

# ***GLEANINGS***



## ***ROSENEATH UNITED CHURCH***

***1970 - 2015***

**COMPILED BY**

**Audrey B. Thackeray  
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## ***THIS IS MY CHURCH***

### *A door*

into an opportunity for service,  
into the most useful life,  
into the best experience  
into the most helpful future –  
my church gives me a start.

### *An armory*

to get power to fight evil,  
to get inspiration to keep going right,  
to get an uplifting influence,  
to learn how to use spiritual weapons,  
to get a vision of Christ –  
my church keeps me moving.

### *An anchor*

to steady me in the storm,  
to keep me from the breakers,  
to guide me in the strenuous life,  
to hold me lest I drift away from God,  
to save me in the hour of temptation  
and to lead me into the harbor.

## ***CHURCH GLEANINGS***

A little more history - **WHENCE COME WE!!!** An extensive history "Footprints" was printed for our first one hundred years 1881 – 1981. Let's begin this addendum in 1970 – a year of change and worthwhile history for our Church.

In the late sixties, there was a movement in the United Church toward re-alignment of small rural congregations with resulting closures and amalgamations. For many years, this Charge had been comprised of Roseneath, Fenella and Centenary Churches. Centenary closed in 1966, and Fenella in 1968 with their congregations being added to Roseneath. In 1968 this church was aligned with Bethesda North (Harwood) with Rev. R. Sweeney as Minister, and on July 15 there was held the first official board meeting of the new Roseneath-Bethesda North Pastoral Charge. This arrangement was short-lived, however, as in the following year the Bethesda North congregation voted to cease functioning as a church as of June 30, 1969.

About this time, due to re-alignment in Peterborough Presbytery, the congregation of Trinity United Church in Hastings was also in need of joining with some other church in order to form a stronger charge. Overtures were made to both Peterborough and Cobourg Presbyteries regarding a possible merging of the Roseneath and Hastings charges. This was finally approved, and thus evolved the formation of the Hastings – Roseneath Pastoral Charge. On April 1, 1969, the first joint meeting was held to work out details regarding hours of service, etc. In the following month a call was issued to Rev. Dr. R. B. Green to become minister of the newly-formed Hastings – Roseneath Pastoral Charge within Cobourg Presbytery, presently known as "Hills & Shores Presbytery". Dr. Green was inducted in August of that year, and in his five years of tenure greatly facilitated an orderly and amicable transition from the old order to the new.

Each Charge maintained their own Board, with attendant sub-committees, to manage their affairs. An Official Board, consisting of members from each church, was formed to administer the affairs shared by the two charges.

This format continued until 1998. During the tenure of Rev. Judith Borland, a new structure for the administration of the individual churches was proposed and eventually implemented. Thus, evolved a Church Council, with attendant sub-committees in each church, while maintaining an Official Board.

### ***MNISTERS – HASTINGS/ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE -***

Rev. Dr. R. B. Green, July to December, 1969; January, 1970 to June, 1974.

Rev. E. S. Colwell – August to December, 1974; to June, 1979.

Rev. Wm. Stephenson – July to December, 1979; to July, 1986.

Rev. Hans Gruppe – January to June, 1987.

Rev. Charles Love – July to December, 1987; to July 25, 1993.

\*\* During the interim – July 25, 1993 until Rev. Judith's Ordination in May, 1994, and Induction on June 12, 1994. We had several 'supply' Ministers – Rev. Alan Borland, Judith Borland.

Rev. Judith Borland – Ordained May, 1994; Inducted June 12, 1994 at Trinity, Hastings; First woman Minister, Hastings/Roseneath Pastoral Charge; to June, 2001.

Rev. Austin Snyder - September; Elizabeth Praamsma – November – December 2001

Rev. Elizabeth Praamsma – January to June, 2002

Rev. Jamie York – July 1 – December; 2003 -

***UNITED CHURCH WOMEN*** – A very active group and a very viable financial support to the church for ongoing expenses and to the Mission & Service Fund.

Meetings were held monthly, except July and August. This very busy group raised funds through catering, - dinners, funeral teas, weddings, anniversary and some special birthday celebrations. They were very generous in the disbursements of their funds i.e. Salvation Army, Sick Children's Hospital, Bursary Fund, Alzheimer's, Camp Quin Mo Lac, Street Haven, National Church, and others. The congregation very generously supported the Hastings/Roseneath Food Bank with donations of food items - a UCW project. In 1990 the UCW donated a wheel chair to the Golden Plough in Cobourg.

For a number of years “A Mitten Tree” was set up for November/December. Anyone who wished to knit mittens, toques or scarves donated these items which were distributed in December to the Salvation Army, Community Care, and in the later years to Roseneath Centennial School for students in need of such apparel. This was a most worthy project and the items were greatly appreciated by the recipients. In 2002 eighty items adorned this special tree.

Roseneath UCW participated with Alderville United and St. James Anglican Church, each taking their turn in hosting the World's Day of Prayer held in March each year.

Cards were sent by the Good Cheer convenor to members of the congregation who were ill, bereaved, celebrating happy occasions, special birthdays and Christmas.

Christmas boxes and greetings were delivered to those in hospital, ill or unable to attend. Members also participated in the Christmas Shoe Box program.

2002 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UCW. Many members attended the Cobourg Presbyterial UCW dinner in Brighton to celebrate the occasion.

At times the UCW provided assistance for Sunday School pupils to attend Camp

Quin Mo Lac.

Each June, the ladies attended a picnic at a member's cottage or home. In December they usually had a potluck luncheon.

Time marches on and the interest waned with only a few ladies attended the meetings. The decision was made to disband in 2005.

**CHOIR** - Through the years Roseneath has been blessed to have very dedicated, and capable Choir Directors, leading the faithful choir members in the Ministry of Music for our services.

They also provided music for Decoration Day Services at Bethesda North and Centenary Cemeteries in June each year. Christmas Cantatas "Angels of Christmas" with narration by Eileen Adams and "Let Us Adore Him" were most enjoyable.

Special music at Easter and our Anniversary services is greatly appreciated. Our Choir was very capably led and directed by Mrs. Lois Linton. Lois is to be commended for her talents and dedication as our Choir Director for forty years.

The need for a new organ was ably demonstrated in 1977 as the present organ quit during the service. The response from the members of the congregation and adherents to the Organ Fund was phenomenal and oversubscribed by approximately \$1,000. Chimes to accompany the organ were donated by the Douglas Coyle Family in memory of Mrs. Bertha Coyle. This new organ allowed our Choir Director, Mrs. Lois Linton, an enlarged opportunity for expression of her various musical talents.

In 2005, the combined choirs from Trinity, Hastings, and Roseneath presented the cantata "The Cross" at both churches on Easter Sunday and "Angels of Christmas" on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Due to illness in 2008, Lois was unable to fulfill her duties as Organist. Anne Parker, Marilyn McMillan and Marie Glover filled in.

On December 9, 2009, at the Civic Centre a celebration of Lois Linton's musical talents, and her work in the church was held -- and was largely attended.

In 2010 Mr. Steven Baric of Port Hope became our Choir Director and Church Organist. His special talents and the dedication of the Choir members have greatly enhanced the ministry of music enjoyed at our worship services. An Allen Organ was purchased in Memory of James Gray. The dedication was held on October 31, 2010.

Beginning in December, 2012 and continuing in 2013 and 2014, Roseneath Choir, Baltimore United Church Choir and Bethesda South Choir under the direction of Mr. Steven Baric have presented an "Evening of Song" at Bethesda South United Church. This has been a most enjoyable event, with a capacity crowd attending.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUPS** – For many years the church had a very active Sunday School, meeting prior to the Worship Service. As time went on, other interests took over and fewer children were attending. During its hey-day the Sunday School supported the Mission & Service Fund, participated in Easter Sunday Service, and other times with a skit. In 2005 a new program was initiated for Children's Worship Time and is held while the regular worship service is being conducted.

Dr. Green organized a Youth Group for teen-age boys. I suspect, unknown to the boys, Dr. Green was a Newfoundlander. “Newfie” jokes were the 'humour of the day’ and the boys had a heyday. At the close of their last meeting Dr. Green posed the question - “Why are there no squirrels in Newfoundland?” No response from the boys, so Dr. Green informed them – “There are no squirrels in Newfoundland – Because all the 'nuts are on the mainland!”

Rev. Charles Love had a very active Youth Group for teen-age boys and girls from both churches, and held in Hastings. Along with some spiritual guidance, they enjoyed corn roasts, trips to Wonderland, dances at the Legion and Alnwick Civic Centre, chaperoned by members of the Legion and the congregation.

Rev. Jamie was very dedicated to the youth, and formed a Youth Group, meeting on alternate Wednesdays after school, also on PD days, and presented a play entitled “Dinky the Donkey” on White Gift Sunday. .

Vacation Bible School was offered for three days from 9 a.m. to noon in mid-August. This was very popular with 16 attending in 2004, being led by very capable, dedicated members of the congregation. Mrs. Eileen Adams was the 'stalwart' of this venture assisted by several members of the congregation and Rev. Jamie. Many of the children took part in the 2004 White Gift Service.

**PASTORAL CARE** – The Committee is continuing to make personal visits, telephone calls and sending out greeting cards, keeping in touch with those unable to attend. In 2011 the Committee hosted various events - a plant and bake sale, and on November 25 arranged a potluck dinner and a carol sing. The Mitten Tree became one of their projects after the UCW was disbanded.

**SPECIAL EVENTS & FUNCTIONS** – Hosted several coffee times, lunches and breakfast. The Church entered a float in the Santa Claus Parade with the choir assisting in the music. In 2006, they organized a pancake and sausage breakfast in February, a scalloped potato and ham dinner after our Anniversary Service, and a lunch after our “Bring a Friend to Church” service. Juice, coffee, and cookies, etc. were provided prior to church on Mother's Day, Father's Day and on other occasions.

In celebration of the Advent and Christmas Seasons, a pot luck supper is arranged, and attended by congregation members and visitors at 6 p.m. for a time of fellowship. At 7 p.m. everyone adjourns to the Sanctuary for a hymn-sing interspersed with readings and

information re traditional Christmas customs. A most enjoyable time!

Bakeless bake sales, plant and bake sales, along with the sale of savoury meat pies have greatly supported the church's finances.

**CHURCH PICNICS** – Following a combined church service, a picnic has been held at various venues – Lang, Ken & Eileen Adams, Cobourg Road Community Centre, followed by games for the young and 'young-at-heart'. Most enjoyable!

**SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER???** This we did – at the gazebo in a beautiful park in Hastings on the banks of the Trent River.

Each year, beginning in 2009 an ecumenical worship service, comprising the congregations of Trinity, Hastings, Roseneath, St. Andrews Presbyterian, and St. Georges, Hastings (if they were not otherwise engaged with their sister Church in Campbellford) was held mid-August at 10 or 10.30 a.m.. It was a regular service attended by many, comfortably seated in their lawn chairs in the shade of the stately trees. Music was provided by a combined choir accompanied by a Choir Director on the keyboard. The service was shared by the ministers of the churches, members reading the scriptures. Following the service lunch was served at Trinity United, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed. The weather was beautiful and the surroundings made for a serene setting to come to worship and enjoy the beauty of the area.

**COME, COME, COME TO THE FAIR!!!** Beginning in 2009 and for the years following, an Ecumenical Worship Service, sponsored by Roseneath, Trinity United Churches, Alderville, and neighboring St. James Anglican, has been held at the Picnic Shelter at the Fairgrounds at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday in conjunction with the annual Roseneath Fair, late September/early October. The service is well-attended by members of all congregations, sitting at picnic tables or in their lawn chairs. A sound system and music for the hymns was provided by “Blades of Glory” - an itinerant service located in a beautifully restored hearse. Appropriate music has also been provided by local musicians, i.e. Old Time Gospel by Ken and Anne Clarke of the Salvation Army, Cobourg on two occasions; New Vision, Southern Gospel Music, Jennette and Merlin Bates; Our Journey Calls – Kelly Nelles, Debbie Cooke, Sherry Schaefer on two occasions. The Homily was presented by Rev. Jamie York, Roseneath United, in 2009, 2012, and 2014, by the Rev. Canon Byron Yates, St. James Anglican in 2010; by Rev. Bill Montgomery, St. James Anglican in 2011; by Rev. Christine Watt, St. James Anglican in 2013.

This very beautiful and inspiring service included “The Blessing of the Animals”- a 4-H calf, lamb or sheep. The Offering was dedicated and was donated to the Hastings-Roseneath Ministerial Association Food Bank in Hastings.

**SPECIAL SERVICES** – In 1998 the Order of the Eastern Star held their annual District Church Service at an evening service at Roseneath with Rev. Charles Love as speaker. A note of interest – Rev, Charles had been a recipient of a monetary award from the Order of the Eastern Star to assist in his theological studies. A time of fellowship and lunch provided by Star members followed the service in the Sunday School rooms.

On April 9, 1999 the Masons of the District assembled for an evening service and again on April 25, 2010 they joined in our regular morning service. In both instances a social hour followed the service with lunch provided by the wives of Masons. All these services were largely attended.

**ONES & TWOS** - this was an ecumenical group that met at Trinity in Hastings, usually the first Sunday of the month. In January we served our usual Soup & Dessert. Cards and crokinole were enjoyed. Also, some evenings we enjoyed musical entertainment provided by the Clarks from the Salvation Army, Cobourg; Ken Couch and his group consisting of Aubrey Sharp, Everett Chamberlain and Eric Summers. This was provided following our Easter Monday Pancake Supper, as well skits and a parade of Easter Bonnets. In May, Les & Connie Poole welcomed the Potter Family from Warkworth entertaining with piano, violin and bass violin. Alice Potter related the story of their maple syrup bush, treated everyone to crackers and maple butter. The evening finished off with a square dance and ice cream and maple syrup. June was an afternoon at the Stirling Museum followed by dinner at the Old Mill Restaurant. The evenings were most enjoyable with music, skits, and readings. This is a sample of the 'doings' at these gatherings. Several from Roseneath participated and enjoyed the friendship. Their finances were meagre. However, they supported many charitable organizations: i.e. Campbellford Memorial Hospital Foundation, Trent Valley Shrine Club, Sleeping Children Around the World, and Hastings Food Bank to mention a few.

This club was active for thirty-two years and in 2004 it seemed it might be a thing of the past. No one was willing to convene another meeting and without support and offers to help, the decision was made to disband.

**BETHLEHEM LIVE** – An outdoor presentation of the Nativity, complete with a donkey and other animals, took place on December 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>, 1996, and repeated again December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 1997, was a great success. The enthusiasm of the many participants was heart-warming. A crowd of approximately 200 attended one of these presentations.



**STAINED GLASS WINDOWS** - On Sunday, October 27, 1991, ten Stained Glass windows were dedicated, creating a new atmosphere reflecting the spiritual values of the church. These beautiful windows were created by Mr. Glenn Stevenson and his co-workers, Sue Cann and Jody Tippet of Creative Glass. A symbol of our Christian faith was incorporated in each of the windows and dedicated as follows:

- Hand** Dedicated to Elva (Sandercock) Robins and to the memory of Orra Robins, by Doris (Robins) and Fred Riley, with cherished childhood memories of this church
- Tree** The Douglas Coyle Family.
- Grapes** Dedicated to the Glory of God, by nephew Beverley and Rosemarie Robins, in loving memory of Mary and Clark Sandercock.
- Bread** In memory of George and Ettie (Deviney) Herrington by James and Ella (Herrington) Gray.
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- Fountain** Dedicated to the ancestry of William Brown and Isabelle Moncrief and to the ancestry of James S. Brown and Annie Johnson by Grant and Garth Waldie.
- Talent of Ten Commandments** -- To the Glory of God, Bjarne and Ella Sorenson.
- Open Bible** Donated by Mavis George and Allan Norris.
- Wheat** In loving memory of Frank and Annie Adams - presented by the family.
- Four Hands** Representing people from all corners of the world in loving memory of Milton and Pearl McMillan – presented by their family

In March, 1992, two Gothic style windows were installed in the vestibule on either side of the front entrance doors, and dedicated on May 24, 1992 as follows:-

- Let the Children Come To Me** - In Loving Memory of Steven and Kenny – Ever remembered by their parents – Ken and Eileen Adams.
- The Lord is My Shepherd** - In Memory of Victoria Lonsberry– Mother of Mrs. E. (Donna) Hie.

**HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAYS** - Beginning in 2009 and twice yearly, Rev. Jamie has arranged two such services, one in April/May and one in November. For Rev. Jamie this is a very time-consuming and challenging task to present humour that is relevant. The congregation is invited to come in costume as well as Rev. Jamie – hockey sweaters, sports attire, gaily coloured shirts and jackets, capes, straw hats adorned with flowers.

Why do we celebrate Holy Humour Sundays? This was a custom begun by early Greek Christians. The observance was kept for centuries with “days of joy and laughter,” parties and picnics, in the week after Easter. Originally called Bright Sunday, the day was meant to keep the excitement of the Resurrection alive, with churchgoers and pastors playing practical jokes on one another, singing and dancing. Early theologians include Augustine and Gregory of Nyssa taught that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. They called it “the Easter laugh”. But as belief in the Resurrection began to fade, so did the observance. It took a jokester to bring it back. In 1988, Cal Samra, founder of the Fellowship of Merry Christians, started encouraging churches to include the day in their Easter season calendars. Samra said “we thought churches needed to lighten up.” “Jesus had a sense of humour. Why not us?”

***FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY*** - For many, many years the Sanctuary has been brightened with bouquets of fresh flowers, in season - - the handiwork of our very talented “Roseneath Flower Lady” Mrs. Mavis George – with blooms from her very distinctive, well-kept flower gardens. In the 'off-season' appropriate vases of artificial flowers are in place each Sunday.

For the Advent and Christmas seasons, Cathy and Roy Reid set up the 9-foot rotating Christmas tree, beautifully adorned with lights, angels and other pertinent décor for everyone's enjoyment. Cathy's creative talents, evident in the beautiful satin-gowned angels, are displayed on each of the ten windowsills along with a sprig of green.

Four very attractive and appropriate silk floral arrangements – two for the summer months and two for the fall - the handiwork of Mrs. Patricia 'Pat' York were presented for the church sanctuary.

As well, oftentimes a funeral tribute in memory of a deceased member is placed by the family.

***DINNERS*** – Roseneath United Church began serving spring and fall dinners in the church basement in the year 1976. Over time the dinners became more successful and grew and expanded to being served at the Alnwick Civic Center. Presently both beef and pork are served with homemade pies for dessert.

The members of the Roseneath United Church and Roseneath community have made these dinners a success with 450 to 550 being served at each dinner. We continue to organize and serve our church dinners twice each year. Over the years to date we have served 6 tons of beef, 4.5 tons of pork, and 7,600 pies. If you get the opportunity, come and partake; you will thoroughly enjoy. The compliments we receive from the clientele attending our dinners assures us we could be eligible to be listed in “*WHERE TO EAT IN CANADA!*”

***BENEVOLENCE*** – When disaster strikes – the community responds! In 2012 the Jim and Marianne George Family lost their home and all their possessions to a disastrous fire. A Benevolent Fund was set up at our Church for donations to assist the family in this time of need.

In 2014 the Dafoe Family home was undergoing renovations when a fire destroyed their home and all their possessions. Again the congregation responded with donations to this fund.

A special benevolent appeal in March 2015 was set up to assist Ben Stanley, son of Sue and Scott Stanley and grandson of Doris Riley, as Ben is currently being treated for cancer. “We are our brother's keeper” as we respond to these family’s needs during these very traumatic times.

***ANNIVERSARY SERVICES*** – Each year we celebrate the anniversary of our Church, usually in September or October. Former ministers are invited to be 'guest speakers' for the occasion. This is a special time of reminiscing and fellowship. A lunch and social time follows in the Sunday School room with a beautifully decorated cake to mark the occasion. A couple of years ago, Rev. Jamie announced, a few Sundays prior that the anniversary speaker was a 'mystery'. And so it was! Rev. Jamie contacted four members of the congregation; each one agreed to participate and speak on “What my Church Means to Me”. It was a unique and interesting service. For a number of years a morning and evening service was held, and in 1983 and for years to follow, the evening service was disbanded. The church was usually filled to capacity and at times folding chairs placed in the aisles. On one occasion, Reg Timlin and Murray Thackeray were ushers. I was comfortably seated with a space for Murray to sit with me next to the aisle. Reg Timlin, for a bit of humour, I suspect, seated Geordie Broadworth, an eligible bachelor, in this vacant spot. As we stood for the first hymn, I offered to share the hymn book with Geordie who in his easy drawl said “I can't sing, but I'll help you hold the book!” Times have changed and we seldom have these capacity crowds.

During the 90's “greeters” were introduced as were “lay readers” with members of the congregation participating to fulfil these duties.

***CHURCH MAINTENANCE:*** Through the years as with any building, repairs and general maintenance are a necessity. Thanks to the several “handymen” in our congregation minor repairs, renovations and general maintenance have been maintained. Rather than list the major items in the history that have been looked after, a separate list is included for the years 2002 and onward.

To update this history has been very interesting and challenging.

Some names have been included. It is impossible to list them all. Be not dismayed; you know who you are; what you have done and are doing; take pride in your contribution. “You are a part of the family”!!!

**Cherish the past - pride in the present – faith in the future.**

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**SOURCES:**

**Annual Reports- Several from Ian Hartford's Library  
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Miscellaneous Information – Church Members  
Mrs. Faith Osmond – Info re musical groups participating in  
Ecumenical Service at Roseneath Fair**

## ***RENOVATIONS, MAINTENANCE***

- 2002** Renovations for minister's study and secretary's office. C.D. Cassette player. Oil tank replacement. New coloured, steel roof installed on the east side of the church.
- 2003** Hand rails installed in bathrooms. Stainless steel liner for chimney. Nine-foot Christmas tree for sanctuary. Front doors of church stained Hellmsmaan Min Wax. Bulletin board installed to the right of church doors. Fascia and soffit covered with aluminum. New photocopier purchased for office.
- 2004** Hand railing installed at office door. Bricks on church were re-pointed. Increased liability insurance from 2 million to 5 million. Replaced basement dehumidifier. Round sign at front of church repainted. Switch cover installed on furnace switch. Integrity of rafters checked -found sound.
- 2004** Joint website with Trinity – [www.harpcharge.com](http://www.harpcharge.com)
- 2004** Deck and stairs at entrance to church office were repaired. Sidewalk leading to church office was repaired. Updating, insulating the washrooms.
- 2005** Minimal maintenance
- 2006** Carpet and linoleum from the front of the church sanctuary were removed. Pine floor sanded and refinished. The washrooms and hallway to washrooms insulated, dry-walled and painted. New plumbing fixtures and doors installed, roll flooring laid. Roof over the office and choir loft re-shingled with the addition of ice and water shield and one extra vent installed. ABS pipe installed, replacing damaged downspout. Drainage pipe installed from the sump pump out through the kitchen wall. Yellow stripe on the front edge of the step at front entrance to the church was repainted. Lock on basement door repaired.
- 2008** Longer step constructed and installed on north side of platform in sanctuary; old step moved to west side. Temporary repairs made to carpet in basement.
- 2009** No major expenses listed.
- 2010** Existing lights and ballasts in basement were changed to high efficiency products in order to comply with Hydro One Lighting incentive up to \$1,000. Heating plenum and ceiling in Sunday School room and front kitchen painted. The grade under deck leading into the church office has been fixed. Window trim at front entrance painted. Front door refinished. Eave guards installed on eaves both sides of church.
- 2011** New lock and handgrip installed on front door of the church. An extra key for the minister's office for emergencies. Chair of Church Council responsible for key. Kwik Kat Excavation hired to waterproof 160 feet of basement at the south end of the church building from the middle windows and drain to a ditch at the rear of the church at a cost of \$11,800 plus HST. The walls of the back kitchen

damaged by moisture were repaired. Whole kitchen was painted, nonslip paint used on floor. Once the excavated part settled, soil and gravel were added to bring it up to grade. At that time, the steps leading to the minister's office were to be rebuilt.

Crab apple tree outside the church office was removed.

A "new-to-us" stove for \$200 was installed in back kitchen.

**2012** One load of topsoil, sand and "A" gravel were needed where new drainage had been put in last year. The stairs and deck to the office door, removed in last year's excavation, were replaced and levelled. Sidewalk re-installed.

Grass reseeded in excavated area. Mulch chips added to hosta bed at the back of the church. Heater replaced in church office. Fergy Pest Control sprayed the exterior of the church for spiders. This is done annually.

**2013** Windows replaced in church basement.

Ceiling in vestibule was insulated, ceiling tile replaced with drywall. Vestibule walls were dry-walled. Ceiling and walls painted. New coat rack and a cabinet for food share items were added. New carpet installed on floor and stairs. New lights fixtures installed.

Pat York made four silk flower arrangements for the church sanctuary -two for summer months, two for the fall.

New Canon 1730 Photocopier was leased at the cost of \$115.57 quarterly and \$.016 cents per copy.

A new shut-off valve purchased for toilet. Furnace repaired in December.

**2014** Church sign was straightened. Maple tree in front of the church was removed; a young maple tree was purchased to replace it. Dead maple in the backyard was removed.

**TEN STAINED GLASS WINDOWS DEDICATED  
AT ROSENEATH UNITED CHURCH**

*By Audrey Thackeray*

Roseneath – In a very beautiful and impressive ceremony, the ten newly-installed stained glass windows in Roseneath United Church were dedicated at the worship service on Sunday, October 27, 1991.

The sanctuary was filled to capacity as the donors and their families joined in this very special service.

It was a glorious day of celebration and the Minister, Rev. Charles Love, based his sermon on Jeremiah 31:21 – : “Set up road markers for yourself; make yourself guide posts; consider well the highway, the road by which you have travelled.”- and prayed that we may ever worship God in beauty of holiness and care for the things that are true and good and lovely.

Windows are guideposts and a reminder of past blessings.

Let your light shine.

Mr. Glenn Stephenson, on behalf of his co-workers, Sue Cann and Jody Tippet of Creative Glass (the artists responsible for our windows) stated his appreciation for the opportunity to create a new atmosphere in our Church. Stained glass windows reflect the spiritual value of the Church.

He quoted a passage from the Bible referring to the divinity of light: “And God said “let there be light. And God saw the light, that it was good. And God divided the light from darkness.”

Christians are told “to let your light so shine.” It is understandable that Christian churches based on the liturgy of light are filled with divine light of stained glass.

With stained glass windows scripture lessons and stories can easily be learned and understood regardless of age.

The colours incorporated in the windows, of Gothic revival style, represent many different things.

*BLUE* represents the Father or the Trinity; the colour represents the sky, also love, peace, harmony in the heavenly body;

*YELLOW or AMBER* represents the Son, and the colour of rejoicing and hope;

*RED* represents the Holy Ghost, the colour of love, fire and zeal, faithful and sacrificing;

*BORDER of BROWN*, the abode of man – earthly;

*GREEN* represents life over death, birth, new beginning and hope;

*WHITE* is the innocence of the soul, purity and holiness in life, it is fitting that this be our centre focal colour in our windows.

*RED FLEUR – de- LIS* in the bottom of each window represents the Trinity.

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*WHEAT* – In loving memory of Frank and Annie Adams presented by their family.

*FOUR HANDS* – Representing people from all corners of the world in loving memory of Milton and Pearl McMillan – presented by their family.

The church entrance windows are to be completed and dedicated at a later date.

The Choir, under the very capable direction of Mrs. Lois Linton, gave a very



beautiful rendition of the anthem, "Only Through Him" which was most appropriate for the dedication service.

A new piano in the sanctuary, a gift in memory of all those who have loved the Lord and worshipped in this church, was also dedicated.

A solo "Bless This House" by Shirley McCracken very fittingly concluded this special portion of the service.

A social hour in the Sunday School room following the service was an excellent opportunity to reminisce with the visitors who had come for the presentation and dedication of the windows in memory of their loved ones.

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