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## INTRODUCTION

By the Rev. Douglas G. Swanson B.A., M. Div.

It is my pleasure to serve in a congregation which has kept the faith for one hundred years. Such an enduring witness is indeed praiseworthy and commendable.

The emblem of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is, of course, the Burning Bush - we are a people set aflame with the light and life of the Almighty God, yet never consumed by God's fire.

At times the fire of St. Andrew's, Salmon Arm has flickered and dimmed, and we have been reduced to mere embers, but the breath of God's Spirit has always rekindled the flames.

It is our sincere hope and desire that the history recorded in this volume, of our faith and God's faithfulness, might be both an inspiration and an incentive to renewed dedication and commitment on the part of Christians everywhere.

Lord Jesus Christ, keep your fires burning,

Amen.

## CHAPTER ONE - 1898

**O**n the 8th of May 1898 a dedication service was held for the first Presbyterian church building in Salmon Arm. Missionaries had been active in the area since 1866 and the erection and dedication of the church was a fitting reward to the industry and devotion of those early Christian settlers. The building was 24' X 40', could seat 150 persons and was located between the C. P. R. tracks and Shuswap Lake. The first Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Vancouver had been held in July of 1892, a scant six years prior to the above event.



The first Presbyterian church to be built in Salmon Arm.

The Manse, the building to the right of the picture, was not built till the early 1900s.

On the day of the Dedication Ceremony, morning, afternoon and evening services were held in the new building. These services were conducted by the Rev. George A. Wilson, B. A. from Vernon, the Rev. Booth who was the Presbyterian missionary from Revelstoke, the Rev. Pardon, a Methodist minister, the Rev. R.C. Pollock who was the Presbyterian missionary in this area and the Rev. A. G. Hutton, a former missionary.

Excerpt from the Weekly Inland Sentinel, Kamloops, B. C., Friday, May 20, 1898:

*"Opening of the New Presbyterian Church  
Special correspondence of the Inland Sentinel*

*The new Presbyterian Church at Salmon Arm was opened for public worship on Sabbath, May 8th. The dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, B. A. Of Vernon, who preached both morning and evening. The sermons were very fine specimens of pulpit oratory and were greatly appreciated by the large congregations which gathered to listen to him.*

*The afternoon service was conducted by Rev. A. G. Hutton, one of the former missionaries of the field, who preached with his usual vigour and interest and whose words were warmly appreciated by all. Rev. Mr. Peardon, Methodist minister at Salmon Arm, Rev. Mr. Booth, Presbyterian missionary from Revelstoke, and Rev. R. C. Pollock, Presbyterian Missionary at Salmon Arm, assisted at the services. Rev. Mr. Peardon very kindly gave up his Sabbath School in the afternoon and his evening service. A special choir, under the leadership of Mrs. R. Davis, greatly added to the interest of the services by the fine selection of anthems they prepared for the occasion and which they rendered with great taste. The congregations were large at all the services.*

*On Monday evening an entertainment was given in the new church building. The chair was occupied by R. Stewart, storekeeper, who ably discharged the duties of the position. Nearly all the musical talent in the district took part, and as the result, the entertainment was a great success. There were songs, solos, duets, readings, recitations and instrumental music. Appropriate speeches were delivered by Rev. Calvert, Methodist minister of Trail; Rev. Hall, Methodist minister of Enderby; Rev. Peardon, Rev. Wilson, Rev. Hutton, and Rev. R.C. Pollock. The last item on the programme introduced a new element into Salmon Arm entertainments in the form of two tableaux, very artistically presented by Mrs. Geo. McLeod. One represented "Faith, Peace and Glory," and the other, "Rock of Ages." The ladies of the congregation served refreshments during the evening. When so many assisted and performed their various parts with so much enthusiasm and so much credit to themselves, it would be inviolable to single out any for special mention. The thanks of the congregation and missionary are extended to all who in any way contributed to the success which crowned the opening services and the entertainment.*

*The church is a frame building, 24 X 40. It is beautifully finished in the inside and is calculated to seat comfortably 150 people."*

This was to be the first of the four churches which the Presbyterian congregation would build in Salmon Arm during the next century.

## CHAPTER TWO -- 1899 to 1910

Records of the early years of the Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm are not easy to come by for a couple of reasons. Firstly, the records of the Presbyterian Church were turned over to the United Church of Canada when Union took place in 1925 and, secondly, all that were left were destroyed by fire in 1928. The Archivist of the United

Church of Canada is presently searching for our missing records but they had not been found in time for this publication.

In 1900 the Rev. W. H. Gold ministered in Salmon Arm. He was noted for his method of travel by velocipede (a bicycle on the railway tracks) which he used to take him to the services he held at Kault. Day long Sunday School picnics at the beach were popular. The Rev. Gold was also an avid photographer.

According to the Rev. Gold's son, Wilmer Gold, who visited Salmon Arm in 1981, the Presbyterian church had no choir at that time and the singing was led by Billy Murray on the violin. On occasion Saturday night celebrations would interfere with the availability of Sunday music.

This photograph appeared in the November 9, 1981 issue of the Guide.



In 1905 the Rev. Alex Dunn replaced the Rev. W. H. Gold at Salmon Arm.

By 1907 the Rev. Dunn had been replaced by the Rev. John G. Duncan. This was the year that the first newspaper was published on a regular basis in Salmon Arm so the services and social events of the churches were well publicized. In the first issue the following advertisement appeared:

Presbyterian Church  
10:00 A.M. Bible Class  
11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. services  
Christian Endeavour Society and Prayer Meeting  
fortnightly at 8:00 P.M., Wednesday  
Notch Hill Thursday fortnightly at 8:00 P.M.  
John G. Duncan, M. A., Pastor

At this time Baptisms were conducted in Notch Hill and Carlin homes.

At a Presbytery meeting in September of 1908 the Salmon Arm congregation was given permission to appoint elders.

At the Annual Meeting on the 5th of February 1909, a motion was passed that a request be made to Presbytery to give the name of Saint Andrew's to this church.

Mrs. Louise Wright belonged to the Anglican Church but attended St. Andrew's with her husband in the 70s. Mr. Wright died in 1981 and Mrs Wright moved, eventually, into Pioneer Lodge where she celebrated her 100th birthday. In the following article she describes her memories of the early 1900s.

Early Days in Salmon Arm  
By Mrs. Louise Wright

In 1909 I came with my sister from Virden, Manitoba, to Salmon Arm where my father and older sister had already come. We were disappointed to find that our high school standing was not accepted in B.C., so had to repeat a grade, which did not please. Our coming made enough pupils to start a high school in Salmon Arm, there was twelve of us in all. Our teacher was Miss Francis Moule, who had recently come from New Brunswick. She was an excellent teacher and very much liked by us all. She lived up Merton Hill and in the winter used to come down on her hand sleigh-- a quick trip. With the recent death of William Laitenen, I believe that there are only two of us originals from the school left.

In summer holidays we spent a good part of our time camping at Sandy Point, which at that time was an ideal place to camp. It was part of the Indian Reserve. One summer I remember six of us high school girls camped out there for most of the summer, we got really tanned and had a really lovely time.

In winter, in those early days, some young men kept a piece of the ice clear of snow, and here we skated to our hearts content. One day a young man was to take his father's team of lovely Clydesdales over to Mr. Wilcox's across the ice, which he thought was strong enough to hold them-- but alas it was not, and both horses were drowned. I was teaching at Tappen at that time, and what a sad day that was for all of us at school, for it was just a short way out from where the school was.

My father had a boat on the lake, so I had many trips both long and short up the lake. Dad took people up as far as Celista, and once we went away up as far as Kamloops, then on to Tranquille where my sister was, beautiful weather, a lovely trip.

Meanwhile Salmon Arm was becoming quite a fruit ( mostly apple ) growing area, attracting people from as far away as England. There were many young orchards planted between here and Kamloops, but frost killed most of them out. There are still some orchards of hardier apples and cherries and small fruit, but in the valley there is mixed farming. It is a pleasant land to live in, both winter and summer, also in between.

## CHAPTER THREE -- 1911 to 1915

In May of 1911 a call was sent to Rev. J. G. Reid who was on special work at the coast. In August the Rev. Reid was inducted to the Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm. The Rev. Hyde from Chase gave the Charge at the induction service which was preached by the Rev. Fisher from Kamloops.

By this time the town of Salmon Arm was growing but not on the lake shore side of the C. P. R. Tracks. Consideration was given by the congregation to a proposal to purchase two corner lots at the south east corner of Centre and First Streets and to build a new church at that location for a cost of \$4,000.00. The proposal was looked upon favourably but the actual building did not happen until 1914.

The first Session was formed on the 16th of December 1912 and the members were:

R. J. Glasgow, R. B. Mathews, Albert Bedford and W. E. Brett.

The Rev. Reid was assisted by Rev. James Hyde and E. S. Wood.

During the winter months services were held in the church at 11:00 A.M. and in Eureka Hall at 2:30 and 7:30 P.M. Sunday School attendance improved greatly at the new location.

The new church on Lyman Hill (which became a Scout Hall on Second Ave. N.E.) was dedicated by the Rev. Dr. McKay, Principal of Westminster College, Vancouver on the 10th of May 1914.

The Rev. Henderson from Armstrong referred to services being held here 25 years ago.

The following is an excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer of the 14th May 1914:-

*"On Sunday morning and evening the new church building erected by the Presbyterians of the city and district, situated on Lyman View, was opened by special service in charge of Rev. Dr. McKay, Principal of Westminster College, Vancouver, who preached to large congregations both morning and evening. On both occasions the building was filled to overflowing, many finding it impossible to find seats. Mr. McKay is a very able and interesting speaker and those who attended were much pleased with both sermons. Special music was rendered by the augmented choir, Mrs. J. D. Reid singing a solo in the morning and Mrs. F. S. Green in the afternoon. On Monday evening the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary held a concert and social in the church building, a very nice program being rendered. In addition to the vocal numbers there were addresses by Revs. Stewart and Henderson of Armstrong and the pastor (Rev. J. G. REID). The latter gave the information that the first Presbyterian services were held here over 25 years ago and the church building which has now been vacated was opened 16 years ago. Tasty*

*The new church, while not a large structure, is a credit to the city and congregation. In addition to the auditorium, a church parlour for the use of the choir and the Sunday School, and the Women's Auxiliary on occasion of social evenings, has been erected at the rear. The church is handsomely finished both inside and out, the inside decorations being dark and light brown and cream. Four groups of lights in the body of the church and three electric wall brackets back of the pulpit and choir, amply light the building at the evening services.*  
*We congratulate the Presbyterians in the district on the result of their efforts.*"

In 1915 St. Andrew's Church in Salmon Arm was ministered to by the Rev. J. G. Reid who was elected Moderator of Presbytery in February of that year.

Members of the Presbyterian congregation played a fairly active part in the social activities of Salmon Arm. In 1915 the Rev. George A. Wilson gave the lecture at the Burns' Night entertainment and J. Hislop recited *The Cotter's Saturday Night*.

The following appeared in a newspaper clipping dated the 4th of November 1915:-  
*A goodly crowd of some 70 people attended the Halloween party at Mr. and Mrs. Kernaghan's on Thursday last. The spacious premises were well adapted for such a gathering and the entire ground floor was given up to the guests. In the front room was gathered the most select group. We will be pardoned for saying so when we explain that it was the group which contained the ladies. There songs and readings were rendered and games of gentility were played. The other rooms were devoted to the playing of games of cards, counters, table croquet and the likes. A very amusing game involved pinning a donkey's tail on a painted figure of that most useful of animals, the players attempting to do so being blindfolded. The player who pins the tail closest to the spot most favoured by nature is winner. The attempts which were wide of the mark caused a great deal of merriment. The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church was richer by some \$7.55 raised during the revels.*"

## CHAPTER FOUR -- 1916 to 1920

**B**etween 1914 and 1918 the regular lifestyle in Salmon Arm was affected by the large numbers of men who had gone to the conflict in Europe. A first hand account of this experience was recorded by Louise Wright in the following article.

### WARTIME MEMORIES (1914 - 1918)

By Louise Wright

*All the trains were filled with troops, men, young and old, hanging out the windows waving as they passed through each town on their way across Canada. The young people would all run down to see the train and wave at the soldiers. Often a box of apples was taken to the station. They were quickly eaten up by the men.*

*There were many sad farewells, everyone tried to keep their spirits up, never knowing if we'd see each other again.*

*My husband-to-be was one of those who went away. I waited four years for him. While fighting in France he was wounded in the arm. A poison set in, preventing healing. He spent one year in hospital in England. Finally he returned to Canada by boat, then across Canada by train to Vancouver's Shaughnessy Hospital. In all, he had eight operations on his arm. There was no strength left in it. With much time, determination and skilful nursing, he regained the use of his arm.*

*What joy the day he came home to Silvercreek. His family and I were so excited to finally have him back with us. We had lost my brother to the war, as well as cousins and friends. So many men, some of them just boys, never came back.*

*Hard as it was to accept their loss, we have always honoured their memories. The sacrifice they made so we should live in freedom and peace, and they shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them!*



Recruits for B.C.H. leaving Salmon Arm to enlist.  
Duscan photo: courtesy Salmon Arm Museum.

On the fourteenth of November 1918 the local paper noted that the Rev. M. D. McKee of Grand Forks had been appointed to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm.

The Rev. J. R. O'Brien was the resident minister at Notch Hill around this time (1917-1923).

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian church of Salmon Arm completed a campaign to raise their congregation to a self supporting status on the 26th of June 1919. They had set an objective of forty dollars per week but the campaign exceeded the highest expectations going considerably over the top.

A combined Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday School picnic was held at Pierre's Point on the 16th of August 1919.

## Chapter Five -- 1921 to 1925

In 1921 Services were being held at Glenoma, Glen Eden, Silver Creek, Mt. Ida Hall, Broadview and Canoe. Rev. Hobden was the Methodist minister assisted by Mr. Redman. Rev. George Wilson was back for the Anniversary Services.

Excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer dated the 3rd of February 1921:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 11:00 a.m.,  
Sunday School 12:15, 7:00 p.m.  
Young People's Social Friday, 6th  
Divine Service Mt. Ida Hall 3:00 p.m.

Members and adherents are asked to line up with sincerity with the "Forward Movement" call for an applied Christianity that will heal our social wounds thus bringing of every national interest under the control of Jesus Christ. Hearty welcome to all strangers.

On the 8th of September 1921 Presbytery meeting was held in Salmon Arm with more than 20 ministers and representative elders attending. The Presbytery, at that time, extended from North Bend (Fraser Canyon) to Field.

Ministers in the area at that time included:

Rev. C.C. Campbell-Brown, Okanagan Centre.  
Rev. C.A. Campbell, Rutland.  
Rev. J.W. Scott Enderby.  
Rev. William Stott, Armstrong.

An excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer dated 12 January 1923.

*"The young people of the Presbyterian Church held a sleigh drive last night, of which no doubt our readers in the valley are very well aware, as their yells and catcalls were heard all along their route. Three sleigh loads left the church at eight o'clock sharp and went out the valley road, turning up by Macleod's corner, past the cemetery, and coming back by way of Piccadilly Road. The sleighs, which were kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. McPhail, Arnold and West, were loaded to full capacity with about ninety in each sleigh. They arrived back in town about half past ten and went back to the church where they played "Pass the Handkerchief". Refreshments were then served."*

Rev. C.A. Campbell from Rutland preached at Salmon Arm on the 25th of January 1923; later that year he became the minister of this church.

In 1925 a vote for Church union was taken by the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists in Canada resulting in the formation of the United Church of Canada.

Rev. Peter Connell and Rev. M. D. McKee both voted for union.

At this time services were held in the Rex Hall or Baptist Church.

An excerpt from a history of the church compiled by the Rev. Rex Krepps.

*"Church Union in 1925 saw a union between three national Churches, the Presbyterian, the Methodist and the Congregationalists. This was called by many "the disruption". There were many Presbyterians who voted for Church Union, but there were many opposed as well. The "Unionists" won the day by a majority of two. Those who did not desire to enter Church Union, or the United Church of Canada, decided to continue in their own Presbyterian Church traditions. They desired to have their property back again, so the Property Committee of the United Church of Canada returned their building along with the \$600.00 mortgage which was owing."*

The Presbyterians who remained reorganised with the assistance of the Rev. D. A. Smith, the Superintendent of Missions in this area and worshipped in the Baptist Church until the United Church of Canada returned the Presbyterian property to the remaining members.

An excerpt from the S. A. Observer dated the 19th of March 1925:

*"St. Patrick's night under the auspices of the Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary was a decided success. A very enjoyable programme of songs and recitation was followed by a "hat trimming" contest among the men which provided a great deal of amusement."*

An excerpt from the S. A. Observer dated the 26th of March 1925:

*"An interesting service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday last, when addresses on the work of the Women's Missionary Society were given by Mrs. W.C. Fraser and Mrs Frank Hail. The routine of the service was carried out in great part by the girls of the congregation. A very interesting lantern lecture was given on Friday night last in the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Connell with the help of Rev. Keyworth. The lecture dealt with the seeking of Christ through "The Other Wise Man", the book written by Dr. Henry Van Dyke. The slides were interesting and highly coloured. Recitations and songs followed."*

An excerpt from the S. A. Observer dated the 23rd of April 1925:

*"An enjoyable social evening and concert was held last Friday evening in the Presbyterian Church by the Senior C. G. I. T.. Quite a number of people were present to enjoy the various items on the program and the refreshments served by the girls. The first item on the program was community singing led by Mr. Bedford. The next number was a debate on the subject "Resolved That Swimming is of More Benefit to the Health than Skating", with Misses Winifred Bishop, Margaret Bedford and Eleanor Scott speaking for the affirmative and David Aitken, Carson McGuire and Norman Williston speaking for the negative. After hearing a good deal of argument and brilliant repartee, the judges made their decision in favour of the girls. The program concluded with a play called "Aunt Betsy's Dilemma" which featured as major players Olive Boutwell, Dolly Woodham and Beatrice Jeffers."*

An excerpt from the S. A. Observer dated the 5th of November 1925:

*"St. Andrew's Church choir held its weekly practice at Canoe at the home of Mr. W. Kirk last night. Cars for transportation were provided by Miss E. Barr, Mr. H. Purdy and Mr. Bedford. The music being practised is of a special THANKSGIVING nature and will be rendered at both morning and evening services next Sunday."*

## Chapter Six -- 1926 to 1930

**A**mong the ministers who were around at this time were:  
 Mr. Dewar, 6th November 1925 to May 1926.Mr. Hutchison, 27th May 1926 to September 1926 Church attendance was 18 - 20.Mr. F. Dingle September 1926 to JUNE 1928. Mr Dingle's salary was \$45.00 per month. There were two services with an average attendance of 50 people.

An excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer dated the 21st January 1926:

*"Under the auspices of St. Andrew's Women's Missionary Society, a sleigh ride was arranged on Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barr on the Lakeshore Road. A large number of people availed themselves of the accommodation provided by Mrs. Arnold, Mr. McPhail and Mr. Sinclair from Bedford's Corner and about 60 people were present when the proceedings opened.*

*Beginning with community singing, the event proved most enjoyable, and the evening passed all too quickly. The programme arranged by Mrs. Williston was of an entertaining and diverting character and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large company. Songs were rendered by Miss Marjorie Barr, Mrs. Diamond, the Misses Scott, Miss Margaret Woodman and Mr. A. Bedford. An instrumental was played by the Misses Barr, and recitations were given by Mrs. Connall and Mrs. Williston. Refreshments provided by the W. M. S. Were served at the close."*

The Salmon Arm Observer of 1st April 1926 carried the following:

*"The inaugural ceremony by which local union will be consummated between St. Andrew's and Wesley congregations will take place in Wesley Church Sunday, April 18th, 1926 at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will follow that used in uniting Toronto churches last year. The membership rolls of both churches will be read and deposited. The Holy Communion will be an integral part of the service. Owing to the limited seating capacity of the church, admission will be by ticket, which members of the congregation must obtain from the ministers before April 12."*

An excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer dated the 2nd of December 1926:

*"In accordance with the standing custom, the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Salmon Arm fittingly celebrated the memorable holiday on Friday evening last by holding their annual supper and concert. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, over 200 people sat down to supper. The tables were decorated with many different varieties of flowers and greens. The boards groaned under the weight of good things which gladdened the eye and tempted the appetite. Real Scotch Haggis graced the table and was well received by all. After supper, while the hall was being prepared for the concert, many expressions of satisfaction were heard, consensuses of opinion being that this was one of the best St. Andrew's suppers ever held in Salmon Arm. During the interval, Mr. Carroll kindly entertained the audience with a picture. They enjoyed it immensely and the ladies of St. Andrew's certainly appreciated Mr. Carroll's kindness. At 8 o'clock the program arranged by Miss Muuro and Mr. Parday was staged. This couple could have been no other than gratified at the success of their efforts, for the hall was filled and every contribution was well received."*

In 1927 the Rev. F. Dingle, B.A., D.D. was the minister at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The Ladies' of the congregation were quite active in the social sphere of the community as witnessed by the following news items:

An excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer dated the 25th of January 1927:

*"The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold a sleigh ride on Tuesday next. Sleights will leave Bedford's corner at 8 o'clock. Program and refreshments will be served at Mrs. Carroll's after the drive."*

And from the Salmon Arm Observer dated the 21st of April 1927:

*"A Shakespearean evening under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Ferguson on Thursday evening next. Both refreshments and a good program will be served. Admission is 25 cents."*

The following is from the recollections of Roland Jamieson.

#### A Warm September Sunday. By Roland Jamieson

The year 1925 brought about the union of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches to become the United Church of Canada. It was not a unanimous choice and many of the dissenters held firm to their old faith.

For the past two years, a small band of loyal Presbyterians had come to worship in their small brown and cream trimmed church at the foot of the hill on Harris Street, opposite the girl's playground of the Salmon Arm elementary four roomed school. Most of the congregation had come to terms with their inner emotions and the loss of their friends to the larger church, one block away across from the cenotaph and library.

The warm autumn sun had persuaded most of the people who were walking, to remove their coats until they entered the church. They gathered in front of their place of worship, relishing a few minutes of visiting. All agreed that it was, indeed, a fine day, and not a bit like fall as they donned their coats before entering the church and finding a place on the wooden pews.

The large hand-pumped organ was centred at the back wall on a full width raised platform. The pulpit was to the left and at the front of the stage and directly over a large heating floor register connected to an oversized wood burning furnace in the basement. The choir stairs were arranged to the right adjacent to the three steps up from the main floor and leading into the door into the cloakrooms and kitchen, and from there down a long flight of stairs to the basement and outside entrance. To the

left at the foot of these stairs were two Sunday School classrooms, and another door to the furnace room, and a large supply of dry wood neatly piled by the caretaker.

Mr. Frank Boniman worked as an auctioneer's clerk and owned a second hand store which was maintained in a very orderly manner. He was also the Presbyterian Church caretaker and was always prepared for winter with a large supply of kindling and old papers stored in a safe place. The matches were stored in a yellow can formerly filled with McDonalds cut plug chewing tobacco. The can was placed on a beam that could only be reached by standing on a chair. The furnace was set, ready for the first cold morning with the wood piled like a teepee in the cavernous fire box.

Mrs Pickering was the organist and never missed a Sunday. She always arrived first accompanied by her grandson Herbie who was the regular organ pumper. The pumper was hidden behind a movable screen beside the organ pump handle on the right side and beside the choir. There was a single chair behind the screen for the pumper to use between hymns. It was very important to maintain constant air pressure in the organ bellows concealed in the lower section and above the four levers controlled by the organist's feet. Mrs. Pickering was an excellent musician and a strict disciplinarian with the choir and the organ pumper.

Herbie and I were school classmates and good friends so when he was laid up with a cold, his grandmother asked me to pump the organ this Sunday. However, she did not believe Herbie would stay inside on such a fine day and since neither family had a telephone, there were two organ pumpers behind the screen, and no time to rectify the situation. The church members were in place, and Mrs. Pickering was busy with last minute instructions to the choir, who were missing two tenors. (They had gone fishing.)

The small congregation were always short of funds and were not able to sustain a full-time minister for any great length of time. It was an irregular procession of theology students and graduates, retired ministers and now it was the Reverend F. Dingle, B.A., D.D., who would be preaching this Sunday. He had been in Salmon Arm for a few months and there had been whispers in the tea and cookie circles that the Reverend was not an ordained minister and that the several couples who had been married by him were no doubt living in sin. The Reverend Dingle may have heard about the unfounded gossip, said to have been started by the unhappy wife of a clergyman from another denomination and so on this beautiful sunny day the text of the sermon was Proverbs 5:3-5. "For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood.

sharp as a two edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell."

The Reverend Dingle was at his best when he met the Devil and the fires of hell head on. His audience sat in a cold sweat. Some were transfixed, vowing inwardly to increase their contribution to the church next Sunday.

Prior to the sermon and just after the children's hymn of "Jesus Loves Me", Herbie and I had a brief scuffle trying to be the first for the chair. We broke the chair and knocked over the screen and were now in full view of the congregation. The Reverend Dingle glared at us and suggested that one of us should leave. An embarrassed Mrs. Pickering told Herbie to stay where he was. I turned to leave, tripping over the broken chair. With flaming red face I hurried across the platform in front of the choir and a stunned congregation to the kitchen door and that long flight of stairs to freedom. My footsteps sounded like echoing thunder.

Part way down the stairs a cold chill possessed me and I was committed to the power of the Devil. I placed Mr. Bonoman's chair so I could reach the matches in the yellow can on the beam. My heart was pounding at a furious rate as I opened the furnace door and lit the fire. I left the basement by the back door & ran across Harris Street to the safety of a large pile of cordwood behind the school.

Herbie knew where to find me, and after church came over and told me the rest of the events of morning service. He had picked up the fallen screen and borrowed an empty chair from the choir and sat down. He noticed that his grandmother was bent over the organ keys. He was not sure if she was crying or laughing. Tears were streaming down her cheeks and her shoulders were shaking.

By now the Reverend Dingle had started to sweat as the church became very warm, and he stopped his sermon to ask someone to open a window. There were eight windows, and each one had two volunteers who struggled briefly but to no avail. The church had been painted several times since it was built in 1912 and the windows were included in the paint job. They refused to budge! Three men then tried on one window and managed to break the lower pane with a loud shattering of splintered glass. Fortunately there was no loss of blood.

There seemed to be no relief from the mounting temperature. Opening the front door let in the heat from the near- noon sun. By now the Reverend Dingle appeared to have wilted. His voice had been reduced to an inaudible whisper. As the sweat dripped from his chin, the fury of the fires of hell became a reality.

Herbie had a grin on his face as he concluded, saying "The minister mentioned your name, asking forgiveness for a wayward young boy in the closing prayer."

It was not long before my parents were informed of the morning's events at the church, and I spent the rest of the day in my bedroom reading "Huckleberry Finn". I am sure I heard the sound of laughter from the dining-room downstairs.

Mr. F. Dingle, preached from 1926 till June 1928. He was paid \$45.00 per month and conducted two services with an average total attendance of 50.

J. A. McAllister preached from June 1928 till April 1929.

An excerpt from a history of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Salmon Arm compiled by the Reverend Rex Krepps reads:

*"There are usually some odd incidents that happen in the life of any Church at one time or another. One interesting incident in the life of St. Andrew's Salmon Arm, was the experience of getting a "Minister" who was no minister at all in the person of a "Mr. Dingle" who had never been ordained in any Church. At the present time we have no record of any marriages or baptisms which were presided over by him. He stayed in Salmon Arm about one year."*

G.H.Snell ministered from May 1929 till 7th September 1929.

J.F.Bell came in October 1929 and stayed until 1932. (Mr. Bell emigrated from Australia in 1929. In 1930 he was received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and served at Armstrong, Salmon Arm and Canoe. When the Rev.J.F.Bell left the services were conducted by the Rev.M.D. McKee, a former minister.

Church records prior to 1929 were destroyed in the 1928 Merchant Block Fire.

In August 1929 the three Presbyterian Sunday Schools from Canoe, Armstrong and Salmon Arm had a joint picnic at Canoe beach with an attendance of about 75 persons.

## Chapter Seven -- 1931 to 1935

In 1931 the Rev. J. F. Bell ministered to the Salmon Arm congregation. The ladies were as active as usual and, in January of that year, the ladies of St. Andrew's Missionary Society held a Burns' Night at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Aitken; there were about 50 folk present.

In 1933 the Rev. Bell had been replaced by the Rev. Howard Doig.

In a newspaper clipping dated 31st January 1935 it was noted that the Rev. Doig had presided at the Burns' Night social and had given a very interesting talk on Robert Burns.

An excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer dated the 31st of January 1935:

*"Following their annual custom the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carroll on Tuesday last, in memory of Robbie Burns. There was a very large attendance. The Rev. H. A. Doig, minister of the church, presided and gave a most interesting address on Burns. Mrs Pickering and Mrs. Stewart gave a piano duet. Miss Evans sang "Ye Banks and Braes." Mrs Campbell gave a humorous Scotch reading. Mr. A. Bedford sang "Scots Wha Hae." Mrs. R. Perry sang "Annie Laurie." Mrs. Williston sang "Duncan Gray" and Mr. J. Hislop gave, in his usual good style, readings from the bard. A sumptuous supper which included the famed Black Bun and Shortbread made a fitting end to a wholly enjoyable evening."*

## Chapter Eight -- 1936 to 1940

**R**ev. G. Sydney Barber was the minister at St. Andrews in 1936. The Rev. Barber lived in Armstrong but ministered to the Salmon Arm congregation. Records tell of Baptisms and Weddings performed by him.

An excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer dated the 2nd of July 1936:

*"The ladies of the Presbyterian Church were favoured with lovely weather for their lawn social last Wednesday evening ( 24th June 1936 ). About 60 attended and enjoyed the good things provided, including the vocal entertainment. Some of those taking part were little Miss Reader, Miss Collier, Mr. A. Collier, Mrs. Carroll and Miss Munro. The scene with coloured lights at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carroll was very pretty."*

The Presbyterians of Vernon had joined with the Methodists to form the United Church but, in 1937, a small group of former Presbyterians persuaded the Rev. Sydney Barber of Armstrong to take an evening service in Vernon; he eventually moved to Vernon.

An excerpt from a history compiled by Don Taylor for the occasion of the Service of Dedication of the 4th St. Andrew's Church on 6th April 1976:

*"...By 1937 the population of school age children had increased to such an extent that the School Board approached the congregation to lease the church building on week days for additional facilities. This arrangement remained in effect until 1940 when the School Board purchased the church outright to meet their expanding needs."*

Salmon Arm was ministered to by Mr. Wycherely, who was with us from 1938 till June 1940. We also have mention of Rev. Dickey of Kamloops and the Rev. A.C. Wishart.

**14th July 1938:** An excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer of this date:

*"The recent garden party held by the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carroll was very successful. Although the evening was cool and a little showery there was a large turnout of visitors who enjoyed the various items arranged for them. Following the entertainment, refreshments were served on the beautiful lawn which was lighted by lanterns. The visitors were delighted with their entertainment and the ladies in charge were equally pleased with the attendance. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Carroll for the privilege of holding the social there once more."*

Rev. M.S. Blackburn of Kamloops, performed baptisms in 1939 in Salmon Arm.

In 1940 the School Board purchased the Presbyterian Church building, which it had been renting since 1937, and the congregation undertook to build their third church in Salmon Arm. The new building was to be located on Third Avenue (now Third Street).

The Rev. Malcolm Stewart Blackburn, D.D. was the guest speaker at the 1940 Burns' Night.

## Chapter Nine -- 1941 to 1945

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid held a Barn's Night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carroll with about fifty guests in attendance on the 29th of January 1941. No doubt the Bard's wish that "Man to man, the warld o'er, shall brithers be for a' that" would have held added poignancy at that particular time.

The church on Lyman Hill had been sold to the District School Board, which had been leasing it as a supplementary classroom since 1937, and a third church was built on Third Street; this building is now a residence.



The third Presbyterian church to be built in Salmon Arm.

Excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer, Thursday, September 11th, 1941:-

*"Last Sunday afternoon the Presbyterian people of Salmon Arm dedicated their new building on Third Avenue (now Third Street). This will be the third church they have built here, one was across the railway track near the cedar 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 colour. 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 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. Presbyterians were expected to attend worship every Lord's Day and every day should have their devotions at home.*

*The church gave manual edification and education. There is much ignorance and many are ill informed 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.*"

An excerpt from a history compiled by Don Taylor for the occasion of the Service of Dedication of the 4th St. Andrew's Church on 6th April 1976:

*"—On September 7th, 1941, the third and present church building was dedicated and is located on Third Avenue. The congregation was small and while there were fears that it might have to disband, the Board of Missions came to the rescue and through their generosity the building was completed."*

In 1942 the Rev. G. S. Barber preached at St. Andrew's and also ministered to Vernon and Armstrong.

After the Rev. Barber came the Rev. Stanley Vance who continued with the three point charge.

Vernon had an attendance of 40 to 50. Armstrong had an attendance of about 35.

The Rev. Stanley Vance presided at the Annual Meeting held on the 30th of January 1945.

At this annual meeting a vote of thanks was made to Mrs. Irvine for donating the pulpit chair in honour of the faithful work of the Sunday School teachers and to the ladies of the Auxiliary.

## Chapter Ten -- 1946 to 1965

During the war years attendance at the church had dwindled as many of the members of the congregation had been called to action. The ladies of the church were, however, very active. They arranged for church services, had money making projects and formed a "Welcome and Welfare Group" for newcomers which remained in operation until 1959.

In an afternoon service, on the 12th of February 1946, the Rev. Russell Self presided at the burning of the mortgage on the third St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church building in Salmon Arm.

In 1947 the Rev. S. Hill Kerr was paid \$50.00 by the Mission Board and \$30.00 (later raised to \$35.00) by the Salmon Arm congregation. The Rev. Kerr left Salmon Arm in April of 1947.

Rev. Walter Ross and Mr. McPhee are mentioned in 1948 and, in 1949, the Rev. R.J. Gillanders is recorded as being the minister for the St. Andrew's Church in Salmon Arm.

The Rev. R. J. Gillanders left Salmon Arm in February of 1951.

Mr. A. P. McKenzie read scriptures on the 15th of February 1952 at the Memorial Service for King George VI.

Rev. Harold Thomas Colvin served Armstrong and Salmon Arm in 1953 and 1954.

Mrs. Young, a former Deaconess, was active in the Evening Guild.

Miss Catherine Foote, a Deaconess, served the congregation from 1955 until the fall of 1956.

Miss Foote was a graduate of Dalhousie University, Halifax and Ewart College. She graduated in 1954 but returned the following year for special courses before coming to Salmon Arm. Plans for overseas work were abandoned in favour of marriage. Miss Foote became Mrs. Kohlsmith and moved to Stellarton, Nova Scotia where she taught at the West Pictou District High School in 1976.

Excerpt from notes on Salmon Arm written by Rev. Rex. Krepps in 1980:

"....I am certain that they (the ladies of the Presbyterian Church) were encouraged when a Miss Cathy Foutie from Nova Scotia was appointed as a summer student to Salmon Arm. Cathy was the first Presbyterian female student for the ministry. She never did complete the training for the ministry though for she fell in love, married, raised a family and lived in Salmon Arm for a period of time....."

W. Ernest Smythe arrived on the 9th of June 1957.

Rev. Charles E. Bray held evening services in Salmon Arm from 1958 until 1961. He left Salmon Arm for Ontario and later retired to Penticton.

An excerpt from a history compiled by Don Taylor for the occasion of the Service of Dedication of the 4th St. Andrew's Church on 6th April 1976:

"...During the years 1938 to 1961 the Women's Guild was very active in arranging for church services and undertaking money making projects to support the congregation. They also purchased much needed Hymn Books.

In the years during and after the Second World War the number of members dwindled and could no longer support a minister. Services were held and ministers came from surrounding communities when they could.

Many ministers were appointed by the Mission Board during this period who each came and ministered for a while. These included Dick Gillander, Ernest Smythe and Charles Bray. Finally, on November 4th, 1962, the church was closed and so remained until January 10, 1965."

## Chapter Eleven -- 1966 to 1971

The Rev. Ivan Gamble was named Interim Moderator for Salmon Arm.

The Rev. Howard Kerr accepted a call to Vernon.

In this year it was decided to ordain women to the teaching and ruling eldership of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Renewed interest was shown in Salmon Arm through the efforts of workers such as Mr. Albert Mudiman, Mrs. Allan, Keith Shearer, Caroline McLelland (Mrs. Marriott) and several laymen who were willing to take the services.

Caroline Marriott recollects that she arrived in Salmon Arm in 1964 and that there were no Presbyterian services held in town at that time. In January of 1965 Keith Shearer organised a group of Presbyterians who held evening services every second Sunday.

In January 1965 Caroline moved to Kamloops but would often spend Sundays in Salmon Arm. After the evening service she would return to Kamloops with the Rev. I. Gamble and Mr. N. M. McDonald. Both of these gentlemen were blessed with fine voices and, according to Caroline, the return trips resembled being at a concert.

In January 1966 Caroline returned to Salmon Arm, married Roger Marriott and became busy with the affairs of St. Andrew's. Between 1971 and 1982 she organised and led many summer camps.

An excerpt from a history of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Salmon Arm compiled by the Reverend Rex Krepps:

*"An active Elder from the Presbyterian Church, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory retired to live in Salmon Arm. His name was Mr. Albert Mudiman. A man dedicated to God whom he loved and to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Also known at this time was Mrs. Allan, owner of the Shamrock Motel, an adult student by the name of Keith Shearer, a young Scottish school teacher by the name of Caroline McLelland (who was later to become Mrs. Roger Marriott), who were vitally interested in the little Church in Salmon Arm. They decided to meet for services, never certain whether or not the minister would arrive.*

*Then there came the time that people from other countries of the Reformed and Calvinist theology moved into the community. They were interested in that little Presbyterian Church being opened for worship services. Some of the names now being listed are families such as the Vander Hocks, the Smidts, the Sibengas, the Jans and the Pottie families.*

Student Brian Conlan from Glasgow University supplied for the summer.

Henry Schalm, a layman, served the congregation from September 1968 till July '70

Dr. W. O. Nugent was Superintendent of Missions.

In 1968 Howard Vander Hoek was Sunday School Superintendent.

Student John Spiers, from Scotland, supplied for the summer of 1969.

Student Peter Baeder, from Germany, supplied for the summer of 1970.

Howard Vander Hoek was Clerk of Session in 1971.



Gwyneth Hanna / Renate Hanna : Caroline Marriott / Diane Marriott  
after a baptismal service by the Rev. Ivan Gamble in 1971.

In 1971 the Board of Missions conducted a survey of this area and decided that a renewed effort should be made to support the Salmon Arm congregation; they sent the Rev. Rex and Mrs. Krepps.

On the 30th of December 1971 a Service of Recognition was held for Rev. Rex Krepps who had just arrived with his family after a harrowing trip from Winnipeg. Not only did they have to contend with adverse weather conditions but the Rev. Krepps and his elder son, Leland, had to nurse his wife, Trudy, and the other son,

Brent, who had been struck down by a bout of the flu. Upon their arrival they were met by Howard Vander Hoek, Clerk of Session, who took them to the newly constructed manse. Due to some poor communications between the Mission Board office in Toronto and the contractor in Salmon Arm their first night in the manse was on sufferance.

The Rev. Krepps was born in Brock, Sask. and graduated from the University of Toronto and Knox College, Toronto. He had served in Virden, Man. for eight years and a similar period of time in Winnipeg before coming to Salmon Arm. Rev. Krepps served on the National Board of Missions and on numerous Church committees at the Presbytery level.

He served at Salmon Arm from December 1971 until August 1981, at Haney Presbyterian Church from 1981 until 1987 and retired in June of 1987.

## Chapter Twelve -- 1972 to 1975

Excerpt from "A Fire Is Kindled" by the Rev. Rex Krepps (page 197)

"*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm was a very small, one room building, with a peaked roof and three or four windows along two sides of the building. A platform, a pulpit, a pulpit chair, and a few wooden benches furnished the building. Someone had put a plywood partition at the back of the church and had installed a washroom.*

*By keeping that church open, a story of perseverance could be told of the Vander Hoek, Mudiman, McArthur, Turner, Watson, Strong, Billings, Hanna and Blair families. There were about twenty people in the congregation, who were most desirous of having their Presbyterian Church fellowship grow. They were an enthusiastic group of people, and that suited our type of ministry just fine.*"

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"*Looking over this congregation, you could see people from many national backgrounds, such as Canadian, American, Dutch, English, Scottish, Irish, German, Swedes and many others. All brought their gifts and talents to the work of the Church, and the Church prospered.*"

*A van was purchased to provide transportation to church for those who required it and to assist senior citizens with their shopping trips.*

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"*-- I began a Book of the Month Series. This sermon was meant to give the congregation an introduction to a book of the Bible; then, they were to read the rest of the book at home. In this way, they could read right through their Bible in five years time.*

*During the festive season, children from the Sunday School and mid week program, went out singing Christmas carols to the sick and shut-in. They were always well received. Dilys and Stuart Hanna provided the refreshments after those carolling expeditions. The children adored them for serving hot chocolate and cookies.*"

*Assistance was given to the Alcoholics Anonymous group.*

*Summer camping trips were established.*

*A Boy's Brigade group was started in the church building with six or eight members; the numbers soon grew so that they were obliged to find new accommodation in a school gymnasium. John and Janet Hanna assisted with the leadership.*

*Trudy Krepps started a Pioneer Girl's Brigade which also had the use of the gymnasium; she was assisted by Joyce Parkinson, Renate Hanna and Margaret Kennedy.*

Attendance at the church continued to grow; among the newcomers were Bill and Margaret Bews, a young teacher, David Parkerton and his wife Joyce, Johnny and Thelma Jackson from Kamloops, the Banting, Harder, Hobbs, Southern, McVagh, Tighe, Speller, Wright, Dunn, Ferguson, Findlay, Kemp, Land, McQueen, Sklapsky and Vanderwell families.

*Harriet Vonder Hoek and James Hanna were one of the first couples to be wed by the Rev. Krepps in Salmon Arm. Harriet sang in the choir; James and his brother John lead the Boy's Brigade.*

*New additions to the congregation included the Conley, Harper, Friesen, Balt, Harrington, Burnfield, Irwin, Kennedy, McKay, Seidenrich, Walker, Desjardine, Kent, Rogalski, Stevens, Harris and Nicolle families.*

*Stuart Hanna managed the finances of the church from 1979. "*



*The Rev. Rex Krepps officiates at the wedding of Heather Dickson (Dilys Hanna's daughter) & Allen Bason on February 5th 1972 in the third Presbyterian church of Salmon Arm, B.C.*

At the June 1972 Annual Meeting an unusual but fortuitous event occurred. Frank and Lee, two fourteen year olds, made and seconded a motion that a new church should be built. This was opposed on the grounds that the funds were lacking. Howard (Vander Hoek ?) suggested that "faith" could be used to start with. The motion was carried.

The 16th July 1972 JUNIOR CAMP at Little Shuswap Lake Camp was staffed by:-

Rev. Krepps - Director;	Mrs Krepps - Nurse on Staff
Mrs. Jean Tighe and Mrs. Mary Watson - Cooks	
Mr. John Smith from Armstrong - Life-Guard	
Mr. Brian Lindblom, Winnipeg ]	LEADERS
Mr. Bob Matheson, Kelowna ]	
Miss Sandy Sisney, Kelowna ]	
Miss Susan Holmwood, Vernon ]	
Rev. George Peters from Kamloops brought in the supplies.	



*Mrs. Kolkind, Mrs. Mudiman, Mrs. Vander Hoek and Mrs. Krepps at the 1972 summer camp picnic*

An undated church notice:

*"The Key 73 program for our Church is now under way. The theme is to present Jesus Christ to every person on the North American continent in 1973. We invite all of you to participate. The week-day Bible Study is on this theme.*

Records of church activities in 1973 are more readily available than for previous years and some of the highlights are as follows:

The Congregational Annual Meeting which was held on the 9th of February 1973. The Ladies Group elected the following officers: Mrs. Dilys Hanna - Chair, Mrs. Thelma Jackson - Vice Chair, Mrs. Janet Hanna - Treasurer.

On the 3rd of April 1973 the Rev. Dr. M. Putnam, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, visited Saint Andrew's and met with the various groups in the church.

On the 20th of April 1973 the Vernon, Armstrong and Salmon Arm Presbyterian Churches held a joint Annual Good Friday Worship Service in the Armstrong Church.

On the 22nd of April 1973 the Gateway Singers from Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary gave a special Easter Sunday evening performance in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm.

A church announcement dated the 10th of June 1973:

*"Immediately after the Service of Worship and Praise this morning the entire congregation is invited to the Church Picnic at the Cliff Horsley Cabin which is located between Sandy Point Resort and the Public Beach. The Church is the family of God, let us one and all make this a family day of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Come and get acquainted better. There is a nice beach for those who want the beach, a nice porch for those who would just prefer to come and sit. There is a field for those who are the more active type.*

*We welcome to our Church today, those who are visiting with us, and those who are just getting to know what the Church is all about."*

A Halloween party for the youth groups of the Church, which was held in the South Broadview School in October of '73, had an attendance of 52 children and 10 adults.

Miss Brenda Moncrieff, Regional Resource Person for B.C. and Alta., held Teacher Training Classes and Leadership Training Events, from the 5th until the November 1973, for all interested teachers, leaders and assistants.

The annual St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Christmas Concert was held on the 15th of December 1973 in St. Andrew's Church on third street.



A pancake supper followed the Annual General Meeting held on the 8th of February 1974.

The following was submitted by Norma Speller of St. Andrews:

*"A Mariners Couples Group was started at St. Andrews by Ed and Norma Speller.*

*Our first meeting was on February 14th 1974. Eleven couples attended and we all renewed our marriage vows. Rev. Rex Krepps had the service at the church with a great message. Back at the Speller's home each couple had brought a wedding picture and told about their wedding experience. There were some really funny stories.*

*Our second meeting, on March 18th 1974, was held at Vander Hoek's home with eight couples attending. A ladies fashion show was put on by the men with standing ovations.*

*Our May 13th meeting was held at Vanderwell's with twelve couples attending. A great evening was had by all.*

*The June 17th meeting was held at Jackson's. Twelve couples attended. Rex and John did a rendition of *Three Blind Mice* and Rex did a hula. It was a fun evening.*

*November 12th, our last meeting, was held at Krepps'. Twelve couples attended and we had fun playing 'Bunko'."*

At a Board meeting on the 23rd of May 1974 it was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mary and George Watson for their gracious gift of the grand piano.

The morning Church Service was followed by the Congregational Picnic at North Broadview Park on the 23rd of June 1974.

On the 6th of July 1974 a "Centennial Tour in Prayer" arrived in Salmon Arm.

Rev. Rex Krepps was inducted on the 20th of September 1974.

Excerpt from the 29th October, 1975 Salmon Arm Observer:

*"This year the Presbyterian Church in Canada celebrates its 100th anniversary under the Central General Assembly. In Salmon Arm, the 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 fire-side room, minister's study, secretary's office and nursery room. There will be a large clear span basement for youth work and recreation. Also in the basement will be kitchen facilities, stage area, and movable partitions to make up the Sunday School rooms.*

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

*The congregation is pleased to have obtained the services of contractor, Les Palatal, and architect Gordon Yuen of Vancouver.*

*Building is now under way and the sod turning ceremony was held a short time ago. Mrs. Mary McArthur, oldest member of the congregation, turned the first sod. (on 21st September 1975).*

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

On the 1st of January 1975 the Rev. Dr. Doka was transferred to the Synod of British Columbia as Superintendent of Missions, a position he held until his retirement in 1985. During the 70s Dr. Doka often visited St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm.

In September of '75 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Salmon Arm entered a float in the Fall Fair for the first time.

## Chapter Thirteen -- 1976 to 1980

In 1976 the fourth and existing church was built on 20th Street N.E. by the Presbyterian congregation of Salmon Arm.  
At this time St. Andrew's was ministered to by the Rev. Rex Krepps.

Session was comprised of Rev. Rex Krepps - Moderator, Howard Vander Hoek - Clerk, Albert Mudiman, Caroline Marriott, John Vanderwell, Peter Jans, James Hanna and John Jackson

The Board of Managers was made up by James Hanna- Chairman, David Parkinson - Secretary, Donald Taylor - Treasurer, Stuart F. Hanna, Ed Speller and John Vanderwell.

A ceremony for the Dedication of Church Workers and Leaders was held in 1976. In addition to Session and the Board of Managers the following were recognised:  
LADIES GROUP: Thelma Jackson - President, June Beach - Secretary

YOUTH GROUP: James & Harriet Hanna: Sponsors: Lee Krepps President; Brent Krepps Secretary; Terry Beach

GIRLS' BRIGADE: Trudy Krepps, Joyce Parkinson, June Beach

BOYS' BRIGADE: Rev. Rex Krepps, John Balt, David Simmons, John Hanna, Peter Harder, Ed Speller, Cst. Jack Henzie,

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF: Marion Adley - Superintendent pro-tem  
TEACHING STAFF: Rev. Rex Krepps, Howard Vander Hoek, Trudy Krepps, Caroline Marriott, Norma Sawada, Peggy Turner, May Allen, Joyce Parkinson.

CHOIR: Mary Taylor - Director, Cyril Simmons - Organist, Mary Watson - Pianist,  
John and Edith Vanderwell, Howard and Alice Vander Hoek, James and Harriet Hanna, George and Mary Watson, Trudy Krepps.

At the ceremony the workers and leaders were asked if they would faithfully serve the congregation in their various positions and the congregation was asked if it would accept these people as officers.

The last service was held in the third St. Andrew's Church building on the 26th of March 1976. The following is an excerpt from that service:

*"You are welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church today. This is the last Sunday that we will be meeting in this present building. Next Sunday we will be meeting in the new Church. Upon leaving this building we are conscious of those who had the faith to build it and those who had the courage to keep it going. In each generation God has had His saints that showed a loving concern for the needs and welfare of others. As we leave this building and go to the new one, let us, each one pray that we will be faithful to the calling God has given us in the present day. In this Church there were weddings, baptisms and funerals. There were those who shared their great joys together and those who sorrowed with another. This indeed was a house of God, we desire the new building to be continuing the function which the earliest Presbyterians in this community commenced."*

*There were those in this Church who found love, joy and peace, and who found hope to face a new day. We do not want to be any less, but we do want to build and continue to grow in the lines which were laid out for us.*

*There were those in this Church who came to know Christ as their Saviour from their sins, and their Lord of all Life for living. We can do no less than to preach the Word of God and His Salvation for the redemption of mankind.*

*There were those in this Church who learned how to become leaders, officers and teachers, and who went out into the world to do their work in the Church wherever the Lord led them. We must continue to train and send out helpers in the vineyard of our Lord.*

*There were those whose service was beautiful here, and who have now heard the wonderful words from our Lord: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into thy rest." We want to hear the same words of commendation at our life's end, let each one vow in their hearts, by the Grace of God it shall be so."*

On the 3rd of April 1976 the first wedding ceremony to be held in the 4th St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm was for Connie Horsley and David Schleppe; the Rev. Rex Krepps officiated.





Salmon Arm's fourth St. Andrew's Church

On the 4th of April 1976 the first service was held in the new St. Andrew's Church building on 20th Street N.E. Excerpt from the evening service on that day:  
*"Our desire is to use this building to the glory of God. It is not a museum piece, but a living, throbbing place where the love of God is made known in this community and the fields of service abroad."*

Also on this date the Rev. Rex Krepps baptised Christopher Hanna.

The dedication service for the new church building was held on the 6th of April 1976.

An excerpt from a history of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Salmon Arm, B.C. compiled by the Rev. Rex Krepps:

*"By now there are many new names added to the Communion Roll and the phoning list. It is impossible to include them all in this brief history. We would, however, be remiss if we did not mention the Horans, the Vanderwells, the Smilts, the Linds, the Jacksons, the Parkinsons. We must mention as well the work of the Elders of the Session, the men and women serving on the Board of Managers, the Ladies Guild, the Youth Group, all giving devoted and capable service*

In April of 1976 a memorial fund was set up in the name of Alfred Mudiman; it was used to provide shrubs and other materials to help landscape the grounds of the new church.

On Wednesday, the 6th of April 1977, the members of the congregation were invited to join in a "Starvation"; each person was to have just a bowl of rice for supper to make them aware of how one third of the people in the world have to live.

A Friendship Tea was held on the 26th of May 1977 for all the ladies of the churches of the community.

On the 5th of June 1977 the grade XII graduates who were associated with the Church were honoured. The following is a list of their names and ambitions:

Eric Balt	- Caribou College	- Telecommunications
Frank Hale		Career in electrical work
Judy Johannsson		Career in marriage
Bill Kennedy		Career in farming
Lee Krepps	Bible College	University or R. C. M. P.
David McKay	U. B. C.	Engineering ?
Harley Shockey	Bible College	R. C. M. P.
Brian Sims		Will let us know
Cecil Vander Hoek		Farm and train in mechanics
At this time Mrs. M. Green was the organist and Mrs. Mary Taylor the Director of Music.		

A group of ladies gather outside St. Andrew's after their 7th of June 1977 luncheon.  
 Dilys Hanna, Trudy Krepps, Janet Hanna,  
 Edith Vanderwell, Mary Taylor, Trudy Rogalski,  
 Alice Vander Hoek and Mrs. Beetstra, Abbotsford.



On the 26th of June 1977 a pot luck Congregational Picnic was held and the choir from the AA Group sang in Church.

In October of 1977 the Boys Brigade held a bottle drive and a training session on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of this month which was attended by at least eight leaders.



The Drama Club was active in 1978 and a presentation was made by John Hanna, James Hanna, George Watson and Ed Speller.



Colin Harris, a student from Belfast, Northern Ireland, assisted the Rev. Krepps for the summer of 1980.

The Rev. Harris ministered to the Presbyterian Church in Portadown, Northern Ireland in 1986.

The Drama Club continued to flourish under the leadership of Howard Vander Hoek.

The congregation helped sponsor two Vietnamese families. The first, A. Loc Tang and his wife, Va Chan, arrived in January of 1980. They were blessed with a baby girl on the 5th of January 1981. Unfortunately Loc was killed in a road accident after the family had moved to Calgary. The second family, Phoung, Guyen and children arrived later.

The Presbytery of Kamloops met here on a Tuesday and Wednesday in January of 1980. On the Tuesday night a Service of Thanksgiving was highlighted by the adult Baptism of George and Sharon Henly of Sicamous.

12th to 16th May 1980: Activities for this week include: Boy's Brigade, Share and Care Bible Study, Girl's Brigade, Session Meeting, Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Some of the items donated to the church were: A set of chimes which had been donated by Mrs. Pearl Mortimer in honour of her late husband, Robert Mortimer, was dedicated on the 28th of June 1980.

The baptismal font was donated by Mrs. Margery Murchison in loving memory of Donald I. Murchison.

The cloth used on the Lord's Table for Communion Services was designed, crocheted and donated by Mrs. Ella Hesperger.

In December of 1980 John Hanna, Janet Hanna and Bill Matheson were ordained as Elders of the Church. Brien Jackson, who had already been ordained was accepted as an Elder of the Church.

## Chapter Fourteen -- 1981 to 1985

After having achieved the distinction of being the minister with the longest service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm, the Rev. Rex Krepps accepted a call to Maple Ridge and left Salmon Arm in July of 1981. During the summer months the Rev. W. T. Fulton, retired, supplied from Peachland.

The Rev. Dan Firth of Vernon was named Interim Moderator.

Funeral Service for John Vanderwell were held on the 5th of January 1981. John was a member of the building committee for the 4th St. Andrew's Church. He made the Communion Table, the Baptismal Font and helped others with the pews etc.

St. Andrew's hosted the Synod of B.C. Young People's Conference in April of 1981.

The Rev. Wim P. Janssen, B.S.F., M. Div., D. Min. accepted the call to St. Andrew's, was appointed in January 1982 and served till December of 1987. During the Rev. Janssen's ministry the church became self supporting.

The following article appeared in the January 20 th, 1982 edition of the Salmon Arm Observer.

### **NEW MINISTER FOR ST. ANDREW'S**

*The Rev. Dr. Wim Janssen and family were welcomed by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last Thursday evening, January 14th, 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 Birch Presbyterian Church for 12 years.*

*Born in Holland, he came to Canada at the age of 20 and graduated 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 part of the ministry of St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation in Salmon Arm and the larger Shuswap district."*

Rev. Wayne A. Smith, Moderator of the General Assembly, visited Salmon Arm in 1982. St. Andrew's hosted a coffee and dessert hour at which the Rev. Smith gave a talk.

4th - 7th June 1983: Miss Ivy Howard, Christian Education Consultant for the Synod of B.C. met with the Christian Education Committee and Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm.



Some of the Young People attending the residential camp at Scotch Creek in 1983.

The leaders were Caroline & Roger Marriott, Joyce & Dave Parkinson and Marilyn & Wim Janssen.



An excerpt from the Salmon Arm Observer dated the 21st of December '83.

*"Mary, played by Glyneth Hanna, and Joseph, played by Darren Bigga, 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 Janssen photo)



Several congregation members participated in the 1982 Christmas Eve Service .  
In the above picture are, Jessica Parkinson, Melissa Parkinson, Chris Hanna,  
Arliss Janssen, Michael Hanna, Owen Hanna, Karen Engelbrecht, Joseph Hanna,  
Klint Irman, Stephen Janssen and Steve Brook.



One of the many pot luck suppers held in 1984.

The Young People (grades 1 to 6 ) participated in the special Easter Service on the 31st of March 1985.



Mary Harris putting the crowd through exercises at a St. Andrew's family night.

A ten week AEROBICS EXERCISE course was started on the 11th of April 1985. The classes were held from 9:30 until 10:30 A. M. on Mondays and Thursdays and were open to all, including children.

On the 12th of May 1985, at 11:00 A.M., Mrs. Meg Millar was inducted as an Elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm.

Christmas Eve 1985: A special evening service featured an "Old Man" searching for Jesus and involved the choir and congregation.

## Chapter Fifteen -- 1986 and 1987

The Young People's Group made a camping trip to Kootenay Lake campsite from July 18th to 20th in 1986. The following article was written by Larry and Ena Viers.

### Adventure Camps

Adventure camping started in 1986 when the Session was looking for activities suitable for 8 to 12 year olds. Three different groups came up with three different activities. A weekend adventure camp was to be set up by Larry and Ena Viers who promptly recruited James and Harriet Hanna. That camp, with 11 kids and 4 councilors, was at Kootenay Lake group campsite. The group explored a ghost town, toured an abandoned mine, biked to a glacier- 3 miles straight up ( at least that's what it felt like to this councilor ) a welcome dip in the hot springs at Ainsworth and still had endless energy for games, swims and the adventure playground. The overwhelming success of that camp, plus the camaraderie developed between the participants, led to the development of a youth group meeting monthly for bible study and games and ending with a week long camp during the summer.

In 1987 the base camp was set up at Castle Mountain group campsite. This camp had closed in cook shelters with a wood cook stove and tables where breakfasts and suppers were served. Each group was allotted a circle to pitch their tents. Then food was stored in a bear proof, locked building. On arrival the kids would help unload the vehicles- pitch their own tents under the able supervision of two adults- bring in firewood for the cooks- bring in the supply of fresh water from the pump and then pick teams. '87 was the year of "very competitive" baseball. A regular part of every day included Bible Study (  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour ), tent inspection, dish duty ( 3 to 4 at a time ), wood and water for the cooks, an evening fire and, of course, the game. That year the councilors were Larry and Ena, Wendy Duford, who became a strong and steady support, prayer warrior and Bible Study Teacher from then on. Jim Miller who taught the art of wood chopping and fire starting to 15 eager campers and Meg who, with a few calm words, brought order out of threatening chaos. Special events included a hike to the Ink Pots ( Mr. Miller became a hit when he bought 20 ice cream cones on our return ), a visit to the museum, the cave and basin, swimming, a visit to the buffalo paddock and a hike to Consolation Lakes ( parents should ask their children about the " slime fight " ).

In '88 we had councilors Renny and Stuart Hanna, David Hamm, Wendy Duford and Larry and Ena Viers. The specials were an 11 mile round trip to Twin Falls, an elk that bedded down on the edge of our camp ground each night and a special visit to the Fudge Factory (run by the Millars' son). In '89 Mr. Viers broke his hand and the camp was cancelled and not picked up again till '92. That year it became a joint venture of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and Cross Roads Free Methodist. It continued to be supported with gifts of money, fresh produce and pails of cookies from some of the best cooks in the country. Hikes that year were up to the Plain of Six Glaciers by Lake Louise and another hike back to the Ink Pots. We had some competitive soccer games with another group in the camp and then, for the finale, we took our whole group to a plush hotel, "The Post", for breakfast. Sixteen kids, roundeyed with wonder, were seated at their own table, sparkling with white damask, crystal goblets and genuine silver, with their own waiters hovering over them to replenish juice or hot chocolate and told to wend their way to the buffet and eat their fill of gourmet yogurts, assorted hot and cold cereals, pastries, bowls of fresh strawberries on ice and other goodies whose names we couldn't even pronounce. ( who was the kid who ate the most yogurt- 8 wasn't it ? ). We councilors were seated at our own table, half way across the room, but we knew our kids by then and knew they could be expected to behave properly even without direct supervision. On leaving we were greeted by the owners and told that our group was " the nicest and most respectful " group of kids they had ever had in their dining room and were invited back any time we were in the area. Spiritually this was the year our group really grew. At least half of the kids had now been part of the group for 4 or more years and were ready to either commit or recommit their lives to our Lord.

'93 saw the group with councilors. Lil Willich, Wendy Duford, Bill Greig ( the kid with the beard ) and Larry and Ena Viers do something different. Our long hike was up to the top of Parker's Ridge with a Park Warden leading the group. We then toured the icefields on a snow coach for the only clear and sunny tour of the day. It was raining a lot that year so each outing started with prayer that the weather would hold off till we were done and time and time again we saw our prayers answered and we all began to feel very much cared for and led by our Lord. The kids named it the " year of prayer." The last year, '94, saw 16 eight to twelve year olds and two junior councilors, Sean Duford and Robby Anderson, who's stamina was much appreciated, on the long hike to Twin Falls and a climb from the top of the ski lift at Lake Louise. By this time most of the original groups were well into their teens, the councilors were beginning to feel their age, both churches were beginning new programs for the summer of '95 and so it was deemed a good time to drop the camp.

In October 1986 the Synod of B.C. approved a report submitted by the Committee on Church Growth. Copies of this report, which included several recommendations, were distributed to the congregation by Janet Hanna on November 14th along with a request that the members of this congregation should study the report and meet on 30th November 1986 to share their views on the subject.

Dr. Georgina Caldwell, a Professor at Taiwan Theological College, visited St. Andrew's in November of 1986. She spent some time with the youngsters of St. Andrew's and is pictured below at a luncheon held in her honour on the 18th of November 1986.



Pictured above is Dr. Georgine Caldwell of Taiwan Theological College with some of St. Andrew's younger members.

In response to the report submitted by the Committee on Church Growth to the Synod of British Columbia in October of this year it was decided to prepare a profile of our congregation as we see ourselves.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE (self portrait)

Prepared in February of 1987

Our People Facts

Our congregation is made up of 61 families. In these families 67 persons are active members (9 are inactive) and 38 persons are adherents. 70% of our congregation attends worship services regularly, while 18 1/2% attend occasionally due to health and/or distance.

70% of our families are made up of persons 65 years old or older, 15% are ranging in ages 45 - 65 and 13% are under 45 years of age. 28 persons are children or teenagers.

One of every 3 adult persons in our congregation attends a Bible study on a weekly basis. 5 persons (besides the minister) are teachers. In addition 4 persons direct a weekly worship service at the High Street Rest Home with a weekly attendance of 20 - 40 seniors.

Our Sunday School has an attendance of 37 (including 5 teachers); 20 children and teenagers and 12 adults make up the 5 classes.

Our levels of family income reflects our age distribution. 9 families receive a regular salary; 7 families receive a small salary, 27 receive a pension income, 11 old age pension only.

Our Self Portrait

A survey held on our congregation and opinions expressed at a recent congregational meeting (Nov. '86) provide us with the following self portrait:

We see ourselves as a stable congregation of people living in harmony, caring for one another without prejudices of age, dedicated in our commitment to Jesus Christ. This commitment makes us loyal to and accepting of one another. This does not mean that we agree with one another in all things. We do experience together the needed tension that spurs us on to spiritual growth causing us to stretch in faith in Jesus Christ and inter-personal tolerance of one another.

We see ourselves as evangelical in doctrine. By this we mean: We accept the Bible as God's revealed Word and Will and we rejoice in God's grace and mercy towards us as expressed in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. We are aware, however, that we are not reaching out to others with this good news in an intentional way as a congregation. We have no active program or plan to win others to Christ. This is a major weakness.

When we study the growth chart of our congregation and we ask ourselves where new families came from in the past 5 years we notice that of 34 families, only three came because of an invitation and 2 because of a counselling contact; others joined by transfer of membership from Presbyterian congregations elsewhere or they "drifted" into our fellowship because of personal need and/or curiosity. We are aware, therefore, that our growth was not primarily intentional but rather coincidental -- we were here and others happened to need us or desired to come to us.

(From nationwide surveys we learn that of every 2 Presbyterian families moving into Salmon Arm and joining us three others moved into our community but drifted away from the Church).

Some of us are actively involved in meeting social needs in our community such as Alcoholics Anonymous, the Thrift Shop, Pregnancy Distress counselling, and assisting weekly the elderly in Pioneer Lodge. Yet while we acknowledge this as a ministry of some of our people we do not ---  
---as a congregation--- take "ownership" of it and co-operatively support it by encouraging these individuals and joining them in their efforts.

#### Our Strengths

Our strengths are our people. A number of persons in our congregation see the need of and are committed to intentional church growth -- a way of systematic witness to and sharing of God's Good News in Jesus Christ. In addition we have a number of persons who are gifted in teaching the Bible on a person to person(s) basis. We have others who are gifted in being friends; supportive and caring. Our strong advantage is that we have many mobile older persons who have time to visit and care. We also have a building that can accommodate easily two times the present congregation and Sunday School !

The strongest advantage and gift we have is the ability to pray in Jesus' Name for God's power and His Spirit to work in people who yet do not know Him and who live next to us.

#### Our Needs

We all agree that we want to grow, spiritually in our faith and in our relationships with one another, but also in numbers in our Services, Bible Studies and Sunday School. We desire that more people will accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and will live for God's glory.

We agree that we need to follow up those who visit us in our worship services.

We desire to have a choir.

We need to invite and to welcome friends to more social events; e.g. men's breakfasts, outings or sports events at which the children, too, really sense they belong.

We need to meet the needs of our pre-teens and teenagers.

We need to provide some manner in which those in need can have their burden made known in order that others can help to carry it.

We need an inventory of the spiritual gifts of all, so that we may be more effective in our overall ministry, utilizing the spiritual abilities where needed.

We all agree that we would like to meet our budget in 1987, pay our mortgage payments and our General Assembly (Missions) allocation -- even more if possible.

We need to develop the use of our vacant property to some good use (for God's glory and a blessing to people).

We Agree \_\_\_\_ with the Church Growth Report of the Synod of B.C. (Oct. 1986) that ...

"To be well located, with five acres of property, a fine preacher, solid Sunday School and gifted choir, may be reasons for joining a church. But if that is all then the life of faith in that congregation is superficial. Do not depend on external advantages. Church growth principals say "engage in direct evangelism, confront people with the commands of Christ." Evangelical may be defined as having a conviction of an experience of faith in Christ, a high respect for the word of God, and an active concern for the conversion of others.

"Evangelism is the raison d'être of the Church. It is to the Church as warmth is to the sun, or growth is to life. Evangelism is part of the very nature of a healthy Church. Effective evangelism requires our living by the same values, priorities and Grace as our Lord. This is the incarnational aspect of ministry. Our evangelism must also include proclamation: telling the story of Jesus Christ and interpreting its significance for mankind. The invitation of evangelism welcomes the hearer to Christ's salvation and into the fellowship, nurture and service of His Church."

#### Our Goals

Some goals that may wish to be adopted by the congregation have been suggested by members of the Session. They are listed below for your consideration.

#### Concerning: Membership.

To increase our Session with three Elders by March 29, 1987.

To increase the size of our congregation this year by 10% over our present number:

5 families or 8 or more individuals.

#### Concerning: Outreach.

To establish an evangelism committee of four persons by the end of March.

Which committee is to guide our congregation in outreach such as the next item.

To plan for an evangelistic event during the fall of 1987.

To encourage each Elder to visit a family in his or her district which family does not attend our church - and to do this each month.

To encourage and support in every way possible Larry & Ena Viers in their pre-teen program.

#### Concerning: Revenue.

To meet our annual budget - including the payment of mortgages outstanding and the General Assembly Allocation:

By: increasing the use of envelope giving.

By: supporting, attending and inviting others to attend money raising events (such as suppers, garage sales, etc.)

#### Concerning: Christian Education.

To encourage the formation of Home (coffee) Bible Studies in strategic locations in our district.

To provide annually a series of (10) studies on the subject of Spiritual Gifts - so that every person may know his spiritual giftedness.

#### Concerning: Worship.

To have a choir sing bi-weekly or monthly.

To develop means and ways to make our worship services more spiritually meaningful to our children.

## Concerning: Social Outreach.

To circulate the names of those who are involved with local social services (e.g. A.A., etc.) for those in need of referring friends. Have list available by March 29. To develop a plan for the effective use of the vacant property. (Progress report from Session and Board by June '87)

To appoint a committee to develop regular congregational fun events for the purpose of inviting non-Church friends and for the purpose of strengthening the bond of the children of the Church with the adults.

**Growth Analysis 1982 -- 1987**

YEAR	GROWTH PER YEAR IN INDIVIDUALS		'C' = COME -		'G' = GONE		TOTAL
	C	G	C	G	C	G	
ADHERENTS			10	1	2	3	23 10
TRANSFER OF MEMB.				4		2	6
ADHERENTS BECAME MEMBERS	2		3	3			8
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN			4			1 3	8
TOTAL	2	17	8 2	3 5	9 3		35 10

Gain of 25 individuals

**GROWTH PER YEAR IN FAMILIES**

	1982		1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		TOTAL
	C	G	C	G	C	G	C	G	C	G	C	G	
Adherents			9	1	1	3	4	5	2	1	19	7	
Transfer of members					2			1				3	
Adherents became members	2		1		2							5	
Sunday School children													
TOTAL	2	10	5 1	3 4	6 2	1					27	7	

Gain of 20 families

A REALISTIC GROWTH GOAL IS: 5 FAMILIES (8 INDIVIDUALS) IN 1987. (10%)  
 CONCLUSIONS FROM A DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY (Feb. 1987)

54 Families make up our congregation - 13 of which are adherents.  
 7 Families do not attend.

61 Families Total

36 Families are made up of person(s)	65 years or older	= 70% ]	OF
8 Families are made up of person(s)	45 - 65 years of age	= 15% ]	54
7 Families are made up of person(s)	35 years or younger	= 13% ]	Families

Attendance: Of the 54 families 70% attend regularly, 18 1/2% occasionally.

Income: 9 of 54 families have regular income.  
 7 of 54 families have a small income.  
 27 of 54 families have pension income.  
 11 of 54 families have Old Age Pension income.

Bible Study Attendance: 34 individuals of 71 individuals have regular attendance.

13th May 1987: A Friendship Tea was hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm.

The following is part of a newspaper clipping reporting a talk given by Denise Eckstadt, a Seventh Day Adventist.

*"Each year in May, about 10 different denominations in Salmon Arm unite for a Friendship Tea. This year it will be held St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on May 13th at 1:30 P. M. The hour is set early in the afternoon so that mothers can be home again when their children arrive from school. Lately there has not been a need for babysitting during the service. I remember one happy afternoon when I was in charge of a dozen pre-school children and we had a pony cart ride in the country followed by a picnic.*

*But the format of the program has changed since then, and now the emphasis is more upon meeting old friends and making new ones. Instead of a verbal message by each Church represented, it is printed in the bulletin which is given to each person after registration. We have more time to get personally acquainted with each other.*

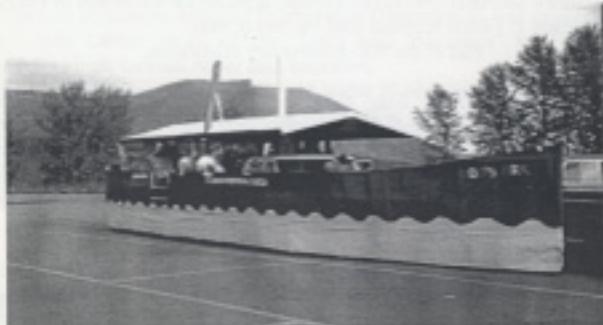
*We decided at the organizational meeting that the theme this year will be Rainbow of Love. We then made the necessary arrangements for the various items and invited Janet Hanna to have the closing prayer. She spoke of the harmony that we are so fortunate to have among us and which I so often take for granted in this great country of ours. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge."*

In June of 1987 Gwyneth Hanna attended  
 the 113th General Assembly in Cornwall,  
 Ontario as a Youth Delegate.



In June of 1987 Carson Hamm, Laura Hurst, John Marion, Jock Lund and Donna Parlour were among the Grade 12 students who graduated this year. They are children or grandchildren of members or adherents of this congregation.

The Youth Group, along with Ena and Larry Viers and Meg and Jim Millar camped in Banff National Park in July of '87.



St. Andrew's entered a "God's Ark" float in the fall parade of Sept. '87.

20 - 22nd November 1987: The Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser from the Vancouver School of Theology and the Dean of Residence at St. Andrew's Hall on the U. B. C. Campus, conducted a three day workshop on EVANGELISM in St. Andrew's Church. Invitations were extended to our sister congregations in this area.

A 7th December luncheon for "shut ins", sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, was attended by a group from the High Street Rest Home, one person from the Pioneer Lodge and several members of the congregation. The invitations were printed, for the first time, on a computer.

In December of '87 donations were solicited for our World Vision Child for 1988. Gifts for the residents of the High Street Rest Home were also solicited.

A Candle-light Christmas Eve Service was held at 7:00 P. M..

31st December 1987: Rev. Dr. Wim P. Janssen resigned from St. Andrew's but remained in the community as a social worker.

## Chapter Sixteen -- 1988 to 1990

The Rev. Lorna Raper of Kelowna was appointed Interim Moderator in January 1988. Ministers preaching on various Sundays included:  
Rev. George Peters of Kamloops, Moderator of the B. C. Synod.  
Rev. Betty McLagen of Armstrong, Moderator of Presbytery.  
Rev. Maurice McNabb (retired) of Vernon; supplied for the month of February.  
Rev. William T. Fulton supplied until the end of May.  
Part of the 90th anniversary celebration.

On Sunday, the 8th of May 1988 the congregation of the Salmon Arm Presbyterian Church celebrated its ninetieth year since the dedication service on the 8th of May 1898 for the first Presbyterian Church to be built in Salmon Arm. The Rev. Bill Fulton led the service and the guest speaker was the Rev. Bob Garvin, the Superintendent of Missions for B. C. Seventy six names appeared in the guest book on this day.



The June 1988 Session Report outlined the activities of the congregation over the previous twelve months. Some of the highlights were:

- 1 A float was entered in the 1987 Fall Fair.
- 2 Rev. Brian Fraser led a workshop on what Presbyterians have to offer.
- 3 Rev. Dr. Wim Janssen resigned.
- 4 Session agreed to invite children who believe in and claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour to partake of communion.
- 5 The 90th year in Salmon Arm as a Presbyterian Congregation was celebrated.
- 6 Rev. Bob Garvin spoke of the "Lot's wife syndrome" and urged the congregation to look forward rather than backward.
- 7 Communicant membership was at 68 with about 20 regular adherents.
- 8 Communion was given to some of the residents at the High Street Rest Home and at the Pioneer Lodge.
- 9 A pre teen group had been active throughout the year.
- 10 Sunday School classes had been held for all ages, including adults.

The Board of Manager's Report indicates that:-

- 1 A January deficit of \$1,268.99 was turned into a credit bal of \$778.05 by May.
- 2 The church grounds were cleared up and plans made to make this task less labour intensive.
- 3 Unusual expenditures were anticipated in securing a new minister.
- 4 A May garage sale raised \$1,546.70.

The Women's Auxiliary Report indicates that:-

- 1 Mrs. Dilys Hanna was appointed as church historian.

Sonshine Ministry Report

- 1 Services conducted every Sunday from 10:00 A.M. till 11:00 A.M. at High Street Rest Home.

Sunday School Report

- 1 Attendance was a high of 20 children and 10 adults with 12 children and 7 adults as regular attendees at date of report (June '88).
- 2 Sunday School offerings were used to sponsor a World Vision foster child in Ghana.

The Presbytery Youth Group

- 1 Open to children from age 8 to 14.
- 2 When members were asked to invite friends the "call list" grew from 9 to 21.
- 3 The group was run by Larry & Enna Viers.  
It was decided, on the 26th of February 1989, to carry on with the World Vision Child Sponsorship at a cost of \$276.00 p.a.

On the 19th March 1989 Doug Swanson preached for a call to St. Andrew's congregation. The St. Andrews Congregation had been without a minister for seventeen months.

At 4:30 P.M. on the 4th of April 1989 the call to Doug Swanson by St Andrew's congregation was presented to the Presbytery in Vernon. His ordination was set for 7:30 P.M. on the 2nd of June 1989. The address was given by the Rev. Bill Perry of St. Andrew's, Penticton.

On Sunday, the 7th of May 1989, the Women's Missionary Society celebrated their 75th anniversary.

Doris Michaux and Ella Hesperger created this attractive banner with the heading "Jesus Lead Me" for the W.M.S' 75th celebration.



The following appeared in the Salmon Arm Shoppers' Guide dated 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 2nd. 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 rumours 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 and Housing.

24th June 1989; The outside of the church building was repainted.



Clarence Irwin, Sinclair Dunnett and Bill Bews at work.

The 1989 Semi Annual Meeting was held on June 29th.

SESSION REPORT.

Requests for transfer of membership were received from ten members including Larry & Enna Viers and James Hanna from Session. Five other names were removed from Church Roll after review by Session. Remaining membership was 51 communicants and about 20 adherents. (Five active elders).

Average attendance at Communion services from 2nd Oct. '88 to 4th June '89 was 40.

BOARD of MANAGER'S REPORT.

"During the period that our pulpit was vacant we have had an irregular financial situation. Bank overdrafts have been cleared and a credit balance acquired. This was achieved by cutting expenditures to a minimum, maintaining church property with volunteer help only, depending on laity for pulpit supply and renting the church manse at \$500.00 per month."

"The projected financial situation for 1989 is such that we can meet our obligations this year by reducing savings but, if the situation does not improve, we should be concerned about how to fulfill our obligations in 1990. June offerings for the first three weeks has averaged \$697.00. We need \$1,024.00 per week to "break even"."

BOARD MEMBERS WERE:-

Mrs. Caroline Marriott

Mr. Stuart Hanna (Hon. Treasurer)

Mr. Ed Michaux

Mr. Jim Millar (Hon. Secretary)

Mr. Clarence Irwin

Mr. Clair Murphy (Chairman)

"The mortgage debt of \$16,566.97 which the World Mission Board holds on the church building remains the same as our last report. The rate of interest is 4% and \$1,800.00 has been paid this year to cover interest arrears."

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Search Committee met at least 15 times, prepared a congregational profile to be sent to those interested in being considered for the Call.

Considered profiles from 25 possible candidates.

The Committee was officially disbanded by order of Session in May after Doug Swanson had successfully preached for the Call on March 19th.

Women's Auxiliary Report.

Eight meetings were held between Oct. '88 and June '89.

Doris Michaux was the "leader". A Christmas luncheon was held with ladies from the High Rest Home. A banner was made and sent east for the 75th anniversary of the W.M.S. Volunteers were provided for the Thrift Shop.

Members attended the Kamloops Presbyterial Annual meeting in Penticton & the B.C.Synodical in Vancouver.

The church kitchen received an annual cleanup.

Guest speakers were invited talk to members of the congregation.

Financial support was given to the Board of Managers, Bible of the Month Club & S.A.F.E. house.

Cards were sent to members of the church and community.

The Manse was cleaned for the new minister. Dilys Hanna has carried on as Historian.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Was run from 18th September '88 till 25th June '89.

Attendants were 10 children and 8-10 adults in the adult class.

In the spring of '89 Dennis Zachermuk provided piano music.

Offerings were used to support Naomi Teneh of Ghana through World Vision.

Stamps were collected over the Christmas season for the Leprosy Mission.

#### SONSHINE MINISTRY-HIGH STREET REST HOME

Team members spent Christmas morning with the residents and St. Andrews Church provided gifts.

John Hanna relieved Larry Viers.

PRAYER GROUP: It was decided at this meeting that a prayer group should be formed to meet each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in the Greening Room

8th July 1989: Open house was held at the manse to welcome Rev. Doug Swanson.

On the 6th May 1990 a pot luck lunch was held to welcome newcomers to the congregation.

On the 7th May 1990 St. Andrew's hosted twenty young men and women from the Ontario Bible College who staged a performance centred around the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A GARAGE SALE was held on the 12th of May 1990 to raise funds to offset the deficit created by the weekly shortfall of \$103.00 ( weekly offerings short of weekly expenditures ).

## 10th June 1990; Semi Annual Planning Meeting:

## SESSION REPORT '89/90:

Regular Bible Studies have been held on Wed. p.m. & Thu. a.m.

Young Peoples activities were started on a regular, monthly basis.

The Ladies' Auxiliary hosted the Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally.

Session set up a Benevolent Fund & Food Bank for the aid of transients.

The Presbytery of Kamloops meetings were hosted from January 15th to 17th '90.

We hosted a Sunday evening service for Christian Unity Week on January 21st, 1990.

St. Andrews played host to 21 Ontario Bible College young people on May 7th.

Communion was celebrated five times between Sept. 3rd and April 12th and the average attendance at these services was 52 persons.

STRATEGIC PLANNING was started in the preparation of a mission statement for St. Andrew's of Salmon Arm. This statement was to be completed and submitted to Presbytery by Dec. 1990.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:

A total of thirteen children attended Sunday School this year.

The new "Celebrate" curriculum from the Presbyterian Church of Canada was used.

Nanomi Tetteh of Ghana was supported through World Vision by weekly offerings.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP REPORT:

Regular weekly meetings were held at 10:00 A.M. each Thursday from Sept. '89 till the present.

Fifteen people belong to the group and from six to thirteen attend weekly.

The weekly silver collection paid for the candy for the children at Christmas.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP:

Monthly meetings were held for most of the year.

Owen, Chris and Joseph Hanna attended the PYPS conference in Vernon.

## WOMEN'S GROUP REPORT:

Eight meetings were held between Oct. '89 & June '90 with an average attendance of 8-12 members.

Discussions were held on the Mission Study on the Philippines and the Islamic faith were held.

The W.M.S. Fall Rally was hosted here and the guest speaker was our Nimfa Hildebrand.

Guests from the High Street Rest Home attended our Christmas Luncheon. Volunteers were provided to help staff the Thrift Shop for the month of June. In January meals were provided for the three day meeting of the Kamloops Presbytery held in Salmon Arm.

Doris Michaux attended the annual meeting of the W.M.S. at Kamloops in February, the Synodical meeting held at Victoria in March and was a delegate at the W.M.S. Council at Toronto this May.

The annual World Day of Prayer was observed.

The annual Women's Friendship Tea was held.

For the first time an inventory of the church was taken (by Dilys, Doris and Ella) Susan Ringer sent cards to people who were sick or shut in and maintained the church library.

Financial contributions were made to The Board of Managers, Safe House, Leprosy Mission,

Women's Missionary Society, The Caribou Ministry and The Sheltered Workshop.

We are sponsoring a World Vision Child.

On the 17th June 1990 the Annual Congregational Picnic at Sunnybrae Park followed the Sunday service.

The Christian Community Centennial Service held at McGuire Lake on the 24th of June 1990 was sponsored by the Salmon Arm Ministerial Association.

A Strawberry Social, from 1:00 P.M. till 4:00 P.M., was held on the 7th of July 1990.

25th August 1990: A DOG WASH (fundraiser for Youth Group?) Was cancelled due to inclement weather.

08th September 1990: The young people of the church challenged the adults to a Saturday game of softball. The winner was not mentioned.

On the 12th of September 1990 the "People & Pastor" lunches were resumed.

The Linda Howarth Memorial Pre School started classes in the church basement on Tuesday and Thursday of each week on the 18th of September 1990.

19th October 1990: A spaghetti dinner was followed by the movie "A Man Called Norman".

7th November 1990: A General Congregational Meeting was held on the 7th of November 1990 regarding church property. Twenty people attended this meeting to discuss the proposed purchase of church land by the Dept. of Highways for a widening of the Trans Canada Highway. The proposed compensation was \$33,800.00 for the 13,500 sq. ft. surrendered.

18th November 1990: The Covenant Players from Portland led the service. This group was formed in the early sixties by Charles Tanner. The "travelling ministry in drama" has over 125 touring units and has performed in sixty five countries. Their message is conveyed by live drama, radio, television, motion pictures, records, tape recordings and video cassettes.

Dr. Sue Kober shared her missionary experiences in Malawi with the Women's Group on the 19th of November 1990.

25th November Pancake breakfast to raise funds for the Caribou Ministry.

09th December 1990: White Gift Sunday (gifts for the poor).  
Community Carol Service at First Baptist Church.

10th December 1990: Women's Christmas Luncheon.

16th December 1990: Christmas Pot Providence lunch.

22nd December 1990: Christmas Dinner for the Poor and Lonely; twenty eight people from the Community enjoyed a turkey dinner, Christmas music, fellowship and games.

## Chapter Seventeen -- 1991 to 1995

The nineties started with a flourish as several of St. Andrew's various supporting groups "did their thing". The following is a sampling of some of those activities.

By April of '91 Bill Bews had completed a Church Directory listing the names, addresses and telephone numbers off all the members of this church.

Gail Allan and Marjorie Ross, from Presbyterian World Service & Development, visited Salmon Arm and Marjorie Ross spoke at the weekly service on the 14th of April 1991.

1991 marked the 25th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada decision to ordain women to both the teaching and ruling eldership of the Church. In the February '91 edition of the Pew 'n' Pulpit, St. Andrew's monthly news letter, the following explanation of eldership appeared:

*"Moses was faced with the responsibility of leading the Israelites in the wilderness following their deliverance out of Egypt. His tasks as both political and spiritual leader of his people were overwhelming. Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, was astonished that Moses handled all the needs and concerns of the Israelites day in and day out: "Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening? (Ex. 18:14).*

*So, at Jethro's suggestion, Moses selected 70 men from among the Israelites to share in the responsibilities of leading God's people. "Select capable men from all the people - men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain" (Ex. 18:21).*

*That began the eldership in the church! The eldership, we believe, is not a man made institution, but a God-ordained means of ordering the life of the Church. The New Testament Greek word "presbiteros" means "elder". In the various cities and areas in which the apostle Paul founded churches, he also appointed "presbyters" (elders) to take active leadership.*

*You've probably guessed by now - our name "presbyterian" is based on this New Testament ordering of the life of the early Church. We in the Presbyterian tradition also believe that the term "episcopas" (overseer, bishop), is another designation for "elder".*

*From scripture, we infer that Paul had in mind two types of elder, the "teaching" elder and the "ruling" elder. The teaching elder was responsible for preaching and teaching, and the ruling elder for pastoral care and discipline. In the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as in most reformed denominations, the ordained minister (teaching elder) and elders (ruling elders) together constitute the "Kirk Session" or "Session". Our Book of Forms states:*

*It is the duty of those who are called to the eldership to meet regularly with the minister, who is also of their number, for the purpose of establishing good order and providing for the pastoral care of the congregation (sec. 109)."*

An interesting addendum to the above appeared in the April '91 issue of the Pew 'n' Pulpit by stating:

*"Please remember that, in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the ordained minister is an elder. He/she is to guide and moderate the regular meetings of the Session. There should be no hierarchy in the church. Christ alone rules and we are all called to serve him in various capacities."*

A Mother's Day Breakfast was put on by men and children of the congregation on the 12th of May 1991.

Sometime in 1991 "Pot Luck" lunches came to be known as "Pot Providence" lunches; it has not recorded if they tasted any better.

In May it was noted that our "outputs" were exceeding our "inputs" and that we were experiencing a cash flow problem.

In June of '91 a fun golf outing for the whole congregation was held at Shannon's golf course. There is no record as to how many non golfers became addicted to the pastime.

15th & 16th June 1991: An overnight Family Camp was held at Herald Park with a church picnic at 1:00 P.M. on the Sunday.

The 21st - 23rd June 1991 was dedicated as "National Days of Prayer for Canadian Indians". This project was spearheaded in Salmon Arm by Marlene Martens.

On the 23rd June 1991 we had our 2nd Annual Strawberry Social. It is hoped that this will continue to be a well attended event.

In June of 1991, Rita Schnepp lead a visitation group for our church shut-ins.

Vacation Bible School was conducted as an outreach to the children of the community from the 15th to 19th of July 1991. This project was led by two ladies from Slocan, Glenda Butt and Earin Cooper.

The congregation had managed to raise the \$250.00 needed to have the Covenant Players visit Salmon Arm on the 6th & 7th October 1991.

Item from The Pew 'N' Pulpit of October '91, "The Presbyterian Church had a goal of doubling the membership in the '80s but fell miserably short of it".



A Christmas luncheon was put on by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on the 9th December 1991.

From the Feb. - Mar. Pew 'n' Pulpit: "1991 has been a good year for St. Andrew's. We have prospered spiritually, numerically and financially."

Annual report for 1991; presented at the 16th February 1992 meeting.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** "Stuart Hanna Jr. noted that it was a good year last year, especially the last half. The church more than met expenses, though we didn't totally meet our budget, i.e. community outreach was budgeted for \$2,000.00; but we came close".

**BUDGET:** John T Hanna suggested that Stuart Hanna should receive an honorarium for his services in preparing the Financial Statements, Budget, acting as Treasurer, ploughing snow and removing garbage. Stuart graciously declined and Reny Hanna noted that he was able to perform these duties because of a gift and that he didn't want to be paid.

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT:** Doris Michaux noted that the Ladies' Group was finding it difficult to keep up with the demands of being an organized group which entails minutes and accounting reports. She suggested that the group be disbanded and that funds go directly to the Board of Managers.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:** The Sunday School continues to sponsor the World Vision Child at a cost of \$84.00 every quarter (3 months). Janet and Trish Haema bought clothes from the Thrift Shop for Naomi; it took a year to receive word from Ghana that the clothes had been received.

RAMP COMMITTEE: A committee was struck to investigate basement access. Ed Micheaux, Bill Bews, Ralph Smith and Dilys Hanna volunteered to sit on this committee.

ARCHIVES: "We have records dating back to the fire in the late 1920s. Ralph Smith moved, seconded by John Lund, that Deborah Chapman be authorised to investigate provincial funding for establishing archives. Motion carried."

VISION COMMITTEE: The committee has plans for sharing and testimonials so that we can get to know each other better. The group hopes we will meet monthly for pot luck lunches. Gene Spence offered to tape Doug Swanson's sermons. A training course on Christian Witnessing in our Community will be offered by Doug. Dennis Zachernuk has started a sing along at Bastion Place, an outreach for St. Andrew's.

BOARD of MANAGER'S REPORT: The annual yard sale raised almost \$1,000.00. A building committee was set up to oversee the installation of air conditioning and sound proofing the north wall of the church. A Stihl String Trimmer was purchased for \$216.74.

On the 9th of May we had a Kids Car Wash fundraiser for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.



From the 15th May to 18th May 1992, St. Andrew's hosted approximately 100 Presbyterian young people for the PYPS Convention.

13th June 1992: An auction and dessert party fundraiser was held for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

In addition to the above an Entertainment Auction fundraiser for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium was held on the 17th June 1992.

In the Summer '92 The Presbyterian Youth Triennium was held in Layette, Indiana. Session set up a special fund to help defray the costs to Trish Hanna and Alicia David who may attend.

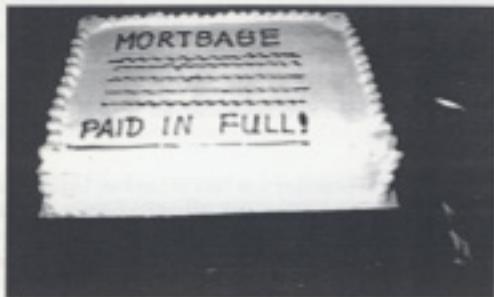
Debbie Chapman collected old hearing aids to have them reconditioned and sent to a school for deaf children in Mexico City.

The Salmon Arm Ministerial Association endorsed NEIGHBOURLINK and several members of this congregation attended an informational meeting.



30th October 1992 Halloween party.

16th February 1993: A special meeting of the Board of Managers was called to discuss improved access to the basement for handicapped persons.



On the 26th March 1993, a special "Mortgage Burning" ceremony for both the Manse and Church Building was held in the basement of the church building. An evening of good fun, fellowship and food followed the ceremony.

27th June 1993: The Semi Annual Meeting was attended by 36 people.

**MINISTER'S REPORT:**

Doug Swanson pointed out that more Elders are required as we have only 5. Rita Schnepp thought that a suggestion box would help to gather ideas from the congregation concerning the growth of our church.

**SESSION REPORT:**

Janet Hanna reported on the summer Care Groups which are now finished. Pictures have been taken of the church members and will soon be displayed. Rita Schnepp praised the great video series we have enjoyed.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:**

Attendance is sporadic and shrinking; we have 12 children & 5 teachers. It is felt that the program needs to be revitalised. Session is considering a fresh outreach into the community.

**LADIES' GROUP REPORT:**

The closing luncheon held at Mr. Mikes had 17 members and 13 guests.

**VISION ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE:**

The committee met twice but feels that at least four meetings per year are reqd. Several members have left and replacements are not forthcoming.

**CARE AND SHARE GROUP REPORT:**

Janet gave a verbal report and hoped that new members would join in Sept.

**RAMP AND ELEVATOR COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Caleb Espinoza said that a report on the above lists five options; the Board is studying options 3 & 5 and will later submit their recommendations. The Congregation was asked to study the circulated report prior to the next meeting.

**FURTHER BUSINESS:**

Ralph Smith resigned from the Building Committee.

Ralph Smith suggested we should have a drive for more members and asked if the Manse was to be kept or sold.

Doug said that financial matters would be discussed at Jan. Gen. Meeting

It was decided to print a list of all active committees with the new phone list

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

Jill Kennedy resigned from this committee.

Present members are, Fay Balt, Janet Morris and John Lund.

New members are to be sought from the congregation.

30th November 1993: Church operating expenses are \$3,056.64 greater than receipts.

December 1993: From the Christmas edition of The Pew 'n' Pulpit:

"...the Wednesday evening Bible Study has been discontinued due to lack of attendance. ---- Growth or lack of growth in the Church and in one's personal life is usually directly related to our hunger or lack thereof for God's word."

It was also suggested that some people might like to form Care Groups and were referred to Janet Hanna for further information.

It was also noted that some people were disappointed by the lack of visits from their Elders.

12th December 1993: White Gift Sunday.

18th December 1993: Annual Christmas Outreach Dinner "each year, for the past three years, this dinner has warmed the hearts of more and more people".

19th December 1993; The St. Andrew's Church Choir will be participating in the Community Carol Service under the leadership of Dennis Zachernuk and Jill Kennedy.

24th December 1993: Christmas Eve Service with the largest yet choir.

31st March 1995: Church expenses are \$4,422.55 greater than receipts.

23rd November 1995: After a battle of several months with cancer, Brent Krepps died in Vancouver. His parents, Rex and Trudy Krepps were with him to the end.

## Chapter Eighteen -- 1996 to 1998

A n organ was purchased in February of 1996 from a friend of Jim Elliott who was willing to part with a fine instrument at a reasonable price. The organ was located in Kelowna but found its way to Salmon Arm via Cliff Hughson.

The World Day of Prayer on March 1st was organised by the ladies of St. Andrews with Dilys Hanna and Meg Millar playing key rolls in securing volunteers. About 100 women and a handful of men attended the service which focused on the plight of the people of Haiti and their "cry for help".

At a meeting on March 17th it was decided to band with four other churches in Salmon Arm and sponsor a refugee family from Bosnia.

In October of '96 , following a pot providence dinner, John and Barb Love shared their five month long experience in Ghana with members of the congregation. They were there as CESO representatives and helped with nursing and farm co-operative projects. Barb is seen here in her Ghanaian finery and her hand is resting on a royal Ashanti stool while Beulah McKellar inspects a piece of kente cloth.



On the 16 th of January 1997, Sharon Scott, the Development Educator for Western Canada, gave a talk on the tasks and aims of Presbyterian World Service and Development. Sharon and her family spent several years in Malawi and she has visited several of the thirteen areas in which P.W.S. & D. is active.

In the spring of '97 a request was made for a dozen volunteers to help with a bit of landscaping of the church grounds. Twenty turned up and did a fine job of pruning trees, installing landscape cloth, spreading bark mulch and stones and placing a cement barrier around the perimeter of the parking lot. In addition to that a fair number of donated plants were installed in the flower borders.



In the fall of '97 work started on renovations to the church building. Monies released by the sale of the Manse were the main source of funding. It was decided to build a new roof over the existing one, which had been leaking for years, and create a new main entrance with a wheelchair accessible ramp. A lift was installed to give better access to the basement and improvements were made to the upstairs washroom and Greening room. Clint Dunningham and Tammy Kent volunteered their time and skills to repaint all the interior walls which had been altered with the renovations and new carpet was laid at the building entrance. The congregation was asked to "vote with their pocket books" as to what kind of finish they would like on the outside of the building. The response was generous and a base coat for stucco was in place before the weather turned cold. The finish coat will be completed in the spring of '98. All of the above was skilfully supervised by Cliff Hughson who, it is rumoured, came close to living in the church at times.

In May of 1998 St. Andrew's will be celebrating the centennial of the dedication of the first Presbyterian Church to be built in Salmon Arm. An afternoon tea and fashion show, to be followed by an open air barbecue (weather permitting), will be held on Saturday, May 9th and a special commemorative service to be followed by a coffee time will be held on Sunday, May 10th.

