I. sponsored Rebecca (Becky) Lunn to compete in the Aylmer Fair Ambassador Contest.

## Aylmer Fair Ambassador Contest

Aylmer & East Elgin Agricultural Society changed the title for the former Miss Aylmer Fair Contest (Aylmer Fair Queen) in 1993 to Aylmer Fair Ambassador Contest. The change allows male contestants to compete with female contestants for the Ambassador contest.

Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute sponsored the following contestants:

1993: Ammie Lunn, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0.....Winner\*  
Parents: Brian & Donna Lunn

1994: no one

1995: no one

1996: Natalie Smit, R.R.7, Aylmer, N5H 2R6  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Smit

1997: Carla Row, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Karl Row

1998: Megan Jenkins, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0.....Winner\*  
Parents: Jim & Janet Jenkins

1999: Rebecca (Becky) Lunn, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0.....2nd Runner-up  
Parents: Brian & Donna Lunn

Note: The list of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute sponsored contestants for Miss Aylmer Fair (Aylmer Fair Queen) is recorded in Volume 4, section 10, pages 1 & 2.

# Mapleton Church of Christ

(Disciples)

Founded January 6, 1850

You are cordially invited  
to our...

145th Anniversary Celebration

October 1/1995

11 am and 7:30 pm

Please accept our personal invitation to worship and fellowship with us on this joyous occasion.

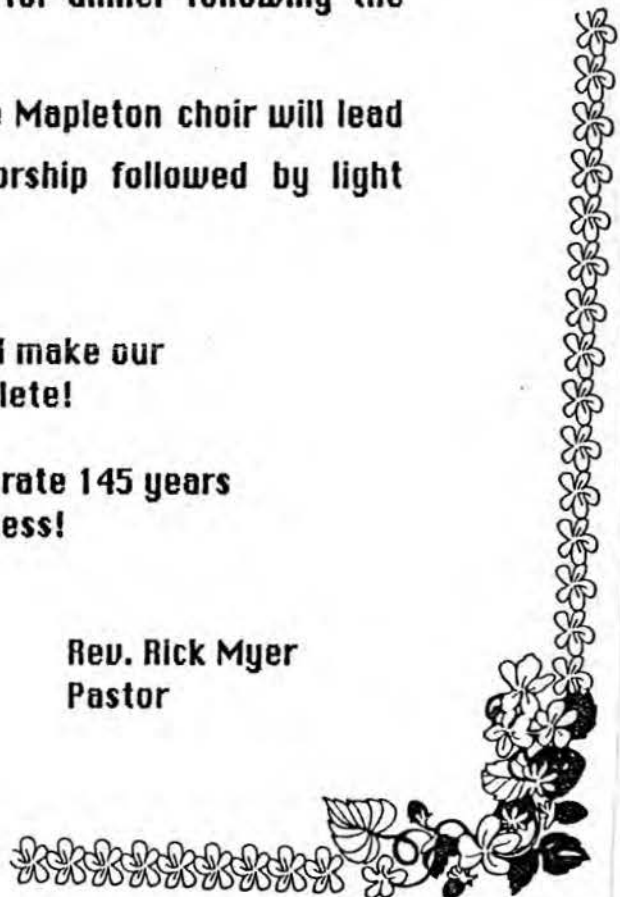
We are honoured to have Rev. D.L. Wally Howlett, the Interim minister of St. Thomas Christian Church, as our morning speaker. The guest soloist for our service will be Trudy Koch. Be sure to join us for dinner following the service.

Archle and Sean Wright and the Mapleton choir will lead us in an evening of musical worship followed by light refreshments.

Only your presence will make our  
celebration complete!

Together we will commemorate 145 years  
of Christian witness!

Rev. Rick Myer  
Pastor





The Rev. Rick Myer, right, led about 50 members of his congregation in an outdoor service at Mapleton Church of Christ, Sunday, June 23. The service was held to dedicate a new sign erected at the 146-year-old church in prepara-

tion for sesqui-centennial celebrations in four years. It is situated on South Dorchester Concession Road 11 just east of Mapleton.

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## 300 hungry people fed at Mapleton church

MAPLETON — Mapleton Church of Christ Disciples fed 300 hungry people at their annual roast beef supper on Wednesday evening Sept. 15. 1994

The large selection of home baked pies were a big hit. New minister Rev. Rick Myer was initiated as a waiter.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, Mapleton Church of Christ Disciples will be celebrating its 144th anniversary. Services are at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Kelvin Kennedy will be

guest speaker at the morning service. He is currently the minister of Mapleton Church. Guest soloist will be Shannon Kennedy. Dinner will be served following the service and everyone is welcome to stay.

A musical service at 7:30 pm will be presented by Kelvin and Shannon Kennedy, of Eganville, and the Missionary Church Orchestra of Aylmer. A fellowship time will follow the evening service.

Litany for Sign Dedication

Leader : Just as Joshua established a marker where his people crossed over the Jordan, and as our Lord said, "Let your light shine before men," we too, have built a sign to mark this place of the gathering of God's people; and in a literal sense, it is lighted and does shine brightly.

People : We proudly receive this sign to stand before the people of Mapleton and the Mapleton Church of Christ (Disciples).

Leader : The sign which now stands before this building identifies us a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

People : And we remember that when we depart and scatter to all parts of the community, we, too identify who the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are, and where we share our Lord's table with our friends.

Leader : That which marks this place of study, worship, fellowship, and service stands in dignity. It stands before us, built with pride by a carpenter, and funded by the hard work and efforts of the ones who worship here.

People : It compliments our place of meeting and reminds us daily of our times, and our efforts to minister to this our world.

Minister : Although modern in design, it stands in simplicity.

People : Our faith is for this age but not determined by it. Our faith also stands in simplicity. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and we accept him as our Saviour.

Minister : The design of our sign and marker is in the form of a shelter.



Litany for Sign Dedication (continued)

People : Under the shelter of these connected roofs we shall endeavour to provide a healing and nurturing shelter for the weak and injured. We shall be a people to protect and care for the world.

Minister : The sign before us is sturdy, built of wood and anchored deeply in the soil of our land.

People : We, too, make it our business to build our lives on a firm foundation and to be strong in the face of life's adversities.

Minister : Yet, that which we now dedicate is also perishable, and with time it shall be no more.

People : We are also aware of our own fragile nature and we place our trust, not in that which we build with our hands, but in that which is eternal.

Leader (unison) - Our God, eternal in the universe, we thank you for this holy place of meeting which gives cause for the erection of a sign to mark it's place. And we thank you for the loving efforts and work that provided the gifts that made this sign a reality. We thank you for the skill and craft which have made it beautiful and strong. We dedicate this, our Church sign, to stand before the community as a symbol of who we are, the universal and eternal Christian Church, dignified, contemporary, uncomplicated, sheltering and strong, yet finite; we live in your grace and by your peace. To your glory, we dedicate this sign.

AMEN !

"Candleglow Bazaar"

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Gladys Tisdale of Mapleton Church of Christ sells a jar of mincemeat to Vera Parsons of Avon during the Candleglow Bazaar at the church last Saturday. The

event, organized by the Bible-study class, was a fundraiser for the church.

150th ANNIVERSARY  
MAPLETON  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
(Disciples)

The congregation was established January 6, 1850. R.S. Bentley gave the land for the building and the adjoining cemetery. Edmund Sheppard was the first pastor.

Below: "Edmund Sheppard" portrayed by Rick Myer, minister of Mapleton Church of Christ, looks on as "Randall Bentley" portrayed by David Goble, lights the 150th Anniversary candle, during a special service, January 6, 2000.



<b>MAPLETON CHURCH OF CHRIST (DISCIPLES)</b>				
<b>MINISTERS</b>				
<b>1850 - 2000</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>START MONTH</b>	<b>START YEAR</b>	<b>END MONTH</b>	<b>END YEAR</b>
Edmund Sheppard		1850		
E. R. Black	Jan. 1	1893	Jan. 1	1895
N. R. Stephens		1894		
R. W. Ballah	July. 7	1895		
W. G. Charlton	November	1898		
R. W. Ballah	November	1902		
W. N. Arnold	October	1907	October	1909
J. I. Wheeler	October	1909	October	1910
D. McColl	Mar. 26	1911	February	1913
S. Walton Fay	Sept. 20	1913	June. 30	1914
S. R. Aldrich	Aug. 7	1914	Nov. 1	1916
D. T. Stanley	Nov. 5	1916		
Thomas Bradt	April	1918	June	1919
H. K. Franks	June. 6	1920	June	1922
J. D. Stephens	Jan. 14	1923	Dec. 1	1939
A. Butler	Dec. 8	1939	Nov. 15	1942
Carlton Wells	Dec. 13	1942	Jan. 28	1945
F. R. James	Feb. 25	1945	Nov. 11	1945
William Fermer	Dec. 30	1945	September	1954
Carlton Wells	September	1954	May	1955
Stanley Stainton	May. 15	1955	October	1956
Carlton Wells	Nov. 4	1956	March	1962
William Bilson	March	1962	May. 12	1963
Donald L. Foley	May. 19	1963	Nov. 29	1964
Carlton Wells	Dec. 13	1964	July	1966
Lorne B. Nethercott	Aug. 1	1966	Dec. 31	1974
Thomas F. Rutherford	Sept. 1	1975	Mar. 31	1980
Gerald Byron	Sept. 1	1980	August	1983

*J. H.*

# MAPLETON CHURCH OF CHRIST (DISCIPLES)

## MINISTERS

1850 - 2000

NAME	START MONTH	START YEAR	END MONTH	END YEAR
Fred Knutson	Sept. 1	1983	Aug. 11	1991
Kelvin Kennedy	November	1991	Dec. 27	1992
Patrick Ferrer	Feb. 1	1993	Aug. 28	1994
Richard Myer	Sept. 1	1994		
Joint Ministry - Park Ave. Christian Church St. Thomas	Aug. 1	1966	Mar. 31	1980
Joint Ministry - New Sarum Baptist Church	Sept. 1	1983	Aug. 28	1994

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Mapleton Church of Christ (Disciples)  
is a historical community of faith  
seeking to bring people into a  
personal, loving and healing  
relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are committed to nurturing each  
other in our spiritual journey through  
worship, fellowship, education,  
outreach and service.

Our words and actions reflect God's  
presence as we work for  
reconciliation locally and globally.

Congregation Established  
January 6, 1850

**PLEASE JOIN US IN  
2000 TO CELEBRATE  
OUR**

**150th  
Anniversary**



Mapleton  
Church of Christ  
(Disciples)

## “A Blessed Past; A Promised Future”

A small band of faithful men and women under the leadership of evangelists first held their meetings during the summer months in the form of camp meetings in the forest and at irregular intervals during the winter months from home to home.

A young man, Edmund Sheppard, from the Church of the Disciples in Nottingham, England, came to Canada in 1843, and in 1849 taught school where the village of Mapleton now stands. He also preached and directed his efforts towards the foundation of a church. He was aided by a number of Baptists, who joined him. In an early record book we read: --

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*“The congregation of South Dorchester, under the auspices of a providing and indulgent God first met at the home of Brother E. Sheppard on Lord’s Day, January 6, 1850. Here the candlestick was set up. May it never be removed until the world and all earthly churches shall be no more. Amen – Randall Bentley and Edmund Sheppard.”*

Celebrate 150 Years of God’s Love

## Events at Mapleton in 2000

We have several events planned to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2000. We hope that you will be able to join us as we look back on the past 150 years and look forward to the next 150 years. Brother Coulter read the history of the church at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and he quoted from a speaker at another anniversary, “Hats off to the past, but coats off to the future.”

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000 – a chicken and dumpling supper followed by a program.

Baby Picture Contest

Beard Growing Contest

Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000 – Special Mother’s Day Service

Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000 – Special Father’s Day Service

August 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2000 - Camping Weekend at Springwater

Friday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000 – Surprise Event

Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000 – Banquet Belmont Arena

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000 - Anniversary Services & Time Capsule Dedication

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000 - Candleglow 2000

Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2000 – Christmas Eve Service