A pictoral history of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 1895 - 1989

The Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

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British Columbia

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,



Held at VANCOUVER, B. C.

ON THE

20th and 21st of July, 1892.

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1895--Around this time, Presbyterians held services in the C. P. R. station, which at that time was on the other side of the tracks. The Orange Hall was built in 1895 and the Presbyterians used it for services every second Sunday.

Salmon Arm Train Station.

Presbyterian Church Services were held here in 1895.



Originally situated on the opposite side of the tracks, the Station was moved to it's present location in 1913.

Site of Puesly terian Services in 1895

1 st Church

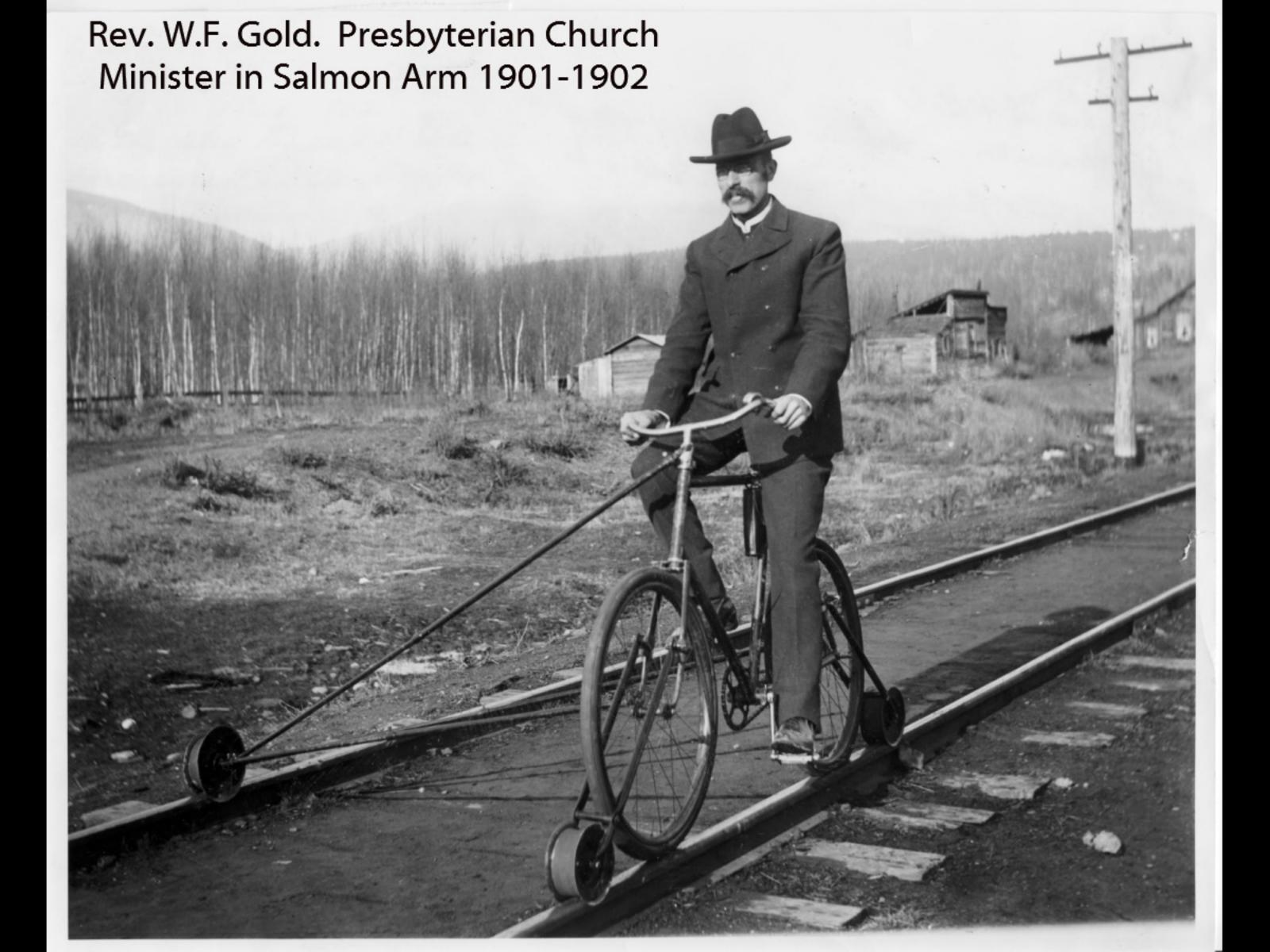
Presbyterian Church and Manse Church dedicated May 8, 1898 Manse built in the early 1900's



Saint Andrews
Presbyterian Church

Manse -1901

Beatty Street





Hunting on Shuswap Lake, Salmon Arm, B. C. Rev. Wm. F. Gold and son, Wilmer H. Gold

Credit: Provincial Archives, Victoria.



Rev. W. F. Gold, minister of the Presbyterian Church - residing at Salmon Arm 1901-1902. He had a great deal to do with the building of the first Presbyterian Church at Salmon Arm Credit: Provincial Archives, Victoria.



SALMON ARM 1901-02 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The list of names was compiled from information gathered from several old-time residents of Salmon Arm, B.C., identification corroborated in nearly all instances, by Wilmer H. Gold, resident of Youbou, B.C. October 1960.

Presbyterian Church Sunday School Picnic taken at McGuire's Grove, Salmon Arm, B.C. 1901-02. Rev. Wm. F. Gold, Pastor & Photographer. Reg Leonard is number 27.

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	[Mrs.	E.E.	Boynto

2. Lily Cameron

[Mrs. L.G. Timpany] 3. Dorothy Blake

[Mrs. B. Mason]

4. Toombs

5. Matilda Bean

6. Nyrtle Toombs

7. Marjorie Leonard 8. Christina MacKay [Mrs. Barnard] 9. Susie Tetlock

[Mrs. A. Widmark] 10. Gordon Gold

11. Daisy Girard [Mrs. Jas. Day]

12. .. Tolput

14. Mrs. S. Lawrence 15. .. Lawrence 16. 17.

18. Jas. Tetlock 19. Mrs. Wm. F. Gold. [Wife of Rev. Gold]

20. Mrs. Tolput

21. Harold Toombs 22. Margaret Gold [Mrs. C.A. Brine] Daughter of Rev. Gold 23. Murdock MacKay 24. .. Toombs

25. Mrs. E. Toombs

27. Reggie Leonard

28. Mrs. W. Leonard 29. Wilmer H. Gold

[Son of Rev. Gold] 30. Percy Leonard

31. Harry Leonard 32. Eva Meade

33. .. Toombs 34. Robt. Donnelly

35. Bruce MacKay

37. Chas. Tolput

38. Lester Cameron 39. Lottie Cameron

[Mrs. S. Reader] 40. Jas. Cameron

41. .. Donnelly 42. Mrs. Armstrong

44. Tom Armstrong 45. Jack Stace-Smit)

46. Ina Laitinen

48. Marian Armstro

49. John Armstrong 50. Rev. Wm. F. Gc

51. Geo. Toombs

52. Mrs. Donelly??

1908--Union was discussed at a meeting of Presbytery on March 6, 1908. Salmon Arm requested to become independent and call a minister. (Rev. J. G. Duncan was inducted in July, 1908.

Rev. J. R. Waite is mentioned as being at Notch Hill and Canoe Creek.

Baptisms were conducted in Notch Hill and Carlin homes.

At a Presbytery meeting in September 1908, Salmon Arm was granted permission to appoint elders.

1909--At the Annual meeting February 5, 1909, a motion was passed that a request be made to Presbytery to give the name Saint Andrew's to the Church.



2nd Church. Dedicated May 14, 1914. It was sold to the School Board in 1940 and used as the Scout Hall. It was located at the bottom of 2nd Ave NE until demolished to make way for the Jacobson Ford Service center.



WHY I AM GOING TO REMAIN PRESBYTERIAN

AND NOT TURN UNIONIST

* * *

- 1. Because I wish to preserve the traditions of the church of my fathers.
- 2. Because I think what the church needs is more life and not more machinery. We are not going to improve the church by setting up a great bureaucracy.
- 3. Because I want a church which is more interested in the spiritual life of its members than in organizing drives to raise money or in passing laws for the improvement of the world.
- 4. Because I want a church in which the ministry is pledged to teach sound doctrine. I do not want any church which leaves the pulpit open for unitarianism.
- 5. Because I do not wish to have a settlement committee over me or to leave my friends to the mercy of such when a minister is to be settled over them.

Where do you think you will fit in best? Remember that you may love the Methodists and Congregationalists without moving into the same house. What do you expect to gain by so doing? Can you see any real advantage to the cause of Christ in leaving the Presbyterian church and turning Unionist? If you do not, then vote to stay where you are, for be assured there is going to be a Presbyterian church from one end of Canada to the other.

1925--A vote for Church union was taken among Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists in Canada and the result was the formation of the United Church of Canada. Most of the Salmon Arm Presbyterians voted in favor of Union; however, those who remained reorganized under the helpful assistance of Rev. D. A. Smith the then Superintendent of Missions in this area. Rev. Peter Connell had voted for Union as had Rev. M. D. McKee.

CHURCH UNION BALLOT

Do you wish this congregation to enter the Union of Churches on June 10th, 1925, in terms of the United Church of Canada Act (14-15, George V. (Can.) Cap. 100)?

YES.

NO.

DIRECTIONS.

- 1. Mark an X under 'Yes' or 'No' above, showing your desire.
- 2. DO NOT SIGN THIS BALLOT. When marked, fold so that your answer may not be seen and deposit it personally in the ballot box.

1923 -- Rev. A. Campbell, Rutland, preached January 25, 1923. Later that year he came as minister to the Church.

1936--Rev. G. Sydney Barber lived in Armstrong but ministered to the Salmon Arm congregation. Records tell us of a number of Baptisms and Weddings performed by him.

B. C., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 1941.

New Church Is Dedicated Last Sunday

New Presbyterian Church Is Officially Opened For Public Worship Here

AST Sunday, afternoon the Presbyterian people of Salmon Arm dedicated their new building on Third Avenue. This will be the third church they have built here, one was across the railway track near the cider factory, the second opposite the City public school.

The new church was built by Mr. W. J. Reader and looks very attractive in its coat of white stucco. The interior is quite pretty also, the lower portion of the walls being covered with v-joint, and the upper part plastered and treated with buff color. There is ample window lighting and for evening there are six hanging lamps which should give ample light. The building will accommodate about 150 worshippers. On Sunday there were about 100 present, some coming from Vernon, Armstrong, Kamloops and surrounding points.

A dedicatory program containing hymns, prayers and responses was provided.

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. J.
B. Skene, B.A., performed the dedication service. He congratulated the church on establishing so
pretty a home and wished that the
other districts were as fortunate.
The church represented those who
were called out for a high and
holy purpose. They did not worship the world of nature nor of

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Sept 7, 1941

New Church

men. Many men leave God out of account.

They were called to worship in spirit and in truth. Physical things were but symbols of spiritual truth. They were not intended to spend Sunday fishing or on the golf course. Their church was for intercession with God. Prespeterians were expected to attend worship every Lord's Day and every day should have their devotions at home.

The church gave mutual edification and education. There is much ignorance and many are illinformed about the functions of the church. Bad theology is at the root of world grief today and not economics as some say.

The church stands for evangelism the world over. Christians
must give of the faith that is in
them. Unless they do they will
become atrophied in themselves.
Missions are the very being of the
church. They keep the church
alive and enable them to extend
their bounds.

Miss E. Munro sang a hymn of consecration of the various parts of the building.



3rd Presbyterian Church — 3rd Street

1941--The Church on Lyman Hill was sold to the District School Board and a third church was built on Third Street. It is now A residence. This church was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, September 7, 1941. The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. J. B. Skene, conducted the dedication service.

1958--Rev. Charles Bray held Evening services in Salmon Arm. He remained until 1960 when he went to Ontario. He later retired to Penticton.

1962--Salmon Arm congregation was not active during the next two or three years.

1968--Henry Schalm, a layman, served the congregation from September 1968 to July 1970.

Thelma and John Jackson in front of the third Saint Andrew's Church. John and Thelma are very active members of the church since moving from Kamloops in the early '70's. John has been a member of the session and was on the Building Committee for the Fourth Church. Thelma has been active in the Ladies' Auxiliary, Bible Studies and other projects Picture taken by Mary Watson, 1972.



1971--It was agreed that Salmon Arm should have a full-time Minister and Rev. Rex Krepps arrived in late December. On December 30, 1971, a service of Recognition was held for Rex Krepps. Rev. David Stewart, Kelowna, gave the message. This was a Mission appointment. Mr. Krepps was inducted on September 20, 1974. Mr. Krepps and his wife Trudy were very active in church activities and it was soon apparent that a larger church would be required. So it was and the last service was held in the third Saint Andrew's on March 26, 1976.

George and Mary Watson. Mary donated her



Mary and George Watson came to Salmon Arm in 1970. They became members of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian and were always willing workers.

Mary played the organ and piano and acted as organist or pianist at many services in the 701s. Mary was Vice President of the Ladies' Group, Cheer Box Convener, and interested in the Women's Missionary Society.

Mary is known to have helped many students finanicially. In 1974 she donated her Grand Piano to Saint Andrew's Church.

Mrs. Mary Watson died at Shuswap Lake General Hospital, Salmon Arm, on Saturday, April 30 at the age of 72 years. 1987

Memorial Funeral services were held from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Salmon Arm on Saturday morning, with Reverend Dr. Wim Janssen officiating. A funeral service with interment took place on Monday afternoon at Olds, Alberta.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Salmon Arm.

Arrangements were in the care of Bowers Funeral Home, Salmon Arm, in conjunction with Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Olds, Alberta.

Born in Trochu, Alberta on December 27, 1914, Mary was a resident of Salmon Arm since 1970, having retired as a registered nurse from Eriksdale, Manitoba. While in Salmon Arm Mary was active in the Presbyterian church and was their organist for some time.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest George Watson of Salmon Arm; two sisters, Mrs. Helen (Wylie) Thompson and Jean Kirker; two nieces, Mary, Diane and Florence; two nephews, Jim and Brian; one stepson; 5 stepdaughters; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

HEATHER DICKSON + ALLAN BAUM

Rev. Rex Krepps officiated at his first value. Feb 5, 1972 - Heather Dickson and

wedding in BC Allan Baum



Hallowe'en Party for

1973

Boy's and Girl's Groups





Second Section

SALMON ARM, B.C., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1975

Presbyterians building new Salmon Arm church

Presbyterian Church celebrates this occasion with a special service of its own.

Now, after 80 years of service in the community, the fourth church building is going up.

Situated on Turner Road, adjacent to J Lanes bowling alley, the new building will have a 235-seat sanctuary with adjacent fireside room,

Church in Canada celebrates office and nursery room. its 100th anniversary under There will be a large the central General Assem- clear - span basement for bly. In Salmon Arm, the youth work and recreation, Also in the basement will be kitchen facilities, stage area, and movable partitions to make up the Sunday school

> Outside the building itself, the lot will be landscaped in time and should harmonize well with the surrounding

The congregation is pleased

This year the Presbyterian minister's study, secretary's to have obtained the services of contractor, Les Palotai, and architect Gordon Yuen of Vancouver.

> Building is now under way after the sod turning ceremony which was held a short time ago. Mrs. Mary McArthur, the oldest member of the congregation, turned the first sod. Sept 21/75

> The congregation hopes the new structure will be completed and be ready for use in early 1976.

Fourth

Turning

September 1975



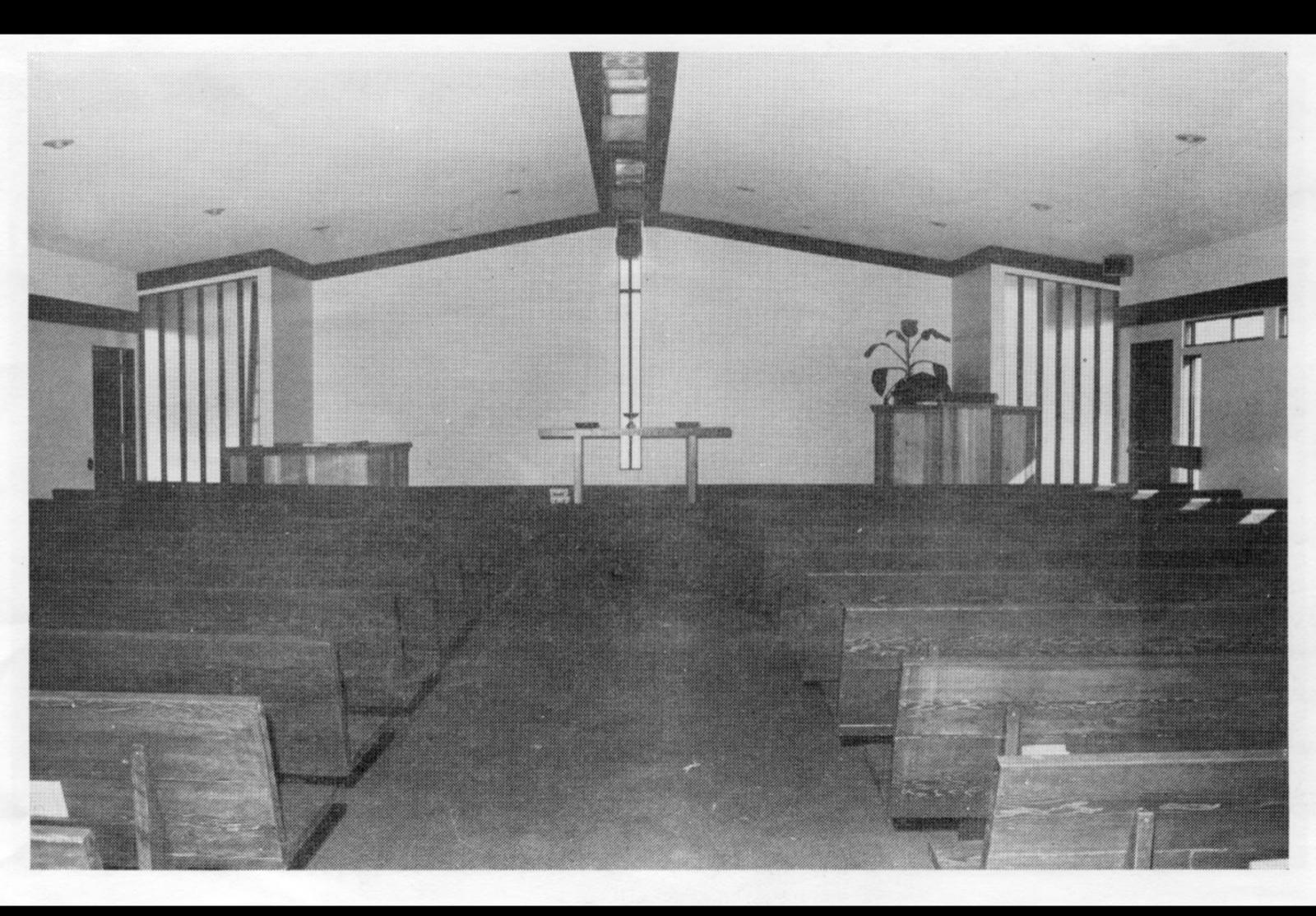
Participating in the recent sod-turning ceremony for the new St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church were, from left: Rev. R. G. Krepps, Leland Krepps representing the Young People's group, Gwyneth Hanna representing the Sunday School; Mrs. Mary McArthur, who turned the first sod; Don Taylor of the board of managers; John Vanderwell of the building committee and Howard Vander-Hoek, representing the Session. Bottom photo shows construction progress on the new church situated on Turner Road near the bowling alley.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



Service of dedication of 4th Church April 6, 1976 Salmon Arm, B.C.





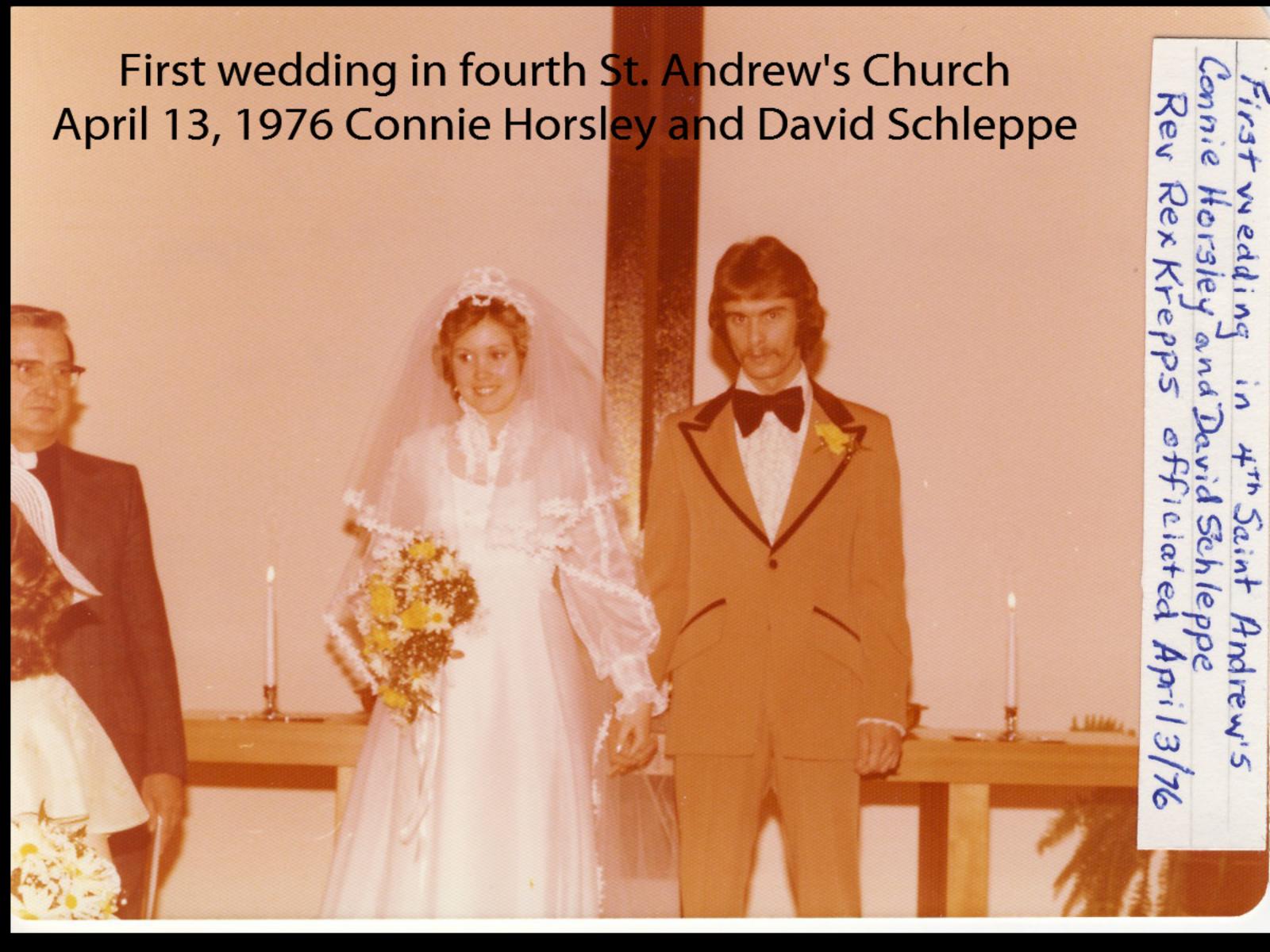
GREENING ROOM

Mr. and Mrs. E. Greening were active members of Saint Andrew's in the late 60's and early 70's.

Mr. Greening served on the Board of Managers from 1966 until his death in 1970.

Mrs. Greening was on the Board in the 70's. She was active in the Ladies' Group, on the Visiting Committee, and anywhere she could lend a helping hand. She died in February 1973.









Oct 8 Thanksgiving Display

1978

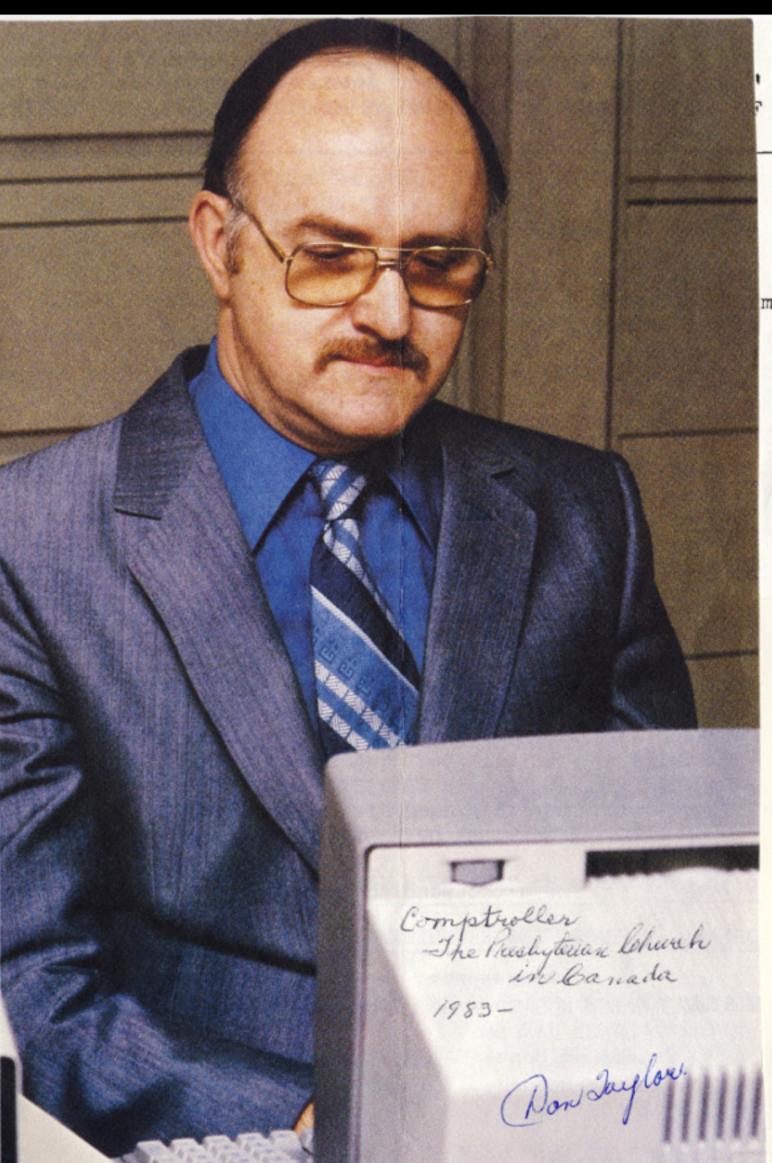




James, John Vanderwell, Edith Vanderwell, Ed Spellor,

Dec 15, 1978

John & George Watson



Don Taylor. Chairman of the Board of Managers 1974 -75 and Treasurer at St. Andrew's until moving to SK in 1979. He became Comptroller of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1983.

The Taylors

Mary and Don Taylor were active members of Saint Andrew's in the 1970's. Don served as Chairman of the Board in 1974 and '75, and then as Treasurer for a number of years. He was also on the Building Committee for the present church.

Mary was Choir Director for a number of years and was a member of the Ladies' Group.

Mary, Don, Scott, and Liane moved to Prince Albert in 1979. In 1983 Don was made Comptroller for the Presbyterian Church. Both Mary and Don are elders at Melville Presbyterian Church and Mary is once again busy with a choir.









Joseph and Patricia Hanna, Christmas '79



Drama Club 1980--Director Howard VanderHoek; Derek Ruth, George Watson; James, Janet, Harriet, and John Hanna; Karen Irman, Muriel Plumb, and Brent Krepps.

student assists minister



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation will see a new figure in the pulpit a week Sunday when student assistant Colin Harris takes Presbyterian Grad Service. He will be working with the Rev. Rex-Krepps for the summer.

Harris, recently arrived from Belfast, Northern Ireland, is a graduate of The Queen's University of Belfast in civil engineering. He has completed one year of theological training at the Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Belfast and will possibly attend a Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, on a scholarship.

This is Harris' first visit to B.C. although he was in Toronto two years ago with the university field hockey team. While in Salmon Arm, he will be involved in camping and youth activities connected with the Presbyterian Church.

June - Sept 1980

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Salmon Arm, B.C. - Sunday, August 17, 1980.

Minister: Rev. Rex Krepps, Student Ass't Colin Harris
Planist: Mrs. Francine Harris

Residential Camp and Day Camp, having both been completed, the Christian work among the young continues and concludes for this summer with the FIVE DAY CLUBS.

Pray for the C.E.F. leaders as they bring the "GOOD NEWS"

of Jesus Christ to the children during the coming week.

Pray for them as they teach, also give thanks to God for
the work He has given each of them to do.

There will be a hike next Saturday morning for all young people. John Vanderwell and myself are in charge, we hope leave at 9-30a.m. from the Church. Those wishing to come should be at the Church before 9-30, with a lunch pack and swim suit, as we hope to go swimming afterwards. If you want further information please see John or myself.



August 24, 1986 Minister at Ahorey Presbyterian Church, Portadown, Northern Ireland. Rev. Colin HARRIS

June 22 Church Sunday School picnic















We sponsored a Vietnamese Refugee Family

A. Loc Tang and his wife Va Chan arrived last Monday. They reside in the basement suite across from the church (the Les Veale Residence). Edith Vanderwell and I and Ching Wing, the interpretor welcomed them at Kamloops Airport. I was really proud of this congregation that we are able to secure a future to a nice young couple and I do hope that we will make them feel "at home" in this fellowship. For help with their English language we would like to have a small T.V. Black and White will do fine. Would anyone have one which he or she like to lend or donate? Please tell Edith if you can help. We had asked that all who had promised financial support to our "Family" would start their pledges in January. If you are not sure anymore as to how much you pledged, please ask Edith Vanderwell. For those who haven't promised financial support but would like to pledge now, there are forms on the table in the Narthex to be used.

Born to Loc and Vachon Tang, January 5th, 198/ a daughter.

Congatulations Loc and Vachon. Provided their accommodation



Just a few hours after Salmon Arm's first baby of 1981 made her appearance, the first baby in the Vietnamese community arrived. Baby Phi In Tang was born at 8:20 a.m., January 5,

1981 at Shuswap Lake General Hospital. Proud parents are mother Va Chan Lu and father Loc Tang.

New Year's baby joins Vietnamese community

She didnt quite arrive in time to capture the title of Salmon Arm's New Year's baby, but little Phi In Tang is the first 1981 baby born in the Vietnamese community.

Her parents, Loc Tang and Va Chan Lu, explained the significance of their daughter's name. "Phi" means flying and "In" means swallow; thus her name, "Flying Swallow" represents the change in their lives in moving from Vietnam to Canada.

Loc Tang and his wife, Va Chan Lu, are of Chinese origin. They lived for eight months in a refugee camp in Vietnam

"In" means swallow; thus her near Hai Phong before moving name. "Flying Swallow" repre- to Macao and then to Canada.

Loc is a mehcanic by trade; presently looking for employment. His wife worked as a weaver in Vietnam. They have been in Salmon Arm exactly a year, having arrived here January 14, 1980, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm.

Phi In is the first baby for Loc Tang and Va Chan Lu and the third baby to be born in the Vietnamese community since

Subscribe Now!



Provincial Executive organizers for Synod of B. C. Young People's Conference hosted by St. Andrew's April '81.



John Hanna and Rev. Rex Krepps



Rev. Rex Krepps' 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Salmon Arm, B.C.

Sunday, March 1, 1931

OMinister: Rev. Rex Krepps Pianist: Mrs. Francine Harris
Choir Director: Mr. Phil Harris







New minister 1982 for St. Andrew's

The Rev. Dr. Wim Janssen and family were welcomed by the congregation of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church last Thursday evening, January 14, at a service of recognition conducted by representative clergy of the Presbytery of Kamloops.

The Rev. Janssen comes to Salmon Arm from Fort St. John, where he was the minister for Burch Presbyterian Church for 12 years.

Born in Holland, he came to Canada at the age of 20 and graudated from U.B.C. in 1959 with a Bachelor degree in forestry. A Rockefeller Theological Scholarship enabled him to pursue studies in the Christian ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. He graduated in 1963 with a Masters Degree in Divinity.

Later demands of the pastoral ministry caused him to pursue further studies in 1972, resulting in a degree of Pastoral Counselling, Doctor of Ministry, at the same seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Janssen have six children; four of whom are still at home.

They are "looking forward to being a part of the ministry of St. Andrews Presbyterian congregation in Salmon Arm and the larger Shuswap district."

The Rev. Janssen has regular office hours, Mondays to Fridays from 8-12 a.m. at the church. Phone 832-7282.



The Rev. Wim Janssen

Our second Vietnamese Refugee Family

1982

Phoung, Guyen, Phan and the children are settling in to their new life in Canada. However, they do require assistance with many unfamiliar things, shopping, rides to and from appointments, etc. When we took on the responsibility of sponsoring them we took on their needs. Our obligation extends to them, not only to our wallets. Please call and offer to help. Harriet 2-4574, John or Al 2-7885. Christian action changes the world. Be a part of the revolution.

Our second family





Christmas Eve Service in the 80's Jessica Parkinson, Melissa Parkinson, Chris Hanna, Arliss Janssen, Michael Hanna, Owen Hanna, Karen Engelbrecht, Joseph Hanna, Klint Irman, Stephen Janssen, and Steve Brook.

Harriet Hanna, Marilyn Janssen, Karen Irman, Jean Englebrecht, Laurel Waltham, Reny Hanna,

Joy Hurst.



The St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church Choir sings 'Go tell it on the Mountain' during a

Christmas Eve candle lighting service.

The Salmon Arm Observer, Wed., Delive action - video-taped -Christmas Pageant 1983

TO BETHLEHEM

Mary, played by Gwyneth Hanna, and Joseph, played by Darren Biggs, travel to Bethlehem in a Christmas play produced by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school members. The donkey in the play was loaned by Sandra Scherck. The production was photographed in November and showed for the church's Christmas show.

(Wim Jannsen photo)

Dec 1983

Salmon Arm Ministerial Assoc. Christmas display at Centenoka



NATIVITY SCENE

This beautiful nativity scene, which is a Salmon Arm Ministerial Association project, can be seen at Centenoka Park Mall from now until after Christmas. The scene features nine figures —

which many local people worked hard to make. Heading up the committee for the project are Janet Hanna [seen in the picture], Leigh-Ann Briggs and Marilyn Nelson.

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May 1984
Lorraine Kidds, Grace VanderMeer, Eileen Anderson,
Jessie Robinson, Larry and Ena Viers, Helen
MacPherson, Florence Macintosh, Doris and Ed Michaux
John Jackson, Rev. Janssen, Bill Bews, John Hanna

April 29 Farewell Dinner for Dan & Bea Firth
Presby Minister from Vernon - retired
Our Frier Moderator







Clarence and Bill Bews Irwin, Sinclair Dunnett



Dunnett, Eugene Seltenrich























Young People's Camping Trip to Kokanee Provincial Park July 18 - 20, 1986



Baby diapering contest

Stuart Hanna & Bill Bews.





The Youth Group along with Ena and Larry Viers and Meg and Jim Millar camped in Banff National Park July 1987.











SUNDAY... is the beginning of our 90th year in Salmon Arm!!! A CELEBRATION IS IN ORDER! We plan on SPECAIL MUSIC and Rev. Bob Garvin, the Superintendent of Missions for B.C. will be our guest speaker. Rev. Bill Fulton will lead the service. LUNCH WILL FOLLOW.















LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAST LUNCH will be held in the church on DEC. 12 at 11:30 AM. All Ladies welcome.









Receives degree

DOUG SWANSON, a lifetime resident of the Slocan Valley and former lay minister at St. Andrew's, Slocan and Slocan Valley Community Presbyterian Church, was recently presented his degree of master of divinity by the Vancouver School of Theology, located on the campus of the University of B.C. The convocation held at Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church was attended by over 800 friends and family. Thomas Berger was the speaker on the occasion and two Canadian native people, Frank Calder and William Mason Robinson, well-known Christian advocates of indigenous peoples' rights, had conferred on them the degree of doctor of divinity (honoris causa). Swanson was called as minister to Salmon Arm Presbyterian Church and will be ordained and inducted there by the Presbytery of Kamloops on June 2 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to the service.

SALMON ARM, B.C., WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1989

Minister to be inducted

Douglas G. Swanson has been called as minister to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm.

Swanson was recently presented his Master of Divinity degree from the Vancouver School of Theology, located on the campus of the University of B.C. He will be ordained and inducted by the Presbytery of Kamloops, at a special service to be held in St. Andrew's Church on June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

921-20 St. N.E. off Hwy. #1 East • 832-7282 (next to bowling alley) Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. THE REV. DOUGLAS SWANSON, 832-9490

Rev. Doug Swanson inducted June 2, 1989

Salmon Arm Shoppers' Guide Monday, June 12, 1989

Rev. Doug Swanson is the new minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm. He was ordained and inducted in Salmon Arm on the evening of Friday, June 2.



Doug has lived in Slocan Valley in the Kootenays on and off most of his life. He worked mainly in the lumber industry. In 1981, he attended David Thompson University in Nelson, then obtained a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Victoria after three years of study. He spent two years as a lay minister in Slocan and then attended the Vancouver School of Theology for three years. He obtained his Master of Divinity degree.

Doug's first visit to Salmon Arm was in March of this year when he had been invited to preach for a call to this church. He was accepted by the congregation and moved here on June 1. What did he know of Salmon Arm before he came here? He knew Salmon Arm had a nine-hole golf course at Canoe and he heard rumors of good fishing. He says someone misled him by saying there were no mosquitoes here.

Doug replaces Wim Janssen, who is now a social worker for B.C. Social Services & Housing.









And the story will continue....