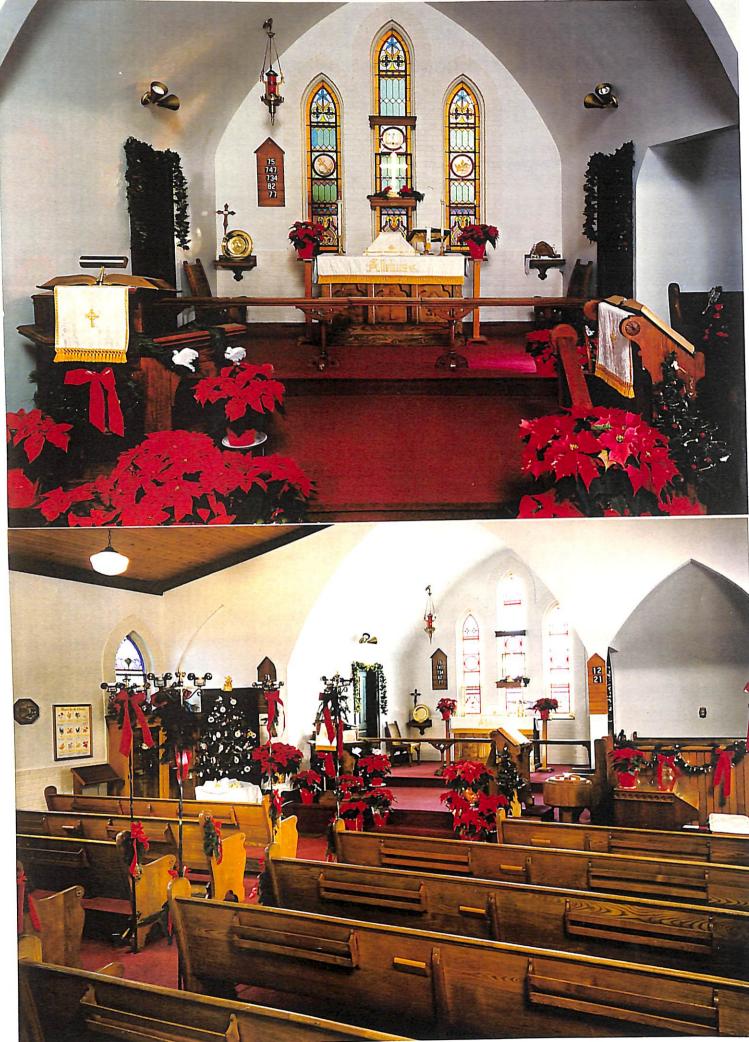
Church of the Redeemer



Colchester North Totunship - Ontario -







The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Huron

The Anglican Church of Canada

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The Most Reverend Percy R. O'Driscoll Archbishop of Huron

November, 1999

The Parish of the Church of the Redeemer:

My dear friends:

As the community of Christ's followers at the Church of the Redeemer in Colchester, God has been good to you over these past one hundred years. I express thanks to God for the many gifts we have received in the Diocese of Huron, and in particular, the gift of the parish family of the Church of the Redeemer. It has always been a joy to visit the parish and worship with you.

This book enables us to know more about our Church history. May we use this information to strengthen our unity as a parish and diocesan family and to faithfully carry out our commitment to God which we make in our baptismal covenant.

It is good to share in your ministry as your Bishop over these past many years, and I pray that God will continue to bless us all and empower us continually with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live the life God has given to us.

May God continue to bless you and uphold you, with love, peace and joy. I remain yours faithfully.

Your friend and Bishop,

The Most Reverend Percy R. O'Driscoll Archbishop of Huron

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me to bring Good tidings to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives. And the opening of the prison to Those who are bound (ls.61: 1).

Church of The Redeemer is a lovely little country parish nestled in the county where people from the county and city folk gather to worship and to pray and to give thanks to the Lord Often I have pondered what may of happened as those who worshipped in the Orange Hall decided to begin the twentieth century by erecting a holy place of worship – a new church Land donated, discussions and plans to ponder - donations of labour, material and money, all pointed to a vision of a place of worship – "God's Acre."

Then I wonder who and why and how was it decided to call this new church. Church of The Redeemer. My dictionary (Webster's p.968) defines the term redeem: "to buy back, REPURCHASE, to get or win back – to free from what distresses of harms." Dr. Peterson of Huron College stated clearly that the evil one had no right to keep anyone in his possession. Therefore our Redeemer, the Son of God, defeats evil and the Evil One by virtue of the cross – binds up the strongman (Matt 12:29) to win back His own. The Redeemer frees us from captivity and leads us to the Kingdom of God here on the earth (at Church of the Redeemer) and beyond.

There are many wonderful stories and memories of the life and times of Church of the Redeemer – some listed in this book. This celebration of one hundred years is a time to reflect memories and the blessings of God on this parish church. At the same time it is an opportunity to reaffirm the vision of those who gathered here in 1900 Redeemer has to be a place of refuge for those untangling themselves from bad decisions and shattered dreams, from chemical abuse and a variety of other abuses. Redeemer has to be a safe haven from the ever-mounting pressures of the work place and the driving agendas of family and social commitments. Redeemer has to be the port in the storm for those disillusioned from an ever changing political situations and institutional landscapes Redeemer has to be a learning experience were young and old learn and study and embrace their faith. Redeemer has to be a place of worship were we as the Children of the Lord, the Sons and Daughters of God stand proud as the people of the Resurrection ever prepared for His coming Kingdom. "Come Ye Blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world(Matt.25:34)." Have a blessed 100th anniversary and may God keep us steadfast on the journey ahead.

I Remain, Yours In HIS Service

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Stephen B. Demitroff

RECTORS SERVING Church of the Redeemer during the last 100 years

- 1900 Rev. William H. Hartley, with Mission of Redeemer
- 1901 Rev. F. F. Whealen

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- 1908 Rev. J. R. Newell
- 1912 Rev. Harold H. Dobson-Peacock
- 1915 Rev. F.K. Hughes
- 1921 Rev. L.C. Harrison
- 1926 Rev. E. W. McKegney
- 1929 Rev. Joseph Tully (18 years of service)
- 1947 Rev. Gordon C. Dickin
- 1954 Rev. Gordon Houghton
- 1960 Rev. Ted Grey

1965-1966 Relieved by Rev. Peter Ralph Bowman

- 1970 Rev. Allen Tilford
- 1975 Rev. Tony Koning
- 1984 Rev. John Swain
- 1991 Rev. Kent Gardiner
- 1997 Rev. Stephen Demitroff

Rev. J. Buchanan graced our church on many occasions in the absence of our pastors.

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100-YEAR HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

1903

List of Church Families

List of names of those who subscribed annually to the funds of the Church of Redeemer. From the original records - 1902 to 1903

Richard Allen Richard Hartley A.J. Shuell **Robert Shuell** Joseph Shuell **Thomas Pettypiece** John McKee John Webster Thomas Holden Robert Shuell Jr. William Lounsbrough John Huggard Herbert O'Neil Ben Libby John Mansell Alex Shuell Edward S. O'Neil Charles Herdman

J.W. Shuell Albert O'Neil Morris Rocheleau Joseph Harshaw William Heil William Jones Walter Shuell William White Susie Shuell William Shuell John Heil Arthur Heil Robert Quinn George Graham Mr. Cook George Pettypiece Mrs. Thomas Smith

THE STORY OF THE CHURCH OF REDEEMER 1900 - 2000

Psalm 78: 3, 4

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Things we have heard and known Things our fathers have told us, We will not hide them from their children, We will tell the next generation. N. I. V.

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IN THE BEGINNING

Orange Hall

Notes of Thomas Pettypiece

Original services were held in the Orange Hall on Holden Road which was built in 1893 by the members of the Orange Lodge. It served as a social centre of the neighbourhood, being the only hall around. It was used by the Anglicans as a Church and Sunday School. In 1901 Robert Shuel (1840-1928) donated a plot of land (Colchester North, Concession 1, Lot) upon which the Church of the Redeemer was erected.

Thomas Pettypiece 1866-1936 formed the committee to build the church.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Redeemer Church we humbly dedicate these stories to the glory of God and in memory of those faithful servants who have laboured so earnestly and devotedly in the preservation of the Spirit and the Body of this little country church.

The following excerpts from our 100 year history are found in meeting Books, Guild Records, W. A. Records, old Bulletins, parishioners' memories, old letters found in boxes and in our record cupboard in the church.

A best effort is put forward to compile a record of our growth and accomplishments of the past. From reading the reams of information, I gather that every intent is on the growth, future and longevity of this parish; most evident is the feeling of great community and fellowship among its members.

The very first recordings are found in the Preachers Book of Services, dated April 21, 1901 - wouldn't you know it NO service was held because it was too wet!! However, on May 31, 1901, 50 people were present with Rev. William Hartley in the pulpit and the collection plate showed \$11.62 for the church debt!

Please note the attendance levels:

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11 a.m. Service, June 8, 1902 - 75 in attendance 11 a.m., September 14, 1902 - 110 in attendance - \$7.51 to debt November 2, 1902 had 65 in attendance and 76¢ on the plate but \$3.39 was given for the shed. This was the first mention of the horse and buggy shed to be built.

September 20, 1903 - 100 in attendance - \$8.13 to the Mission and \$2.22 to the Sunday School; (Sunday School mentioned for the first time).

April 21, 1902 - From the Vestry Records, meeting held in the Church with Mr. T. Pettypiece giving a clear statement of money received and paid out by him, thus indicating a shortage in the amount needed to square the accounts. It was decided to leave the books open for 2 more weeks in order to get the outstanding subscriptions and also increase subscriptions.

In 1903 it records Election of Church Officers:

Ministers' Warden People's Warden Sidesmen Mr. Thomas Pettypiece Mr. John Webster Bill Libby Jr. Frank Lounsbrough Warren O'Neil Robert Libby Arthur Neal William Jones

Lay delegate to Synod, Mr. William Lounsbrough

Quote - As an instant of the prosperity or advancement made during the year, it was shown that the church debt was reduced by \$150.00; remaining debt \$650.00 and a new shed had been erected.

In the 1905 Vestry report the church debt was reduced from \$650.00 to \$500.00. A note of thanks was passed and tendered to Miss Mabel O'Neil and Mrs. Irene Webster for the faithful and efficient way in which they presided at the organ, their services being given freely.

In 1905 Church of Redeemer was free and clear of debt, but was \$100.00 short for incumbent fee, which is largely accounted for by subscriptions not yet paid and that this should be collected by the old wardens.



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And Witherras, the said building is now completed and furnished with all things requisite for the due performance of public worship, and is free from all legal liability for debt, and is now ready for consecration :

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secrate the said building : David Williams

How, therefore, we, Banvice Scollard, by Divine permission Bishop of Huron, do, by virtue of the authority ordinary and Episcopal to us committed, consecrate the said building and do set it apart from all profane and common uses, and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the ministrations of His Holy Word and Sacraments and for public worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Charch of England and no other, by the name of the Onurch Of Urch Cittle Redeement

And we do pronounce, decree, and declare that the said church shall remain so consecrated, set apart and dedicated forever by this our definite sentence and final decree,

which we read and promulge by these presents. Which we read and promulge by these presents. Which we read and seal this Sixing day of Sive day of Si

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made (in duplicate) the Eighteenth nine day of May . in the year of our Lord one thousand aight hundred and one

In Bursuance of the Act respecting Short forms of Conbepances :

Between

Robert Shuel of the Township of Sandwich South in the County of Essex in the Province of Ontario, Farmer,

> Of the first part. Sarah Shuel, wife of the said party of the

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-and-

Robert Queen of the Township of Colchester North in the County of Essex, Farmer, Alfred J. Shuel of the said Township of Colchester North, Farmer and Richard Allen of the said Township of Colchester North, Farmer, Trustees of the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer in the Township of Colchester North,

Of the third part.

Mitnesseth, that in consideration of One dollar _ of lawful money of Canada, now part, to the said part y of the first paid by the said part iesof the Third part,) the receipt whereof is hereby by him acknowledged,) he the said part Y of the first part Bo th Grant unto the said part ies of the Third part, in fee simple : All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate lying and being in the Township of Colchester North in the County of Essex in the Province of Ontario and being compased of part of lot Number 5 in the Fourteenth Concession of the said Township of Colchester North and which is more particularly described as follows; Commencing at a distance of fifty feet West from the line between the

THE CLERGY RESERVES By the Constitutional Act of 1791

Gleaned from Canadian History of Notes G. E. Henderson Toronto, 1896

The Family Compact was a body of men composed of members of the Executive and Legislative Councils in both provinces. They were of United Empire Loyalist descent and were banded together for mutual advantage. They gave all the good offices to their friends and relatives and supported the Church of England on the question of the Clergy Reserves.

The Clergy Reserves. By the Constitutional Act of 1791, *one-seventh* of the Crown land in Upper Canada was set apart for the support of the Protestant clergy. In Upper Canada this grant amounted to about 2,500,000 acres. The Executive Council held that by "Protestant clergy" was meant only the clergy of the Church of England. Other religious bodies objected to this view and claimed a share in the lands. Two other objections were urged against the Reserves, that the grant was too large for a new country and that the lands were not properly selected, every *seventh* lot being chosen to make up the Reserves. After considerable agitation the Church of England was deprived of its exclusive interest in the Reserves, and other religious bodies received a share. There still being dissatisfaction on the part of some of the religious bodies, a **Secularization Act** was passed in 1854, by which the Reserves were to be sold and the proceeds divided among the municipalities of the province to be used for educational purposes or local improvements.

It is not just as we take it, This wonderful world of ours; Life's field will yield as we make it, A harvest of thorns or of flowers.

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Author Unknown

EARLY SETTLERS IN CANADA

When we look around us we have many reasons for being grateful that in town and country so many comforts and conveniences abound. Things were not thus in the early days.

This country, now so rich and fair, with its fields of waving wheat, was, when our fathers first settled on their farms, nothing but wild forest. In entering upon their land many of the pioneers owned only a trusty axe. This faithful servant of the woodsman cleared the way for home and crop; for the settler's first endeavour was to erect a house or shanty and to sow a little wheat.

These houses were built of logs chinked with clay or moss. They rarely had divisions, and never a second storey, unless it might be a loft, which was reached by a ladder. The crevices in roof and walls afforded ample entrance for fresh air, while the large open fire place with its chimney, built of mud and sticks, served as an excellent ventilating shaft. And when in winter huge logs were heaped together in a blazing pile in this fireplace, while outside the storm roared and the pines moaned, a ruddy glare of comfort was cast upon the primitive apartment and its simple occupants.

There were many privations in those early days of bush life, but generosity and warm-hearted sympathy prevailed through the different settlements. One serious want was that of mills to grind the wheat. So scarce were mills that many farmers had to carry their grain upon their back a distance of ten to twenty miles.

Another and more serious want was that priests were few. A priest had vast districts to attend, so that he was in one place on one Sunday, and nearly a hundred miles away the next Sunday. His visit was like that of an angel. When he was expected scouts were on the watch for his approach, and a signal fire spread the glad tidings to the anxious settlement. With shouts and tears of joy the pious people welcomed the travel-worn missionary. The home of the most prosperous settler was the place selected for "the station." Here Service was celebrated, and Holy Communion given. Catechism was taught as well as time would allow, and the sick in the neighbourhood were administered to. And the minister having done what he could in the cause of religion, passed on to another station.

Social gatherings were frequent and lively. Neighbours united to help one another in their chopping, logging and bush-burning. Every raising "bee" closed its hard day's work with a night of dance and merry-making. Another institution of those early times was the quilting "bee," which likewise contributed its share to the amusements of the period.

Towards the fall of the year shooting afforded fruitful enjoyment. Waterfowl and partridges, and many fur-bearing animals abounded. Deer were plentiful; bears were now and again to be seen, and occasionally the howling of a pack of wolves filled the settler and his family with absolute terror, as they sat around their winter fire.

Trading did much of the business. It was so much tea for so many dozens of eggs, so much cotton for so many pounds of pork. The miller took his grist as toll for grinding the farmer's wheat. Money was rarely seen. But although it was so scarce, the farmers soon had abundance of food for their own use, and some to exchange for other necessities.

> Rev. J. R. Teefy From the Copp Clark Co. Toronto, Ontario



The **Orange Hall** as it once stood on the Holden Road, Sandwich South Township, Essex County. From within these walls grew the plans for the Church of Redeemer in the late 1890s.

(Taken from the 50th Anniversary booklet)

ORANGE HALL

In 1899 Mr. Frederick Hewitt, then a student of Huron College and assistant to Rev. D. H. Hind of St. John's Church, Sandwich, had charge of the Mission of Redeemer Church. Services were held at that time in the Orange Hall, Sandwich South. The Rev. D. H. Hind conducted the communion and other special services. Mr. Hewitt thought that it would be fulfilling the spiritual needs of the people here to have a church of their own.

In 1900 Rev. W. H. Hartley, now Archdeacon Emeritus and retired in Durham, came to St. Stephen's Church as rector. He continued to conduct the services and to preside over the Sunday School in the Orange Hall. He too, saw the need of a church for the Redeemer Congregation.

Accordingly, under the enthusiastic leadership of the rector and committees in charge, building material was hauled for a church to be erected on the Essex Town Line in Colchester North. Bricks were hauled from as far away as Elmstead. The land for the church site was donated by the late Robert Shuel Senior.

The committee in charge of the erection of this place of worship was: Albert O'Neill, William Lounsbrough, John Huggard Sr., Thos. Pettypiece, Richard Hartley Sr., John Webster and Richard Allen. All this time Bishop Baldwin was Bishop of the diocese.

The following spring, the church building was completed and was dedicated on Friday, May 31, 1901, by Canon Hincks, assisted by Rev. D. H. Hind, Rev. Racey, and Rev. Murphy. Thos. Pettypiece and John Webster were the first wardens of the congregation. Mrs. Benjamin Libby (nee Mabel O'Neil) and Mrs. Lionel O'Neil (nee Irene Webster) were the first organists. The rectors always acted as the vestry clerks until 1907 when Thos. Pettypiece was elected the first vestry clerk. He remained in office until 1913 when John R. Shuel was elected vestry clerk. He has held this position since that time.

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The first marriage was solemnized in Redeemer Church in December 1901. William Jones and Emma Stevenson were married with William Shepley and Winifred Stevenson as witnesses.

In four years the mortgage on the church was paid off. On Monday, November 6, 1905 the Church was consecrated by the late Archbishop Williams. At this service twenty-three candidates were confirmed.

The Orange Hall was built near Paquette Corner in 1893 by the members of the Orange Lodge who held regular meetings in it until the year 1968, at which time the lodge disbanded.

The Orange Hall served as a social centre of the neighbourhood; it was the only hall around. For some time, it was used by the Anglicans as a church and Sunday school. When the Church of Redeemer was built, the church services and Sunday school were moved to and held in the new church.

Large banquets and dinners were often held in the hall. Every second Friday night, during the winter months, a card party and square dance was held in it. These events were sponsored by either the Lodge or the Anglican Young People's group. The adults would gather at 8:00 p.m. and play cards until 9:30 or 10:00. By this time the hall would be packed with young people, who usually came in time to indulge in the delicious lunch prepared by the ladies. After everyone had eaten, the music began. Before long, everyone was engrossed in dancing and in having a wonderful time. The building would shake from the enthusiasm of its dancers. In corners and in the balcony, some of the older men would often sit and continue to play cards. Everyone danced and enjoyed themselves until the wee hours of the morning. No one missed this evening out, and no matter what the weather was like, everyone was there.

With the building of the new Tully Hall behind the Church of Redeemer, the Orange Hall became vacant.

EARLY HISTORY OF REDEEMER CHURCH (Letter received)

John Wesley Hyland, born September 13, 1858 was the third son of James and Ann Hyland of North Gower Township near Ottawa. John Wesley migrated to Essex County about 1877 taking up farmland on Lot 7, Concession 13, Colchester North Township, near Kilray, which is now called Edgar Mills.

On November 6, 1889 in St. John's Rectory, Sandwich, John married Susan O'Neill, born August 8, 1864 in Cromane, County Kerry, Ireland. Susan emigrated alone when she was 17 years old to join two sisters, Mary and Ellen, and a brother Jim who had previously settled in Canada.

October 15, 1900, John Wesley died, age 42 years, as the result of an accident which occurred when he was hauling a load of lime to be used in the building of Redeemer church. The men were working at night and his wagon overturned, causing his death.

John and Susan had two children:

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- 1. Ernest Neil Hyland, born January 25, 1891, Colchester North Township Married Lauretta Margaret Mooney, daughter of John and Margaret Mooney of Maidstone Township
- 2. Laurel May "Dolly" Hyland Born May 26, 1895, Colchester North Township

Dolly, only five years old when her father was killed, was given her nickname by her father and was known all through Essex County as "Dolly."

Dolly was confirmed in Redeemer Church on February 22, 1910 by R. V. Rev. David Williams, Bishop of Huron. (This confirmation card is in possession of her son Bernard C. Niece).

Dolly married Hilliard Clarke Niece on April 7, 1915, living on Lot 10, Concession 12, Colchester North Township until their retirement to Essex. Dolly and Hilliard celebrated their 60th Anniversary in 1975.

John Hyland and Susan O'Neill are buried in St. Stephens Cemetery, Sandwich Township, Essex County.

This information was recorded by Dolly Niece for the Hyland Family History, published in 1977.

Compiled by Muriel G. Niece on March 26, 2000

This is an article as it appeared on October 16, 1900 in the Essex Free Press.

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John Hyland met with an accident about 9 o'clock on Thursday evening of last week that resulted fatally on Monday night. He was returning from Windsor with a load of limestone and was driving along the Old Malden Road near his own place when his horses shied into the ditch and he was thrown off the wagon under the wheels, which passed over his body, breaking his left

Collar bone, his breastbone and several ribs that penetrated into the lungs. Some of the ribs were also broken from the backbone and internal injuries were also sustained. Robert Queen was driving his rig ahead of Mr. Hyland and went to the latter's assistance, taking him to his home and procuring medical aid. Drs. Brien & Cook were called and attended to his injuries but they were of such a nature that he succumbed to them on Monday evening. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon leaving the family residence on the 13th concession and proceeding to St. Stephens church in Sandwich South where the services were conducted by Rev. Canon Hind after which time the remains were interred in the cemetery there. Deceased was 42 years of age and has been a resident of Colchester North for about 20 years, coming from the vicinity of Ottawa. He was twice married, his second wife surviving him along with two children. He was a member of Essex Centre Lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W., in which he carried \$1000 insurance and also a member of the Orange Society. James Hyland, of Maidstone, is a brother of deceased. To the family of deceased will go out the sympathy of the community at the untimely end of deceased.

November 6, 1905 - glorious celebration as Archbishop William consecrated the church and 23 candidates were confirmed:

(Sorry, unable to find the names of the candidates.)

Vestry Meeting:

Rev. T. Whelan in the chair; report showing finances of the church in good condition with balance of \$171.00.

May 28, 1906

Congregation to give \$50.00 to St. Stephens Church towards a new kitchen, and \$20.00 for Sunday School Library at Redeemer.

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Gosh, where are the women? Moved by Thomas Pettypiece, seconded by Noble O'Neil that Thomas Pettypiece, Ben Libby, Richard Hartley and Rev. Whelan be a committee to select a suitable present for the organist. I wonder what they bought her?

April 21, 1908 - Rev. F. Whelan in chair

Moved by Lounsbrough, T. Pettypiece, R. Hartley, Ben Libby, Edward Jessop, Ivan Joes, James Boose, Arthur Renshaw, to be a committee to number and arrange seats in the church with the object of having family seats.

At this point I can find no records of meetings until April 1, 1913.

April 1, 1913 - Rev. H. D. Peacock in chair

Rector's salary to be raised \$500.00!!

The trouble from this mistake - a select vestry meeting on May 5, 1913 with problem of overdraft of \$250.00 to keep up payments on minister's salary.

A collection committee was appointed; also a picnic to be held in the Pettypiece Grove.

April 10, 1914

Well, if you can't pay the salary, give him a 3-month summer vacation; this is exactly what they did - clever, eh?

On *April 6, 1915* no election of offices as the rector resigned; wonder why?

At a meeting on May 31, 1915, moved by R. Shuel and seconded by Fred

O'Neil that wardens committee be selected to look after staining the floor; all along huge committees were set up with as many as 15 different types and then sub-committees as well. Something new, a garden party is planned and the men must be getting tired, as for the first time ever ladies actually belong to this parish too, and here they are on the Program Committee; on second thought maybe the men are in the First World War, but war is not mentioned in any minutes.

Lilian Harris	Vida O'Neil
Francis Pettypiece	Ida Boose
Flossie O'Neil	Mabel Pettypiece
Alice O'Neil	Mrs. Fred O'Neil
Erin Shuel	Mrs. Frank Lounsbrough
Mrs. W. S. O'Neil	Mrs. Thomas Pettypiece

January 5, 1916 with Rev. F. K. Hughes, it was voted to give the organist the sum of 75¢ per Sunday. Clerk J. R. Shuel.

September 5, 1916 a meeting was called to discuss improvements to the shed (for horses and buggies and model Ts).

April 10, 1917

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Communication was read from his Lordship the Bishop in regards to the raising of the Equalization fund from \$2.00 to \$2.50; moved by Fred O'Neil and seconded by Herb Holden that we send \$2.50 for Lay delegates, and \$1.25 as our share of the Rector's expense.

The wardens to look after improving the fence in front of the church (can be seen in old photo) and also putting on eavestroughing.

January 25 paid \$5.00 to Richard Hartley for 2 cords of wood January 27, 1917 paid \$11.00 to Alex Dawson for 4½ cords of wood

June 5, 1918

At this meeting a committee was appointed to be in charge of arranging for a cemetery and having full charge of procuring property and financing this proposition (in all the records I read this was never mentioned again).

December 16, 1918

Closing the church due to the fuel question was discussed, but it was decided to continue holding services as we had a good supply of wood on hand; also discussed were thoughts of closing the church on account of the influenza epidemic (this was world-wide pandemic).

Rev. Hughes asked that the stipend be raised from \$500.00 to \$600.00 a year. Equalization fund to synod \$4.50 Watch what happens after this raise!

January 8, 1920 Rev. Hughes as chairman

The following canvassers were appointed for the forward movement: Glen Webster, Ben Libby, Ed Lounsbrough, Joe Boos, Frank Lounsbrough, and Herb Holden. Wardens to look after reconstruction of shed; this planning occurred over 4 years, but nothing has happened due to financial problems.

Moved by Mr. Glen Webster that J. R. Shuel be appointed to see the manager at Imperial Bank as to the overdraft of finances, otherwise known as NO MONEY!

I am guessing that the forward movement would be canvassers going out to collect from parishioners in order to overcome the deficit.

March 31, 1921 from Vestry

Paying \$100.00 on Budget apportionment.

January 17, 1922

Single envelopes for 1923 and that we include the diocesan assessment in our budget.

1923 Thomas Libby is new Warden

January 22, 1924

The women are back - special thanks to the Ladies Guild for their splendid work in redecorating and repairing the church.

May 27, 1924

Redeemer Church to pay _ cost of wiring the rectory at St. Stephens. Picnic at Pettypiece Grove and these are the Committees:

- 1. Printing Committee
- 2. Purchasing Committee
- 3. Sports Committee
- 4. Hauling Committee

- 6. Ice Cream Committee
- 7. Soft Drink Committee
- 8. Prize Committee
- 9. Nigger dolls (toss game where Nigger dolls were tossed into a large, gaping, Negro mouth) No disrespect here (but this is how it was - there were no exceptions to racism.

5. Dancing Committee

January 6, 1924 Epiphany cancelled, No Service - 10° below zero

July 6, 1925

Picnics were held nearly every year, with great preparations of games and food, and this year a picnic will be held at the B. D. Shuel place.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

REV. LAWRENCE C. HARRISON, Rector.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT-1922

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Receipts

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WOMEN'S GUILD

Receipts

Expenditures

J. R. SHUEL, Treasurer

ELSIE O'NEIL, Treasurer.

Expenditures

Balance on hand from 1921

Loose Collections Easter Offering Harvest Home Offering Receipts from Picnic

Initial Envelopes Children's Day Offering

Rector's Salary

Organist's Salary

Janitor's Salary

Synod Dues Budget App. Printing Rectory Repairs and Taxes -.....

Holiday Supply Secretary's Supplies Balance on hand

Receipts from Chicken Supper

Members' Fees for 1923 Linen Fund

Balance on hand

Sale of Work .

Expenses

Receipts

Balance on hand, December 31st, 1921	21 25
Collections, 1922	10 00
Christmas Entertainment	16 35

\$ 47 60

Expenditures

Papers	6 50
Expenses, Christmas Entertainment.	18 55
Balance on hand, December 31st, 1922	22 55

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A. LIBBY, Treasurer.

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Receipts

Balance on hand from 1921	8 02		
Receipts during 1922	53 64		
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Cash Value of Groceries Donated	2 39		
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Fees to Dios. Treasurer	21	00	•	
Membership Pin		35		
Education Fund	10			·
Furnishing Room in Church House		00		
Leaflets		00		·
Postage and Express	1	86		
Material Purchased	8	80		
Weaving	5	60		
Donations	69	50	•	
Balance on hand	9	05		

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MRS. GERTRUDE O'NEIL, Treas.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

Rev. E. L. Harrison\$	26 00	Harry O'Neil	. 13 00
Mrs. Boos	15 60	Clarence O'Nell	12 00
Richard Hartley	41 60	Ed. S. O'Neil	••
Mrs. T. Huggard	7 80	Ernest O'Nell	18 20
Thos. Huggard	15 15		15 00
John Holden	7 80	Alice O'Neil	5 20
Thos. Holden	15 00	Thos. Pettypiece	35 00
Joe Boos		W. Risdale	4 10
	7 80	R. Shuel Sr.	15 60
Dickson Bros	10 00	R. Shuel Jr.	10 00
Geo. Gerard	15 60	Ed. Shuel	21 00
Thos. Libby	15 60	Walter Shuel	15 00
Robt. Libby	18 90	J. R. Shuel	••
Mrs. B. Libby	13 00	Anthony Shuel	30 00
F. Lounsbrough	13 00	Harry Baynon	5 00
G. Lounsbrough	8 85	Harry Reyner	5 10
Percy Lounsbrough	5 00	John Webster	10 00
Port Curtia		Glen Webster	26 00
Bart. Curtis	10 00	Wm. White	15 00
W. J. Neil	28 60	D. Wright	5 00
Charles Neil	15.60	Geo. Wright	5 00
Fred O'Neil	26 00	Wm. Wolfe	7 25
Mrs. W. S. O'Neil	15 60	R. Langlois	
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R. A. PETTYPIECE B. D. SHUEL, Auditors. J. R. SHUEL, Secretary-Treasurer.

R. HARTLEY

F. LOUNSBROUGH, Wardens, 1922

January 19, 1926 Treasurer's Report, Balance \$99.00 Liabilities \$167.00 and assets \$103.00 in sight Harry Reyner, Warden

May 23, 1926 25th Anniversary of Church 160 in attendance - Rev. L. Harrison

January 18, 1927

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Rector asking for more support from the congregation regarding attendance. Vote of thanks to Miss Alice O'Neil for her services as organist.

February 8, 1927

It is reported that both the Sunday School and Ladies Guild are flourishing.

February 8, 1928

At the Orange Hall, a presentation to Miss Alice O'Neil with a purse of gold Miss O'Neil replied with thanks (I should hope so!).

January 21, 1929

The stove in the church should be exchanged and rearranged and also that the windows be sealed. The ladies had been carrying on about this for years! Apparently a very large stove was in the centre of the church and a second stove was also by the cloakroom. The ladies wanted to exchange this so that there would be more room in the centre of the church. Lottie Reyner O'Brien remembers this quite clearly.

January 28, 1929

Rector is freezing in the rectory!!

June 20, 1930

Ladies Guild has a balance of \$215.93. Report on activities of A.Y.P.A. (Anglican Young Peoples' Association) by Carl Banwell.

Treasurer's deficit \$367.31

Tender of Miss Agnes Hartley as organist Tender of Lorne O'Neil for position as Janitor - \$49.00 annually Rev. Mr. Tully appoints Russell Pettypiece as his warden Repair of shed to wardens; they were supposed to repair this same shed in 1916; no records showing that anything was done!!

1931

Vestry meeting held on January 17 - Unity L.O.L. Hall (Orange Hall)? Henry Jessop elected Warden On the record 1 Baptism 3 Weddings 3 Funerals

52 in attendance at Sunday School

January 20, 1932

Rev. Mr. Tully reports a falling off in attendance Church in deficit of \$353.94, People's Warden, Clifford O'Neil Guild to install cupboards in the church

1933

Mr. Culleres to present a tableau to the church and Clarence White is the People's Warden 30th Anniversary Service to be held on June 11, 1933

January 21, 1934

Meeting held at the home of Mr. L. Pettypiece with 25 attending 1¢ per meal box scheme per family as a means of raising money for the budget. Meryl Gunn reports on work of A.Y.P.A. Ladies Guild donated \$150.00 to church funds

1935 No records can be found

1936 Treasury deficit of \$174.71

Congregational Banquet to be held with guest speakers People's Warden, Robert Libby

January 18, 1937 Meeting in Unity Hall (is this the Orange Hall?)

Departed this life from our parish:

Thomas Pettypiece (Doug's grandfather) Earl Hollingsworth (husband of Violet Curtis) Mrs. Robinson Warren Shuel Sunday School report by Norman Huggard

A.Y.P.A. by Max Webster

Many thanks to Rev. & Mrs. Tully for their hard work throughout the year.

1938 - 1939 [records not found]

1940 Deficit of \$127.64

Please return all hymnals belonging to the church, which are at home.

1941 - 1942 [records not found]

1943 Statement of Accounts

Balance on hand from 1942	\$ 53.51 38.73
Harvest Home Envelopes Envelopes	1.95
Subscriptions	698.39
Plate Collections	79.97
St. Mark's Church donation	
	\$875.55

Easter Offering	42.60
Donations	29.19
General Funds	126.16
	\$197.95
Paid to Rector	\$595.00
Synod Dues	10.00
Equalization	4.50
Paid Synod on St. Mark's a/c	3.00
Janitor	50.00
Clerk	15.00
Fuel	39.00
Insurance	40.95
Printing	5.41
Stamps	4.43
Paid on Budget	126.16
Deficit for year	17.90

Many pages were cut out of the record books.

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During the service years of Rev. G. C. Dickin, the first meeting to discuss the building of a new Parish hall was held on Oct. 5, 1947. The following committee was chosen to assist Mr. Dickin in this work: Walter O'Neil, Chairman; Henry Hartley, Treasurer; Clarence White, Archie Hartley, Gerald O''Neil, and Harry Pettypiece, Chairman of the Building Committee.

A canvas of the parish was made, and the response was most generous and encouraging. Mr. Fred Berl drew the architectural plans for the hall; all the work of construction was done by the men of the parish, except for the plastering. The hall was started in October, 1949, and completed in the spring of 1950.

On May 26, 1950, the corner stone of the hall was laid by Rev. Jos. Tully, and the building was dedicated by Venerable Archdeacon Westgate of St. John's Church, Sandwich.

The new hall was named Tully Hall, in memory of Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Tully, who had so ably and devotedly served the parish for so many years.

In the records for 1948, special collection for building fund \$120.50 (Tully Hall). No mention of further money to build this building, although February, 1951 showed a note of \$455.20 was due at Bank and they were able to make payment.

No Vestry meeting notes can be located for this time period; again in 1953 paid \$200.00 on note to Bank. (Note \$200.00 dollars for purchase of land).

In 1956, a donation of \$29.00 for Hungarian relief. This was to help Steve Santo Sr. with postage on sending 25 bales of goods to Hungary via ship, as he had visited there, and each village family received a bale in time for Christmas (coffee, tea, chocolate, sugar, goods).

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(Taken from the Fiftieth Anniversary booklet)

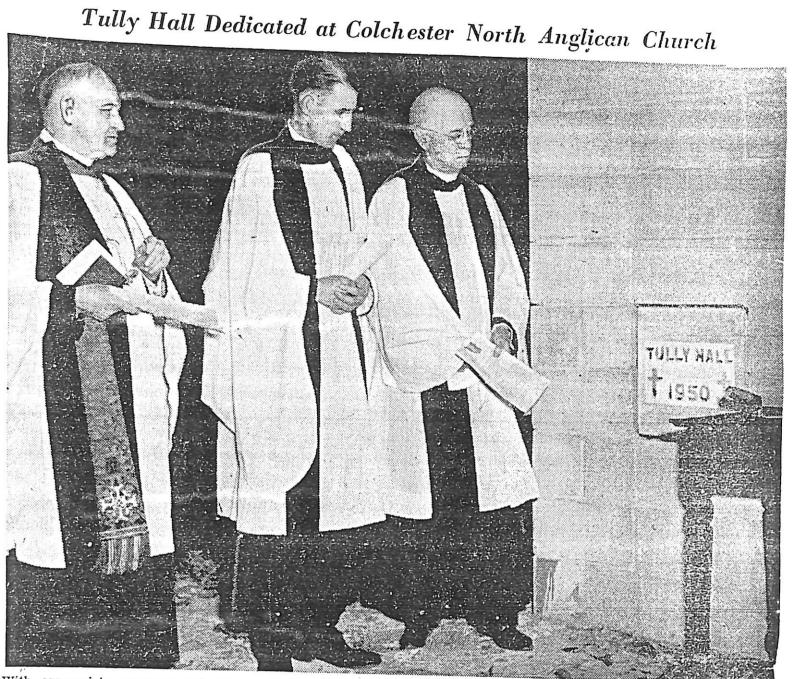
Rev. G. C. Dickin, who became rector at Redeemer in October 1947, became an enthusiastic worker for a Parish Hall. The first meeting to discuss the building of a new hall was held at the Orange Hall on October 5, 1947. The following committee ably assisted Mr. Dickin in this work: Walter O'Neil, chairman; Henry Hartley, treasurer; Frank Lounsbrough, Clarence White, Archie Hartley, Gerald O'Neil and Harry Pettypiece, chairman of the building committee.

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Board of Management for 1951 are as follows: Wardens, Gerald O'Neil (rector's), Douglas Pettypiece (people's); Past Warden, Archie Hartley; Delegate to Synod., Russell Pettypiece; Substitute Delegate, Frank Lounsbrough; Parish Chairman, Edward Lounsbrough; Clerk and treasurer, John R. Shuel; Rector's Appointees, Anson Tofflemire, Walter O'Neil, Henry Hartley, Harry Pettypiece, Leslie O'Brien.

This brief summary mentions the names of but a few of all those who have rendered many loving services in the work of the Church. To all who have so kindly and devotedly given of their time and efforts we do here express our most gracious thanks. Our Master, we are sure, shall surely say to each of you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord." May those of the coming generations carry forward the work of God's Kingdom here in this place and may His unfailing grace be ever with you.



With appropriate ceremony and prayers, the cornerstone of Fully Hall was laid last night at the Church of the Redeemer, Cclchester North. Left to right above are the principals who took part in the dedication service, Ven. Archdeacon H. P. Westgate, who dedicated the new parish hall; Rev. G. C. Dickin, rector

of the church, and Rev. Joseph Tully, who laid the cornerstone. The dedicatory prayer in part read: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Maude Tully and in appreciation of the services rendered this church by the Rev. Joseph Tully." (Star Staff Fhoto.)

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The Invitation as it appeared in the Fiftieth Anniversary booklet

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You Are Cordially Invited to the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Colchester, North

> Sunday After The Ascension May 6, 1951

SERVICES 11 A.M.

Morning Prayer - officiant	Rev Joseph
Tully	
Preacher	
Harrison	
7:30 P.M.	
Evening Prayer - officiant	Rev. G. C. Dickin, Rector
Preacher	Rev. L. C. Harrison
Choir Leader and Organist	Miss Agnes Hartley

The program for the Fiftieth Anniversary

Fiftieth Anniversary

Sunday after Ascension

May 6th, 1951

SERVICES

Morning Prayer - OfficiantRev. J. Tully Preacher......Rev. L. C. Harrison Soloist......Mrs. Harry Pettypiece Anthem: "Still, Still With Thee"

7:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer - Officiant......Rev. G. C. Dickin Preacher......Rev. L. C. Harrison Soloist......Mrs. Stanley Collins Anthem: "When the World Forgets"

> Choir Leader and Organist Miss Agnes Hartley

1951

1958 Synod Budget payment \$434.50.

1960s

The grassed area to the east of the church was willed to our parish from the estate of Mr. Ed Ridsdale's family.

1968

Corrections to be made in last week's Bulletin:

St. Stephen's People's Warden, 1968 - Jim Jenner Canterbury College Representative, C. G. Curtis

This is the list of Officers of Redeemer Church for the year 1968:

Rector's Warden - Vern McKim People's Warden - Art Trenholme Board of Management: Henry Thrasher, Steve Santo Sr., Ken Bennett, Steve Tofflemire, Harvey McCauley, Mike Balipap, Marwood Fletcher, Harry Pettypiece, C. W. Jessop, Harry O'Brien

Treasurer - John Shuel Vestry Clerk - Doug Pettypiece Auditor - Norman Libby Envelope Secretary - Les O'Brien Chairman of Sidesmen - Clarence White Synod Delegates - Ken Bennett, Steve Santo Sr. Canterbury College Delegates - John Shuel, Arch Hayman

Records missing until 1979

Some say they drowned in the Rectory basement during a flood.

December 10, 1979

Henry Mergl reports that the plans for the bell tower and steeple for our little church are not ready; they will be erected in memory of the late daughter of Eleanor and Henry Mergl (Monique Mergl).

New fans in the ceiling.

In the years prior to this, the entire roof was lowered as the church had become unstable; this was done with great community effort and was totally paid for by the congregation, costing about \$11,000.00. No debt was incurred!

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER 75TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE (1975) (gleaned from Newsletter, 1975-1976)

On Sunday, May 30th, Church of the Redeemer celebrates its 75th anniversary. Since the Albanaires of St. Alban's Church, London, under the leadership of the Rev. Canon Geoffrey Dibbs will be leading the worship on that day, the service will take place in St. Stephen's Church beginning at 11:30 a.m. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME. This is to allow for the earlier service at St. Barnabas where the Albanaires will also be in attendance.

Following the service, we will provide a sandwich lunch for the fifty or so members (of all ages) before they leave to do two more services in Kingsville and Learnington before returning home that evening.

The Albanaires will provide us with a musical treat of old and new hymn tunes, to their own accompaniment. This should be an exciting and joyful way to celebrate Redeemer's anniversary. So let's join together as one parish family to worship in this special way on this special occasion!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To JOHN KEARNS, who was presented with the Chief Award in Scouting by Vern Peach. Executive Director of Scouts of Windsor. John earned this award, the highest that can be won by a scout, by fulfilling at least 50 hours of community service, part of which was packing and delivering Goodfellow baskets.

To JAN REYNER, for receiving the second highest award in Scouting, the Pathfinder award and gold chain. Part of Jan's effort towards this award included accountiating 40 flags of the context.

We had the first of the mon 950 00 first prize presented by the horth American Black Historical Museum in their contest for a design. Fam will perhaps follow a career as an artist.

We share the pride of the families of these young people in their accomplishments.

FUN FAIR (Newsletter, mid 1976-1977)

Church of the Redeemer Annual Fun Fair promises to be as successful as in previous years. Sponsored by the Guild of Church of the Redeemer and the Krafty Kats, this event will be held at Tully Hall on Saturday, September 11, 1977.

Handicrafts of all kinds will be available and some people will be demonstrating their craft this year for the first time. Other attractions will include: bake sale, white elephant table, country store, bazaar table and for the children, fish pond, treasure hunt, games, races and pony rides. The next newsletter will report the results of this popular event.

January 27, 1980

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- I. The church floor is cold Vern McKim and Steve Tofflemire to get 6" insulation for under the church. Doug Pettypiece has chicken wire to hold this up. This later proved to be an unwise move and all was removed in 1997 with great perseverance; S. Demitroff was there!
- 2. Storm windows for stained glass windows
- 3. New railing for the altar and widening of the altar
- 4. New soffit and eaves
- 5. Ladies Guild favours church with \$2,000.00 towards repair bills.
- 1980 Church roof lowered and replaced
- 1981 Meeting in Tully Hall (Rev. T. Koning) Re-dedication Service for Church of Redeemer. Children to receive Sacrament at Holy Eucharist.
- 1982 Rector's Warden, Jacqui Tofflemire. People's Warden, Irene Hayman
- January 31, 1983 possible change of heating system

January 22, 1984 Church yard will be drained. Wheel chair ramp is dedicated, May 13, 1984 Memorial cupboard is built by Henry Heil New flower beds at the front of church

1984 Wheel chair ramp dedicated

Oak display cabinet built

The average attendance is 42 people. Letters were sent to thank Jim Paquette for putting in the parking lot tile (tile supplied by Doug Pettypiece) at no charge, and to Doug Price for donating a load of stone.

Doug Price has cleaned the snow from our yard for eons and we are humbly thankful for his generosity.

Roberta remains our Sunday School Superintendent

Parish photos to be taken

- 1985 Need weekly donations of \$300.00 to meet budget. Roberta looking for substitute teachers; alas, in 2000 Roberta has the same problem. You are doing a great job Roberta!!
- 1985 Ceiling tiles in Tully will need to be replaced. Alternative service book to be used along with the prayer book.

January 27, 1985 Uneventful!

Sandwich South Historical Society May 29, 1980

Renovations at North Colchester

Although small in numbers, the congregation of Church of the Redeemer, North Colchester, faced with a building in desperate need of repair, was determined to maintain its presence in the centre of Essex Deanery.

Working in free time left from farming, the parishioners raised a new roof, installed electric heat and ceiling fans, enlarged the sanctuary, painted the interior and laid new carpet and tile, all without incurring any debt.

Bishop Geoffrey Parke-Taylor officiated at the service of re-dedication on May 29, blessing gifts given to the glory of God of a bell and steeple in memory of Monique Mergl and oak doors in memory of Robert Mann.

The bell housed in a new steeple topped with a cross was given by the Henry Mergl family and many friends and neighbours in memory of their daughter, Monique.

At eight years of age, Monique was stricken with a rare disease which left her in a debilitated state through which she came to be known and loved by many people in the community who cared and prayed for her.

Monique died last November just after her sixteenth birthday, a shining example of Christian fortitude and courage in the face of suffering and helplessness.

As people are called by the bell to worship, they enter the church handcrafted oak doors with stained glass inserts, given by Mrs. Lynda Mann and her children Katherine, Kristine and Kenneth in memory of their husband and father, Robert Preston Mann.

Mr. Mann was the highlyrespected and much-loved principal of M. S. Hetherington Public School, Windsor, at the time of his death on December 26, 1978. Mrs. Mann is the former Lynda White whose family are lifetime members of Church of the Redeemer. She and her children live in the house her husband was



Left ro right: Bishop Parke-Taylor, Mrs. Lynda Mann, Mrs. Eleanor Mergl, Rev. Tony Koning who is rector of St. Stephen's, Oldcastle, and Church of the Redeemer, North Colchester.

building for them when he was suddenly stricken.

A public address system has also been installed in the church, the gift of one of the parishioners.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 8 1991 SHEILA BENNETT- WELCOMES THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS AUNTS, UNCLES ETC JOY FORTIN-PIANO SOLO ROBERTA HERNANDEZ-DIRECTOR MARY BERTHIAUME-CO. DIRECTOR SHERRY GOWENLOCH-CHRISTMAS BIBLE READING MATTHEW:1-18-25 STAGE MANAGER-LORNE McKIM THE CHRISTMAS SKIT- BY ALL THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS THE BIRTH OF JESUS 1991 MARY-KRISTEL STACY JOSEPH-MATTHEW BERTHIAUME ANGEL 1#-JUNE BENNETT ANGEL 2#-TRISHA TILLER GRANDMA-HOSPITAL CLERK- SHERRY GOWENLOCK AUNT- NICOLE STACY NURSE 1#-DAWN STACY NURSE 2# CHRISTINE TILLER NEPHEW- JAY STACY DOCTOR-GRANT McKIM PRIME MINISTER-JASON CURTIS UNCLE -PETER BENNETT MISS FORTIN SCHOOL OF MUSIC PIANO CONCERT 1) DUET: DAWN AND KRISTLE STACY PLAYING -AWAY IN A MANGER -SILENT NIGHT 2) SOLO: MATTHEW BERTHIAUME PLAYING-WE THREE KINGS -PERHAPS LOVE 3) SOLO: JUNE BENNETT PLAYING - JOY TO THE WORLD -HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS PLAYED BY JOY FORTIN ON THE PIANO THE FIRST NOEL*** WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS***

ROBERTA- I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR! AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CHILDREN AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ALSO ALL THE HELPER!

PUBLISHED IN CHRISTMAS 1992 NEWSLETTER

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER - WARDENS' REPORT

We would like to thank the Parish of Redeemer for putting their trust in us as church wardens. This past year has been one of change and growth - not without its share of struggle, but a struggle that we have survived and surpassed. These are the results:

By the time this letter is read, our church building will have new front doors and a beautiful stained glass transom window, kindly donated by the Santo family. Also, the whole brick surface and foundation have been completely restored and reinforced, due to the efforts of an expert contractor, who has striven to give us quality work, despite unforeseen problems, yet still within our budget. We owe Lloyd Cole a great debt of gratitude. Many activities have resulted in an effort to raise funds for this project.

Our luncheons, under the skilled hands of Doug and Annie Pettypiece and Harvey and Evelyn McCauley, have continued to generate financial support and provide a pleasant social opportunity for parishioners and friends.

Our guild, a hard working, dedicated group of ladies, recently presented us with a cheque for \$2,000 - the fruits of labour over the lovely quilts they have produced, and funds from the strawberry social in June.

Several card parties were held; again providing funding for the church and fun for all those who attended.

For the past year we have enjoyed the addition of our Youth Group which is a joint parish organization held at Tully Hall once a month on a Sunday evening. Terry Fortin and Mary Berthiaume offer excellent programs to our young people and though the attendance has been small, their efforts with the group have been very successful. Their project this year has been to construct a "meter" sign for fund raising for Redeemer's renovations. Once it goes up, you will have to see it for yourself! It is unique in design and very well done! The Youth Group also enjoyed doing a drama at our Ascension Service in May - a lovely and hopefully annual event. It felt good to finally give Ascension Day the kind of worship celebration it deserves.

Our Sunday School, under the capable leadership of Roberta Hernandez, continues to provide excellent Christian education to our children, small in number though they may be.

Again, our Yard Committee did a wonderful job maintaining our grounds this year, despite some extremely challenging weather conditions. Well done folks!

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Other highlights include our Pancake Suppers on Shrove Tuesday, Mother's Day and Father's Day, the Joint Service in September with a barbeque hosted by the 20 Plus Club and a dance at Tully Hall in November, also hosted by the 20 Plus Club.

A special thanks to Doug Price for his continuing kindness in the maintenance of our parking lot.

It is the unseen day-to-day efforts by all our members and our community friends that cause our parish to function so successfully. Our thanks to the parish for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Peggy Leithead & Mary Berthiaume



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ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER COLCHESTER NORTH

ST. STEPHEN'S RECTORY 5280 HOWARD AVENUE R.R. Ng. I. OLDCASTLE, ONTARIO NOR 110

TELEPHONE (519) 969-7808

August, 1992

To All Parisioners & Friends of the Church of the Redeemer:

As you may or may not be aware, the Board of Management of the Church of the Redeemer has voted to undertake major construction on the church building. Within the next couple of months, work will begin on the following:

- 1) Complete renovation of the inside front entry
- 2) Installation of new outside doors and lighted stained glass transom window
- 3) Total repair to the step brick around the perimeter of the church with a copper undertray in order to prevent water damage to the foundation

The entire cost of this project, as it stands, without tax, has been estimated at \$11,225.00. The families of Mrs. Mary Santo and her late husband, Steve, have very generously offered to donate the cost of the purchase and installation of the outside doors, which will be in memory of Steve Santo Sr. and Steve Santo Jr. Thus the parish of Redeemer will have to pay at least \$5950.00 to cover the remainder of the work.

The whole subject of our front entrance has been under discussion for guite some time; ever since the Santo family first expressed a desire to donate new outside doors to the church. The concern at that time centered around the depth of our front porch and the fact that it is poured right into the foundation; so that during severe weather changes when the porch heaves, it shifts the front entrance, causing our present doors to bind. We certainly did not want the Santo family to invest in beautiful new doors when the present condition of the foundation might soon destroy them. We have since talked to different professionals and discussed various ways of solving the problem, but it inevitably boils down to the hard fact that we won't know until we start removing the existing door sill what is down there. If we find that our present porch has to be excavated and replaced, we are definitely facing some further expense. As the cost of a formal and thorough engineering study would be astronomical, we are going ahead with the construction and will attempt to deal with any complications as they arise.

The company we have hired is Inline Fiberglass Systems from Belle River, managed by Lloyd Cole, who was recommended by the Santo family. Mr. Cole, a specialist in renovating old buildings, met with us at a board meeting to discuss his proposal. He feels that despite our problem with the front entrance, the foundation is basically sound, considering that the church is close to 100 years old and has shifted only slightly and only in the front. We were very impressed with the way Mr. Cole addressed our questions and concerns, and we are most confident that his work will be of excellent quality.

At this time we have \$7,245.00 available in our Building Fund to put towards this project. We feel that we should raise at least \$5,000.00 to cover the present cost, to cover any unforeseen costs and to not leave our building fund high and dry in the event that future capital expenses should arise.

There is a very unique history of family spirit at Church of the Redeemer. Many times over the years, serious decisions have had to be made regarding the preservation and maintenance of this fine old building and each time the decision to take on the challenge has amazingly strengthened and uplifted the parish. It is not the love of a building that has caused this to happen, but the love of a group of people for each other and our need to worship God together. It is this caring for one another through our ups and downs and our love for the supportive community around us that makes what we are about to take on worthwhile.

If you believe in the continuation of this family spirit, we would greatly appreciate your "special" financial support; and whether or not you are able to contribute financially, we do need your prayers, not just at this time, but always. Please also share this letter with family and friends who might have a special interest in Church of the Redeemer. Our parish has always offered a great deal of warmth and hospitality to friends, neighbours and visitors, and we would like to be able to continue in this meaningful ministry.

Thank you and God bless you for your interest and concern.

Sincerely

Peggy Seithead

Peggy Leithead, Rector's Warden

Mary Berthiaume, People's Warden

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Fran McKim, Treasurer

1994 WARDENS' REPORT CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

It seems that we only submitted our Thanksgiving Report yesterday and now here we are fast approaching Christmas. Obviously the fall has been no less busy than the summer was.

October and November's luncheons were very successful and we again thank the Pettypiece family for their hard work and all our helpers for their continued support.

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Congratulations to St. Stephens on the success of their annual turkey supper. Those of us from Redeemer who help out with this event really enjoy ourselves and always look forward to seeing everyone. It's a lot of work, but great fun and well worth it.

On Sunday, November 13th, right after church, we had a work "bee" at Redeemer followed by a potluck lunch fit for a king. Electric heaters, some furniture and all the kneelers were removed from the church. All the pads were removed from the kneelers, walls were repaired and general maintenance was done in preparation for the new carpet. Also new blinds were installed in Tully Hall, courtesy of the Redeemer Guild. It's amazing how they brighten up the room! It was a very productive day and we appreciate the efforts of all who participated.

A HUGE VOTE OF THANKS to Wilf Hernandez who donated the cost of some work that needed to be done underneath the church to alleviate a moisture problem. Special thanks to Mark, the young man who was hired, as he discovered a much better way of solving our problem.

Our carpet has since been installed and work is in progress to repair and restore our church pews. Our deep appreciation too Eleanor Mergl, who has coordinated this project and, of course, to our guild who are financing it as a result of the profits generated primarily from their pie sales at the Harrow Fair. The guild has also completed the task of reupholstering the church kneeling pads and they look beautiful. Well done, ladies!! We're very proud of all your efforts!

We have 100 new, white Corelle dinner plates in our kitchen, purchased by the Mergl family in memory of Mary Santo. They will be very much appreciated at happy gatherings for many years to come. Thank you very much!

The parish of Redeemer and the Essex community said a sad farewell to Garnet Herdman early in November. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Ross and Judi Herdman and their family, especially at this time of year.

Earlier this fall we welcomed back Karen (Pettypiece) Harrison, her husband Dave and son Danny. We hope you enjoy your time here and we wish you the very best in the future.

We extend to everyone a truly blessed Christmas and may peace and happiness remain with us throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,

Peggy Leithead & Fran McKim

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At a board meeting held on November 17, 1997, we were discussing the old livery stable at the church and Ollie Buckley Lounsbrough Shuel told us that she remembered Mr. Ridgedale and also Minnie Boos using the shed for horse and buggy.

We asked about the Lounsbroughs and the Huggards but she said they both had Model T Fords.

1998

Do you remember when our pastor, Reverend Stephen Demitroff found a commercial "For Sale Sign" on his home on April Fool's Day? This was a retributive prank for all the little pranks with which he has favoured us. "Way to go Ladies of the Guild!" Stephen blamed everyone in sight, of course, except the ladies whom he never suspected.

Did you know Arthur Trenholme walks to Redeemer from Paquette Corners, weather permitting, on most Sundays?

Ken Bennett remembers John Shuel as lay reader for our parish for 50 consecutive years.

Henry Mergl, Stephen Demitroff, Art Trenhome and helpers distributed hundreds of canned goods to needy food banks.

November 1999

Henry Mergl and Arthur Trenhome (both with heart histories) used a tractor and front-end loader (borrowed from Philip Sternbauer) to place a 2 ton rock on the back of Henry's pickup truck, then they brought this stone to show the ladies who were quilting at Redeemer at the time. Later, they returned the rock to the Mergl farm until its placement in the Rose Garden in June 2000. This rock is from the Vaughn Hartley Farm in Ruthven and upon it will be placed the Brass Plaque marking the site of our time capsule, which will be holding the letters and treasures of the families of Redeemer, to be opened on July 2, 2050.

1999

Fifteen parishioners from Redeemer Church walked 10 km. And raised \$1,300.00 for refugees from Kosovo; front and center among them, 81 years young, Elizabeth Huggard McKim in record time. What a shining example you both are to us Vern and Elizabeth!!

How can we forget when nearly the entire congregation, including Peggy our organist, was 10 minutes late for church! Stephen Demitroff our rector faced an empty church. The latecomers reminded him that they had attended a memorial service for Wilfred Groundowski Hoggins; and we all continue to hope that Mr. Hoggins stays dead! (private joke).

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During the excavation procedure in preparation of the Rose Garden grounds for receiving the Time Capsule Rock, Henry Mergl, while using a Bobcat loader, generously donated by Jacobs' Farm Equipment, unearthed a long, yellow, electrical wire, all of this in the presence of Art Trenholme and Bill Tiller. With much alarm they contacted Harvey McCauley who knows the underground works of this parish.

They all examined this wire closely and derived that it supplied the lighting in the church. What to do? Harvey immediately telephoned his electrician son-in-law and got him out of bed in order to help them.

Joe Dennison and his wife Virginia arrived and Joe put a current tester on this wire. It showed no electrical current. Do you know why? It was a tree root. So, let this be a lesson; never call upon the above for electrical help!!!

THE CELEBRATION

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In early 1997 our parish became very aware that on July 2, 2000 would be 100 years since the cornerstone bearing the mark 1900 A.D. was laid by our forefathers. How would we mark this special time? Many of the names in our present parish family are the same as those attending that first service in 1902.

A photographer was hired to take a Christmas photo showing our beautifully decorated interior at Christmas time, and so it was that this photo was put on a handsome Royal Doulton plate, thus, making a beautiful keepsake forever for generations to come.

An invitation was designed and included in letters by parishioners to friends of Redeemer abroad telling them of our intentions and to come home to Redeemer on July 2, 2000, as well as advertising in the Huron News. It was decided that a booklet be written and an attempt to outline our growth from the days of having services in the Orange Hall on the Holden Road until the present, and that families would submit their stories and memories regarding their association with Redeemer. Different factions would write their stories.

The Ladies Guild decided to copy the stained glass windows and make a large wall hanging to be placed over the door as one enters.

Pew candlestick holders were donated to help commemorate this wonderful occasion and to help light our way into the Millennium. Blue Vestment Cloth and hangings were given to enrich our alter.

The Ladies Guild are planning a special Centennial Tea and Quilt Display. The entire hall will be a gallery showing as much as possible about our history during the centennial week.

It was decided that the church would not hold everyone and therefore a tent is to be erected, in which the service will be held, and later the dinner.

The dinner and book will be our gift to each family for their years of service, devotion, and remuneration in the maintenance of this edifice.

Our Church, Hall, and yard are in excellent condition, with good roofs, good carpeting and new furnace.

The flower beds in front, along with the lovely box hedge, are all growing nicely, and the Rose Garden in the back is simply awesome; it will be a showplace for "The Hartley Rock" under which will be our Centennial time capsule, to be buried after our celebration so we can record events and photos of the day.

Each family is asked to place a memento in the capsule.

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Family stories about their relationship to Redeemer will be printed in the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet.

I really want to talk about our undercover agency that is the backbone, the weight bearers and the heartbeat of this little Church. No names can be mentioned for fear that one may not be credited for lifetimes of devotion. These agents of both genders, sometimes are standing right by the alter, or early on the front step on a winter's morning, or even crawling around under the church removing picky insulation. They have been seen painting cupboards, stenciling walls, dusting, vacuuming, or sitting around a frame, sewing.

In the spring and summer many of them can be seen on small tractors working about the yard trimming grass. Then there are some agents who have keys and lock up everything, even on days things are supposed to be unlocked! Many of them are musically inclined and can be coerced into playing on a moment's notice. Some have played thanklessly for years.

The agency has a repair crew that fixes just about anything without much ado. Then there are truly silent agents who perform great feats and no one ever knows their identity.

Flowers appear nearly every Sunday; the bell tolls and the altar is waiting adorned to receive us; the music calls us, our Pastor greets us, and all is well at The Church of Redeemer. All the agents have reported in!!!

This story about The Church of Redeemer in the last 100 years was gathered and written with love, with no intent of harm or deletion towards anyone.

Eleanor Santo Mergl

THE REV. J. TULLY STORY

Joseph was born in September, 1876 and retired as pastor of St. Stephens and the Church of Redeemer on his 71" birthday, September, 1947. Joseph went to Comber area schools, graduated from Essex High School, went to Normal School and became a teacher. He married Maude Victoria Fulmer in 1907; she was the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. John J. Fulmer, who farmed at Lot 280, Talbot Road, near the Arner Town Line. Maude was taught in Essex, then at its beginning was a graduate of Essex High School and Toronto Normal School. Both she and Joseph taught in area schools. In August, 1907, Joseph Tully resigned as teacher at Gesto to prepare for Episcopal Ministry; Viva Hicks was hired to replace him at a salary of \$450.00. Joseph entered Huron College for his theological training, and his ordination was in 1910.

Joseph's first parishes were in Oxford Centre, at Eastwood and Innerkip; later serving at Thamesville, Bothwell and Moraviantown. In 1915 he joined the chaplaincy service and became attached to the Royal Army Service. He served in England and with the Canadian Railway Construction Corps in France, also at No. 1 Canadian Army Clearing Station there. He returned home to Canada in 1919 after a stay in the hospital and became assistant rector at All Saints with Rev. Arthur Carlisle, later Bishop Carlisle.

Joseph became interested in social work and served four years under Bishop Carlisle at Christ Church Cathedral in the city of Montreal. He returned to Huron Diocese and became rector of St. Paul's and St. Luke's Churches in Brantford. On November 3, 1929, Joseph and Maude Tully came to Oldcastle, and he became rector of St. Stephens' and the Church of Redeemer, a charge he served for 18 years. The time was the beginning of the Great Depression, therefore, his four years in social work served him well for at least the first ten years in the parish. The stipend was low, they had a garden and a small chicken house with a few layers by the drive shed to help supplement their living expenses. Many in the parish helped with a dressed chicken, fresh meat, milk, fruit and vegetables from their farms; they could give these things when cash ranged from scarce to non-existent. In these difficult times, because of the caring and sharing, not only with their pastor but with each other, a close bond was formed in the parish.

Although Joseph was in his fifties he was excellent with the young people. There was a large Sunday school and Essennar A.Y.P.A., and he would take part in picnic games, baseball and even put on roller skates and skate with the A.Y. Maude Tully was a Dominion Life Member of the Women's Auxiliary, and Joseph was past Chaplain and honourary life member of Capt. Brien Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Essex.

A retirement party was held in St. Stephen's parish hall on September 23, 1947 for Maude and Joseph, the occasion was also Joseph's 71st birthday. Solos by Mrs. Harry Pettypiece and Nelson Shuttleworth were sung, and a quartette of four boys, Kenneth Fawcett, Kenneth Bennett, Gary O'Neil and Carl Esping - a song composed in honour of the Tullys. (Eighteen years ago now, the Tullys did join us, etc.) A purse of money from the two churches was presented to them by John Shuel. Their retirement home was 109 Dalhousie Street, Amherstburg. Their retirement together was short-lived, for on February 25, 1948 Mrs. Maude Tully died, her funeral service was held at St. Stephen's Church.

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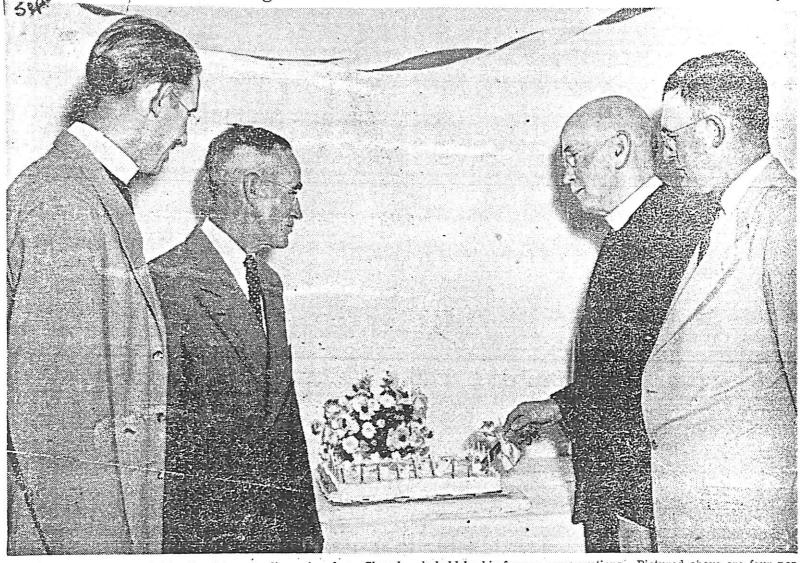
In October, 1949, a parish hall was attached to the Church of Redeemer and completed in the spring of 1950, done by the men of the parish. On May 26, 1950, the cornerstone of the hall was laid by the retired Rev. Joseph Tully; the new hall was named Tully Hall in memory of Joseph and Maude Tully who had ably served the parish for 18 years.

Rev. Tully moved from Amherstburg to Windsor at 506 Patricia Road and from here he was a visiting minister to many Windsor Parishes. In 1951 Joseph married Mrs. Margaret O'Neil. He said he was proud of his seven stepsons as he and Maude had no children, and he loved the young people. He was also an active member and Chaplin of the Essex County Automobile Club.

Rev. Joseph Tully died at age 84 after serving his Lord, the Church in the many parishes, communities and his country in World War I. He is buried with his wife Maude in Victoria Memorial Cemetery, Oldcastle. Both Tully Hall and Tully Meadows, Essex, are memorials to the family name.

Submitted by, Ken Bennett

Congregations of 2 Anglican Churches Honor Former Pastor on Birthday



The parishioners and friends of two Anglican churches—Church of the Redeemer, Colchester North, and St. Stephen's Church, Sandwich South—held a birthday party Friday night for their rector of 18 years, Rev. Joseph Tully, who is 74 today and now retired. He was presented with a \$100 bill as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his former congregations. Pictured above are four persons who had an active part in the affair. Left to right, they are: Rev. G. C. Dickin, present rector; Mr. Roy V. O'Neil, St. Stephen's Church; Mr. Tully and Mr. Harry Pettypiece, Church of the Redeemer. (Star South Essex Bureau Photo.)

St. Stephen's Church Pastor Retires After 18 Years of Service



Congregation BidsGoodbye

Rev. Joseph Tully Honored by Parish

He was retiring as rector, after nearly 18 years in that post, but he wanted all his parishioners to know he would continue to do anything he could for them, Rev. Joseph Tully said in St. Stephen's Church hall, Sandwich South.

GUESTS OF HONOR

Mr. Tully and his wife were guests of honor at a congregational farewell party. A purse of money was presented the former, by John Shuel, secretary-treasurer of the Church of the Redeemer, Colchester North, which, with St. Stephen's Church, c om prised Rev. Tully's rectorship nearly 18 years. Mrs. Tully was presented with a flower bouquet by Mrs. Jane Holden, 83, the oldest woman present. Fred Holden, parish chairman, presided.

Among the speakers was Rev. Charles Brown of All Saints' Church, who was associated with Rev. Tully in Quebec about 20 years ago.

In October, the retiring cleric, a native of Essex County, and his wife, will take up residence in Amherstburg. Both - are natives of Essex County. Rev. Joseph Tully and Mrs. Tully were guests of honor at a. congregational farewell party that was held in St. Stephen's Church Hall, Sandwich South. The occasion was the minister's retirement after nearly 18 years' service as rector of that church and the Church of the Redeemer, Colchester North, part of the parish. A purse of money was presented to the retiring pastor, who will reside in Amherstburg. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Mrs. Tully, who received a bouquet of flowers; Mr. Tully, Mr. John Shuel, secretary-treasurer of the Church of the Redeemer, shown making the presentation; and Rev. J. A. Davies, of Epiphany Church, Kingsville, who is rural dean for the Essex deanery. (Star Staff Photo.)

Mr. Shuel expressed the congregation's happiness at having had the retiring minister and his wife in its midst for so many years, and its regret at their departure.

In a humorous reply of thanks to the presentation speech Rev. Tully said, in part: "It is a long term I have served here, if we can express it that way. I suppose it is not the right way," to a gale of laughter.

HAPPY SERVICE

No, he went on, he just wanted to say it had been a happy service. Geographically, the parish had its advantages and the people in the area were hospitable people, always willing to take you into their homes and mak. you feel at home." He felt a line of verse running through his mind best expressed his gladness at having served the parish. It ran: "Remote from town he ran his Godly race, and never changed or wished to change his place." Mr. Tully was ordained in 1910, and his first parish comprised Oxford Centre, Innerkep, and Eastwood. In 1913 he answered a call to Thamesville and stayed there until the spring of 1916 when he went overseas as a chaplain.

He returned in 1919 and after a year's treatment in hospital he served as an assistant rector at All Saints', under the rectorship of the late Bishop Carlisle. Four years later he returned to Brantford, serving St. Paul's and St. Luke's there.

In 1929 he came to Windsor, succeeding the late Rev. Edgar Mc-Kegney of St. Stephen's.



Windson Congregations Fete Cleric Leaving for West

Regret and appreciation were mixed last night at St. Stephen's Anglican Church when the congregations of St. Stephen's and Redeemer (twin charges) joined to wish Godspeed to their departing rector, Rev. Gordon C. Dickin, who leaves at'the end of the month to take up new duties in Macleod, Alberta. As a token of appreciation for six years of service, members of the congregations made up a purse of \$475. From left to right, as the presentation is made, are Rev. B. A. Silcox, rural dean of Essex; Mr. John Shuel, rector's warden of Redeemer; Mrs. Dickin, Mr. Dickin and Mr. Fred Holden, rector's warden (Star Staf fPhoto.) of St. Stephen's.





Full Church Sees Induction of Anglican Rector

While a full congregation watched at St. Stephen's Church, Rev. J. E. Gordon Houghton was inducted last night into the rectorship of the combined Anglican charges of St. Stephen's and Church of the Redeemer. Venerable Archdeacon

J. N. H. Mills, acting archdeacon of the Essex Deanery, officiated at the induction service. From left to right are: Rev. B. A. Silcox, rural dean of Essex; Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Houghton and Archdeacon Mills. (Star Staff, Photo)⁻

St. Stephen's and the Church of the Redeemer - These two congregations in Essex Deanery have been sending donations of clothing and school books to the Rev. Almone Katryn of the Correverton Baptist Church, in Guyana, South America. These gifts will be distributed among the people of the two charges served by this priest.

During a June-1990 visit to the Deanery of Essex, Katryn made a plea for clothing to the people of this area, and for books for their first public library this pastor has established.

The opportunity for our parishes to extend a helping hand to these churches of Guyana came about through Terry June Fortin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Hernandez, of the Church of the Redeemer. In 1987, Terry travelled to Guyana with "Campus Crusaders for Christ". This organization spreads the gospel through the

Sandwich South Historical Society Rev. E. C. (Ted) Grey

1903 - 1996

Rev, Ted Grey was born Sept. 23, 1903 in the village of Morpeth, Northumberland, England. He left school at the tender age of 131/2 to join the Royal Naval Reserve as a cadet, taking his training in the wood-hulled training ship, the H.M.S. Conway. Next came the Royal Naval College, H.M.S. Britannia at Dartmouth, 1918 to 1921. When he turned 21 he joined the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Ted sailed for Canada in the spring of 1930 where he found a job with the T.Eaton Co. as a salesman. Shortly thereafter he moved to New Liskeard where he got a job in an ironworks.

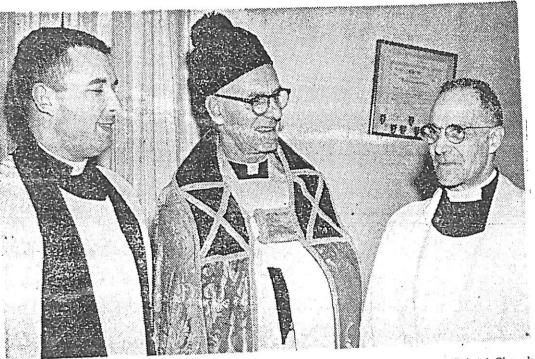
When the war broke out he signed up with the 1st Survey Regiment of the R.C.A., and within just two weeks he went overseas to the U.K. After a year he transferred to the British Army with the rank of Lieutenant and served in India with the Royal Indian Army Service Corps. He served in Italy, and later, in Greece up to war's end.

In July of 1945 he arrived back in Canada, and after studying for the Ministry, he became Rector of St.Stephen's Church in Oldcastle, during which time he came up with the idea of forming a Legion Branch for the area. Along with a few friends and Legion members of Branch 143 he was successful in receiving a Charter in 1961 for the new Branch, numbered 594. It was only natural then that he should become its first President.

He moved back to the U.K. early in the late 1970s, taking over as Minister of a church in Kemble, near Cirencester, England. In 1987 he came back to his old Parish on an exchange program in 1987, ministering to his former congregation for a good part of the year, and of course, he and his wife were Guests of Honour at a reception held here by his old friends of branch 594.

As we old-timers well knew, Ted was a down-to-carth outgoing man, and we didn't have to watch our language all that closely in his presence. As Dorothy Demmans so told me, he loved his heavy-bodied rum—not the watery variety he was served at one of the early organizational affairs we held at Branch 143. Ted was quite a guy.

In closing, let me say that if it hadn't been for Ted Grey and his foresight, Branch 594 wouldn't be here today. His actions and perseverance brought the Legion charter to South Windsor (at that time, Sandwich West). Although most of the Charter Members were strangers to each other at first, it didn't take long for each man to find out we had a heck of a lot in common.. From this basis we got to know each other and enjoy each other's company wherther working together or sitting around a table in comradeship. I never knew there were so many good people outside my own tight circle of buddies and friends. I'm sure it was the same for everyone else. We all owed Ted an unpayable debt of thanks for enabling us to meet and and spend many happy and interesting hours together



NEW RECTOR—Induction ceremonies were held Friday night at the Church of the Redeemer in Colchester North Twp. for Rev. E. C. Grey. From left: Rev. T. N. Libby, assistant curate at All Saints' Church, Windsor, who was guest speaker; Ven. Archdeacon M. C. Davies of St. George's Church, Windsor, who officiated, and Mr. Grey.



NEW MINISTER INDUCTED — Rev. Edwin Grey was inducted as rector of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Oldcastle, Sunday night. The service was conducted by Ven. Archdeacon M. C. Davies and Rev. Norman Ellis of Christ Church, Corunna, preached the sermon. From left are: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Gray and Archdeacon Davies.

, SEPTEMBER 11, 1965



Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Grey are leaving St. Stephen's Anglican Church, near Oldcastle, for a year in two villages in southwest England. Mrs. Grey is seen folding a surplice, reparing it for the trunk. They leave Windsor Wednesday or a month's holiday in England and Ireland before Mr. Grey resumes duties in East Camel and Queen Camel.

Rector Going to U.K. For Year's Exchange

A 62-year-old minister is leaving his two churches near Oldcastle for a year as minister at two 13th-centurybuilt churches in southwest England.

Rev. E. C. Grey, rector of St. Stephen's Anglican Church near Oldcastle and Church of the R e d e e m e r, Colchester North Township, will leave Wednesday for England. The b o at leaves Montreal Thursday.

The exchange of pulpits takes effect Oct. 17 and ends Oct. 9, 1966. Coming from the more than 700-year-old churches in Queen Camel and East Camel, Somerset, will be Rev. Peter Bowman and his wife.

Mrs. Grey said the exchange was arranged by the bishop of Huron and the bishop of Bath in Wells.

Such exchanges "don't happen too often," Mr. Grey said, but he wanted the trip for personal reasons. He left England 35 years ago, and he and his wife, who will accompany him, have friends and relatives they wish to visit.

They have a 17-year-old daughter, Margaret, to see. She is a student apprentice at an equestrian school near Sirencester.

Besides the tradition, the churches Mr. Grey will take over have other features. The bells at the Queen Camel church are said to have the heaviest peal in the world for six units. The West Camel church tower is 86 feet high. "The rectory had a new addition put on in 1830," Mr. Grey said.

The two villages have a combined population of about 900 persons.

Mr. Grey, who has been at St. Stephen's for 5½ years and is still rector despite the trip, is taking a month's holiday in England and Ireland before settling in West Camel.

Both clergymen are leaving their material possessions to each other. Mr. Grey can look forward to a 1939 Rover car. Mr. Bowman will have the facilities here.

He is expected in Windsor about Oct. 11.



The main attraction deals with the time of year for the service. In England the service is generally held on the first Sunday after January 6, "which in Essex County is the ideal time for snowplows," Mr. Grey said. "Therefore, the time had to be changed to suit the climate."

THE WINDSOR STAR, SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1983-45

Throughout the service members of the congregation will play an important part by participating in the blessing and answering prayers.

Highlights of the service will include carrying the plow in a procession into the church and placing it at the entrance to the Chancel, singing hymns and the communal recitation of prayers.

Members of the congregation who have solo parts in the service include Howard Holden, who is supplying the plow, a horse drawn model still in use for certain work, Robert Jessop and Clemence George Curtis, plowmen, and Donald Mactier, a member of the 4-H Club.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. Henry Hill of Canterbury College. The surrounding communities are invited to attend the service.

St. Stephen's Anglican Church is located on Howard Ave., three-quarters of a mile south of Highway 3. Last-minute preparations are underway for a plow blessing service, that will be held Sunday at 11 a.m., at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Oldcastle. During the service a plow will be brought into the church and blessed. Putting the final cleanup touches to the plow are, from left, Howard Holden, 6th Concession, Sandwich South Twp., and Rev. Ted Grey, rector of St. Stephen's Anglican Church.

St. Stephen's Plans Plow-Blessing Day

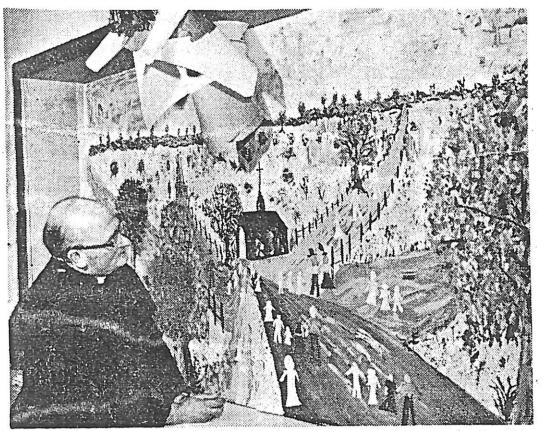
A plow-blessing service will be held Sunday in St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Oldcastle.

The service will be held for members of St. Stephen's Church, Oldcastle and the outlying townships of Anderdon, Sandwich South and Sandwich West.

"The plow, the sign of labor in the country, is just as natural for decorating a church as grain, corn, vegetables or flowers," Rev. Ted Grey, rector of St. Stephen's said.

To ask God's blessing on plowing and seeding is as logical as thanking Him for the benefits and the abundant growth that are reaped from the earth," he added.

Approximately 100 copies of the service have been obtained from England and with a few alterations the ceremonies will begin at 11 a.m.



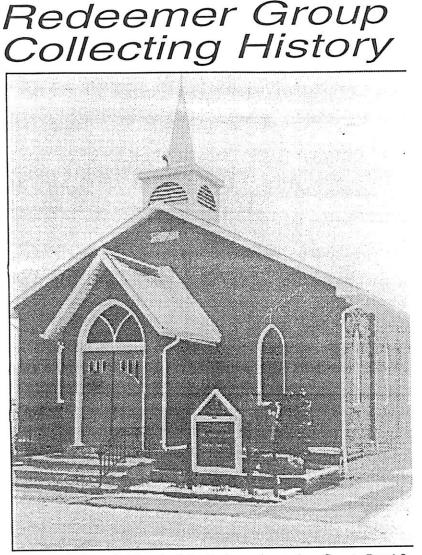
Seven children from Percy McKee School prepared this eight-by-three-foot mural for use at a confirmation class recently at the

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Anglican Church of the Redeemer. Rev. Peter Ralph-Bowman, rector, admires the work. (Star Staff Photo)



Rev. T. KONING



Pictured above is Church of the Redemer located on County Road 8, "half way between Essex and Paquette Corners". Two members of Redemer's congregation, Judi Herdman and Eleanor Mergl, are making appeals to past and present members of the church to send in their stories as the pair are hoping to compile a history of the church and its congregation.

by Richard Parkinson

Barretville, Klondyke, and Edgar Mills are names which mean little, if anything, to local, younger generations. They are the, names of small communities whose identities have been swallowed up and amalgamated with larger communities.

The above sad truth could be the driving factor behind the efforts of Eleanor Mergl and Judi Herdman who are trying to compile a decisive history of the Church of the Redemer and its congregation found on County Road 8, "half way between Essex and Paquette Corners".

On July 2nd, 2000, the quaint, red brick, church will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The church is extending an invitation to all members of the church's congregation (past and present) to attend.

Furthermore, Herdman and Mergl, are hoping to gather articles and stories (sentimental, humouress, or sad) from past and present parishioners and put this history into book form. The whole, and other info, will be buried in a time capsule.

CHURCH OF REDEEMER

100th ANNIVERSARY 1900 A.D. – 2000 A.D.

HONOUR the PAST CELEBRATE THE PRESENT DREAM OF THE FUTURE

Beneath this rock our time capsule awaits to be unearthed on July 02, 2050.

Dedicated on October, 2000, Rev. S. Demitroff

This is the bronze plaque, depicting the time capsule placement, located under The V. Hartley Rock, which is situated in Redeemer's Rose Garden.

STORIES OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS

HISTORY OF THE REDEEMER LADIES GUILD

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. A. Tuckey instituted the first Girls' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary on November 21, 1932. Mrs. Joseph Tully was elected advisor and Mrs. Leslie O'Brien (nee Lottie Reyner) was elected the president. The first treasurer of the W.A. was Mrs. Harold Vollans. In 1946 the Girls' Branch became a combined organization of Senior W.A. and Chancel Guild.

The Woman's Auxiliary carries on the missionary work for the parish. Bales of clothing and contributions of money are sent to the Columbia Coast Mission, St. Paul's Indian Residential School at Cardston and the Diocese of the Arctic. Contributions from World Day of Prayer and the Woman's Auxiliary are sent to help supply Christian literature for foreign lands. Following the Second Great World War food parcels were sent to a needy clergyman's family in England. Officers of the present Woman's Auxiliary are: President, Mrs. Gerald O'Neil; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Hartley; secretary, Mrs. William Hartley.

As taken from the Fiftieth Anniversary booklet

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Church of Redeemer was organized and inspired by our ministers' wives, Mrs. Joseph Tully and Mrs. Gordon Houghton. They impressed upon the members that their duty was to beautify the Sanctuary of the Church by taking care of the Communion Vessels, the linens and the hangings.

Members met in the homes, after opening prayer, bible readings, with a discussion on the duties of the members, etc.

Some of the members were: Anne Pettypiece, Anne Reyner, Ethel and Agnes Hartley, Mary Webster, Freda O'Neil, Florence and Blanche White, Greta Vollans, Marce Boos, and Lottie O'Brien.

As remembered by,

Lottie O'Brien

REDEEMER LADIES GUILD

December 20, 1901, as found in The Essex Free Press.

The Ladies Aid of the Church of Redeemer have decided not to hold their weekly meeting until after the holidays.

Mrs. Tom Huggard visited her sister Mrs. Robert Shuel on Monday.

1932

The earliest minutes regarding the Women's Ladies Guild of Redeemer is found in neatly recorded books dating as far back as 1932.

Mrs. W. H. Hartley started the very first ladies' organization and it was called the Ladies AID. The first president was Mrs. Richard Allen, and the first treasurer was Miss Flossie Allen. In 1921 Mrs. L. C. Harrison reorganized the Ladies AID into the Ladies Guild. (Taken from the Fiftieth Anniversary Booklet.)

The record book it boasts of money in the bank in the amount of \$140.95 and listed the following the following members:

Mrs. John Huggard	Mrs. Frank Lounsbrough
Mrs. Bob Libby	Mrs. Louise Boos
Mrs. Thomas Pettypiece	Mrs. John Shuel
Mrs. Clarence O'Neil	Mrs. Bartlet Curtis
Mrs. Ernest O'Neil	Mrs. Ed Lounsbrough
Miss Agnes Hartley	Mrs. Banford Shuel
Mrs. Clyde O'Neil	Mrs. Glen Webster
Mrs. Julia O'Neil	Mrs. G. Pettypiece
Mrs. Clifford O'Neil	Mrs. Gertie O'Neil
Mrs. Lily White	Mrs. Etta Reyner
Mrs. Tully	Mrs. R. Shuel

Members doing something, e.g., baking, haircutting for others and donating the money to the Guild raised talent money.

1933 From the records, cost of a new stove pipe	
1934 Social evening at White's home; lemons & sugar	\$1.00
Guess what it cost for an orchestra at the	
Chicken Supper?	\$4.00
2 pairs of bloomers	.20
(No record showing for whom they were purchased.)	
1935 O'Cedar stove polish	.65

1936	5 St. Patrick's Day Supper		
	Hall cleaning and cooking oysters	\$4.00	
193	3 Mrs. Lounsbrough – 9 sugar sacks	.45	
	Quilt supplies, 3 sacks	.30	
	6 yards factory cotton	\$1.32	
	Cash for cigars from G. A. St. Stephens	\$1.20	
	(For whom? No record)	+	
	Can lifters	\$2.70	
	3 dozen limp cover Hymn books	\$7.20	
	Guild donation to Christmas entertainment for	+ · · = •	
	Sunday school students	\$5.00	
	The annual meeting of the Guild was held Thursday,	4	
	Dec. 1 at the home of Mrs. Frank Lounsbrough with	18 members	
	answering Roll Call. Treasurer reported - \$214.29 or		
	Mrs. Irene Webster resigned as church organist.		
	Agnes Hartley is to play full-time for a fee of \$15.00 a	vear.	
	The Dorcas Committee was thanked for the splendid		
	(work for the Mission bales, etc.).		
193	9 No attendance contest this year!		
	Note of \$100.00 paid in full to the bank.		
	Blocks for the Star Quilt completed.		
	A Supper will be held at Orange Hall on February 16,	1939.	
	Adults .35, children .25.		
	Quilt was made and sent to St. Paul's Indian Residential		
School, Alberta. Mrs. Tully donated the filling and lining,			
	and Mrs. T. Pettypiece kindly donated the top.	0.	
	Annual Garden Party discussed, also called Lawn So	cial,	
	with these committee programs: Hot Dog Stand, Cou		
	Store, Fishpond, Ice Cream Booth, Table Convener	-	
Oct	ober 12, 1939		
	The Guild viewed gifts of recent bride, Mrs. G. Plato		
	(formerly Gertrude White, sister of Clarence White).		
	Tea money was very important and was collected at e	each meeting!!	
Nov	. 22, 1939		
	Guild to fill Christmas stockings for Sunday school s	tudents.	
	It is quite apparent that the church was the center of	f the	
	Community.		
194	O A carpeting selection was discussed, also a stove. (Th	at carpet was a	
	centre runner.)		
	Discussions for a play called "Clubbing a Husband" t	to be presented at	
	the Orange Hall.	•	
Most meetings were spent quilting, followed by lunch and tea.			
	The Bishop will be here in April for Confirmation.		
	The Guild was to put on A.Y.P.A. Supper; .35 a plate	•	
	The Guild made aprons, dolls, etc., to be sold at their	r	

chicken suppers.

The Guild gave enough money to Mrs. Harry O'Neil to buy 100 pounds of sugar in order for the Red Cross to make jam and ielly

Guild gives \$100.00 for church expenses.

The floors will be re-sanded and new center carpet is planned. Flowers for the altar will be \$1.50 and .10 for the telephone call for the flowers.

1941 The Secretary of Ladies Guild is Mrs. Elmer Plato. Social evenings to be held in the homes this winter; entertainment to consist of cards, games, or contests to be approved by the rector. What?? Mrs. Gertie O'Neil kindly offered to donate Brasso to clean the brass in the church.

Mrs. Jim Tofflemire (Laura) served the lunch.

- **1942** Mr. John Shuel has kindly lent his grove for the Sunday School picnic 5 gallons of ice cream to be served, with a collection being taken at the picnic.
- **1943** Overseas boxes containing a cake, cookies and caramel corn were packed by the Ladies Guild at the home of Mrs. G. Taylor and sent to:

Fred Berl	
Stan Queen	
Verne Curtis	
Reg Shuel	
Helen Renaud	
Nancy Pettypiece	
Sidney Smith	
Bob O'Neil	
Bill O'Neil	
Murray Edwards	

Murray O'Neil Max Webster Blake Tofflemire Arch Hartley Margaret Shuel Rena Pettypiece Byron O'Neil Neil Webster Mike Balipop

Mike Balipap and William Hartley were enlisted.

1944

The price of a ticket for the March 17th Irish Supper – .60 for adults, .35 for children.

A victory Bond of \$100.00 was purchased. Money to be invested for improving church at a later date.

Minutes from 1945 Meeting

Mrs. M. Tully read a `thank you letter' for Christmas package from Lieutenant Reg Shuel of Italy; we have the original letter (will be in memorial display). The Guild meets in different homes; the rector ends the meetings with prayer.

The losers of the attendance contest for 1944 to prepare lunch at a "quilting bee" in the Orange Hall.

Amount of money on hand is \$170.53 and \$5.00 in Victory Bonds.

May 10, 1945

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The ladies decided to give a party in the Orange Hall for the members of the parish who served in the Armed Forces.

Ollie Buckley-Lounsbrough donated one cup of sugar (sugar was

rationed during the war), thus making this a significant donation.

August 8, 1946

Picnic planned for Bob-Lo Island.

\$235.07 in the Treasury.

During 1946 they had 23 meetings; average attendance 14.

The quilts to be quilted for Mrs. Otto Boose for the price of

\$10.00, compared to \$200.00 a quilt in the year 2000!!

Reverend G. Dickin opened the meeting. Treasurer reported \$432.29. Mr. Dickin expressed his thanks to the Guild for their splendid services during the year.

There is to be a penny contest for three months.

A Box Social is to be held on the 17th of March (shoe box).

(The ladies would prepare an individual box lunch, which contained a lunch for two. This lunch would be auctioned off individually to the men; the result being that this particular girl would have lunch with the buyer, hopefully the man the girl had wished for.

The committee has planned a Gala Irish Party with Firth Hubbell as Master of Ceremonies. There will be a prize for the best Irish Costume, Best Irish Jig, and the best Irish story.

1947 Rummage Sale planned.

Meetings opened with Guild Hymn, "Blest Be the Ties That Bind." On suggestion of Mr. Dickin that articles of clothing and shoes be sent to the needy families in England.

October, 1947

The Annual Chicken Dinner to be held at Orange Hall.

Net amount of \$285.15.

Social evenings were held in Orange Hall.

Two all-day work meetings (quilting) held in Orange Hall.

The remaining meetings were held in homes.

December 13, 1947

The ladies decided to hold a baked goods sale at the Windsor Market. It was moved that the ladies purchase a ½ ton of coal for the Church.

January, 1950

Mrs. Lucille Tofflemire and Mrs. Les O'Brien were appointed to look after chairs for the Parish Hall.

The treasurer paid Jack Hackson \$35.00 for the Electric Stove.

May 18, 1950

The Dedication of Tully Hall and the Homecoming Service on Monday evening, May 29th. Reception to follow. Members West of the church to bring cookies and tea. Members East of the church and 14th to bring sandwiches and pickles. The guild gave permission for the material for cupboards to be purchased.

It seems to be the first meeting held in Tully Hall. October 15, 1950

Chrysanthemum Tea held. Bethel, Maidstone, St. Stephens and Roseland Guilds were present

December, 1950

A bean contest provided a great deal of merriment; first prize went to Mrs. H. Jessop.

Jean Parr's reception cost \$1.50 per plate.

February 1952

50 dishtowels were ordered through Harry Pettypiece for resale at a cost of .55 for Guild Members and .69 for embroidered ones. Innovative Stanley Parties, sponsored by Mrs. Jessop and Mrs. Tofflemire, who made \$13.25 in commission.

Events: Father and Son Banquet; proceeds \$182.24. Mother and Daughter Banquets Pot Luck Suppers

Redeemer Guild meets in Tully Hall

Guild to host Ed and Marcy O'Neil wedding dinner on June 7, 1952; cost \$1.50 per person.

Guild will pay all the cost of painting and decorating the church.

1953 The Guild is still meeting in homes.

Card Party and Bazaar at C. H. Smith (large department Store on Ouellette Avenue).

Charging \$3.00-\$7.00 to quilt a large quilt.

Mother and Daughter Banquet; 203 attended.

A.Y.P.A. Banquet to be held. The following ladies to wait on tables:

Mrs. Herb Holden (Ill)

Mrs. Percy Lounsbrough (Ollie)

Mrs. Hubert Shuel (Lena)

Mrs. Ed Lounsbrough (May)

Mrs. Mary Santo

Mrs. Pestik (own the corner store at Paquette)

Mrs. Mabel Huggard

Mrs. Ivy Thompson

Mrs. Ethel Bloomfield

Rev. Mr. Dickin wants to plant shrubbery in front of the Church. It was decided to buy a dress for Denise Mallot who has been quite ill. Guild to sew cassocks for the choir.

1954 The Guild will sponsor an apron contest, with prizes going for the most practical and prettiest.

There will be a tour of the Ford Plant.

Mr. Percy McKee is going to supply the beef for the Father and Son Banquet.

The Guild is to hold a Blossom Tea.

Archibald Hartley to refinish all the pews.

Net from the plastic demonstration was \$8.17. Also to have a Watkins Demonstration.

To cater to Dorothy Shuel's wedding on August 14, 1954;

80 people at \$1.50 per plate.

1955 Guild to serve hot dinner for Virginia O'Neil's wedding,

February 5, 1955; 36 people at \$1.00 per plate.

No records showing.

It is apparent that this guild and this parish never sat still; they were quite active, creative and supportive of their beloved church!!

February 24, 1959

\$5.00 sent to Talking Leaf Fund??

December 3, 1960

Cheque to Redeemer Church in amount of \$1,000.00.

Only financial records found for 1960. Balance on hand \$1,633.74. No records for 1960 and 1961.

January, 1961

Shirley Hartley, Dorcas Secretary, read a letter of thanks

From the Mohawk Institute for the quilt they had received.

April, 1961

Dorcas secretary showed the blouses that the members had made for the Hong Kong relief.

June 11, 1962

Paid Redeemer Building Fund \$1,900.00. (Addition of new kitchen??) Paid John Shuel \$2,000.00 for Tully Hall. (Probably borrowed money from John).

1963 Paid for candy for Margaret Grey (daughter of Rev. T. Grey).

October 23, 1964

Paid for candy for Henry Mergl - \$1.29 Candy for Jerry Bloomfield - \$2.01

April 22, 1965

Flowers for Sandra Tiller Gift for Mary-Lou McKim Plant for Wallace Huggard

Paid Mrs. Florrie O'Neil for water - pipeline from the O'Neil property to Tully Hall. Prior to this water was carried over in buckets. 1966 No record 1967 Generous gifts of flowers, candies, to the sick. Paid Dodson-Habkirk for church carpet - \$ 257.22 (center runner, I believe) 1968 Cash on hand, \$346.03 Made clothes pin bags for sale Gave smorgasbord dinner; pot luck dinners Sewing sales. **1969** No records 1970 Aluminum windows for Tully Hall -\$ 200.00 **1971** No records 1972 Donation to Redeemer Church -\$ 500.00 Donation of \$900.00 to Board of management **1973** Income from Handicraft Fair \$ 345.70 Gift to Board of Management \$ 500.00 1974 July Gift to Redeemer Board -\$ 500.00 1975 Board of Management -\$ 800.00 Total expenses paid to church -\$1,769.08 1976 Support to Church of Redeemer \$ 975.61 **1977** To Board \$1,041.97 **1978** To Board \$1,250.00 **1979** To Church Building Fund \$1,000.00 1980 To Board of Management \$2,000.00 \$1,000.00 **1981** To Board of Management **1982** To Board of Management \$2,000.00 1983 To Board of Management \$1,600.00 November 1981 Ouilting all year 1982 - 1983 Ouilting Guild to remember 60th Wedding Anniversary of Steve and Maria Santo and also Mr. & Mrs. Clifford O'Neil 1984 Luncheons held regularly; generous donations for church upkeep 1986 Interior of Tully Hall painted. A petition was sent to City Council

protesting public nudity!

Church Picnic at Weston Park.

Doug Pettypiece has repaired the sacristy floor. Harvey McCauley seconded motion to have ceiling tiles removed. Tully Hall gets a telephone!

Rev. John Swain thanks Ladies Guild for their tremendous contributions.

Roberta and Sunday school children to plant flowers in front of the church. Still the same takes place in 2000.

The 20+ Club is very active.

Worship Committee plans Weston Park Picnic.

Family Life Education Committee plans a yard sale.

September 7, 1986

Outdoors service for both Parishes, followed by Pot Luck Supper. Doug Pettypiece, Shirley Hartley and Evelyn McCauley are doing an excellent job of preparing monthly luncheons. Yard Sale Income - \$850.00.

1987 Rev. John Swain in Chair.

Reports from Vestry. Average weekly attendance is 41 souls. Shade trees from Essex Agricultural Society have been planted, also four trees have been planted, courtesy of the yard committee: Tofflemire, McKim, Herdman and Bennett families. January and February luncheons to be hosted by:

Anne Pettypiece, Shirley Hartley, Evelyn McCauley

Total receipts are \$17,219.26

Total expenses \$18,307.43

Weekly income needed for expenses rose to \$362.48

Rev. Ted Grey returns to take summer service in Rev. J. Swain's absence.

1988 Sunday School picnic in Weston Park.

Annual Yard Sale was most successful!

Weekly attendance fell to 35 people.

Spring will bring a dedication service for the trees donated by the Horticultural Society.

Also, 3 crab trees by Bob McKim, Steve Tofflemire and Ross Herdman families.

Roberta reports 10 children in Sunday School; visited Essex Nursing Home.

1989 What's happening? Attendance falling to 31 a week?

May 23, 1989

Ceiling in kitchen to be lowered.

Second mention of Zehr's tapes for new dishwasher. Again, asking Evelyn

McCauley, who faithfully adds them up. Do we have enough? As of year 2000, no dishwasher!!!

Trees that were planted from Agricultural Society have died.

Guild reports working on the quilt since Christmas.

Santo family hauls and donates crushed stone for the yard.

Doug Price continues to donate his help.

June 6, 1989

The last formally written guild report.

From 1989 until 2000 no formal meeting or records kept,

although the guild worked in unison as a quilting group, provided luncheons for gatherings, put on beef dinners, socials, rummage sales, made and sold pies in great quantities.

December 11, 1989

\$1,000.00 rose from monthly luncheons.

Zehr's tapes to be totalled and the balance, if not enough for dishwasher, is to be taken from church funds!

Eleven years have passed and still no dishwasher in Tully Hall, but only The faithful with dishpan hands!

Sunday School children go with Roberta to Point Pelee.

1990

Mrs. Mary Santo to buy new steel doors for Redeemer in memory of her late husband Steve.

Nancy and Andrew Kovacs donate decorative plate in memory of the late Martin Kovacs.

\$100.00 given to the Downtown Mission.

From the January 28th minutes. Our pride in the Lord showed in the pride Redeemer takes in the physical upkeep of the Church grounds. Monthly luncheons showed a profit of \$1,041.50 in 1989. The ladies quilted 6 quilts.

Hark! Zehr's tapes are being saved for a dishwasher for Tully Hall. (Gee! Do we have enough yet, 9 years later??). 20 plus group still going strong!

1991

Rev. Kent Gardiner - Chair

Joe Dennison to replace light sensor in steeple. New sign in front of church enclosed in glass as a memorial to Mr. & Mrs. Anson Tofflemire whose years of service and support to our parish are memorable.

Dedicated on

Sunday, October 20, 1991.

New oil furnace for the kitchen and hall.

Jerry Fortin (Dunn) and Mary Berthiaume to begin youth group for both churches.

January 27, 1991

All is well in the Parish! The new stove is installed in the kitchen. Front entry checked out; to be renovated.

1992-1993

Building and Memorial Fund\$6,536.58Average weekly income to meet budget\$548.77

1993

Financial Reports – 1994 – 2000

Chair, Rev. Kent Gardiner

We need \$573.65 weekly donation in order to meet expenses. Extra lighting in parking lot installed by Joe Dennison. Ross Herdman to seek opinion of contractors regarding repair of church foundation. Major renovations are in the plans. Chris McCauley, Joe Dennison, and Steve Tofflemire dry-walled the front entry. The old lowered ceiling was removed and the beautiful original ceiling was revealed.

Inside of church to be painted.

New steps to church will cost \$3,500.00.

Roberta asking to resign as Sunday School Superintendent. Not yet Roberta!

Cemetery Board has offered to pay for the paving of parking lot at Redeemer.

Money for Archives to be paid over three-year period (storage of artifacts in London).

Marion Kelly donates \$200.00 towards a new refrigerator (memory of Scotty).

Guild to donate \$3,000.00 towards new gas furnace in church.

Planning to sell pies at Harrow Fair. Cost of tent \$240.00; suggested by Roberta Hernandez. 500 pies were sold!

Front steps to be resurfaced with glazed tile and new sidewalks at the west side.

Ladies Guild to cover church floor with wall-to-wall carpeting. Kneelers are to be reupholstered.

Gold foil crosses to be placed on entry doors in remembrance of Maria Santo.

1994 Vestry Meeting – 33 people present

Strawberry Social raised \$1,263.00

The Guild donated \$2,688.00 to our church Gas heat is coming!

In **1994** everyone was generous and look what happened:

- 1. Gas furnace
- 2. New wine-coloured wall-to-wall carpeting in church.
- 3. Kneeling pads made to complement carpeting.
- 4. Pews renovated.
- 5. Parking lot was tarred and chipped, thanks to Cemetery Board.
- 6. New covered steps and sidewalks covered in tile.
- 7. Blinds in hall.
- 8. New Corelle dishes and coffee maker.

Stained glass windows need to be vented as they steam up and condensation runs down them.

Wilf Hernandez pays to remove insulation under the vents.

The Ladies Guild flexed their wings and flew quite high all year, starting in February with a Roast Beef Dinner, that everyone is still talking about. After they came down to earth, they put on a Strawberry Social and Yard Sale which screamed success, and before they got their senses back they made 500 pies, which took all summer (it was the hottest summer on record). They baked from morning to night, and have been known to make 100 pies by noon! There were pies in 5 freezers all over Paquette Corners and then a freezer was heaven sent to us and happiness reigned. It rained \$4,000.00 net on us, even if Harvey McCauley lost his wager with Eleanor Mergl and had to kick in \$20.00 into the pot to make it even! In the Guild's spare time they threw another supper and then just sat around quilting 7 quilts. Given with great pride and love a donation of \$7,708.48 to our church!

Roberta Tofflemire Hernandez encouraged and conceived the idea of making pies for the Harrow Fair. The Guild gave it birth, labouring the entire hot summer. The entire church congregation and friends of Redeemer helped deliver this huge enterprise with gusto and professionalism. The Guild was able to donate funds toward the furnace, new linen tablecloths, coffeemaker, wall to wall carpeting for the church, kneelers covered in new tapestry, refinishing and repairs were made to pews and kneelers.

1995 Luncheons are cancelled

- Kitchen and bathrooms are remodeled; new counter tops, etc. Harvey McCauley drills more holes to vent stained glass windows, as they are still steaming up.
- In 1995 the second Beef Dinner sponsored by the Guild and helped by all the parish families. We again served a fabulous meal at three different sittings.
- Our Strawberry Social and Garage Sale were very successful.
 - This time we teamed up with the St. Stephens Ladies for our Pie Days at the Harrow Fair.
 - Memory Plaques to be placed on trees donated for a loved one.
 - 7 guilts were done and we were able to aid our Parish
 - by contributing a sum of \$4,753.98 which paid for kitchen renovations, etc., e.g., arborite counters, wiring and painting.
 - The ladies were generous to our parish and purchased a
 - new vacuum cleaner, helped repair Tully Hall roof,
 - storage bin, dishes, and more renovations to the kitchen.
- 1996 Chaired by Rev. S. Demitroff
 - Guild donates 54 new chairs and new, white, linen tablecloths.
 - Harvey McCauley and Arthur Trenholme to paint wheelchair ramp.
 - P.S.: Took them 1-1/2 days. If there is a job to do these guys will always be there!

The Ladies Guild held a Strawberry Social, made pies and also quilted, and gave to our parish - \$3,241.08

Guild donates \$1,000.00 to Redeemer.

A Committee to be set up for 100th Centennial.

12 more new chairs purchased with Zehr's tapes and Pancake Lunch money. Evelyn, are you stashing the dishwasher tapes somewhere? Plans for Centennial underway, i.e., history of church, tent.

Bushes in front of church replaced with cascading mulberry trees, also new hedge.

1997 The Church of the Redeemer Ladies Guild had a Strawberry Social, made pies, quilted and gave funeral luncheons. Total aid to our parish - \$3,200.00

September 15, 1997

Remember that insulation and chicken wire that was placed under the church floor? Well, it must come out, according to one contractor! Done on a cold day! Stephen Demitroff was there!

1998 The Guild worked very hard, with the support of our

Parishioners, and donated to our parish - \$3,821.43 Guild to buy chair stackers.

Money sent to Primates World Relief Fund.

Matthew Berthiaume goes to Synod.

October 3, 1998 Yard and Pie Sale.

Spaghetti Supper was very successful. (Rob Hartley cooks pasta sauce from scratch).

North gable and both entrances to Tully Hall renovated; covered with siding. Guild will cover this cost - \$2,800.00.

1999

Stephen Tofflemire showed us beautiful Royal Doulton plates upon which will be affixed a photo of the inside of our church. They will be sold as keepsakes for \$45.00 per plate.

A Walkathon for Kosovo victims is planned.

Time Capsule Rock was approved for the Rose Garden. This was generously donated by Vaughn Hartley and hauled home by Henry Mergl and Art Trenholme.

Yard work, 2 weeks of each month, to be hired out, balance done Voluntarily by the ever-faithful yard committee, who have for years given countless hours of work to this little parish. Never have we heard complaints, only a beautiful neat as a pin yard to greet one on Sunday mornings.

This entire parish thanks each of you: Tofflemires, McKims, Herdmans, Bennetts.

The wheelchair ramp to be painted and carpeted; Guild will pay \$1,500.00.

Tully Hall will be created into a Memory Lane with all the "old things" on display.

This was a quiet year for the Guild. Quilts were done and lengthy hours were spent on the Centennial Quilt wall hanging, which is to be given in honour of all women who have served the Church of Redeemer in the past 100 years.

February 21, 2000

Guild buys pleated division curtain between kitchen and Tully Hall. What an improvement, along with new curtains!

98 days to Centennial Day.

Plan to feed our guests a gratis dinner: Baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, cold cuts, rolls, cake, cold and hot drinks.

Time Capsule will be buried in October 2000.

Grass removed from Centennial Rose Garden and replaced with stones. Large Memorial Rock (weighing 3,960 lbs.) with plaque placed in Rose Garden. Memorial urns, seats, figures will embellish this viewing garden. A perpetual memory of the coordinated effort of many people to create a place to gather in 50 years (2050) to open this capsule and relive this day.

Ladies Guild to donate cost of tent, chairs, tables, and food - \$2,000.00 for our 100th Birthday.

May 2000

Our Centennial Tea was a beautiful event, with 59 quilts displayed everywhere in the hall; most of these quilts were quilted through the years by the Guild members. The square tables, quaintly set with fine china and a nice selection of teas, as well as a choice of beef, egg or shrimp-filled croissants were very well received. Also, lovely desserts were donated and Shirley Hartley created homemade cream-filled puffs. Roses complemented our tables, and Mary Berthiaume and Marion Kelly generously donated door prizes.

Our Strawberry Social, Bake and Rummage Sale, outdid all others, as over 175 people were served homemade cake, strawberries and ice cream. The Guild thanks our volunteers and friends of Redeemer for their support.

There have been no formal meetings since approximately 1989, yet our group flourishes with the addition of new members. Faithful and devoted senior members with over 50 years of service are the glue that binds us; the will is here to keep on giving of our time and ourselves.

Year 2000

Centennial Project: Paint Wheelchair ramp and carpet – gift of Guild for Centennial.

June 2000

Eleanor Mergl and Ruth Trenholme, during a weak moment, decided to paint the ramp and did so in 3 hours flat. That is 1-1/2 days less than it took Harvey McCauley and Art Trenholme five years prior! Then after this workout, Eleanor and Ruth planted 208 begonias in the flower bed and when early death was felt, Evelyn McCauley came along and dug the last 58 holes; whew!

Tentative cost of Centennial Book at this stage is upwards of $\frac{2}{2}\mathcal{BOO}_{*}\mathcal{OO}_{*}$. So, a substantial gift from the Church of Redeemer to its faithful as well as a beautiful lunch to be enjoyed on our birthday, courtesy of the Redeemer Ladies Guild.

June 8, 2000

Final entry; this week this booklet will be printed, it was in the gathering process for about two years or more, in which time I begged, cajoled and in the last days threatened parishioners for their stories, as I felt everyone's story was very important. The stories will be placed inside the time capsule and I wanted all the facts for the next generations. Throughout the past 100 years of our life it is so evident that everyone loves our little church. Through hard times and good times, fellowship, comradery and support for each other is most evident. The upkeep of this edifice is very important and it paid off! 100 years later we stand strong! Our replacement generation is in the making! It is my dream that in the year 2050, Redeemer's then congregation will say, boy, what a good job they did!

It would take a text book to credit everyone who served here year after year and never seeking any recognition at all, and if in anyway an offensive was given, or a deletion, it is totally unplanned and simply human error on my part.

Credit is given to Gloria Bart Sprague, my friend from public school, who so willingly worked with me to redo and then redo again without ever a complaint.

Personally, this job that sort of fell on me unexpectedly turned out to be my passion, as I learned so much about my church and the people in its past. Never again will I look at our soldiers' memorial plaque and not think of the young men who served and fell.

This story is a gift to each of you, to simply "enjoy". Join with me in prayer for the preservation of Redeemer in the new Millennium.

The highlight, of course, is to be our 100th Birthday Party Celebration and ending the whirlwind year with a Spaghetti Dinner.

Faithfully, Eleanor Santo-Mergl

REMEMBER ME

This stained glass window wall hanging was copied from actual windows in the Church of the Redeemer. It was a gift given by the Ladies Guild to remember and to honour each lady who serves and who has served our little church in the last century.

Since the guild have quilted for many decades, something of this nature was planned. Then in early 1997 one of the guild members climbed a tall ladder, held by another member, and traced the outline of the leaded windows and, thus, a long, painful project was begun.

It is fitting and poignant that we name the hanging "Remember Me" as one guild member on a trip to Prince George, Alberta, and visiting fabric shops looking for material, met a very young shop owner who had lovely, stained glass hangings and during their conversation she revealed the fact that she was dying of cancer. A lovely warmth flowed between them, and before parting she went into the back of her shop and brought out lovely pieces of silk to put into our stained glass hanging, and she softly said, "Remember Me."

Roberta Tofflemire Hernandez skillfully painted the centre panel showing our quaint church.

Thus, we fondly remember our sisters from the past and fervently pray for a continued life of service and dedication from our present women in the preservation of this country parish.

Ladies Presently Serving the Redeemer Ladies Guild

1. Ollie Shuel (Buckley)

- 2. Elizabeth McKim (Huggard)
- 3. Shirley Hartley (Shepley)
- 4. Laura Tofflemire (Farough)
- 5. Ethel Bloomfield (Bell)
- 6. Evelyn McCauley (Dobson)
- 7. Myra Bennett (Curtis)
- 8. Marion Kelly (Bewsher)
- 9. Ruth Trenholme (Dick)
- 10. Eleanor Mergl (Santo)
- 11. Margaret Tiller (Reddick)

Essex Essex Essex Oldcastle Paquette Corners Essex Essex Paquette Corners Maidstone Paquette Corners

Fan Quilt Raised Warmth for Church



A quilt in the fan design raised money for the Church of the Redeemer building fund in Colchester North Township and it will warm the raffle winner this winter. The quilt, sponsored by Mergl Seeds Ltd., was quilted by the members of Redeemer Ladies Guild. Jean Rocheleau of Harrow was the raffle winner. Displaying the quilt (seated) are Evelyn McCauley and Ethel Bloomfield, (standing) Laura Tofflemire, Shirley Hartley, Elizabeth McKim, Ruth Trenholme presenting the \$2,500 in raffle proceeds, Betty Herdman, Henry Mergl of the church board receiving the cheque and Eleanor Mergl.

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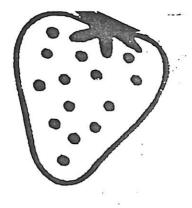
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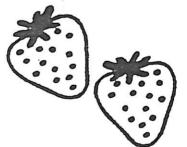
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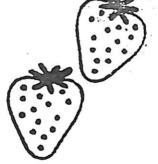
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Proclaiming the Risen Christ Rev. Stephen B. Demitroff & Congregation



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A MUSICAL PERSPECTIVE

Recently when I was speaking to Lottie O'Brien, she talked about her days in Redeemer choir. Practices were held at her home because her dad, Harry Reyner, had to do the milking. Also, I have a hunch that the church wouldn't have been the warmest place in the winter time and somehow the idea of choir practice in a lovely, warm farmhouse really sounds appealing.

The group was directed by organist, Irene (Webster) O'Neil, not to be confused with Irene (Holden) Webster, who became organist a few years later. Besides the Reyner family, some of the choir members at that time were Glen and Irene Webster, Clifford and Isobel O'Neil, Julia O'Neil, Hubert and Louise Shuel, Henry and Lily Jessop, Agnes Hartley and Ethel Hartley (who later became Ethel Comeau). Lottie said that her dad was a good singer and often sang solos at church. She also remembered that after practice the group always enjoyed chocolate cake and tea, probably prepared by her mom, Marietta. At that time there weren't many opportunities for young people to socialize, and Lottie indicated that choir practice was the highlight of the week. She really conveyed to me that sense of excitement that everyone felt, looking forward to the weekly choir practice.

Over the years I've often been impressed by accounts of Alice O'Neil and the dynamic job she did as organist. She directed a large choir and many of our parishioners remember her glowing contributions to Redeemer's worship.

I remember Miss Agnes Hartley attending Redeemer when I first became organist, but my most vivid memories of her, as with most people my age who grew up in the community, were having her as a music teacher at school. Agnes traveled to many schools in the area and taught music on a regular basis. She was devoted to teaching her students and she loved her music, especially at church. I was called upon to play at the funeral of Agnes. She received a very nice tribute and I felt a real sense of "full circle."

By the time I was playing at Redeemer, Irene (Holden) Webster was well up in years, but I enjoyed occasional visits with her. She remained vivacious and fun-loving all of her life, and she was always very encouraging and supportive of me. People are generally living longer now and 50th wedding anniversaries are actually common. Even 60th and 65th are not unheard of, but back when Irene and Glen celebrated their 65th it was quite a remarkable accomplishment. I like to think that Irene and I became friends because I really did admire her spirit.

Of course, I've known Harry O'Brien since A. Y. days. Harry was Redeemer's organist before I was and he really enjoyed his music, as did the congregation. However, he was attending university and working as well, so it became difficult for him to keep up his obligations at church. He remained very supportive and occasionally substituted for me when I was away.

After I retired in the fall of 1972, Russel Grant was chosen for the position and he did a splendid job of continuing with the choir (donating vestments for the members) and providing Redeemer's worship. Russel gave the perpetual light in the chancel in memory of his mother. I only met him a couple of times, but he seemed like a sweet and pleasant man. When Russel retired, after a few years Tom Malanfant became the new organist. It was an excellent opportunity for Tom, who was a young musician just starting out. Tom was given the position of organist at St. Stephen's in late 1979 when Mildred O'Neil retired and I came back to Redeemer. Tom has gone on to do some very fantastic things with his music. We often sub for each other, especially in the summer, and we try to support one another in our mutual roles. It is a very nice relationship.

It pleases me that the music at Redeemer has "evolved" with the times. Church attendance has decreased considerably since earlier days and a regular choir would only take our good, strong voices from the congregation. I have always felt that it was more important for a congregation to participate in the worship rather than sit back and be led (or entertained) by the choir.

In the spring of 1981 Joan Pettypiece began accompanying us with flute music at Sunday services. She had played at some special occasions prior to this and had just finished playing with us at a Children's Festival in Harrow; she thought that she would like to make it a regular activity. As a result the Redeemer congregation has been enjoying a unique form of musical leadership and Joan's playing has been truly enjoyed and appreciated, especially by this person. We really work as a team, collaborating on choice and style of music. Joan has been responsible for introducing many of the songs and hymns we now use in our worship. We joke about the various times that she has bailed me out when I have forgotten or misplaced a piece of music, and I turn and give her that "deer in the headlights" look, as she calls it, prompting her to calmly hand me an extra copy or come and share hers with me at the organ. Joan is also very proficient on the keyboard and often subs for me when I take a Sunday off. She gives new meaning to "right arm" and I am very thankful to have her there with me.

Over the years there have been many substitute and/or interim organists that have graced Redeemer's congregation with their music. They have been truly appreciated by everyone for their willingness to step in and offer their support when needed. These are the people I am aware of and I apologize if anyone has been missed:

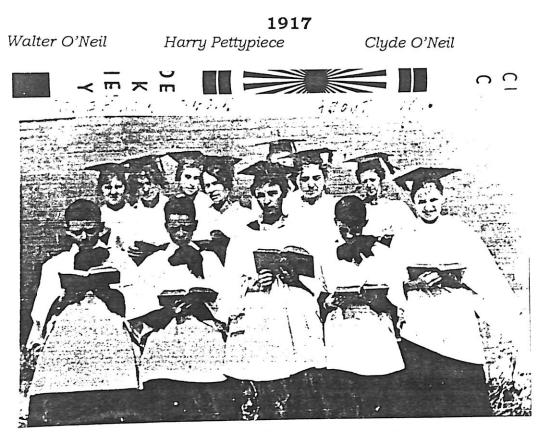
Mrs. Esme Jessop Mildred O'Neil Ruby Robertson Joan Pettypiece Joy Fortin Kathleen (Tofflemire) Bovenkamp Matthew Berthiaume Ruth Demitroff

Also I am told that Beth Pettypiece was choir director for many years, and Irene Houghton served in this capacity for a while as well.

Church of Redeemer has a shining legacy of rich, meaningful worship and I am very proud to be a part of it. In my experience I have found that most musicians are a pretty easygoing bunch (even if I do say so myself). They are often under pressure and have had to learn to take it in stride, especially when things go "clunk", and they often do. Having musical talent is certainly exciting and fun, and rightly so, but the musician who understands that this talent is a gift from God to be shared in His name and used for His glory is truly blessed.

As written by Peggy Leithead





Redeemer Choir, 1916-1917?

- Back Row: Ida Boose, Flossie O'Neil, Gerard, Unknown, Mabel Pettypiece, Lillian Harris
- Front Row: Walter O'Neil, Clyde O'Neil, Alice O'Neil, Harry Pettypiece, Bessie Shuel; Organist, Alice O'Neil



Redeemer Choir – mid 1950s

Rev. Houghton in foreground

~ Prayer ~

It is very important to pray for others, because when you pray for someone, an angel goes and sits on the shoulder of that person.

> The Mother of Jesus to the children at Medjugorje

SUNDAY SCHOOL (1900-1950)

As taken from the Fiftieth Anniversary booklet

Officers: Superintendent, Mrs. Russell Pettypiece; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Walter O'Neil; Teachers, Mrs. Anson Tofflemire, Mrs. Walter O'Neil, Mrs. Henry Hartley, Mrs. Harry Pettypiece, Miss Anne White, Miss Roberta Tofflemire, Miss Eleanor Hartley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

What did Sunday school mean to you?

Something to do on Sundays with the family; meeting new friends; learning new songs; "How Jesus loves me, Jesus Bids us Shine", and many others; hearing wonderful Bible stories; learning God's Promises and his Commandments; having the special opportunity to learn Bible Verses and know where to find the Books of the Bible. Doing special activities, such as play-acting, singing songs, drama plays, etc. Learning to be kind to others, responsible people; honest and sincere. Jesus taught us. Jesus loved the children and said, "Let the children come to me. Do not stop them." Mark 10: 13-16.

Some of the activities and outings we were able to do:

Bake Christmas cookies and decorate them; make up Christmas and Easter baskets for the shut-ins; making food and serving lunch to the families at our Christmas Concert. Visiting older members at their homes, and visiting Mr. Walter O'Neil, Mrs. Sis Gerard, Mrs. Olive Shuel, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Santo Sr., and many others.

Visited the Essex Nursing Home with basket donations:

Isabelle O'Neil Clifford O'Neil Violet Curtis Hugh White Mrs. Simpkins Mrs. Harvey Lafferty Mrs. Olga Gerard Mrs. Lucille Tofflemire Dorothy Skingsley Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hartley Mrs. Ollie Shuel Mrs. Mae Burton

Going to the Detroit Zoo; visiting Greenfield Village, both summer and winter; taking the children the last day of Sunday School out for pizza, then to Point Pelee Park. Sometimes we had hot dogs and ice cream cones before we went home. Some summers we had Sunday School picnics at the home of Roberta Hernandez, using the pool and playing games.

From Sunday School Teacher's Point of View

I was charmed by these beautiful little faces; hearing who gets a new pair of shoes, dress, or a new toy; if they had visited someone special all of these little stories made a Sunday School teacher full of joy.

Some of the Sunday School Superintendents were:

Erin Pettypiece, Harvey McCauley, Wayne Fortin, Roberta Hernandez, Leslie O'Brien

We had many fine times. Hope everyone enjoyed them as much as I did. My greatest joy is meeting former Sunday school students and watching them grow into mature young people with families of their own.

May God bless their children and their children's children. Remember, children are a gift from God!

May God Bless you all, Roberta Hernandez



SUNDAY SCHOOL Pageants 1950-1960'S

ALTAR GUILD (gleaned from Newsletter 1978-1979)

You may wonder sometimes what the work of the Altar Guild consists of. It certainly is not merely setting up the altar for the communion service. There is far more involved which requires devotion and time.

In the first place the altar guild members realize that they are working with sacred things, that is pieces of furniture, equipment and linen especially set aside to be used on the Lord's table and in the most sacred service of institution of the Lord's supper.

That means the day before the celebration of the Holy Eucharist all the silver and copper is not just dusted but polished so that no blemish is apparent. The linen, that includes the purificator, the lavabo towel, and the fair linen are laundered so that no crease or soiled spot is present.

After the service all the vessels are washed with vinegar and water in the specially made sink in the sacristy. That is to make sure that any blessed water and wine will return directly to the earth and not get mixed up with sewer or other non-sacred material.

The used linens, the purificator and the lavabo towel, are taken home and washed, ironed ready for the next service. The washing is done separately, again because they are sacred items they cannot be mixed in with the regular household washing. The following day these are returned to the sacristy so that at all times clean purificators and towels are available in case the priest has special or emergency celebrations during the week.

Another task the altar guild performs is the arranging of flowers and placing on the altar or on the organ.

We certainly appreciate the tremendous amount of work done by the members of the Altar Guild, but I know that they regard it as a privilege to be asked to be a member of such a guild which requires devotion in their love for God.

The congregation recognizes this faithful service and is thankful to each who serve.

1977

Did you know? No children in congregation for Sunday School.

20 Plus Club (1966 to 1990)

The 20 Plus Club was formed around 1966 by several couples that belonged to the Anglican Young People Association (AYPA) from St Stephens Church and the Church of the Redeemer.

The following couples were involved in starting the group:

Dale & Gail Bedford		Harry & Mau	reen O'Brien	
Duke & Donna Mae Curtis		Steve & Jacq	ui Tofflemire	
Al & Arlie Grove		Gary & Marlene Vollans		
Through the years, people in the community joined for the fun and fellowship.				
Several activities were planned each month, which consisted of:				
Square Dances	New Years dance & party		Games Night	
Bowling	Show & Pizza		Corporate Communion	

Barbecues were planned as a fundraiser for each church. Many donations were given to both churches plus coffee urns and prayer books.

Krafty Kats (1972 to 1982)

The Krafty Kats was an organization for ladies who enjoyed crafts. March 1972 it was organized by Jacqui Tofflemire and Marlene Vollans. They held the positions of President and Secretary respectively. They contacted people that were proficient in various crafts to teach the ladies that attended. The following were some of the crafts taught:

Crocheting	Knitting	Bargello
Leatherwork	Cake decorating	Ceramics
Creative stitchery	Quilting	Pattern adjustment
Smocking	Macramé	Tatting
Hungarian egg decorating		

The group ranged in membership from 12 to 35 depending on the craft offered to the community. The small amount of money raised was used to pay the instructors with the balance of the money was donated to the church. For several years in September, the ladies would put on a Craft Show, which coincided with the Redeemer Ladies Guild Fun Fair.

The organization filled the needs for young women in the community to learn a variety of crafts and develop friendships with many great ladies.

1981 ESSENAR (St. Stephen's and Church of the Redeemer)

In the fall of 1902 a young people's group was started in St. Stephen's Church by the rector, Rev. W. H. Hartley and was called the St. Stephen's Anglican Young People's. Mr. Harry O'Neil was the first president. In the year 1909 Rev. J. R. Newell began the Young People's Group of the Church of the Redeemer, a daughter church of St. Stephen's. The president at this time was Mr. Forest Clark. The A.Y. P. A. in the two churches functioned intermittently from their foundation dates until 1913. In 1913 the two groups were joined together by the rector Rev. H. D. Peacock under the presidency of Mr. Justus O'Neil. It was not, however, until the year 1915 that the A.Y. P.A. began its continual existence and growth. The president at the time of revival was Mr. Stanley Collins. The branch functions under the present name of "ESSENAR". This name was formed by combining the letters of "S" (St. Stephen's) and "R" (Redeemer) by one of its members, Mr. Erle Banwell, in 1924. A dominion charter was granted Essenar Λ . Y. P. A. on December 15, 1925. The gathering of a consecutive history of the branch is impossible as no records have been preserved, but the fact that the most valuable members of the two churches today were once A. Y. P. A. members is proof that it was a highly effective one. The Essenar branch is today, as it has been in the past, one of the largest branches in the Deanery and is well noted for its interest and enthusiasm in both parochial and Local Council Life.

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ESSENAR JUNIORS

Organized this past winter by the Rector, Rev. G. C. Dickin.



BALLOONS FOR RALLY—Oldcastle Essenar Anglican Young Peoples' Association will hold its rally Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at Tully Hall. There will be square and round dancing to records and funds from the rally will be used for retarded children. Assisting with plans and decorations are Margaret Butcher, standing, and Judy McCord and Ross Herdman. Marg is president of the association. The public is invited.



Ross HERD MAN





DEDICATION OF THE TREES IN REDEEMER'S CHURCH GROUNDS

In Memory of William Hartley, given by Shirley Hartley and family.

In Memory of Wayne Fortin, given by Steve and Jacqui Tofflemire and family.

In Memory of Charles and Jennie Stallsworth, given by Steve and Jacqui Tofflemire and family.

In Memory of Mary O'Brien, given by Lottie and Les O'Brien.

In Memory of Loved Ones, given by Ross and Judi Herdman.

In Memory of Francis and Jean Parent, given by Bob and Frankie McKim and family.

In Memory of Kathy Flood, given by Mark and Kathleen Bovenkamp, Edmund and Donna Curtis, Wayne and Lorie Farough, Jim and Arleen Hatt, Steve and Jacqui Tofflemire, Gary and Marlene Vollans, and Ron and Anne Zatine. Celebration of Redeemer Centennial, July 2, 2000, from the Bennett families.

In Memory of Dorothy Skingsley, given by the Congregation of the Church of Redeemer.

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, Yet God will bring him where the blessed are.

From book by Henry Van Dyke

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

1914

Lottie Reyner O'Brien has attended Redeemer since 1914. There is a special reward for this Lottie; God has it.

1928

George Curtis was baptized at Redeemer in 1928.

Did you know we couldn't find any information about our beautiful stained glass windows? Somewhere, long ago, I heard that the young people of the day bought and donated them, supposedly from a church that was being torn down. Of course, this is simply hearsay. If anyone ever hears any information, please relate, as it needs to be in our records.

Did you know, no vestry records could be located for decades of 1940, 1950, or 1960? Some say they drowned in the basement of St. Stephens (hearsay).

These notes were taken from the Essex Free Press

April 19, 1939

The Redeemer Girls' Auxiliary entertained the children of the community at a delightful Easter party last Wednesday, April 19, 1939 evening in the Orange Hall. Games and contests were enjoyed and a delicious lunch was served at the close.

October 24, 1940

The Ladies' Guild of the Church of Redeemer will serve their annual chicken supper in the Orange Hall, on Thursday evening, October 24, 1940. Adults, 50 cents; children 25 cents. Supper will be followed with a good program.

March 14, 1969

George Curtis planted 19 acres of oats last week. He was running a land leveler over his fall-plowed fields when he got the idea that there was enough dry earth on top of the frost to plant oats – 19 acres of oats in the ground.

Saturday, March 29, 1969

Redeemer A. C. W. sponsored the Father and Son Banquet, Tully Hall on Saturday, March 29, 1969

April 18, 1969

The flowers on the altar of the Church of Redeemer on Sunday were given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lounsbrough; placed there by Roger and Helen.

April 26, 1969

Plan to attend A. Y. P. A. Record Hop, April 26, 1969, Tully Hall, Admission 50 cents single, or 75 cents couple. Refreshments.

June 28, 1969

Mrs. Henry Mergl attended the 10th reunion of the Metropolitan School of Nursing graduating class of 1959, June 28, 1969 at the hospital on June 29th. All of the graduates and their families were entertained at a farm picnic/barbecue at the home of the Mergls.

July 4, 1969

There will be a community shower for Miss Peggy Hurley, organist of the Church of the Redeemer, a July bride-elect, in Tully Hall on Friday, July 4, 1969, at 8:30 p.m. Please accept this as your invitation.

August 8, 1969

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Leithead have returned from their wedding trip to Florida and are now residing on Walker Road.

August 13, 1969

Redeemer Guild will honour Mrs. H. Reyner with a party on the occasion of her 80th birthday, August 13, 1969, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leslie O'Brien, beginning at 1:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all her friends to join with the Guild in making this a memorable day for Mrs. Reyner.

September 13, 1969

"Essenar Plus 20 Club" will meet at Tully Hall for a Hayride and BBQ on Saturday, September 13, 1969. Wagons will leave @ 8:00 p.m. sharp. Please bring lawn chairs but no food is necessary since lunch will be supplied. \$1.25 a couple.

Friday, September 4, 1970

Marla Joh Herdman, baby daughter of Ross and Judi Herdman, was honoured Sunday, August 23, 1970 at a chicken barbecue given by her godparents, Ron and Lynne Porter and their children, Terrisa and Brian. Marla Joh's grandparents, Bob and Mary McCord, and Toots and Evelyn Herdman, were guests as well as Uncles Bill and George, and Aunt Pam McCord.

STORIES CONTRIBUTED BY PARISHIONERS

Various stories from parishioners were collected by Eleanor Mergl. Some of the stories are personal in nature and may contain sensitive information. For that reason, Eleanor has requested that these stories NOT be published on our web site. The full document containing these personal stories can be viewed at our heritage center.

Below is a list of some of the last names of parishioners who have contributed their stories.

Balipap	McKim
Bedford	Mergl
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Bennett	Mitchell
Berthiaume	Morrison-St. Pierre
Bewsher-Kelly	O'Neil
Bloomfield-Greaves	Pettypiece
Deehan	Price-Maxwell
Demitroff	Reynor-O'Brien-Lottie
Hartley	Robinson-Heil
Herdman	Santo
Kearns	Shuel
Kovacs	Skingsley
Leithead	Tiller
Lounsbrough	Tofflemire
Mann	Trenholme
McCauley	



Private James Stuart Queen Son of Robt. & Sarah (Stevenson) Queen, Conc.14, Colchester N. Private Earl Mansall an orphan, reared by Robt. & Sarah Queen Private Stanley Tink born and reared, Conc. 14, Colchester North

A snapshot taken somewhere in France, during World War I.

All three men were from the Redeemer Parish, and they went to World War I together as members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force of the 99th Battalion, based at Essex, Ontario.

Private Earl Mansall and Stanley Tink were killed in action. Upon his return home at the conclusion of the War, James Queen married Mabel Robinson, eldest daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Lewis Robinson of Sandwich South Township, Maidstone, Ontario, at St. Stephens Church. Their son Stanley was named for Stanley Tink, the comrade of James. Stanley Queen enlisted in the Second World War and went overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1943, where he was stationed at Harrowgate, Yorkshire. He had completed twenty-seven bombing missions over occupied Europe when his aircraft was shot down near St. Pol, France on July 6, 1944, with no survivors.

Stanley's memorial service was held at Redeemer Anglican Church on November 4, 1945, with the Rev. Joseph Tully officiating. The service was attended by a host of family and lifelong friends, including Stanley's widow, the former Miss Stella Stitt of Windsor whom he had married prior to leaving for overseas duties; his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. And Mrs. Donald Keeley of this area; his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Robinson of Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted, Irma A. Heil



On this Remembrance Day of 1990, may tribute be given to the memories of this special group of brave Royal Canadian Air Force airmen and others of the Canadian Armed Forces, who lost their lives during the Second World War.

This picture was taken May 3, 1944 at Skipton-on Swale, Harrogate, Yhorkshire, England. It is of the personnel of a Halifax III bombing aircraft of the 424th "Tiger" squadron, Hamilton, Ontario. The airmen are, back row: Flying Officer Robt. Bannihr of Toronto, pilot; Flying Officer Jack Morrison of St. John's, N.B., bombardier; Warrant Officer Thos. Tomlinson, Kingston, Ont., wireless operator; Flying Officer Alfred May of Winnipeg, Man., navigator; Flying Officer Stanley James Queen of Essex, Ont., rear air gunner. Kneeling, Pilot Officer Mel Mellstrom of Saskatchewan; Sgt. Leonard Dawson of the Royal Air Force, who filled in on May 3rd. Not present on the day picture was taken was Flying Officer R. J. Vau, a gunner.

The entire aircrew, with the exception of Sgt. Dawson, were killed in action on July 6, 1944 when their aircraft was destroyed as it was returning from a bombing mission over Siracourt, France. The bodies of these courageous young men are interred in the British Military Cemetery at St. Pol sur Ternoise, Pas de Calais, France.

A few years ago a silver identification bracelet belonging to Flying Officer Stanley James Queen was discovered in a field in the St. Pol area by Monsieur Paul Patoux. The bracelet was returned by him to the Queen family of Essex, Ontario.

"They shall grow not old, As we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary Nor the years condemn; At the going down of the sun And in the morning, We will remember them."

Memorial beautifully framed on our wall stating:

IN LOVING MEMORY of the men from the Church of Redeemer, who served in the Great War, 1914-1918.



Those who gave their lives: **Russel** O'Neil N. O'Neil E. Mansel S. Tink **E.** Simpson E. Wolfe Those who returned: **R.** Pettypiece R.D. Huggard **R.E. Shuel** A. Shuel **Reg O'Neil** L. Holden J. Queen A. Jones A. Libby



Respectfully honoured each year by a cross of poppies, and silence on Remembrance Day, November 11.

Church Of The Redeemer

Roll Of Honour (WWII)

We record with pride and gratitude the names of members who are serving their King and Country:

> Wm.J. O'Neil, R.C.A.F. Neil H. Webster, R.C.A.F. Robert N. O'Neil, R.C.A.F. Byron N. O'Neil, R.C.A.F. Fred A. Berl, U.S. Navy Robert J. Shuel, R.C.A.F. Douglas K. Pettypiece, .R.C.A.F. Nancy A. Pettypiece, W.R.C.N.S. Edgar T. Huggard, R.C.A.F. Murray Essery, R.C.N.V.R. Archibald George Hartley, R.C.N.V.R. Murray Stuart O'Neil, R.C.A.F. Lt. Reginald William Shuel, R.C.A. Maxwell John Webster, R.C.A.F. Lorne Ernest O'Neil, R.C.A.F. Blake Tofflemire, R.C.A.F. Helen Girard, R.C.A.F., W.D. Margaret Jane Shuel, R.C.A.F., W.D. Stanley Queen, R.C.A.F. Verne Clayton Curtis, R.C.O.C.

For King and Empire

This World War II Memorial is found on the west wall of the Church of Redeemer



 I_{N} grateful memory of

Farl Tvans Robinson

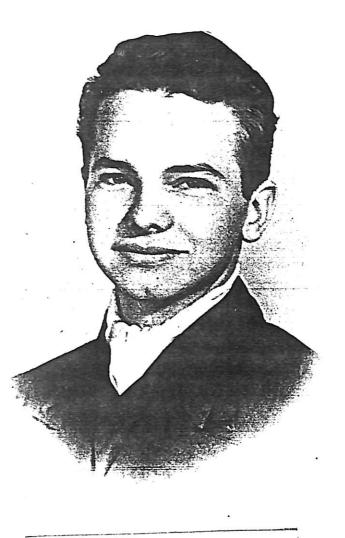
WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AT

Sea. Asiatic Area, attached H.S.S. Mannert T. Abele, 12 April 1945 HE STANDS IN THE UNBROKEN LINE OF PATRIOTS WHO HAVE DARED TO DIE THAT FREEDOM MIGHT LIVE, AND GROW, AND INCREASE ITS BLESSINGS.

FREEDOM LIVES, AND THROUGH IT, HE LIVES -

IN A WAY THAT HUMBLES THE UNDERTAKINGS OF MOST MEN

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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1924 Earl Evans Robinson 1945

Earl Evans Robinson, Petty Officer 3 U. S. N. Born in R. R. #1, Maidstone, Ontario, February 9, 1924. Son of Lewis and Lena Robinson.

Lost at Battle of Okinawa, April 12, 1945 at 21 years of age.

"One of God's Angels!"

We like the little church that stands . . . Upon a humble street, in the quiet country Where the family farmers meet It may not have a gilded dome or spires Grand and tall Or any other design to grace the door or wall We like the little church because It struggles every day To keep on going and to serve The gentle souls that pray, And most of all because it has That sweet and peaceful air, In which we cannot help but feel That God is really there.

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Poem found in Katherine's treasurers

God Bless Our Family

Submitted by, Lynda Mann

We, the parisioners of Church of the Redeemer, owe a huge debt of gratitude to ELEANOR (SANTO) MERGL for inspiring, organizing, researching and compiling this beautiful Centennial History Book. We thank her for her untiring efforts in making our Centennial celebration such a wonderful experience - a memory that we will always hold in our hearts.

2000 List of Church Families

Rev. Stephen & Ruth Demitroff Win & Mike Balipap Arlie Bedford David & Nancy Desmarais Ken & Myra Bennett Lynda & Larry Lamantia Mary & Noel Berthiaume Mark & Kathleen Bovenkamp Terry & Francis Dunn Donna & Milton Hartley Karen & Dave Harrison Eleanor & Henry Mergl Harvey & Evelyn McCauley Roberta & Wilford Hernandez Ross & Judi Herdman Les & Lottie O'Brien Annie & Doug Pettypiece Andrew & Timea Kovacs Kristi & Dave Hobbs Judy & Rosaire St. Pierre Margaret & Bill Tiller Dr. Kirk & Christine Tofflemire

George McKim Peggy & Pete Leithead Lenore Mann Fran & Bob McKim Vern & Beth McKim Tim & Sheila Bennett Sybil Mitchell Myrel Morrison Joan Pettypiece Amy Hartley Joy Fortin Art & Ruth Trenholme Shirley Hartley Betty Herdman Ollie Shuel **Tracey Pringle** Irene Kovacs Marion Kelly Harriet Kearns Jacqui Tofflemire Margaret & D. Pringle Cindy & Art Bennett

THANK-YOUS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Society

BISHOP JACK PECK: for being so gracious in officiating at our Centennial Service, in light of Bishop Percy O'Driscoll's recent illness

REV. STEPHEN DEMITROFF: for his leadership and guidance and positive support through more than two years of Centennial planning

ELEANOR MERGL: for spear-heading our entire Centennial Celebration and producing and publishing our Centennial History Book

REDEEMER GUILD: for all their hard work in assembling our displays; for preparing the church and hall for the celebration; for creating the beautiful wall hanging "Remember Me"; for covering both the remaining cost of the tent and the purchase of the food for today's luncheon

WORSHIP: to our wonderful choir and anyone who worked toward putting together our Order of Service and our worship, namely: Peggy Leithead, Joan Pettypiece (especially for her lovely flute accompaniment) Karen (Pettypiece) Harrison, Matthew Berthiaume, Art & Ruth Trenholme, Henry Mergl, Jacqui Tofflemire, Stephen & Ruth Demitroff, Ruby Robertson, Carrie Irwin, Karen Barnes and anyone who joined us after this went to press

FLOWERS: to Roberta Hernandez, Lottie O'Brien, Eleanor Mergl, the Pettypiece family, Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Dickin and anyone who donated flowers for our celebration

PARKING: to all those people who prevented traffic congestion by transporting our guests from the parking areas (Henry Mergl, Pete Leithead, Bill Comeau & friends)

PHOTOGRAPHY: to Dan (Pete) Leithead for offering to take pictures throughout the celebration

INVITATIONS: to Sybil Mitchell for creating and donating the invitations for our Tea & Quilt Display in May and our Strawberry Social in June

DISPLAYS: special thanks to Judi Herdman for making our banner and all our display titles; and to all those kind people who donated pictures, stories and memorabilia for our display and Centennial History Book

DEDICATIONS:

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Blue Advent Hangings: Given by Dorothy (Lounsbrough) Mumby to the glory of God and in loving memory of her grandfathers, William Lounsbrough and Albert O'Neil, who helped build Church of the Redeemer

Green Stole and White Stole: Both given anonymously to the glory of God

DEDICATIONS (CONT'D):

Stained Glass Window Wall Hanging Stor Remember Me"

This hanging, copied from actual windows of our church, is a gift given by the Redeemer Ladies Guild to remember and to honour each lady who serves and who has served our little church in the last one hundred years. We fondly remember our sisters from the past and we fervently pray for a continued life of service and dedication from our present women in the preservation of this country parish.

Pew Candelabra:

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The hand-made wrought iron pew candelabra are given to commemorate one hundred years of service in this parish. They are given with love and pride by Eleanor and Henry Mergl and Jacqui and Stephen Tofflemire to help us light our way into the new millenium and most of all to safely guide us into Redeemer's future.

Rose Garden Bench and Bird Bath: Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of parents, Elmer and Mabel O'Neil, and sisters, Frances and Lenore, and parents, John and Violet Hartley, placed there by Milton and Donna Hartley and their family

Rose Garden Table: Given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones, placed there by Art and Ruth Trenholme and their family

Rose Garden Floral Urn: Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clarence and Katherine White, placed there by the family

- ROSE GARDEN: to all parisioners who donated and planted the beautiful rose bushes in our garden and to all those who worked or donated to beautify the rose garden area; i.e. painting, carpeting, digging, hauling or any work that was required
- ST. STEPHEN'S: for the use of their collection plates and various communion items and a "very" special thanks to the members who are serving our lunch after the service

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

- GLORIA SPRAGUE: for her many hours of typing to produce our Centennial History Book
- VAUGHN HARTLEY: for donating the commemorative rock for our Memorial Rose Garden, which is fitting, as his dad, Bill, helped build Tully Hall
- PHILIP STERNBAUER: for hauling the commemorative rock to the rose garden

JACOB'S FARMING SUPPLIES: for the free use of the bobcat in preparing the garden

AMHERSTBURG QUARRY: for their donation of stone to the rose garden and special thanks to Henry Mergl for hauling it

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: to all those people who made donations to our Centennial Fund, without which our accomplishments would not have been possible