

Gleanings from the Genealogy of Zion United Church at Carnarvon, Ontario

Our Methodist Ancestry:

'In the latter part of the 1800's, many of the spiritual needs of this area were served by the Stanhope Mission ('Circuit') of the Methodist Church. Memberships in eight 'appointments' are recorded in the Stanhope Circuit Methodist Church Register¹ between 1895 and 1929. Two appointments (Coulter's and Junction) had already closed prior to 1895.

Ten Appointments of the Stanhope Methodist Circuit

- Bethany Appointment (opened November 28, 1892),
- Bethel ('Mitchell's Bridge') Appointment (opened in 1897, closed in 1918)
- Blairhampton Appointment (opened July 29, 1893?).
- Boskung Appointment (meeting at the Boskung Schoolhouse, closed in 1896),
- Brown's Appointment (meeting at Brown's Schoolhouse, renamed Zion's Appointment in 1891),
- Coulter's Appointment (meeting at Coulter's Schoolhouse, renamed Carmel Appointment in 1892, closed by 1893 ?),
- Halls Lake Appointment (appears only in 1896 with 4 members),
- Junction Appointment (meeting at the 'Junction' Schoolhouse, closed by 1892 ?),
- Maple Lake Appointment,
- Pine Lake Appointment (closed in 1908).

Six of these appointments were active at the turn of the century. By 1908, five of the smaller appointments (Boskung, Coulter's, Junction, Halls Lake and Pine Lake) had closed. The Bethel appointment appears to have served the 21 years from 1897 to 1918. The four largest appointments (Bethany, Blairhampton, Maple Lake and Zion) show continuous Methodist membership through to the time of Union with the Presbyterian Church in 1925 to form the 'United Church'. Since 1925, the Stanhope area has been served by both the Maple Lake United Church and the Zion United Church.

'In 1890, a Board of four Stewards² governed the Stanhope Methodist Mission (Messrs. Richard Bailey, William McIntyre, Robert Baker, and Thomas Mason (recording Steward)).

'From the 'Brethren' of the Stanhope Mission in 1890, there were four 'Class Leaders' (Messrs. William McIntyre, Hugh McPhail, Thomas Mason, and Isaac Higginbottom), and two 'Society Representatives' (Messrs. D. Redner and George Armstrong). Each year the Board also granted license to an 'Exhorter'³.

¹ We will forever be indebted to Kathleen Owens of Maple Lake United Church (2004) for carefully preserving the 'Register for the Stanhope Methodist Circuit' through many years. She has presently deposited this historic document with the Highland Hills Pastoral charge at Minden.

² This became 'six Stewards' by 1894.

³ Board Minutes, May 18th, 1891 "On nomination of Superintendent of Mission, moved by Isaac Higginbottom, seconded by Robert Baker, That this quarterly Board in session assembled, grant an Exhorter's license to Noah Bailey." And Nov. 7th, 1891 "Resolved that we hereby grant Walter Moore Exhorter's License." And Aug 13th, 1893 "Resolved that Brother (Samuel) Rumbelow be constituted as Exhorter."

'The Church Board met 'quarterly' during the year with the presiding minister and the brethren of the Mission to consider the fiscal, moral, and management matters of each appointment. They rotated their meeting location among the appointments.

A House of God at Carnarvon

On January 24, 1891 the adherents of the Brown's Appointment called a meeting of their members. The purpose of the meeting was to considering the advisability of erecting a church at Carnarvon. It was held at the home of Mr. Higginbottom⁴ with Missionary Rev. J.W. Shier presiding.

From their deliberations, it was unanimously agreed that a church should be built and that it be located at the corner of the Peterson and Halls Lake Road⁵. Mr. Arthur Warner indicated he would donate land for that purpose.⁶

On February 14th, 1891, the regular quarterly meeting of the Stanhope Methodist Mission Board was held at the Brown's School House, with Rev. William Dawn (Superintendent – Haliburton); Rev William Johnson (Chairman of the District); and Pastor James Wesley Shier presiding. Six additional brethren were in attendance (Thomas Mason, Isaac Higginbottom, Robert Baker, John Prentice, Daniel McIntyre and Richard Bailey). From the Board minutes:

“Moved by Thomas Mason, seconded by Rev. J.W. Shier: That this quarterly Board does recommend the erection of a church according to the discipline of the Methodist church, at the Brown's appointment in Stanhope Mission – Carried.

“Moved by Robert Baker, seconded by Isaac Higginbottom: That this Board do appoint James W. Shier, I. Higginbottom, Joseph Cook, R. Baker, Alfred Moore, Robert Moore, as a committee to carry forward the erection of said church at Brown's Appointment, Stanhope Mission. – Carried.

“On nomination of Chairman Rev. W. Dawn, Moved by Robert Baker, seconded by Isaac Higginbottom, that the following form a Trustee Board: Isaac Higginbottom, Joseph Cook, Robert Baker, William Owens, Robert Moore, Alfred Moore⁷, William Cowan, Joseph Hopkins. – Carried.”

It is noted that at the same Board meeting, the birth of another area church is also recorded as follows –

“That whereas the friends at the Junction Appointment are taking action to erect a Union Church for the use of the three denominations, namely Methodists, Presbyterian & Angelican (sic.), be it resolved that this Quarterly Board approve of the action and will be pleased to do all in its power to bring the work to a successful issue.”⁸

⁴ The Sinclair Russell home in 1998.

⁵ It would be 44 years later that the 'Halls Lake Road' became Highway 35.

⁶ Grandfather of Mrs. Maurice Windsor, Mr. George Allcorn and Bert Harrison.

⁷ Alfred W. Moore, grandfather of current (2011) Zion parishioner and Chairperson, Mrs. Joan (Gregory-Fennel) Chapple.

⁸ Board Minutes, Feb. 14th, 1891. (Stanhope Heritage Museum. - 2002). This informal recognition of a 'Union Church', may be reference to what eventually became St. Stephen's Anglican Church, near the 'Junction'.

The church at the Brown's Appointment was to be 24' X 30' with 12' walls, balloon type frame, sheeted outside with pine lumber and sided with waterproof siding. The inside was to be finished with ash V-joint, oiled and varnished.⁹

The foundation logs were taken from Joseph Hopkin's bush and were hewn square with a broadaxe. Timbers for the rafters and studding were taken from Mrs. Damien's woods and were drawn to the sawmill. Several bees were held to cut the logs, and to move them to the mill at Buck Slide. Lumber for the rest of the building was brought from Lindsay.

Numerous teas and two concerts were held during the winter to raise money for the construction. One of these was held at the home of Mrs. Damien,¹⁰ on February 25th, 1891. The minutes state, the weather very inclement with nearly eight inches of slush and water on the ice of the lakes, making traveling extremely difficult.

Naming the church was a matter of considerable debate and it was finally agreed that the place of worship be known as 'Zion', being a charge of Lindsay district of the Methodist Church.

In May 1891, several bush fires broke out in the area and the men working on the church were called to fight them. Being unable to finish the job, they hired a carpenter, Louis McDonald to do the inside finishing for \$45.00. In addition, as part of the outside wasn't finished, Mr. McDonald agreed to complete the outside portion at his regular daily rate and to donate 50% of his wages to the church. However, the men of the church were back from the fires in time to shingle the roof.

Shortly after the Zion church was built, the district missionary Rev. James Wesley Shier was transferred elsewhere and for several years student ministers served the area.

'Stepping-Stones' in the Growth of Zion Church

1880 The Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Ontario granted approximately four acres, by admeasurement, in part of lot 15, twelfth concession, Township of Minden to the appointed trustees of 'Minden and Stanhope Presbyterian Church' of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, for the erection of a church for the Presbyterians of that locality.¹¹ The subsequent church became known as the Twelve Mile Lake Presbyterian Church, and was later (1925) amalgamated with the Zion Methodist Church in Carnarvon to become part of the 'Zion United Church of Canada'.

1890 At the August 9th quarterly meeting, the Stanhope Mission Board with six additional brethren in attendance established compensation for the current minister (Rev. James Wesley Shier) at \$400. Per year, prescribed as:
Salary - \$200.
Board - \$110.
Horse Keep - \$70.
Travel Expenses - \$15.
Incidentals - \$5.¹²

1891 Isaac Higginbottom and Thomas Mason appointed Trustees of the Stanhope Methodist burying ground, replacing James Melville and Henery S. Deacon.¹³

1891 Walter Moore was elected 'Steward' for Zions Appointment.¹⁴

⁹ The sidewalls and ceiling of the church in 2002 are still the V-joint installed and finished 111 years earlier.

¹⁰ Known as 'Moorefield Acres' in 1982.

¹¹ Grant #1387, registered January 23rd, 1901, Township of Minden Land Registry Office.

¹² Board Minutes of the Stanhope Methodist Mission, 1891-1893 (Stanhope Heritage Museum, 2001).

¹³ Stanhope Methodist Mission, Quarterly Board Minutes of May 16, 1891.

- 1892 "Moved by, Seconded by That we hereby approve of the action taken by Brother In the matter of Expelling from the church as the committee on the trial decided that the said should be retained as a member only on condition that he do better and it has been proved to us that he has done worse for he has sworn and called bad names; but we hereby express our willingness to receive the said into the church on the condition of expressed repentance to be a member on probation. – Carried" (names omitted !)
- 1894 "Number of members on circuit – 165."¹⁵
- 1921 Methodists and Presbyterians united in this area, and 'Zions Appointment' became part of the Minden charge.
- 1925 With 'Union' of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Union across Canada, the church became Zion United Church, a portion of the Minden, Carnarvon and Maple Lake Pastoral Charge.
- 1934 In order to make more room for the Sunday School and for community gatherings, a stone basement was put under the church, chiefly through the efforts of Mr. T.H. Rogers,¹⁶ who had been superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. Although a minister was not available at times, Mr. Rogers kept a very active Sunday School engaged the year round.
- 1948 "April 30, the first 'Achievement Day exercises (for the Carnarvon School, S.S. #10, Minden/Carnarvon) were held in the Zion Church, Carnarvon, with great success. Parents and pupils from Boskung, Elsie, Lower Maple Lake and Carnarvon schools attended. Each school contributed to the programme and all joined in the choruses, conducted by Ralph Hussey. Addresses were given by Mr. Stouffer, Mr. Herlihy on Crafts, and Mr. Hussey on Music. Rev. Jull acted as chairman. In the basement a display of Art, Craft, writing and workbooks was put on. Everyone enjoyed themselves and encouraging comments were given."¹⁷
- 1947 Music teacher, Ralph Hussey, initiated a choir at Zion, which would become the prime reason for Zion Church garnering a future reputation as 'The Musical Church'.
- 1948 Ralph Hussey introduced a 'Youth Choir' for the church.
- 1952 An electric storm started a fire in the church. Considerable damage was done to the south end of the church. A hand drawn fire tank supplied by parishioner Cecil Irwin from Sherwood Forest Boy's Camp on Boshkung Lake, was used to fight this fire. The same fire tank was later placed on display at the Stanhope Fire Hall, with a plaque detailing its involvement in the Zion fire. With the insurance money and further donations a new spire and entrance were added to the church (A project budgeted at \$2500, and not to exceed \$3000, and only after \$1500 had been already raised.) At another date the chancel and two side rooms were put on the north end.
- 1953 At the Congregational Meeting of January 11th, 1954; the Pastor's report indicates (for 1953), there were:
 35 Baptisms,
 15 Weddings,
 13 added to membership,
 12 funerals (10 non-members).

¹⁴ Stanhope Methodist Mission, Quarterly Board Minutes of August 15th, 1891.

¹⁵ Stanhope Methodist Mission, Quarterly Board Minutes of May 14th, 1894

¹⁶ Father of Clayton Rogers

¹⁷ General Register for Public and Separate Schools - 1945-1950, for S.S. #10, Minden; Carnarvon School, indicating 24 students Grades one to eight (3,2,2,4,3,3,3,4) in 1948.

- The Treasurer's report indicated the 1953 'audited' net income of \$2,186.51 (recorded favourably as a 'fine' report!)
- 1956 The Sunday School Report for 1955 records a yearly average attendance of 36; with 'Summer School' Enrollment of 77, and an Summer School average attendance of 63. Annual S.S. receipts were \$318.93¹⁸
- 1957 "C. Irwin and R. Harrison to promote, renovate, alter or rebuild new 'John' as existing was not satisfactory."¹⁹
- 1957 At the Annual Congregational Meeting of Jan. 11, 1957 the title 'Women's Missionary Society' was officially changed to 'Women's Association'.
- 1957 Zion Congregation accepted sponsorship of the newly formed 'Carnarvon First Scout Troop'.²⁰ The original leaders were Fred and Jack Gregory. A 'Cub Scout' group was also formed. Other early leads included Norman Wallace, Elvin Johnson, and Ron Fennell.
- 1958 Moved and seconded that "Collection stewards enter cheques and American money at face value and that exchange or discount be paid from petty cash."²¹
- 1960 A 'Men's Club' (planned in the previous year) was newly formed during, under the guidance of Phil Alcorn, and was known as the 'MINCARMA' of Minden, Carnarvon and Maple Lake church origins.
- 1961 When Mr. T.H. Rogers was unable to carry on as Superintendent, his son Clayton took over the Sunday School responsibilities. During these years a very vital part of our church was the Sunday School. There were around 70 children attending. As more room was needed it was decided in 1961 to build a 32' X 70' Christian Education Building to the west of the church.
- 1961 Several original (1948) youth choristers became the founding singers of the Zion Church Choir. A new 'Youth Choir' was re-established. Both were under the direction of Mr. Ralph Hussey.
- 1961 A Cemetery Board for both Zion Church and Twelve Mile Church was established on May 4, 1961. Cecil Irwin was the appointed Chairman; and William Chambers was appointed Secretary-Treasurer.
- 1962 Ground breaking for C.E.B. took place in April 1962. Through this year, the gracious ladies of Zion church raised funds through various projects to pay for the cost of the building. Records show the total cost to have been about \$11,500 (estimated cost March 7, 1962 had been for \$8500; with \$1000 to be raised by church organizations, \$2500 through visitations, \$2500 through personal loans, and the balance by bank loan). The Women's Auxiliary membership in 1962 was 53; and in this year would become the 'United Church Women' or UCW.²² A list of 50 parishioners was posted to display the number of volunteer hours contributed to the construction of the building. The list is titled 'Willing Workers Club' and remains publicly posted in the same building for the next 50 years.
- 1962 Dedication of the Christian Education Center December 16th 3:30 PM
 "This congregation has behind it a long tradition of worship and service and we rejoice that we are now blessed with so many able and interested families, who have a strong faith in the future of our Church and Community. This beautiful new building represents not only the gifts of many people,

¹⁸ Annual Congregational Meeting of January 20, 1956.

¹⁹ Steward's Meeting of October, 1957

²⁰ Annual Congregational Meeting of January 11, 1957.

²¹ Board of Stewards Minutes - February, 1959

²² Carnarvon UCW Annual Report 1962

but a labour of love on the part of those who have given their skills and ability. Without these, such a building would have been far out of our reach."²³

- 1963 At a joint meeting of Stewards, Session and various groups, it was decided, "Any suitable activity with a suitable programme and under supervision of group leader will be recognized as qualifying (for use of the Christian Education Building). This includes only those groups of the local church - as a part of the Minden, Carnarvon Charge of the United Church of Canada. Further use is granted (to the) Boy Scouts Association. Girl Guides, Cubs, Brownies as long as these groups are sponsored by the Zion United Church under proper leadership. Any other activities deemed suitable will be under a fee to be determined later."²⁴
- 1963 After considerable deliberation, the Elders regretfully accepted the resignation of one Elder who "held conflicting views on the permission of dancing in the Christian Education Building."²⁵
- 1963 A Baptismal font was received at Zion United Church from Mr. Bate; given in memory of Sylvia A. Chambers.²⁶
- 1963 "The UCW prepared a Congregational Dinner in November (no charge) at which the congregation as a whole enjoyed fellowship together in a church-family atmosphere." Records show 39 members of UCW in 1963.²⁷
- 1964 Average Sunday School Attendance 57. Receipts of \$853.87²⁸
- 1965 With the illness and subsequent passing of Ralph Hussey, Ruth Gorrie was appointed as organist, and directed the Zion Church Choir for the next five years.
- 1965 A Congregational Picnic was held at the Twelve Mile Lake church property on June 27th
- 1965 Smoking in the Christian Education Building was a topic of much concern in 1965. The Elders passed a motion on May 11th, for 'No Smoking' signs to be erected only to have it rescinded on May 20th. By June 1st, a combined meeting of Elders, Stewards and group leaders resolved the issue with the following motion "That smoking be allowed, but not encouraged in our Christian Education Building." The motion passed with 12 for, 5 against, and 1 abstention.²⁹
- 1969 Roeann Barnhart first engaged for caretaking - August 1969
- 1970-1983 Through the 1970's and 1980's, Sunday evening services were held at the Twelve Mile United Church during the summer month. These were regularly arranged by Elvin Johnson with the sanction of the Zion Session.
- 1972 Marilyn Stouffer directed the Zion Church Choir from 1972 to 1983.
- 1972 "A major concern has been the heating of the church. The heating system needs to be replaced and the building insulated. It was decided to insulate this year and discuss heating system at a later date."³⁰

²³ Rev. David Staples, at the Dedication Ceremony.

²⁴ Pg. 43, Bd. Of Elders' Minute Book - Feb. 7, 1963

²⁵ Elders' Minute Book - April 10th, 1963

²⁶ Elders' Minute Book - Oct. 20th, 1963

²⁷ Carnarvon UCW Annual Report 1963

²⁸ Sunday School Report, Carnarvon United Church 1963

²⁹ Elders' Minute Book - May 11, 1965

³⁰ Board of Steward's Report 1972

- 1972 "We have a problem in the summer months of transients using the church for overnight accommodation and some of them seem to be quite careless with cigarettes and matches. A suggestion was made that maybe the church should be locked. As the board of stewards felt uncomfortable about doing this it was suggested that we ask the O.P.P. to keep a routine check on area and this was done. We would like to have the feeling of the congregation on the matter of locking the church if we have a problem again this year."³¹
- 1972 "Our group (UCW) is small, an average attendance of twelve....We are praying that others may join in 1973." However, this year the UCW raised funds for the installation of a new water heater and a six burner gas stove !³² (N.B. - the average attendance rose to 13 in 1973.)
- 1973 Carpeting of the Church.³³
- 1973 Norm Wallace concludes 10 year service to Zion as Sunday School Superintendent. Elgin Stouffer assumed the role and continued until September of 1985.³⁴
- 1974 New Furnace and ductwork installed (\$1,844.50).³⁵
- 1974 Brown Owl reports "One thing I'd like to see our Brownie Pack have is a Brownie flag to carry in Church Parades, etc., but it is a little out of our reach at the present time."³⁶
- 1975 Budget Allocation for the charge set at Minden 60%, Carnarvon - 30% Maple Lake - 10% for 1975.³⁷
- 1975 Congregation of Carnarvon United Church approved the 'lease' of approximately one acre of the Twelve Mile Lake property to Margaret Barkwell of Lindsay, for 21 years less a day at \$175. Per year.³⁸
- 1976 1. Breezeway between Church and Christian Education Building closed, and insulated
2. Storage room behind church revamped into a choir room.³⁹
- 1976 The U.C.W donates \$100 to the Mustard Seed Mission (?).⁴⁰
- 1977 Session agreed that 'Dancing Lessons' would be allowed in the Christian Education Building.⁴¹
- 1977 Although Presbytery had asked the Zion Minister to take over 'supervision' of both Tory Hill and Gooderam; Session indicated that "our minister had enough responsibility in his own charge and should not be expected to do much beyond it."⁴²
- 1977 1. Illuminated sign board in front of church provided by Kinsman family.
2. Narthex walls opened for additional summer seating.
3. Telephone first installed in Church Education Building.

³¹ Board of Steward's Report 1972

³² Zion Carnarvon UCW Annual Report 1972

³³ Board of Steward's Report 1973

³⁴ Session Minutes - 1973 and Sept. 25, 1985

³⁵ Board of Steward's Report 1974

³⁶ Brownie Annual Report 1974-75

³⁷ Board of Stewards - Charge Meeting - November 1974

³⁸ House Lease indenture #79538, Oct. 16th, 1978, Minden Land Registry.

³⁹ Board of Steward's Report 1976

⁴⁰ UCW Annual Report 1976

⁴¹ Session Minutes - Jan 11th, 1977

⁴² Session Minutes - Oct 11, 1977

4. Public Address system installed with tape deck and turntable.⁴³
- 1978 Kitchen updated and pantry added.
- 1978 On March 5th, it was proposed that a new Allen Organ be purchased. Within 24 hours, six Zion families had each donated/loaned \$1000 for the purchase. The organ was ordered on March 6th,⁴⁴ and was dedicated in August.
- 1978 Concrete Vault was built at Twelve Mile Cemetery.
- 1981 A Committee was struck to investigate the installation of a 'closed-circuit' television system to accommodate the overflow summer congregations, with additional seating within the Christian Education Building.⁴⁵
- 1981 A porch was added to the back door of the Christian Education Centre to accommodate updated fire regulations.
- 1981 A metal roof was put on the Church and the Christian Education Centre.
- 1982 Mellissa Stephens was first engaged to direct the Zion Church Choir. Currently, (2012) Melissa has continuously provided music leadership to this 'Musical Church' with the longest serving contract position in Zion's history.
- 1983 A new Communion Set was dedicated to Helen Burton⁴⁶
- 1984 A Committee headed by Joan Fennell was struck to prepare a 'History of Zion Church' for a booklet being prepared by the Minden Times, to celebrate Minden's 125th Anniversary.⁴⁷
- 1985 Elgin Stouffer resigned as Superintendent of Sunday School after 12 year in that roll. Evelyn Coleman took on this responsibility.⁴⁸
- 1988 Responsibility for the management of the Zion Cemetery was taken over by Stanhope Township on June 1st; and for the Twelve Mile Cemetery taken over by Minden Township on July 1st. The Zion Cemetery Board was thus dissolved on June 15th.⁴⁹
- 1988 A new septic system was approved and hot water was installed to both washrooms in the C.E..Building.⁵⁰
- 1988 The kitchen was enlarged and a 'Choir Room' was created. Vinyl siding was added to the steeple to eliminate future painting.
- 1988 Two building lots east of the church and road allowance were purchased for 'possible future church expansion'. They are currently used for a parking facility.
- 1989 Jan. 3rd. The Road Allowance of 66 by 300 feet east of the church, was considered for purchase from the Township of Stanhope; but didn't occur. Instead a four foot strip was surveyed and deeded to the church to enable the installation of a new water well.

⁴³ Board of Steward's Report 1977

⁴⁴ Board of Steward's - March 12, 1978

⁴⁵ Session Minutes - March 23rd, 1981

⁴⁶ Session Minutes - June 1st, 1983

⁴⁷ Session Minutes - Jan. 11th, 1984

⁴⁸ Session Minutes - Oct. 22, 1985

⁴⁹ Board of Stewards - June 15th, 1988

⁵⁰ Board of Stewards - July 19th, 1988

- 1990 'Grandma's Place' was a program offering parental relief for moms with pre-school children, run by 'Grandma' Evelyn Coleman and 'Grandma' Marion McLelland, and with the assistance of several other Zion Grandmas. It ran every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the Christian Education Centre for several years. It had as many as 9 children listed, averaging 5-7 attendees.
- 1991 Zion Church operated a 'Coffee House' – three mornings per week.
- 1991 Mrs. Edna Tipton crocheted the cloth of the Lord's Prayer in memory of her son. The UCW had this unique tapestry framed and hung in the church.
- 1991 August 18th – Zion Church Centennial Celebrations this year, included a pancake breakfast, a beef bar-b-que and a street dance; as well as a 'Thank You Dinner' for the people working on rebuilding Highway 118 – in recognition of their help and cooperation.
- 1991 A new 'Unified Board' structure held their first meeting on January 29th, 1991. There were six committees: Finance & Property, Pastoral, Worship, Christian Education and Trustees. A Constitution was approved by the Congregation on April 21st, 1991.
- 1992 A wheel chair ramp was discussed during one of our 'after church coffee hours', and the monies required were for this project were donated 'on the spot' by a member of our 'Summer Church Family'.
- 1994 The 'Unified Board' of Committees was renamed as the 'Zion Church Council'.⁵¹ A new carpet was placed throughout the Christian Education Building.
- 1995 Sale of Barkwell property, adjacent to 12-Mile Cemetery, closed with net proceeds of \$53480. Placed in a one-year GIC at 7 ½ %⁵²
- 2000 UCW financed a new carpet in the sanctuary and vestry.
- 2001 An 'after-school' activity group for local school-children was started by Barbara Braker, and with assistance from various other parishioners, the group thrived as 'The Happy Munchkins'.
- 2008 Barbara and Walter Braker, along with their supporting teams, embarked on a very successful 'Turkey Pie' fund raising activity for Zion church, which has continued through the following years.
- 2009 In the recent years, Zion has focused on more 'Outreach' within our community, and in the broader world. We have addressed a 'Greening' of the church environment, and in doing so, have earned an award from the 'Greening of Sacred Places' organization for such efforts.

We look forward to the Christian challenges of the future.

⁵¹ Unified Board minutes – Jan 12, 1994

⁵² Zion Church Council Minutes – Jan 19, 1995

Clergy

Brown's Appointment

<u>Name:</u>		<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
<i>Rev. W.B. Tucker</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1890	
<i>Rev. Marquis E. Sexsmith</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1890	
<i>Bro. McPhail</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1890	
<i>Rev. William Down</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1890	1891
<i>Rev. J. G. McMullen</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1891	
<i>Rev. George E. Ross</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1891	
<i>Rev. James Wesley Shier</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1891	

Zion's Appointment

<i>Rev. W.H. Learoyd</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1892	
<i>Rev. D. C. Day</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1892	
<i>Rev. William A. Bunner</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1893	1894
<i>Rev. J. P. Berry</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1893	
<i>Rev. James Wesley Shier</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1897	
<i>Rev. R. P. Comings</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1898	
<i>Rev. Joseph M. Whyte</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1900	1916
<i>Bro. Dunkley</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1902	
<i>Rev. G. J. Wilson</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1917	
<i>Rev. R. Abernathy</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1920	
<i>Rev. H. E. Fruin</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1921	
<i>Rev. John W. Wilkinson</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	1925	
<i>Rev. William Parker</i>	<i>Presbyterian</i>	1921	1925

Zion United Church

<i>Rev. William Parker</i>	<i>United</i>	1925	1926
<i>Rev. R.A. McCrae</i>	<i>United</i>	1927	1932
<i>Rev. Verne E.R. Zufelt</i>	<i>United</i>	1932	1935
<i>Rev. G. E. Adamson</i>	<i>United</i>	1935	1936
<i>Rev. G. M. Clayton</i>	<i>United</i>	1936	1937
<i>Rev. J. M. Fleming</i>	<i>United</i>	1937	1941
<i>Rev. S. B. Smith</i>	<i>United</i>	1941	1943
<i>Rev. I. E. Cavender</i>	<i>United</i>	1943	1945
<i>Rev. Kenneth P. Jull</i>	<i>United</i>	1945	1951
<i>Rev. F. Euart Madden</i>	<i>United</i>	1951	1954
<i>Rev. Henry C. Vachlivick</i>	<i>United</i>	1954	1957
<i>Rev. Hugh Robert. Macdonald</i>	<i>United</i>	July 1957	1960
<i>Rev. David W. Staples</i>	<i>United</i>	April 1960	May 1966
<i>Mr. D.W. Heard</i>	<i>United</i>	1962	1962 (Student Minister)
<i>Rev. James E. Cargo</i>	<i>United</i>	Dec. 1966	Oct. 1967
<i>Rev. Lorne Carter</i>	<i>United</i>	1967	1967 (Student Minister)
<i>Rev. N. McNeill</i>	<i>United</i>	1967	1968 (Pulpit Supply)
<i>Rev. N. Wes.Oake</i>	<i>United</i>	July 1968	June 1972

<i>Miss Bowman</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>July 1969</i>	<i>1969 (Student Minister)</i>
<i>Rev. James J. Bushell</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>Jan. 1973</i>	<i>Sept. 1976</i>
<i>Mr. Lloyd Johnson</i>	<i>Anglican</i>	<i>Sept. 1976</i>	<i>Dec. 1976 Acting Minister</i>
<i>Rev. Douglas R. Miller</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>Jan. 1977</i>	<i>Aug. 1982</i>
<i>Rev. Cylde G. Westhaver</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>Nov. 1982</i>	<i>July 1986</i>
<i>Rev. John B. Spencley</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>May 1986</i>	<i>Oct. 1986 (Interim Supply)</i>
<i>Rev. Edward Moll</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>April 1987</i>	<i>April 1992</i>
<i>Donna Quance</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>Dec. 1992</i>	<i>(Interim minister)</i>
<i>Rev. Douglas H. Smith</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>Jan 1993</i>	<i>Jan 1993</i>
<i>Rev. James B. Phelps</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>May 1993</i>	<i>May 1993</i>
<i>Rev. Peter Walford-Davis</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>Oct. 1993</i>	<i>July 2002</i>
<i>Rev. James Allsop</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2002</i>
<i>Rev. Norman Thomas</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>Nov 2002</i>	<i>May 2003</i>
<i>Rev. Max Ward</i>	<i>United</i>	<i>Sept. 2003</i>	

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