

# District minister retiring after 35 years of service

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When Rev. Maurice McLeod conducts his last service on June 28, he will take with him a lot of good friends and many fond memories.

Serving a congregation of 250 at Albury and Rednersville churches, Rev. McLeod led the churches for 21 years, and retires from the ministry after 35 years of service.

Although he's giving up his work, it won't mean Rev. McLeod, who turns 65 in November, will have lots of time on his hands. The avid gardener, who has a beautiful country garden at his home on Rednersville Road, will be busy with the Belleville and Ameliasburg garden clubs, the 7th Town Historical Society and the Masonic Lodge. He also intends to write a book about his many experiences.

When Rev. McLeod first moved to the area, he looked after three churches - the third at Victoria. He recalls always been worried that he would get one of the times mixed up - two of the churches alternated when they would hold their services. But even on the most snowy days, Rev. McLeod always managed to travel the few miles between each church.

The congregation has changed greatly since he first came here. Then, it was mostly a farming community.

"Today, I think there's only one herd of cattle on the road (Rednersville Road). A lot of the people have come out here to retire or have businesses in Belleville or Trenton."

*until June 13/87*  
The road which he served has also seen many changes. One day he and his wife Norma counted the number of new houses between their home and Rossmore and added up 62.

"It's become a real bedroom community."

Rev. McLeod was ordained in 1952 and spent his first pastoral charge in Kelwood McCreary, Manitoba. He went on to Sanford Charge, a suburb of Winnipeg, and then east to Marmora before arriving in Rednersville.

Rev. McLeod has also taught religion in public schools for over 34 years, and was family minister and counsellor at Quin-Mo-Lac United Church Camp, Madoc, for several years.

His wife Norma has led the choir and played the organ at Rednersville Church, and plans to continue her music instruction. The couple have two children - daughter Sheila and son Brian.

A tea will be held in his honor at Rednersville Church Hall on Sunday, June 21, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A window will also be installed at Albury Church, to be dedicated on June 28.

Although Rev. McLeod says he will miss some of the routines of being a minister, he is looking forward to having more time.

"I hope I'll be able to plan my time a little more. When I was working, I learned never to make any firm plans."

For further information on the tea being planned for Rev. McLeod, contact Barbara Roblin at 962-5263 or Al Collins, 968-3297.



Rev. and Mrs. Maurice McLeod, shown with pet Cinci, look forward to this summer when Rev. McLeod retires. He will give his last service at the two churches, Rednersville and

Albury, at the end of June. The beautiful gardens around their home on Rednersville Road will be just one of the many activities to keep him busy once he retires.

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