



Cutting the ribbon to open the new addition at Hillcrest Church were (from left), Ken McNabb, chair of the building committee; Blair Harrison, property manager; Murray Brownridge, vice chair of the council and Rev. Ken Jackson. "Thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, combined with the support of the congregation, we have been able to meet our expenses without a mortgage," said McNabb.

Photo by Shawn McAlpine

Hillcrest Church opens new addition

A dedication service to officially open a 2,500 sq. ft. addition to Hillcrest United church, located at the corner of Trafalgar Rd. and Five Sideroad in Halton Hills, was held Sunday (Nov. 3).

While the impetus for the \$400,000 building project was a growing church school, the addition provides many improved facilities. New offices, a spacious new foyer, a large classroom/meeting room and two smaller meeting rooms complete the new area. The existing building was renovated to include a handicap lift, a wheelchair accessible wash-room and a much-improved staircase leading to the main level of the church as well as to the lower level auditorium.

"This addition will allow us to better serve both our own congregation and the community around us," said Marjorie Hryciw, chair of Hillcrest Church council. "We have an excellent, interactive Sunday School curriculum that is very popular with the children but had outgrown our existing facilities. Plus our

church is used by a large number of local community groups and we had reached the point where we could not handle all the requests for meeting space."

Scouts, guides, Tai Chi, Ashgrove Women's Institute, 4-H and a large number of farm organizations use the church on a regular basis.

"Hillcrest Church is unique in many ways," said Hryciw. "Situated almost halfway between Milton and Georgetown, it draws from both communities as well as from the rural area surrounding it. We have a wonderful mix of people, from families who have recently moved into the nearby housing developments to those whose roots trace back to the original Hornby and Ashgrove churches that amalgamated in 1968 to form Hillcrest. Our campaign slogan, 'Deep Roots, New Growth' describes our church and congregation perfectly."

The addition was designed by architect Doris Cheung and built by ABCO Construction. The three-month project started in June and was completed at the end of September.

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