138th Anniversary

On Sunday, January 26th, members and friends of Lennoxville United Church celebrated the 138th Anniversary of their Church. In his sermon, Reverend Jim Potter noted that *shortly before 1820, several Methodist families came from Ireland to the Sherbrooke-Lennoxville area. Without a church, they began holding class-meetings in their homes. Later, they met for worship in a school house at the foot of Haskell Hill Road. From about 1847 until 1874, they held services in a small wooden church which they had built on Belvidere Street (now College Street) where the Post Office now stands. In 1874, a fire left half the town, including the church, in ruins. Immediately after the fire, plans were made to construct the present building, which was dedicated in January 1876. Concurrently, a parsonage was built on the same lot.

In 1925, the Methodist Church became part of the United Church of Canada as a result of a union of the Methodist, Congregationalist, and some Presbyterian Churches. The church hall, a gift from Mrs. Gertrude Scott, was added in 1939. The present manse was completed the following year after the old parsonage and shed were removed. We can be proud that we have such a rich heritage of religious and community life.*

Following the Anniversary service, refreshments were provided by the ladies of Unit 6 under the convenorship of Isabel Sarrasin and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

*taken from the "History of Lennoxville United Church

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