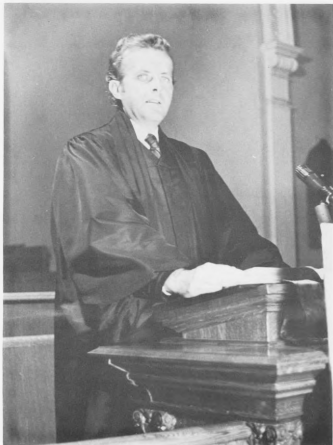


Holloway St. United Church

1874 — Centennial — 1974



*Corner of Dunbar St. & Holloway St.,
Belleville, Ontario*



Minister's

Message

Rev. J. Clare Kellogg - Minister

It is with both pride and pleasure that we present this, the Centennial book, of Holloway Street Church in Belleville.

For the first 51 years of our life, we were Holloway Street Methodist Church and for the past forty-nine, we have been part of the United Church of Canada. Even now as we celebrate our centennial, we are considering yet another change, — becoming part of the new Church of Christ in Canada. But that is for the future.

This book, we acknowledge, is limited in scope, but it does give some record of the life of this congregation over these hundred years. It tells of change and growth, of setbacks and failures, as well as successes. It is our hope that it will recall to you some significant events in the past and that it will be an inspiration for the future.

Just a word of thanks to those who have spent many hours in the preparation of this book. We are grateful for their work, but grateful most of all to the God whom we serve who has prospered us on our way.

J. Clare Kellogg



OFFICIAL BOARD (1974)

Front row: G. Sine, A. Campbell, D. Taylor, J. Townson, C. Kellogg, M. Vandervoort, H. Dixon, W. Potts, W. Johnston; Second row: F. Dickens, W. Matthews, G. Crossfield, R. Jose, J. Smith, V. Bailey, D. Ptolemy, N. Shorey, E. Kerruish, H. Outingdyke, H. Thompson, C. Wannamaker, L. May; Back row: L. Townsend, R. Ferguson, G. Watson, C. Watson, P. Ray, G. MacDonald, T. Wessels, R. Dean, W. Wessels.



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN EXECUTIVE (1974)

First row: P. Chambers, E. Empey, M. Kellogg, W. Parks, P. Holmes, M. Miller, M. Vandervoort; Second row: N. Campbell, R. Bertrand, F. Henderson, V. Wannamaker, C. Adams, H. Dixon, A. Dryden, D. Taylor; Back row: H. Ray, J. Outingdyke, F. Bird, R. McMillan, A. Ridley, J. Sine, K Poste (absent).

History of Holloway Street United Church 1874 - 1948

Compiled by Mr. C. I. Frederick

The year 1790 was made memorable by the coming of William Losee, the first regular Methodist preacher in this district, which was named in 1791, Upper Canada. Mr. Losee was a probationer of the New York Conference authorized to visit the North Country. He crossed the St. Lawrence in January 1790 and preached as he journeyed through Matilda, Kingston, and on through to Adolphustown where he found some of his former United Empire Loyalist friends and preached in their homes.

In February, 1791, William Losee was on his new field taking up appointments in Kingston, Ernestown, Fredericksburg, Adolphustown, and Prince Edward. In the house of Paul Huff, Adolphustown, on the shores of Hay Bay, he formed his first class.

Early in 1792 the congregation at Hay Bay (beginning in Paul Huff's house) prepared for the building of a church. The present Hay Bay Church was the first Methodist Church in Upper Canada (Ontario).



The Man of Sorrow

Artist — Willard Mitchell

Painting donated to Holloway St. Church by Fred Stephen, in loving memory of his wife.
Painting has been placed in the side entrance of the Church.



SENIOR CHOIR

Front row: Carol Laundry, Bernice Fox, Judy Gregory, Mary Vandervoort, Verna Gray, Mary Kellogg; Second row: Jim Stalker, Beth Robertson, Walter Wessels, Dorothy Bowes, Shirley Horwood, Elaine Young, Sheran Gordon; Back row: Jack Smith, Robert Young, Allan Harvey, David Smith, Hugh Scharf.



JUNIOR CHOIR

First row: J. Vickers, L. Hale, D. Reid, B. Watson, M. Hitchon, T. Lynch, J. Switzer; Back row: D. Alexander, J. Bailey, D. Lynch, C. Kellogg, A. Kellogg, S. Geen, D. Stalker, S. Geen.

The first quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, September 15, 1792, in Parot's barn, Ernestown. On the following day the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. This was the first communion administered by a Methodist minister in Upper Canada.

In 1795 the first Methodist minister visited Meyer's Creek, as Belleville was then known. He was the Rev. Purvis Dubham.

The first Methodist circuit was formed in 1805. It was called Smith's Creek and extended from Smith's Creek, as Port Hope was then called, to Belleville. The minister was Rev. Thomas Madden, and the recording steward, Mr. Samuel Reid, of Thurlow.

The first class in Belleville was organized in 1815. The leader was Mr. John Reynolds and the members were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Gilbert, Mrs. A. L. Meacham, Mr. Conrad Mitts, Miss Phoebe Zwick and Mr. W. Ross.

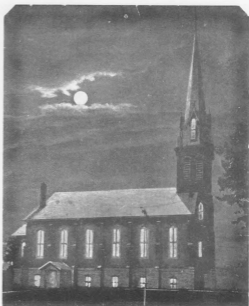
In 1817 Belleville Circuit was formed with Rev. Israel Chamberlain as its first minister. The following year the first Methodist Church in Belleville was built on Pinnacle Street.

The cornerstone of the present Bridge Street Church was laid by the Hon. Billa Flint on May 24, 1864 and the church was dedicated in 1865.

Holloway Street Church was opened as an appointment of the Belleville Centre Circuit in 1873, while Dr. Briggs was the pastor of Bridge Street Church. For some time the need of church accommodation for those resident on the west side of the river had been felt and on February 3, 1873, a committee was appointed by the Bridge Street Official Board to consider the question of church extension in West Belleville and to report on a suitable site for building purposes. On May 5, 1873, the Quarterly Board of Bridge Street Church appointed the following gentlemen to select the site: Messrs. R. Richardson, J. Ross, J. C. Vandusen, N. B. Roblin and J. N. Yeomans. The location selected was at the corner of Dunbar and Holloway streets. On November 3, of the same year the following trustees were elected by the Bridge Street Board for the new property: Thomas McIntosh, J. Vandusen, R. Richardson, J. Diamond, W. Holton, J. N. Yeomans, L. W. Yeomans, James Wickett and W. F. Jones.

The first building erected was a small frame structure in which a Sunday School was organized in 1874 and services conducted as an appointment of Bridge Street Circuit.

The present structure was started in 1876 and the cornerstone laid August 16 by J. H. Meacham, the Postmaster of Belleville at the time. At the conclusion of the ceremony of laying the corner stone tea was served and brief addresses delivered by Rev. Mr. Harper, Hon. Robert Read, Hon. L. Wallbridge and Thomas Wills, Esq., M.P.P. A subscription list was opened and upwards of \$12,000 was subscribed towards the building fund. The church was opened Jan. 25, 1877.



The original cost of the present brick structure was \$20,000. James Wickett and Sons were the contractors for the brick work and plastering. The carpenter work was done by Lewis Grills. The work was done by day labour. The architect was Mr. M. James Davis. The building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Dr. E. B. Harper, with Rev. Dr. Rose, junior pastor.

On May 11, 1878, at a meeting of the Bridge Street Official Board the following resolution was adopted, "That in the judgment of this Board the time has arrived when it is expedient for this circuit to be divided and that Holloway Street Church be the head of a new circuit. Bridge Street Board guarantees to aid the new circuit for three years."

Rev. J. H. Locke was the first pastor and served from 1878 to 1881.

The composition of the first Quarterly Board of Holloway Street Church is not very clear, but in 1883 it is given as follows: Messrs. James Ross, J. C. Vandusen, R. Spencer, James Wickett, Irvine Diamond, B. R. Quincey, W. McCreary, J. W. Vandervoort, Thomas Lingham, James Wickett Jr., G. White, G. A. Swayze, John Meyers, D. Serviss, G. Flowers, Dr. Nash, J. W. Narraway and Rev. R. Robinson.

Few churches have laboured under a greater incubus of debt than Holloway Street Church. At one time it was suggested to abandon the church to the mortgage which could only mean financial ruin to the trustees individually. More hopeful counsels prevailed. About \$13,000 had been paid for interest alone since the building of the church in 1876 to 1902. During the presidency



JUNIOR CHURCH

Front row: L to R.: Heidi Smith, Perry Smith, Shelly Burnett, Jimmy Miller, Robert Stalker, Dwayne Thompson, Bonnie Gordon, Wendy Foster, Mary Lou Campbell; Second row: L to R.: Darryl Gordon, Mr. Colin Robbins, Tracey Daunter, Kelly Daunter, Lori Boomhower, Rob Boomhower, Guy Miller, Wendy Eley, Peter Foster, Stanley Young, Brian Bird; Third row: L to R.: Heather Cockerline, Dana Cockerline, Susan Geen, Lori Scharf, Donna Stalker, Lisa Phillips, Mrs. Kay Snedden, Malcolm Barker.



"To Sing and make Melody" — Church School, Sept. 1974

of the Bay of Quinte Conference of Rev. T. J. Edminson, B.A., D.D. the debt was halved and early in 1902 another effort was instituted to remove the last vestige of encumbrance. The movement was begun in the Sunday School under the superintendency of Mr. W. J. McGrath. The Sunday School was to raise \$1,000 and the congregation was to raise the remaining \$2300. A clipping of the Daily Ontario, dated July 7, 1907 states that the previous Sunday was a red letter day for Holloway Street Church when the Rev. D. O. Crossley was the guest preacher for the special occasion. The debt was covered by subscription with a margin to cover the interest for the next two years until the debt is paid which is anticipated within the next two years."

From an old engraved card the following is taken:

The Official Boards and Congregations of Holloway Street Methodist Church

invite your presence at the re-opening services of the church

Sunday, July Twenty-third, 1905

at the evening service the cancelled mortgages on the church and parsonage will be burned

The Rev. C. W. Watch of Huntsville, Rev. J. R. Real of Napanee and other former pastors will be present

P. F. Canniff,
Recording Steward

J. W. Dafeo,
Secretary, Trustee Board

R. H. Leitch, Pastor

and from a newspaper clipping of the next day:

"Rev. Mr. Watch was the preacher at the evening service in Holloway Street Church yesterday. During the

service Mr. Watch made the following comments, 'Tonight after 28 years of arduous effort the congregation of Holloway Street Church would see it free of debt. God had glorified himself in this church. In the past some people had said that the building of Holloway Street Church had been a mistake. But God made no mistakes. This church has proved a blessing to all connected with it and the Saviour was never nearer to the people of Holloway Street Church than He was tonight'.

"Mr. J. W. Dafeo, the church treasurer, gave a history of the finances of the church showing that twenty-eight years ago, it had started with a mortgage of \$11,000, on which they had up to the time of its liquidation had paid in interest no less a sum than \$13,000 in interest. Mr. Dafeo handed over the discharged papers to the church steward, Mr. P. F. Canniff, to be burned. Rev. M. Leitch, Mr. A. E. Bailey, and Mr. McGrath made a few congratulatory remarks. The mortgage was burned while the congregation sang the Doxology."

Holloway Street Church has the distinction of having the only organ built in Belleville. The organ was installed May 22, 1906, at a cost of \$1675. From the minutes of the Trustee and Quarterly Board, May 16, 1905, the following excerpt is taken, "Brother McGrath explained a proposition to place a new organ in the church by which the choir were to assume responsibility of payment therefore. After discussion it was moved by Brother Dafeo and seconded by Brother Bailey the proposition be accepted and that the trustees empower Brothers McGrath and Canniff to dispose of the old organ to the best advantage." Dr. G. O. Duprau was the treasurer of the "Organ Fund". The organ was publicly opened on May 14, 1906 with a recital given by Prof. V. P. Hunt.



GRADE 5. L to R: Matthew Drouillard, Kevin Reid, Tim Tuck, Joanne Snedden, Miss Clara Adams, Leigh Court, Linda Hale, Roseanne Casselman, Donna Stalker, Debbie Reid.



Betty Watson, pianist; Craig Watson, Sunday School superintendent.



A.O.T.S. MEN'S CLUB

First row: L. Townsend, G. MacDonald, B. Wray, C. Watson, W. Wessels, W. Johnston, H. Outingdyke; Second row: W. Potts, A. Campbell, E. Kerruish, H. Thompson, L. May; Back row: V. Bailey, P. Ray, C. Kellogg, T. Wessels, R. Taylor.



EXPLORER GROUP

First row: M. Keast, D. Stalker, C. Lambie, L. Finch, D. Alexander, C. Sailor, B. Keast; Back Row: J. Hazelwood, B. Geen (leader), S. Geen.
 Belleville General Hospital in 1900 — At that time Holloway St. United Church was 26 years old.



NURSERY: Karen Jones, Heather Owens, Cathy Kellogg, Brenda Watson.



Sheran Gordon, choir member; Robert Young, choir director.

It is interesting to note the growth in membership of the church. From old records (date not given) the membership is given as 45. By 1901 this number had increased to 269, and at the present time Holloway Street United Church has a membership of 680.

In 1912 it was found necessary to make extensive alterations and the interior was redecorated.

On June 10, 1925, Holloway Street Methodist Church, by the consummation of union, became a part of the United Church of Canada.

In 1940 fire did considerable damage which necessitated extensive repair. In recent years a modern heating plant has been installed and the basement rooms remodelled and decorated.

The present Board of Trustees consists of Mr. G. T. Woodley (deceased), Mr. Charles Ostrom, Mr. James Cordes, Mr. G. E. Dobbs, Mr. A. Sills, Mr. L. Reid, Mr. A. Greatrix, Mr. J. N. Hudgins, Mr. E. M. Hubbs and Mr. G. Lloyd.

1948 — 1974

Compiled by Mrs. G. E. Dobbs

The seventy fifth anniversary of Holloway St. United Church was held the week of October 10, 1948 bringing to fruition all of our plans for this happy occasion, a whole week of christian fellowship, and memories to cherish our whole life time through.

Sunday morning Oct. 10th we had with us our beloved past minister Rev. J. A. Dilts and in the evening Rev. J. V. McNeeley, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Monday night. The Y.P.U. had planned an old

fashioned social evening, complete with decorations, costumes, and entertainment including a debate reminiscent of the past. I was there and it was great.

Tuesday night there were many parties in the homes to entertain those who were visiting with us for the whole week.

Wednesday night a Congregational Banquet was convened by the Woman's Association. Those who attended remarked that it was indeed a night to be remembered (adults 50 cents, children 35 cents). The guests in-

Church Service and Picnic June 1974



cluded at the head table were Mrs. J. Hudgins, Mrs. B. McMurray, Mrs. B. Moorman, Mrs. W. Finkle and Mrs. Mabel Meagher all of whom had been connected with the Church from the beginning.

Thursday night was for the girls and boys with amateur talent - movies, a magician, clowns, and of course ice-cream and treats. It would be interesting to know if any of our board members can remember this evening.

Friday night had always been Energetic Club so it was their evening to entertain those who had been members over the years, and they came from far and near. What a happy reunion it was!

Saturday was another opportunity to entertain those of our friends who were returning to spend Sunday with us.

Sunday was the closing day of our wonderful week of celebration, our guest speaker for both services was the Rev. J. R. Mutchmor, M.A., D.D., Secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada. A big thank you to those who had planned and worked to make this event one long to be remembered in the History of the Church. The Committee members were Rev. Perkins, Messrs Campbell, Frederick, Dobbs and Fraser.



Dorothy Taylor - Church Secretary



Jack Calbury - Church Officer

We have surely been blessed in the past, let us look to the future with its challenges to greater endeavours.

In 1949 our Woman's Association decorated the Auditorium of the Church and installed new lighting and carpet. The Memorial Pictures in the front of the Church were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. B. McMurray and Miss McCrudden life long members of the Church. Our first loud speaker was installed - a gift in memory of William Faulkner killed in action while serving his country.

In 1950 Rev. Perkins received a call to Chatham and Rev. Sidney E. Larman became our minister and Mr. Clifford Templer our Musical Director. Many changes took place during Rev. Larman's ministry. First the old pipe organ was removed and replaced with an Electric Organ which necessitated changing the front of the Church. The Committee appointed consisted of Messrs Robertson, Twiddy, J. Ketcheson, McKibbon, Pierce, Pearson.

The present front doors were installed replacing the former wooden doors.

Mr. J. F. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee of Stewards, reported that Holloway St. Church was out of debt. But not for long. The members of Holloway St. Church have always been Missionary minded, so when

U.C.W. Fellowship Party, June 1974



the newly formed congregation of Eastminster needed help to build a Church, the members of this church borrowed \$5000 to help Eastminster.

Our first parsonage owned by the Church was badly in need of repair and it was decided that rather than try to repair an old building a new parsonage should be purchased and the house at 7 Warham St. became our Church Home.

In 1952 the Rev. T. F. Townsend retired from the Ministry and came to live in Belleville. He became an active member of our Church, and enjoyed visiting and the members enjoyed him. For a number of years Rev. Townsend did this without remuneration of any kind. But as the work became heavier and it was felt that the Minister needed some regular assistance Rev. Townsend became our Associate Minister, a position he held until his death.

Rev. Lloyd Morgan succeeded Rev. Townsend and served as assistant to the Minister for a number of years. We are grateful to these dedicated men for the years of service given to the Church.

In 1956 Mrs. Janet Bowden and Mrs. Edna Dobbs were elected to the Committee of Stewards. This was the first time that women had been elected to any Church Board.

In January 1956 Rev. C. W. Coleman affectionately known as Tex. became our Minister.

In 1958 Mrs. Ruth Beaudin became our first Church Secretary.

1959 Our A.O.T.S. Club was formed.

Mrs. Dobbs became President of the Bay of Quinte Conference Womans Association and was a Commissioner to General Council held in Edmonton.

1960 The W.A. and the W.M.S. became one organization and Mrs. C. Holmes was the first President of The United Church Women.

The Church Auditorium was again in need of redecorating and this project was undertaken by the U.C.W. In 100 years the Church has been redecorated on five different occasions, each time the Ladies being responsible for the work, and on completion it was entirely paid for. In addition to painting and redecorating, the pews and floors were refinished and the swinging doors at the top of the stairs removed. The Committee was composed of Messrs Dobbs, Campbell, Oliphant and Coulter.

At the request of Rev. Coleman it was decided to advertise the Parsonage for sale and that the Minister provide his own accommodation and he be given a housing allowance monthly.

A Church that is 85 years old needs many repairs and the Board decided that these must be taken care of before anything else was planned, so from 1960 to 1964 the following repairs were made to the Church.

The palistors were repaired; The brick and stone work repointed, the stained glass windows repaired and releaded, the joist under the basement floor replaced and a new floor over the entire basement. In order to make another class room for the Sunday School the tower room was finished off. Our U.C.W. again came to the rescue and redecorated the Sunday School.



Mr. John Hutchinson - Organist

Pioneer Club Dinner 1974



1962 A Committee was set up to plan for the building of a Christian Education Centre with the late Rev. Oscar Wagar as Chairman of Finance, a position he held until ill health forced him to resign. Mr. E. Wessel became Chairman of the Building Committee.

After much soul searching and fund raising it was decided in 1964 to proceed with the building of the Christian Education Centre. On the last Sunday in June 1964 the sod was turned by Mr. C. I. Frederick and Scott Bowes son of Dorothy and Lyle Bowes, and grandson of Garnet and Edna Dobbs, and on Jan. 31, 1965 the building was dedicated by Rev. Duncan White, Christian Education Chairman for the Bay of Quinte Conference. Again we pay tribute to the U.C.W. as the new building was furnished completely when dedicated. Since 1965 the U.C.W. have had many projects including an annual bazaar to raise money to pay off the Church's indebtedness by the time of the Centennial. Thanks be to God our labors have not been in vain. In June of this year Rev. Coleman accepted a call to Cannington. During his ministry much had been accomplished and we are grateful for his leadership during these years.

January 1966 we welcomed Rev. W. Lamb. Much had been done to repair the Church and we had a new Christian Education Building, but to Rev. Lamb we handed an almost unsurmountable task of leadership. He stayed with us until 1972. During his stay our membership increased, and our indebtedness decreased. We changed the Governing Boards of the Church which had been the Session and the Committee of Stewards to

The Official Board. Rev. Lamb was largely responsible for Life Line coming to our City an organization designed to help people, now known as Tel - Care, and later he became the National Director of this organization. The highlight of Rev. Lamb's Ministry for Holloway St. Church was that we had three candidates for the Ministry; Rev. Gordon Crossfield, Rev. Lanny Dean, and Mr. Stewart Froese. Both Rev. and Mrs. Lamb will be remembered for their dedicated Ministry.

In September 1972 The Kellogg's came and we were happy to welcome them and their lovely family. We are enjoying their friendship and leadership; especially we appreciate Rev. Kellogg's guidance in this our Centennial Year. Shortly after they arrived in Belleville we learned that Rev. Kellogg would be celebrating 25 years in the Ministry in June. We planned a reception for him and his family which was a complete surprise. It was a happy time for everyone.

To be the Minister of a Church when they reach their Centennial and to look back over the years to the time when a small group had the courage and the faith to say "Nothing is impossible with God". So we, guided by your leadership and dedication, shall go forward with the same faith and courage as the men of old.

As we celebrate our Centenary we pay tribute to all our dedicated members past and present, and we thank God for memory, which enables us to build on the experiences of the past, for imagination, which admits us to a wider world than we could otherwise know, and for foresight, by which we plan for the future.



Rev. Clare Kellogg

The Ministers in charge of the church 1878 - 1973:

1878—1881.....	Rev. J. H. Locke
1881—1883.....	Rev. S. J. Shorey
1883—1884.....	Rev. Dr. Jeffers
1884—1887.....	Rev. J. J. Rice
1887—1890.....	Rev. R. M. Pope
1890—1893.....	Rev. T. J. Edminson
1893—1895.....	Rev. J. A. McCamus
1895—1898.....	Rev. Robert Cade
1898—1901.....	Rev. C. W. Watch
1901—1904.....	Rev. J. R. Real
1904—1907.....	Rev. R. H. Leitch
1907—1911.....	Rev. Benjamin Greatrix
1911—1915.....	Rev. A. R. Sanderson
1915—1919.....	Rev. J. N. Clarry
1919—1922.....	Rev. A. H. Foster
1922—1925.....	Rev. A. Brown
1925—1930.....	Rev. L. S. Wight
1930—1934.....	Rev. Harold B. Neal
1934—1940.....	Rev. R. E. Newman
1940—1945.....	Rev. J. A. Dilts
1945—1950.....	Rev. Chas. A. Perkins
1950—1956.....	Rev. S. E. Larman
1956—1965.....	Rev. C. W. Coleman
1965—1972.....	Rev. W. Lamb
1972—.....	Rev. Clare Kellogg

Church Sunday School — Open Session, Sept. 1974



