

WEST LORNE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA - ELGIN PRESBYTERY

The old Methodist Church located on Munroe St. south of the railroad tracks was renovated in 1889. Robert McFate was secretary and William Clark was treasurer of the board. Other members were Charles Bainard, D.B. Freeman, H.S. Dingman, Wm. Danby, A.D. Boss, John Bolsby, Thomas Harris, A. McLachlin, and Wm. Petherick. Squire Amasa Wood of St. Thomas gave \$500.00 cash and also a bell weighing over 500 pounds for the church. The bell with its rich tones could be heard all over the village. It tolled for weddings, funerals, church services and victories, such as at the end of world war I. It tolled when Queen Victoria died, January 22, 1902 and also for King Edward, May 6th, 1910. It was also used as a fire bell.

Union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Canada, was consumed June 10, 1925 and the church was named "The Knox United Church of Canada", although union did not actually take place until 1926.

In 1933 the cornerstone for the United Church was laid. The former Know Presbyterian Church was rebuilt for the United Church by Mr. W.T. Merrett. The bell from the old Methodist Church was placed in the belfry and is used every Sunday to call the people to worship.

An electric organ was installed and the organ from the Methodist Church given to the Eagle congregation. Later a new Hammond Organ was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Basil Fisher and by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kemp in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Howieson. After Peter Kemp's death in July 1985, his organ was presented to the church.

Mrs. W.T. Merrett had been organist in the Methodist Church since she was fourteen years of age and had continued in the United Church until her death in 19 . Her mother, Mrs. Noah Dodd, made the grape juice and prepared Communion for many years, as also did Mrs. Merrett and sometimes assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Orville Gibson.

Eagle United Church amalgamated with West Lorne in 1962.

A new addition of two educational rooms was built in 1960 by W.T. Merrett and his firm, the Miller Lumber Company.

Ministers have been:

Rev. W.M. Kiteley	1926
Rev. W. Stafford	1930
Rev. W.T. Eddy	1933
Rev. W.J. Wilson	1938
Rev. R. Simpson	1940
Rev. L.G. Purchase	1943
Rev. O.R. Dyke	1948
Rev. Hill Hamilton	1950
Rev. H.E.J. Moorhouse	1954
Rev. Alex Taylor	1965
Rev. Chas. Scott	19
Rev. Van Slyke	19
Rev. John Vardy	19
Rev. Leonard Terry	1983
Rev. John Potter	1984

JAMES

....Dedication Service....

WEST LORNE UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH, 1934

Rev. W. T. Eddy, B.D. Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE Holy, Holy, Holy

LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

HYMN 86

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed:
Without our aid He did us make,
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure:
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

READING OF LESSON Psalm 84 Hebrews 10: 19-26

SOLO Mr. J. C. McKinnon, of London

PRESENTATION OF BUILDING

Keys Presented to the Board of Trustees by Mr. A. Petherick on behalf of the Building Committee

DEDICATION CEREMONY (All Standing)

Minister: Let us solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

To the worship of God our Father, by whose favour we have built this house: to the glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Saviour: and to the praise of the Holy Spirit.

WEST LORNE UNITED CHURCH

Dec. 18, 1949, at 8.30 p.m.

Processional Hymn - 64 - "Angels from the
realms of glory"

Vocation by the minister.

Hymn - 66 - (first and last verses only)
"God rest you merry, gentlemen"

Choir - "A Joyful Christmas Morn" - Gevart.

Choir & Sop. Solo - "While Shepherds Watched"
- Smart - Soloist, Mrs. T. F. Ripley.

Choir & Tenor Solo - "No Candle was there and
No Fire" - Lehman -
Soloist, Mr. Paul Shippey.

Choir & Sop. Solo - "Calm on the Listening
Ear of Night" - Manney -
Soloist - Miss Mabel Gammon.

Choir & Tenor Solo - "Today is Born Immanuel"
- Praetorius - Soloist, Rev. O. R. Dyke.

Hymn - 51 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Choir - "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella".

Larger Scene - "Sleep, Little Dove"
Soloist, Miss Yvonne Ripley.

Offering

Dedication of the Offering

Soprano Solo - "O Holy Night" - Adams
- Mrs. Basil Fisher.

Choir & Sop. Solo - "And There were
Shepherds" - Wilson -
Soloist - Miss June Merrett

Choir & Sop. Solo - "There were Shepherds"
- Vincent - Soloist, Miss Mabel Gammon

Choir & Tenor & Sop. Solos - "Christians,
Awake, Salute the Happy Morn" - Maunier
Soloists, Mr. Paul Shippey and
Mrs. T. F. Ripley.

Choir & Sop. Solo - "Sing, ye Heavens" - Tours
Soloist - Mrs. T. F. Ripley

Hymn - 59 (first verse only) - "Hark, the
Herald Angels Sing"

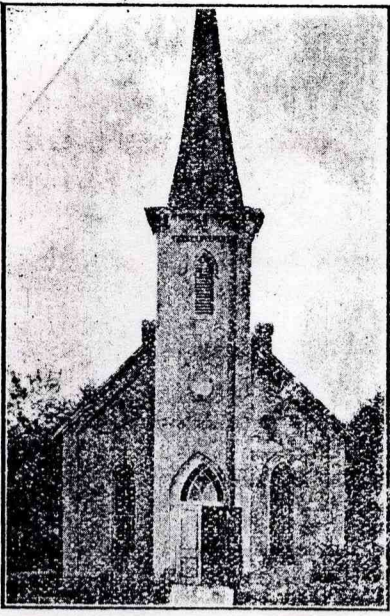
Benediction, with "Three-fold Amen" by choir.

Choir Director - Mrs. Basil Fisher

Organist - Mrs. Wm. T. Merrett.

Your minister takes this opportunity of
extending to all members and adherents and
friends of this Church his sincere wish
that Christmas may be a happy occasion
and the New Year rich in God's abundant
blessings.

Rev. Oswald R. Dyke,
minister.



Old West Lorne Church

Becomes New Parish Hall

It would seem very appropriate at this time when Wesley Church, West Lorne, is being remodelled and made suitable for the carrying out of Religious Education among the younger members of the congregation that a little of its past history be related.

In the year of 1874 the present church building was erected. Rev. Thomas Hanna was pastor and the following comprised the Trustee Board Lawson Bullock, Richard H. Axford, Charles Bainard, James Mulholland, George Mulholland, Hiram Mulholland, Henry Potts, John Bolsby, James Salter, James Hinds, H. George Justerson, Henry J. Hinds, Daniel Freeman, John Matthews and Daniel Tibbits. Rev. Hanna was followed by Rev. C. Teeter and the records of the Official Board show the following estimates for circuit expenses for the first year of his ministry.

Salary of minister.....	\$250.00
Amount for board.....	130.00
Moving expenses.....	7.89
Horse keep.....	50.00
Shoeing.....	5.00
Children's Fund.....	19.48

Making a total of \$462.37, of which amount Bismarck appointment as Wesley Church was then called, was to pay \$100. In that year the circuit received from the Missionary Fund \$91.66 to help pay the above amount. The circuit consisted of Bismarck, Eagle, Rodney and McColl's School House with preaching at Rodney once in two weeks and at Eagle and McColl's once a month.

Heading the list of devoted men who have served as pastors on this charge are Rev. Thomas Hanna 1874, Rev. C. Teeter 1875, Rev. G. A. Schram 1876, Rev. William Baugh 1877. In 1879 there were two pastors on the charge with Rev. J. G. Falls as Superintendent and Rev. C. Teeter as assistant. The circuit then consisted of Bismarck, Rodney, Eagle, Duart, Clearville and Silver Street. Rev. C. Teeter resigned and Rev. W. Marks came, he in turn was followed by Rev. Jos. Pring. Muirkirk was evidently added to the circuit in 1880 and the Townline in 1881. In 1882 Rev. C. C. Couzens was pastor with H. Irvine as assistant and later in 1883 T. Voden was assistant. The circuit became a one-man charge in 1884 with Rev. C. C. Couzens as pastor. Following him came Rev. P. W. Jones in 1885, Rev. W. Gundy in 1887, and Rev. C. T. Scott in 1888. During the summer of 1889 the church was rebuilt and the bell placed in the tower through the generosity of the late Amasa Wood, who gave the bell and a substantial contribution.

The continuing list of pastors is as follows:—Rev. C. Brown 1891, Rev. C. P. Wells 1893, Rev. F. E. Maloit 1894, Rev. J. E. Holmes 1896, Rev. W. Fansher 1897, Rev. J. W. Hibbert 1898, Rev. W. J. Ashton 1901, Rev. W. R. Vance 1905, Rev. W. Patterson 1909, Rev. C. W. Baker 1910, Rev. G. C. Gifford 1912, Rev. J. W. Andrews 1914, Rev. J. W. Penrose 1917, Rev. J. Ball 1920, Rev. O. J. Lawson 1923, Rev. L. Harvey 1924, Rev. J. H. Hussar 1925, and Rev. W. M. Kiteley 1926, as the present pastor of the West Lorne United congregation.

The Young People's Society of the West Lorne United Church sponsored an entertainment given by nine young ladies of Alma College, St. Thomas, in Wesley Hall, on Monday, March 21, which proved to be of more than usual interest. In spite of unfavorable weather the receipts at the door amounted to \$61.75. The programme was of a superior order. Dr. Dobson, principal of the College, acted as chairman. Piano solos were rendered by Miss Angeline Hilderweirdt, of Eagle, and Miss Roe, of Chatham; vocal solos by Miss Pulen, of Woodstock; readings by Miss Saunders, of St. Thomas; violin numbers by Miss Crocker, of St. Thomas. The closing feature was a short play given by five of these young ladies, Misses Richardson, Harmer, Sanders, Labeau and Armstrong introduced by Miss Adams, teacher of expression. The whole programme reflected very creditably upon the training which these students are receiving. Dr. Dobson and his staff deserve special credit for the work which they are doing.

ABANDON CHURCH ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Old Methodist Church Is Left for New Building

WEST LORNE, April 11.—Unique services were held in the old former Methodist church, the occasion being the 60th anniversary and also the farewell as the church is being closed. The United congregation has been worshipping in this building while their church has been reconstructed, and now that the new church is completed, will move into it next Sunday. Only three persons were present who were present at the opening 60 years ago. They were Miss Louise Baker, Mrs. William Pethrick and Mr. John Bainard.

The original trustee board was composed of the following, not one of whom is now living: Lawson Bullock, Richard Axford, Charles Bainard, James, George, and Hiram Mulholland, Henry Potts, John Bolsby, James Salter, James Hinds, H. Justerman, H. J. Hines, Dan Freeman, John Matthews, Daniel Tibbits.

Rev. Donald Stewart of Rodney and Rev. Dr. McDonald of Wallace town were the special speakers. Reference was made to the memories and associations that cluster around a church after 60 years of service. Dr. McDonald made reference to the great Cathedral of Liverpool which has been 30 years under construction and will not be completed for 30 years or more. The men who made their contributions at the beginning have passed away and present planning and building is for the next generation.

The choir furnished excellent music with the solo parts being taken by Mrs. T. F. Ripley and W. T. Merritt.

NEW UNITED CHURCH AT WEST LORNE DEDICATED

Rev. Dr. J. R. Hall, President of Conference, Officiates at Ceremony

WEST LORNE, April 17.—The dedication of the new United church at West Lorne on Sunday was an inspiring event. Hundreds of people came from far and near to participate in the service and to see the beautiful place of worship.

In the morning Rev. Donald Stewart, B. A., of Rodney, assisted the pastor, Rev. W. T. Eddy, and Rev. J. R. Hall, D. D., president of the London Conference, took the dedication ceremony and preached the sermon. The key of the church was presented to the trustees by A. Petherick, chairman of the building committee.

Dr. Hall took as his subject "The Nature and Function of the Church." The church, said Dr. Hall, is a home in which all true members are brothers and sisters. It is a home to which men and women can come and find refuge and rest from the world. Outside the church a man loses much of his identity and value. His rightful place is in the home with the family.

In the evening Dr. Hall spoke on "The Finality of Jesus' Teachings." When Jesus spoke he said the last word on many subjects. Take, for instance, his parable of "The Laborers in the Vineyard." Jesus desired every man to have work, and said every man is to be rewarded according to his need. That is the last word in the labor question. Every man working and receiving enough for his needs. Or take the question of money, Jesus said money was to be used for human happiness and need. Men must acquire it for the good they could do with it. It is a servant not a master of men. The question of race and nationality is

settled in the parable of the Good Samaritan. The ideal of fatherhood and brotherhood is made actual and possible in the teachings and life of Jesus. But we will not follow him said the speaker. We turn aside to easy compromise and involve ourselves in terrible confusion.

Five people joined the church on profession of faith and dedicated themselves to the service of God and the new church.

The choir, led by Mrs. W. T. Merrett, rendered excellent music. They were assisted by the Wallace-town Male Quartette, who sang "In My Father's House," and also by Mr. J. G. McKinnon, of London, who sang "Open the Gates of the Temple."

At the evening service the pastor was assisted by Rev. C. P. McFarlane, Rev. A. Gray, Rev. I. H. MacDonald and Rev. Robt. Campbell. The quartette sang "Rock of Ages" and "That Beautiful Land," and Mr McKinnon sang "Consider and Hear Me."

A telegram of congratulations from Rev. H. A. Carr, a former pastor, now of Banff, Alberta, was read at the evening service.

The architect and carpenter, W. T. Merritt, received many congratulations on the excellent taste and finish throughout the whole building.

The contributions to the building fund were very liberal and the building committee were delighted with the response.

In the afternoon an open meeting of the Sunday school was held with a very large attendance. Ex-Warden Gordon Newell was the special speaker and gave a very inspiring address, which was much enjoyed.

Holland

The first family reunion of the descendants of Thomas Joseph and Sarah Holland, was held on Sunday Aug. 2nd at New Glasgow, when over 80 relatives sat down together for dinner.

After dinner, Mr. R. A. Holland of Windsor, only surviving member out of a family of eleven children of the late Joseph Holland, gave an interesting talk on the Holland History, which he traced back as far as the year 962 during his trip to England some few years ago.

An election of officers for the year 1937 was held. President, Mr. R. A. Holland; Sec. Treas, Mrs. Earl Graham.

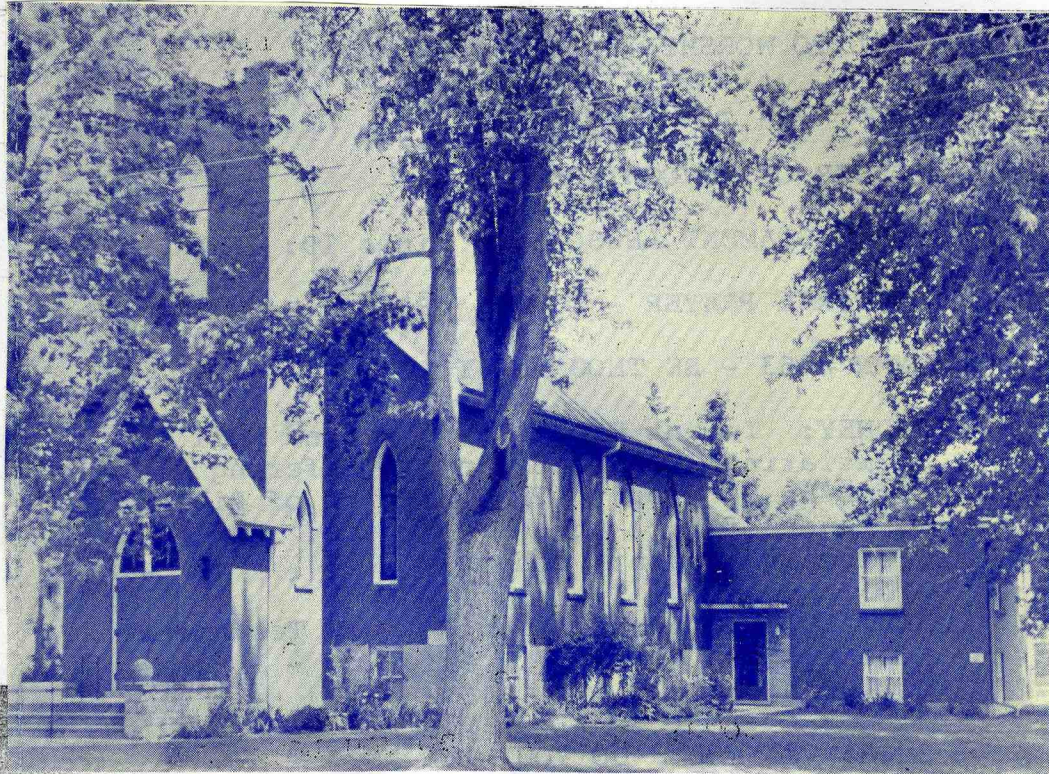
Ref. Committee - Mrs. L. W. Holland, Chairman, assisted by Miss Bertha Holland, Mrs. John Cook, Mrs. John Sloan and Mrs. Lorenzo Holland.

Programme Committee - Mr. L. W. Holland assisted by Mrs. T. F. Ripley and Clarence Holland.

It was decided to hold the reunion annually at New Glasgow the 1st Sunday in August.

The afternoon was spent in renewing old acquaintances and visiting with relatives and friends.

Relatives were present from Union, Pt. Talbot, Chatham, Windsor, Riverside, St. Thomas, Los Angeles Cal., Muirkirk, Detroit and West Lorne.



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WEST LORNE UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATION CELEBRATED the 100th anniversary of the construction of the building and the 50th anniversary of the formation of the congregation Sunday. The building was the first Presbyterian

Church in the village, which was raised and remodelled in 1933. The church bell was taken from the Methodist Church, which disappeared from its Munroe-Ridge St. corner several years ago. The addition at the right was constructed in 1960.

50th of congregation

WL United marks church's 100th

West Lorne's Presbyterian Church was built in 1875, and because Uniteds took it over after union in 1925, the congregation celebrated the 100th anniversary of the building and the 50th anniversary of the congregation Sunday.

Capacity crowds attended both services to hear Rev. Lorne O'Neil of Central St. United in St. Thomas, and Norfolk Judge Groom at morning and evening services respectively. Soloists from Chatham and Blencoe, and special numbers by the choir, added to both services.

Rev. O'Neil spoke on "The surprise everyone would receive in life when they let Christ in". Judge Groom spoke about the Good Samaritan from a legalistic standpoint, saying God expects us to act the same as the

Good Samaritan, rather than like the priest and Levite, who neglected to treat the injured man. Leaving such things undone is not expected of us," the Judge pointed out.

Following the morning service a meal was served to about 150, and after the evening service coffee and donuts were served.

Several attended from a distance and renewed acquaintances with many.

HISTORY

In 1872 the first Presbyterian service was held in the public school, with Rev. John Munroe of the New Glasgow church, the minister. Two years later another base was laid for the United congregation when Methodists built Wesley Church one street

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