

125th Anniversary

The 125th Anniversary of Browns United Church, Browns Corners was celebrated on Sunday October 16, 1988 with an attendance of over three hundred and fifty.

The minister, the Rev. Jean Baker was assisted in the service by three beloved and respected former ministers. The Rev. Elwood Morden, of Hamilton, read the Scripture and gave the prayers of Confession and Assurance of Pardon. The Rev. Jack Thompson of London led in the Offertory Prayer and the Pastoral Prayer. The sermon was taken by the Rev. Doug Chapman, of London. His sermon was entitled, Take Courage, (John 16: 33b), which he developed under the headings Physical Courage, Moral Courage, Social Courage and Creative Courage.

A male quartet, The Bonds of Love, from Woodstock, provided the music. Mrs. Annie Uren was organist. At the close of the service Mrs Uren was presented with a painting of the Church, as well as a new light for the organ, in recognition of her many years of faithful service as organist.

Receiving the offering were Clarence & Kevin Tate, David & Steven Arthur, Bob Conway & Jason Uren.

The Rev. Jean Baker closed the service with the Commissioning and Benediction.

The Church was decorated with a design of Bird of Paradise blossoms, a pomegranate and grapes. This was complimented with baskets of mums. These were designed by Alice Hawkesworth and Edythe Howe. Janet Uren designed the arrangements for the School. Brian Conway and Karen Arthur decorated the black boards.