St. John's hosts concert to mark 175th anniversary

By JANET DUVAL

St. John's United Church

One of Canada's leading concert organists will perform this Sunday evening, Nov. 2 at St. John's United Church in Georgetown.

Christopher Dawes is principal organist at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto and a member of University of Toronto's Faculty of Music, and has performed pop and classical favourites across Canada and around the

Also on stage will be Toronto musician Daniel Rubinoff on saxophone.

The 7 p.m. concert, part of St. John's 175th anniversary

take place in the church's stunningly beautiful newly renovated sanctuary. Known for its outstanding acoustics, the space now has an enlarged, wheel-chair accessible platform stage, refurbished organ, flexible seating, new

carpet and updated audio-visual and projection technol-

Tickets will be available at the door for \$25, or for \$20 in advance at the Silvercreek Café on Main St., Georgetown, or the church office, 11 Guelph St.



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anniversary weekend include a Saturday night Variety Show, free to all beginning at 7 p.m., a ham dinner (now sold out), and a special Sunday morning service beginning at 10 a.m. with speaker the Reverend Nan-

cy Knox, a former minister at St. John's.

The weekend caps three years of anniversary celebrations for St. John's, which is "one congregation with two places of worship.'

Its Glen Williams church was founded in 1836 by Rev.

Benajah Williams, after whom the hamlet was named, and the Georgetown church began three years later, at a time when circuit riders on horseback travelled through 'interminable wilderness' in this area to preach to waiting villagers. One early speaker was Egerton Ryerson, the founder of public education in Ontario, and of Victoria College and the Ryerson Press.

The church has gone through many changes since then, but remains true to its motto "Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds.'

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