1982 - DURING REV. KEITH RAMESHWAR'S MINISTRY, MAJOR REMODELLING OF THE CHURCH BEGAN. A LARGER SANCTUARY WITH NEW FURNISHINGS, AN ELEVATOR TO ASSIST THE HANDICAPPED, AND A BASEMENT SUNDAY SCHOOL/ALL PURPOSE ROOM. THREE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FROM THE DAYTON UNITED CHURCH WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEWLY DECORATED SANCTUARY. DURING THIS CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, CHURCH SERVICES WERE HELD AT IRON BRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL. DURING THE RENOVATION PERIOD, THE SESSION PUT MUCH THOUGHT AND PRAYER INTO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY. THIS IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION:



CURTAINS - LUKE 23:45

- WINE IN COLOUR\_ - THIS IS MY BLOOD

WINDOWS - BIBLE - HEBREW 1:3 - FATHER

VINE - JOHN 15:5 - SON

DOVE - MARK 1:10 - HOLY SPIRIT

CROSS - EMPTY - SYMBOLIC OF THE RISEN CHRIST

WALL - 12 FT. DIMENSION-SYMBOLIC OF THE 12 DISCIPLES
ANGLED - SYMBOLIC OF THE OPEN ARMS OF JESUS
YET APPEARS AS ONE - THREE IN ONE-THE TRINITY

KNEELING RAIL - MOVED TO THE SIDE - OPEN PATH TO CHRIST TIE WITH OUR METHODIST PAST

- 1983 COMPLETION OF THE EXTENSIVE RENOVATION PROGRAM! A LARGE CROWD WITNESSED AN IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION CEREMONY. REV. DOUG TRASK, CHAIRMAN OF ALGOMA PRESBYTERY, AND REV. JOHN BROWN (FORMER MINISTER) REPRESENTING LONDON CONFERENCE WERE GUEST SPEAKERS.
- 1984 A NEW PIANO AND BAPTISMAL FONT WERE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY IN MEMORY OF EVELYN (ALLEN) WALKER.
- 1985 IN MAY, ALL NEW FURNISHINGS WERE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY.
  THIS WAS DONE THROUGH MEMORIAL GIFTS.
  - REV. PAUL STEMP LED A VERY LARGE AND ACTIVE GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE. HIS WIFE, REV. LINDA STEMP, ORGANIZED AND LED A GROUP OF YOUNG MOTHERS AND THEIR PRESCHOOLERS "MOM'S & TOT'S".
  - A LIFESIZE NATIVITY SCENE GRACED OUR CHURCH YARD THROUGH THE TALENTS OF REV. STEMP, KENNY MCCLELLAND, DENNIS KIRBY, JASON LANE AND CINDY MCCLELLAND.
- 1986 OCTOBER 19TH BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE SYMBOLIZING A DEBT-FREE BUILDING. THE TEN YEAR MORTGAGE OBTAINED THROUGH THE CONFERENCE WAS PAID OFF IN EXACTLY FOUR YEARS. ANOTHER MORTGAGE WAS PAID OFF EARLIER. REV. MORLEY CLARK, PRESIDENT OF LONDON CONFERENCE WAS GUEST SPEAKER
  - REV. STEMP PERIODICALLY PUBLISHED AN EVER POPULAR GOOD NEWS NEWSLETTER.
- 1989 A NEW ORGAN WAS PURCHASED WITH A BEQUEST FROM MRS. KITCHEN, A SISTER-IN-LAW OF ANNE BOVILLE, THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR OF THIS HISTORY (1880-1975)
- 1990 A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED IN THE SANCTUARY A GIFT FROM EDITH DEGAGNE IN MEMORY OF HER SONS.
   THE ELECTRIC HEATING SYSTEM WAS CHANGED TO NATURAL GAS.
- 1991 REV. NEIL YOUNG ORGANIZÉD A TRANSIENT POLICY WHICH TAKES CARE OF ANY EMERGENCY NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE TRAVELLING (OR OTHERWISE).
  - AN ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE WAS FORMED. THE DILIGENT WORKERS ON THIS COMMITTEE CONSIST OF: MRS. MARY CORBETT, MRS. SHARON LANE, MRS. EDITH CAMERON, MR. & MRS. HARVEY & MARY ALLEN, AND MR. & MRS. TED & JANE LINLEY. 25 DOZEN ANNIVERSARY PLATES WERE ORDERED AND FLANS FOR AN ARTIFACT CASE WERE MADE.
- 1992 SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

  IRON BRIDGE UNITED CHURCH

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