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Church's reunion salutes 125 years

By JIM THOMAS
 Sunday was Reunion Day for the congregation of Greenwood United Church. Morning and evening services plus activities throughout the afternoon brought together members and adherents both past and present. The occasion was the denomination's 125th anniversary.

Rev. W.B. Thornloe, of Victoria Park United Church, delivered the message at the morning worship. The service at night was a program of vocal and instrumental music with the congregation's pastor, Rev. Sharon Patterson in charge.

A drama and slide presentation were enjoyed at the Greenwood Public Library during the afternoon.

Much of the work in putting the day's events together was undertaken by Betty Pegg, the church organist and choir leader.

A history of the congregation and the church was provided by Doug Morden, a member of the anniversary committee.

The Greenwood congregation was established in 1863. Services were first held in the Orange Hall. The original church was built in 1876. The present sanctuary was erected in 1928.

The charge has been served by 31 ministers with Rev. Tom Fleetham remaining 18 years.

A lovely painting of the original church, completed by Greenwood's Nancy Hoar, was admired by many.

Engraved plaques honoring the anniversary were received from Ontario Premier David Peterson, presented by MPP Norah Stoner, and from Mayor John Anderson, Town of Pickering.

The gifts were recognized by Mr. Morden Sunday evening.

Choir members past and present included Betty Pegg, Betty Goodwin, Marjory Morden, Pat Beach, Pat Pegg, Barbara Pegg, Elva Henning, Sheila Brooks, Kathy Post, Jean Thomas, Alfred Pegg, Russel Patterson, Joe Pegg and Fred Brown.

Participants in the Christian Family Celebration on Sunday night were the Tait family, Rosalie O'Brien, Ted Brooks, Russel Patterson, Nelson Cole, Margaret and Vic Osmond, Lois Stuart and Syd Milnes, Linda Maher, Jim Carswell, Ron and Susan McMullen.

The congregational singing was accompanied by Russel Patterson and Rosalie O'Brien.

A 125th anniversary cake was cut by Rev. Patterson and served following the evening worship.



Greenwood United Church minister Sharon Patterson cuts the anniversary cake. Below, Ted Brooks played guitar at the celebration on Sunday.



Nancy Hoar, above, a member of Greenwood United Church shows her painting of the original church built around 1876. The church has since been rebuilt. Below, trumpeter Rosalie (Brooks) O'Brien came back Sunday to celebrate the church's 125th year.



Photos by Jim Thomas

Bill Newman devoted life to service

By JIM THOMAS
 It seemed appropriate that a small country church in the heart of rural Pickering should be the location for a service in memory of one whose roots were deeply embedded in township soil. Despite the fact William G. Newman held positions of prominence at both municipal and provincial levels of government, he never lost touch with those to whom he meant so much and who meant so much to him. Bill Newman died Oct. 12 in Ajax-Pickering Hospital following an illness of almost two years. He was 60. Born at Dunbarton, the son of Harry A. and Margaret Newman, Bill received his degree from the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph. Intensely interested in politics, Bill Newman advanced through the ranks of Pickering Twp. Council to become one of the

youngest Reeves of his day in Ontario. Premier William Davis recognized Bill's energy and enthusiasm, appointing him to two of his government's most important posts - Minister of the Environment and Minister of Agriculture. He carried out these duties with determination and vision. Foodland Ontario was one of his most ambitious projects. He resigned from Cabinet in 1979 and from the Legislature in 1981. Rev. Sharon Patterson, pastor to the congregation of Mt. Zion Church, touched on all these things at a memorial service, Saturday. The sanctuary was filled to overflowing with many seated in the balcony and the basement. Some stood outside. Mourners included former township reeve Sherman Scott;



BILL NEWMAN
 Former MPP 'a doer'
 former councillors Milton Mowbray and Sid Pugh; MPPs Bill Ballinger and Norah Stoner;

Ross Stevenson, Michael Starr and more. Rev. Patterson spoke of Mr. Newman's "special place in his heart for this congregation." She told of his close association with the Ajax-Pickering Hospital and St. Paul's Church-On-The-Hill, Dunbarton. "He was a doer," she said, "he made the best of people they could possibly be." Rev. Patterson spoke of the close family ties Mr. Newman enjoyed and appreciated. "He found illness hard to accept," she said, "he wanted more time, not for his own glory but for his family." The pastor quoted the comment told to her by a close friend who described Bill as "the straightest man I ever knew." "I knew him as a good neighbor, a loving father and grandfather," she said. Rev. Patterson was assisted in

the service by Rev. Harry Newman, a brother of the deceased, and Rev. Brian McVitty of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Dunbarton. A saxophone solo was rendered by Russel Patterson, the minister's husband. Bill McEachnie of The McEachnie Funeral Home, Pickering, was in charge. Interment was Sunday at Salem Cemetery. Besides his wife, the former Molly Mitchell, Mr. Newman is survived by two daughters, Cathy and Carrie; one son Allan; grandchildren Amy, David and Christopher; three brothers, Rev. Harry Newman, Greenwood; Rev. Robert Newman, Beaverton; Tom Newman, also of Greenwood, and one sister, Anne, in Ireland. He was predeceased by a brother, Richard, a casualty of World War II.

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