DELTA DATA

Delta United Church Congregation Celebrates 134th Anniversary

The congregation of Delta United Church celebrated their 134th Anniversary with Rev. Jim Gilchrist of Athens and Addison Churches as guest minister.

The newly decorated and carpeted sanctuary was beautiful with potted mums and late fall flowers. The chimes from the Church tower were greatly appreciated as the worshippers congregated.

The service opened with minister and congregation reading in unison the appropriate 100th Psalm, giving thanks to Almighty God for His greatness and goodness.

Rev. Gilchrist preached convincingly on his subject "The Maverick Church". He said in part "Jesus was in many ways a Maverick. He did not conform with the religious leaders of His time. His concern for humans was a new idea for the world of that day." The Minister challenged the worshippers to decide what the Gospel of Jesus Christ means to them and then go out to live by it.

As always, the service of worship was enriched by the music of the two choirs. The Senior Choir under the leadership of the organist, Paul Chant, sang an old favorite "Whispering Hope" in which Mrs. Grant Richardson and Mrs. David Halladay sang the enjoyable duet. The Junior Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Richardson, delighted the congregation with their rendition of "Jesus Master, Brave and Bold".

An impressive ceremony took place when Mr. Morris Snider, accompanied by Mrs. Snider of Port Huron, Michigan, dedicated the Memorial Plaque which commemorates the generous bequest to this church by the Misses Carrie and Mabel Hill. Mr. Snider recalled with deep feeling, the lessons in Christian loving he had gained during his boyhood from these truly Christian ladies. Surely the ancient prayer of the Psalmist "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us" was abundantly fulfilled in the lives of Carrie and Mabel Hill. They served their Church with devotion during their lives and through their bequest they continue to support the work of their Lord and Master in this Church.

Again the congregation has given thanks to Almighty God for the faith and zeal of the Pioneers who built this church. May their devotion to their Lord and their zeal for the outreach of His Church, be ours to-day, to enrich our lives and the life and work of our Congregation.



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DELTA UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Mrs. Harry McElroy was hostess for the Thank-Offering meeting of Delta United Church Women. The president Mrs. Charles French welcomed the members and opened the meeting with an appropriate poem of gratitude. Mrs. Glen Sweet conducted the opening worship using the hymn "Come Ye Thankful People Come" and the scripture text"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and His wonderful works to the Children of men!" "Everyone should be thankful for just the fact of life" she said "and make our lives something for which to be thankful". The thanks offering was received by Mrs. Bryce Woods and dedicated by Mrs. Warren Henderson.

The president thanked Mrs. Grant Richardson and Mrs. Leo Wykes for making the attractive curtains for the Church hall and kitchen and Linda Henderson for making the luncheon tickets for the Elgin Section Rally.

An interesting report was given of the involvement of the United Church at the Plowing Match where visitors saw displays of the work of United Church, books for sale and enjoyed tea and cakes at the hospitality booth.

Final plans for the Harvest Supper on October 20th were reported.

The president expressed thanks to the young ladies of the Church and representatives of Harlem Chantry United Church Women who assisted with the luncheon giving our members the opportunity to enjoy the luncheon and the Meetings of the Rally.

The social committee will serve refreshments following the "Music Night" in the Church on October 30th.

A letter was read from Rideau Union Library telling of their needs and a donation of \$25. will be made to the Library.

Mrs. Glenn Chant was in charge of the study "The Nature of Mission to-day". To be in Mission means to share the good news of salvation. Probably the most significant new phenomenon in the seventies is the fact of a world church as a global reality. How liberating it is to realize that God really is in charge. In the final analysis, the Mission is His, not ours.

A social time was enjoyed when the hostess and her assistants Mrs. Glen Sweet and Mrs. Charles French served dainty refreshments. Mrs. Warren Henderson thanked the hostess, her assistants and all who took part in the interesting program.

Mrs. Charles French will be hostess for the November meeting.

DELTA BROWNIES

Ist Delta Brownies Pack meets every Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Delta United Church Hall. Any girl who is seven and not eleven before December 31 is able to join as there are still openings for registration.

Brownies are an opportunity for young girls to learn simple homemaking, crafts and the adventures of out-of-doors.

For more information call Brown Owl, Betty Henderson 928-2247 or Tawny Owl, Pat Phillips at 928-2712.

DELTA GUIDES

1st Delta Guide Company meets every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Delta United Church Hall. Girls between ages eleven and fourteen are still able to register as there are openings.

Guides are a more advanced stage of Brownies offering homemaking skills, crafts, nursing, fire emergency and outof-door adventure as well.

For more information call Guide Captain, Linda Laming at 928-2411.

DELTA ATHLETIC AND RECREATIONAL SOCIETY

The old arena and rink houses have been demolished and the area around it has been cleaned out with a brush hog. Plans have been drawn up for the new arena which will be started as soon as surveying has been completed.

Raffle tickets for a side of beef are still on sale with draw to take place on November 16, at monthly meeting.

