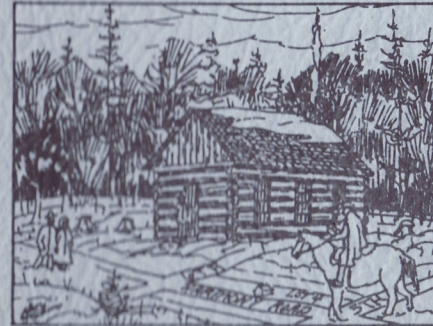


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A constant light to an ever-changing community

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Preface

This book is the result of a desire to try to get down on paper some of the warmth and vitality I have shared as people at Kedron come together to achieve common goals.

Perhaps I feel an affinity with Kedron because I grew up in a small rural church, much like the old one across the road. My church was Crossley-Hunter, named after two Methodist evangelists of the last century, who began it by holding camp meetings in the woods. Also four of my great grandparents were original settlers in the Aylmer area.

In writing the history there was a problem about what to call married women. I have tried to call them by their husband's first and last names in the period before the present church was built, and by their own christian names, as is our custom, after that. Women who span both periods may be treated both ways.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. F.W. Lee, who preserved the history of the early churches, and to Clarence Werry, who furnished details about the building of the present church when I wrote a brief history in 1963.

It is not possible to thank all the people who helped with this book, but I would like to mention Bill and Helen Werry, who spent many hours on the project (Bill approved the whole first draft.); Mrs. Gussie Mountjoy, who loaned old clippings which were invaluable in reconstructing the earliest days; Marilyn Love, who helped with the proof-reading; Bill Tane of Taunton Press, and especially my husband Rodger, who gave unfailing support throughout the whole process.

April, 1988

Jean C. Bishop

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On behalf of Kedron United Church, and especially the Anniversary Committee, I want to express our very sincere appreciation to the Chairperson of the Committee, Mrs. Jean Bishop. We are extremely fortunate to have this devoted and unassuming person steering us in our celebrations.

Jean has also devoted countless hours to researching and recording our past in this history. She has done so with an enthusiasm that can come only from true love for her community of Kedron.

Rev. Elwyn Hughes

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IN THE BEGINNING

1988 marks the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of a church in the Kedron community. This is the story of how the present Kedron United Church, a one-point charge with a manse, evolved from humble beginnings in a pioneer settlement.

What Was This Community Like in 1838?

If we magically could be set down in this area in 1838, the year the first church was built, there would be nothing we could recognize.

We would be living in Upper Canada: it was not yet Ontario. York, which had just changed its name to Toronto, had a population of 7,000. The future city of Oshawa was solid bush with three small villages -- the oldest settlement at the harbour, Gibbs' Mills, where Oshawa Creek crosses the present Gibb Street, and Skae's Corners, where Oshawa Creek crosses the present King Street.

Whitby's harbour, called Windsor, was very important as an outlet for grain, lumber and potash made from burning logs. Thomas Pascoe, in a letter written in 1836, describes Windsor:

...When I first landed here (1834) there was but one house and a store for lodging goods or grain for shipping. Now there is a very extensive store, a brewery brewing 24 barrels per week, a tavern, a blacksmith's shop, a shoemaker's shop, and I believe a shipwright's yard.

Perry's Corners was another tiny settlement at Whitby's present four corners.

Columbus, larger than the Oshawa villages, was called English Corners, because most of its settlers came from England. A mill was just being built at Brooklin, which was known as Winchester. Prince Albert, called Dayton's Corners, was one of the fastest growing centres because of its position on Simcoe Street, the best route for transporting grain from Lake Scugog across the ridges to Lake Ontario.

This community was known as the Luke Settlement. The name Kedron wasn't used until 25 years later when the third church was built in 1863. Richard Luke, Gussie Mountjoy's great grandfather, and Marion Starkoski's and Eleanor Hannah's great, great grandfather, took up crown land here in 1834. He was one of the first settlers.

In those first years farms were small, rough clearings in solid bush. Buildings were all of log. There were stumps everywhere, with crops planted among them.

We are fortunate to have a letter written to his family in England by Thomas Pascoe, who came out on the same ship as his brother-in-law, Richard Luke. The letter was written in 1836, two years after the family arrived in Upper Canada, and two years before the first church was built. Selected parts of the letter give a remarkable glimpse into life at that time:

January 18th, 1836

Dear Honored Father and loving Sister,

. . . I hope this will find you in good health, in soundness of mind, in the bond of family affection. Thank God we are all in good health. We nor R. Luke and family have needed a doctor since we have been in this country. Truly with one of old we may exclaim "What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits".

We have had a very wet summer and harvest, a great deal of grain being injured. . . . Some wheat in shocks grew green. The whole shock by taking the sheaf might be hauled about the field, and that which was standing grew as it stood. . . . Some of our wheat was winter killed and some grew very heavy, but with so much wet it went down before it kernelled, so that we have very little for sale. We took 118 shocks off an acre of spring wheat, and I don't know whether we have more than 15 bushels.

. . . Our live stock consists of 1 yoke of oxen, 2 cows, yearlings, 3 pigs, turkeys, geese and fowls. We lost a yearling; it went where I had chopped and fell under a log and we could not find it for days. When found, it was dead.

. . . There is a petition gone to the House this session of Parliament for dividing our county, if it is carried we shall have a court house built in Whitby (Township).

. . . I suppose you have heard different accounts of the country both good and bad. I think of it just as I ever have, that an industrious man can do better here than at home for his family, though it is pretty much up hill for three or four years in the bush. Implements of husbandry come very high, stock cannot be got for nothing nor land cleared without labor, so some get disheartened and some like it

well, some write a good account and others bad, one speaks of the disadvantages and others the advantages that are met with here. These are just the feelings of the folks that came out with us. Power liked the country well at first, but now he dislikes it very much and has posted his place for sale. William Luke's wife and daughter Maria have been sick with the ague for six months but are pretty well.

. . . We have a good mill site on a very convenient place for erecting a saw mill, just on the division line between Mr. Luke and us. The situation is good and I believe a saw mill is very profitable. Richard Luke and I intend fixing one. . . . Pine and hemlock is chiefly what is sawed. Perhaps one half would be sawed on shares; that is, persons bring logs to the mill and take half the lumber and leave half for the sawing. Logs are parts of trees cut to such length as the boards are required, but 12 feet is the common length. We have several hundred pounds worth of timber on our land, if cut into boards. We have this week been drawing logs to the mill to be cut into boards for our mill. We intend getting out the frame for the mill house and get it on the spot before the snow goes off, as it is so much easier to drag on snow.

. . . If we can do this before sugar harvest, which is in March, we shall do well. As soon as sugaring is over and the spring opens, we shall be busy getting in our spring crops. I intend putting in 4 acres pease, 1 Indian corn, 3 spring wheat, 1½ barley, 1 oats, 1 potatoes, 1 turnips. This should all be done in five or six weeks. Ten acres of it we have to plow, 2 acres to log and burn off. This will be a pretty good task for your grandson and son-in-law and one team of oxen. Four acres of fall wheat we have tilled and about 7 acres seeded down for hay. . . . I can find plenty of work on my farm so that I cannot attend to work at the mill yet.

. . . Dear father, I suppose you would like to know something about the winter. Thus far it has been a pleasant one. Snow came about November 23rd. and has remained ever since. I suppose it is now about 15 inches deep in this neighbourhood. We can boast at present of roads equal to yours. It is about 5 or 6 hours drive to Toronto -- 40 miles. Some days are pretty cold and some are thawey.

. . . We dined at Richard Luke's on Christmas Day, on turkeys, pork and rice pudding and also made malt and brewed beer ourselves, pretty good; and they dined with us on New Year's Day. We wished our dear friends were with us.

The article on East Whitby in the Historical Atlas of Ontario County, published in 1877, gives some interesting facts about the very first settlers in this area:

. . . On the extreme east of the township, Government cut out one of the road allowances two rods wide (the present Ritson Road), as far as the rear of the 6th concession in 1831, and nearly all that section of the township was settled in that and the following years. Wright, Gould, Pickle, Beggs, Gifford, Luke, Pascoe, Ormiston, Hutchinson, Graham, Stephens, Miller, Gregg, Tarcliff, Campbell, Maltman and McKenzie were all first settlers in the bush in this neighbourhood. . . . John Harper was the first to erect a saw mill on the east branch of the Oshawa Creek. Luke and Pascoe, Ray, Campbell and others, afterwards used the same stream, Ray being the first to erect a grist mill.

. . . Few of them could afford the luxury of a horse in the first years of their occupation. Mr. Wright was an exception, and to him many of the early settlers were obliged to have recourse for the use of his mare to carry a grist to the mill in a pinch. Indeed, the mare was always at the service of a neighbour whenever required upon an emergency. An ox cart belonging to the same gentleman was for some time the only one in the settlement. It was never refused to a neighbour. If it was not at home when asked for, Mr. Wright would say, "I have an ox cart somewhere; if you can find it, take it, but for long spells I only see it when passing on the road behind somebody's oxen."

Pioneer Methodism

These early pioneers from south-western England brought with them the impassioned Methodism of John Wesley. It was a time of evangelists, camp meetings and dramatic conversions. A person's religious faith was a matter to be expressed in conversation, in letters and in obituaries.

When Richard Luke, son of the Richard Luke who was the original settler, died in 1884, tribute was paid in the newspaper obituary to his career as a outstanding farmer who served as Councillor, Deputy Reeve and Reeve.

The next paragraph gives the following information:

He was blessed with Christian parents, his father being a Methodist class-leader for more than fifty years, and Richard was early taught the principles of Christianity, which undoubtedly influenced his whole life for good. But while he was a believer in Christianity, and observed its outward forms, he did not fully decide for Christ until about nine years ago, when, during a revival service held at Kedron by Brother Wilson, he became savingly converted to God, since which time he has lived a consistent, Christian life. As a follower of Christ, he was humble and unassuming, but his peace flowed as a river and his life and works proved the genuineness of his faith.

Another newspaper obituary from that period says about the late Nathan Bray:

Family prayer was strictly observed in the household as long as the deceased was able to conduct it, and Sunday was a day of rest and religious services. Sunday visiting was not countenanced. Every member of the family was expected to attend church and all the young folk the Sabbath School.

In a community with this kind of religious fervour informal arrangements were made for conducting services even before simple churches could be built. In his letter Thomas Pascoe describes how it was done in 1836:

. . . Within the last five months there have been added to the church upwards of 200 members and about 170 of them sound conversions. In this circuit we have two travelling preachers, one from Yorkshire the other a Canadian, not great but good men. . . . We have one of the travelling ministers preaching at our home every fortnight, on Tuesday afternoons at half-past two, prayer meeting and class at our home on Sunday forenoons; preaching on Sunday forenoon about 1½ miles east of us.

THREE EARLY CHURCHES

The First Church and Luke's Church

In 1937 Mrs. F. W. Lee wrote a history of the churches in the Kedron community, which was read at the 75th anniversary of the old church (now the Community Hall). Mrs. Lee preserved the only details we have of the building of these first two churches:

. . . The first organized effort to establish a church of which we find record was in 1838 when a public meeting was called, Mr. John Hepburn being the chairman and Mr. John Ratcliffe secretary, and at which it was resolved to build a church on the edge of the woods on Lot 4, Concession 5, (the Bill Werry farm). There was also woods on the west side of the road and the owners of each gave full permission for trees to be cut wherever they could be found. With volunteer labour and by using oxen the logs were soon on the site and a log church 20 x 30 feet with a ten-foot ceiling was erected in a month. It was dedicated by both Methodists and Presbyterians.

. . . For ten years services were carried on by both denominations, the late Dr. Thornton holding a Presbyterian service on Sunday, and the Methodists holding services on Wednesday evening.

. . . In 1848 apparently the log church was abandoned. A Presbyterian church was built at Columbus and the Methodists erected a church at Lot 8, Concession 5, (probably just south of Ron Werry's house). It was known as Luke's church.

All that remains from this church to-day is a simple candle-holder, now displayed in the church at Kedron. It is a gift from Mrs. W.L. Mountjoy, nee Gussie Luke, whose family preserved it for 125 years.

Richard Luke settled in 1834 on a farm which fronted on the 5th Concession, extending north to the present Kedron Dells Clubhouse. The Lukes raised a family of seven boys, and Richard Luke secured 100 acres in the vicinity for each of his sons. As time went on, it became truly a Luke Settlement. The Ron Werry farm was one of those properties. Probably land for the church was given by the Lukes. Probably the second church was built with sawed lumber. We can speculate that donated logs may have been sawed free of charge in the mill set up by Thomas Pascoe and Richard Luke.

Incidentally, when Richard Luke's son Lewis took over the present Ron Werry farm in 1864, it was the end of an unusual adventure, described in his newspaper obituary as follows:

. . . In 1852, during the Australian gold mining fever, Mr. Lewis Luke, with George Gould for his companion, sailed from New York for Melbourne. Arriving there, they were unable to find indoor accommodation and most of the adventurers slept on the beach with their boots for pillows. . . Sometimes fortune favored them, sometimes they got no reward for their hard work. . . For some ten years they remained in Australia, then decided to go to New Zealand, whither they sailed in 1863. After six months of gold mining there they sailed from Auckland for London. A month was spent visiting and sight-seeing in London at the end of which they took passage for New York. Arriving in Oshawa in due time, Mr. Luke settled on one of the farms which his father had bought.

The Third Church

Mrs Lee's history goes on to describe the building of the red brick church on the north east corner of the 5th Concession and Ritson Road.

. . . The land on which the church was built was part of the farm owned in 1863 by George Lee who sold the land for the nominal sum of 5 shillings, the deed of sale being dated on the thirteenth day of April, 1863, and drawn between George Lee on the one hand, and Richard Luke, Harvey W. Kerr, John Roy, John Lee, Joseph Luke, John Luke and Thomas Pascoe as trustees on the other.

. . . The records of the church for the year 1863 state that "The Wesleyan Methodist Church was built in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and was dedicated to the worship of God the same year and was named Kedron Church.

It is said that the name was chosen because of the brook flowing close by, which was a reminder of the "brook kidron" near the Garden of Gethsemane.

Kedron continued as Wesleyan Methodist until 1884 when the Wesleyan Methodists, the Episcopal Methodists, the Primitive Methodists and the Bible Christian Church united to form the Methodist Church of Canada.

This must have been a time of lively controversy and wrenching change. The map of 1877 shows a Wesleyan Methodist church at the Five Points, another church at Taunton, and Elim Methodist Church with a cemetery at the corner of the 6th Concession and Wilson Road. These other churches must have been closed, with Kedron chosen to continue as the Methodist church. It would be a very emotional experience for people to be forced to close churches they had built with their own hands to join a church in another community.

For Kedron it was good news, as Mrs. Lee tells us:

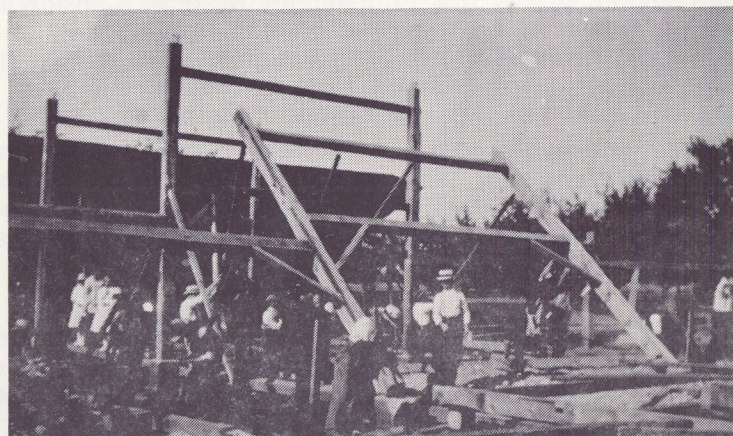
. . . Kedron was strengthened by the addition of the families of Mr. John Davis, Mr. Edward Cole, Mr. William Batty, Mr. Silas Thomas, Mr. John Hancock and Mr. George Short. Later additions included the families of Mr. H.F. Werry, A.D. VanDyke, H.L. Pascoe, Frank Crossman, John Mountjoy, J. Webber and H. Burton.

. . . Since 1913 other families have come to us including those of Mr. Cephas Hoskin, Mr. Wesley Hoskin and Mr. Everett Love.

After the union of the Methodists, Kedron and Brooklin were joined together to form one charge. Until Rev. H.W. Foley came to serve as pastor in 1913, the Kedron congregation took communion at Brooklin, and the wine was dispensed from two goblets. Goblets were still used for several years in communion services at Kedron.

In 1919 a large enclosed shed costing \$1231.65 was built parallel to the church, to which it was joined by the open shed. In addition to more weather-proof space for church suppers, the new shed was equipped with a portable stage and two dressing rooms at the south end for putting on plays. In 1921 the shed was insured for \$800 while the church building was valued at \$600. After the new church was built, this shed was sold to Clarence Werry and Walter Davis, who moved it away in two sections, to be used as implement sheds. The purchase price was applied to the cost of the new church.

The next traumatic change came about in 1925, with the union of the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists to form the United Church of Canada. This second major church re-organization meant radical change again. Kedron now joined with Columbus to make up the Columbus-Kedron charge, an association which continued until 1966, with Raglan becoming part of the charge in 1947.



A bee was held to raise the enclosed shed in 1919.



The old church with its two sheds.
Picture was taken March 29, 1952, the day the corner-stone of the present church was laid.

LIFE IN THE OLD CHURCH

The third church was a fine building for its time. Considering its size, only 28 by 34 feet, and the small number of families in the community in the early days, the red brick church on the corner was the centre of a great deal of activity for 89 years.

It contained one large room. There was an enclosed entrance hall around the front door, with a door on each end giving access to the church. The door in the east wall was cut into the base of one of the windows for fire safety after the building had ceased to be used as a church.

Light entered through three gothic windows with plain frosted glass on the east and west sides, and a smaller one on each side of the front door. The same shape and division of glass panes was used for the window over the front doors. As a symbol of continuity, this window was moved to the same position in the new church.

Heating was by two black wood-burning stoves at the south end, one on either side of the entry hall. For maximum heat use, two stovepipes stretched full length of the building, joining to enter the chimney at the north end of the church. Coal oil lamps were used, with lighting brightening considerably when Coleman lamps were introduced.

A raised platform stretched across the north end, with the pulpit in the middle. In the early days, an organ pumped with the feet, later a piano, was placed in the northwest corner, with seats for the choir in front of it. In the northeast corner was a cupboard for Sunday School records and supplies.

Wires for curtains were strung across the front of the platform, and on either side of the pulpit area, so that the space could be used as a stage and two dressing rooms for putting on plays, or for more or less private space for Sunday School classes.

For the congregation there were three sections of seats, with two aisles. The middle seats had dividers in the centre. Curtains could also be drawn to divide this area for several Sunday School classes.

All that remains of the furnishings of the old church are two large brass keys to the front door, now in the cabinet at the back of the church, two pews placed at the back of the present church for overflow seating, a cupboard for Sunday School supplies, now in the Lower Hall, and the pulpit, which is in the downstairs storage room.

Mrs. Lee tells us about early fund-raising in her history:

. . . The support of the church was by a combination of contributions and pew rents. At first the pew rental was set at one dollar per year, but later this was raised to two dollars for centre seats and one dollar for side seats. This practice was discontinued in 1881, and collection was taken each Sunday thereafter.

. . . The itemized report of receipts for 1881 is as follows:

<i>Proceeds from Social</i>	<i>\$20.66</i>
<i>Sale of cakes</i>	<i>.56</i>
<i>Received from lecture</i>	<i>4.45</i>
<i>Sunday collections, 1881</i>	<i>15.76</i>
	<i>\$41.43</i>

Kedron women were always active, even before the Ladies Aid was formed in 1913. More details of their work in the old church will be found in the section, "Women in the Church".

Sunday School was held at 1:30 p.m. and church services followed at 2:30 p.m. As there was an Adult Bible Class, the whole family usually came for both sessions.

An active Young People's Union group drew members from both Columbus and Kedron. William Werry became President of the Y.P.U. Executive of the Presbytery, and Helen Jackson (later Werry) also served on the executive.

Annual meetings were held alternately at Columbus and Kedron. On such occasions, in spite of having no water nor kitchen facilities, "bountiful lunches" of tea, pies, cakes and tarts were served. Dishes were stored in two benches with hinged seats in the choir area.

Water for church suppers had to be brought from home in milk cans and heated on stoves in copper boilers. For many years Mrs. Fletcher Werry's wood-burning kitchen range was disconnected and set up in the church shed for suppers. When the Werrys bought a new stove, the old range was given to the church for this purpose and stored in the shed. Later, women loaned their coal oil stoves for a cooler source of heat.

The enclosed shed, built in 1919, was a great improvement when it came to Anniversary suppers. Before the event the men would clean out the shed, and haul gravel from Oshawa Creek on the Luke's farm to spread on the floor. Some years sawdust was used. Tables, benches and stoves were set up at the north end, and the portable stage at the south end.

The women then moved in with milk cans full of water and lots of soap and elbow grease to scrub the furniture, which had been stored away all winter. In 1913, when the Ladies Aid was busy at this job, Dr. Kaiser, a well known physician and historian from Oshawa, stopped to visit with them. Before leaving, he donated \$10 for cleaning supplies.

On the Tuesday evening following Anniversary services there would be several seatings for a supper of cold meat, salads and pies. One year Doris Lee organized a hot chicken pie supper with women cooking chicken pies at home and bringing them to the church just at serving times.

After dinner everyone would gather at the south end of the shed to enjoy a play or a concert, sometimes put on by another church. There was a tradition of churches in the area attending and performing at each other's anniversary suppers.

Part of the money for the new shed was raised by plays presented by members of the Adult Bible Class beginning in 1915. With improved stage and dressing rooms in the shed, plays were produced every year until 1931, with performances at a number of surrounding churches. One play, "Willowdale", was presented fourteen times. Proceeds from these plays were earmarked for the Building Fund to enlarge the church at some future time.



The cast of a play put on by Kedron young people in 1922.
Front row: Gladys Crossman (later Pascoe), Gussie Luke (later Mountjoy),
 Lola Hoskin (later Mountjoy), Mildred Cole (later Allen) and Beatrice Mountjoy.
Back Row: Walton Pascoe, Ross Lee, Will Mountjoy, Harold Werry, Harvey Pascoe.

The Young People's Union in 1951 gave 13 performances of a play entitled "An Old Fashioned Mother" to raise money for the organ for the new church. The cast of this play included Bessie Snowden, Florence Hepburn, Ann Snowden, Beverley Knowles, Noreen Hepburn, Helen Werry, Marion Mountjoy, Mary Hepburn, Eileen Jebson, William Werry, Alan Scott, Lorne Tregunna, John Glover Jr., Douglas Love, Ralph Ballard, Ron Werry and Glen Smith.

Two special anniversary celebrations were held in the old church, and for both of them Mrs. F.W. Lee wrote a history of the church. The first occasion in 1913 marked the 50th Anniversary of the church building. John Luke and John Lee, members of the original Board of Trustees, were still holding that office and were present at the reunion.

In 1939 the 75th Anniversary was an "Old Boys' and Old Girls' Reunion held on Saturday, August 27th at 2:00 p.m. when there were musical numbers, greetings and reminiscences from former pastors and residents.

The next day special church services were held at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



The 75th Anniversary "Old Boys' and Old Girls' Reunion".



C.G.I.T. Group on the steps of the old church about 1940.
Front Row: Marion Mountjoy, Mary Short, Irene Crossman, Lorraine Pascoe.
Back Row: Myrtle Short, Bessie Snowden, Doreen Brown, Bessie Mountjoy (Leader)
 Wilma Bennett, Loreen Brown, Rev. R.H. Wylie, Molly Dixon, Jean Bloye.

Weddings

Marriage services were traditionally performed in the home. The wedding of Bessie Mountjoy and Hugh Gannon in 1940 was the first in the old church. The couple left the church passing through an honour guard of girls from the C.G.I.T. group, of which Bessie was the leader.

The other weddings held in the church were those of:

Irene Crossman and Boyd Ayre
 Helen Corby and Nelson Brown
 Verna Brown and Reg Blackmore
 Willa Mountjoy and Everson Norton

The first couple married in the new church was Muriel Werry and Maurice Jebson. To mark the occasion the bride was presented with a white bible.

In 1938 Clarence Werry, Secretary of the Kedron congregation, copied into the minute book the following list of the officers and members of Kedron church. It is a sort of time capsule — a group picture in words of life in the old church just before major changes occurred.

OFFICERS OF KEDRON CHURCH, 1938

Session — H.F. Werry, F.W. Lee, C.W. Hoskin
 Stewards — Russell Down, R.J. Luke, E. Mountjoy
 Ushers — H. Cole, C. Hoskin
 Trustees — H.F. Werry, R.J. Luke, F.W. Lee, E. Mountjoy, R. Lee, H. Cole, J.E. Davis
 Collectors — Mark Hancock, Leland Love
 Tellers — R.J. Luke, C.F. Werry
 Auditors — H. Mountjoy, W.L. Mountjoy
 Treasurer — R.J. Luke
 Secretary — C.F. Werry
 Sunday School Superintendent — R. Lee
 Treasurer of M & M Fund — J.H. Pascoe

A LIST OF PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH KEDRON

Bloye, Mr. & Mrs. W., Ross, Jean & Alvin
 Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. C.F., Ford, Wilma & Doris
 Brown, Mr. Howard, Verna, Ross, Nelson & Earl
 Cookson, Mr. & Mrs. J., Edith & Victor
 Cole, Mr. H.T., Marie, Ruth & Helen
 Crossman, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey & Irene
 Davis, Mr. & Mrs. J.E.H., Gordon, Ralph & Walter
 Delve, Mrs. John & Robert
 Down, Mr. & Mrs. Russell, Edwin & Donald
 Farndale, Mr. & Mrs. Howard, Douglas & Robert
 Glover, Mr. & Mrs. John & John K.
 Hancock, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie, Robert, Mark & Frank
 Heppburn, Mr. & Mrs. Roy, Ralph, Helen, Florence, David, Glen & Noreen
 Heppburn, Mr. William & Luella
 Heppburn, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur, Joan & Mary
 Hoskin, Mr. & Mrs. C.W.
 Hoskin, Mr. & Mrs., Howard, Gordon & Kenneth
 Hutchings, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert & Helen
 James, Mr. & Mrs. H., George, John & Norman
 Jewell, Mr. & Mrs. T.S. & William
 Kidd, Mr. Henry
 Lee, Mr & Mrs. F.W.
 Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Ross, Diane & Brian
 Lee, Mr. Wesley
 Love, Mr. & Mrs. E., Florence, Leland & Douglas
 Luke, Mr. & Mrs. R.J. & Olive
 Mountjoy, Mr. & Mrs. E., Elda, Bessie & Percy
 Mountjoy, Mr. & Mrs. H., Keith, Murray, Donald, Gladys & Lawrence
 Mountjoy, Mr. & Mrs. W.L., Marion, Beryl & Willa
 Mountjoy, Miss Beatrice
 Parker, Mr. & Mrs. E., Marjorie, Benny & Mary
 Pascoe, Mr. & Mrs. J.H., Lorraine & Grant
 Rahme, Mr. & Mrs. F., Orville, Lloyd, Florence, Hazel, Gladys, Howard & Jean
 Short, Mr. & Mrs. P., Irene, Myrtle, Mary, Edith, Harry & Grace
 Snowden, Mr. & Mrs. F., Joseph, Bessie, William & Ann
 Tregunna, Mr. & Mrs. A., Vivian, Lorne, Jack & Clifford
 VanDyke, Mr. & Mrs. A.D., & Hazel
 VanDyke, Mr. & Mrs. E., Aleta & Eva
 Werry, Mr. & Mrs. H.F., Bernice & Wilma
 Werry, Mr. & Mrs. C.F., William Robert & Muriel
 Werry, Mr. & Mrs. H.A., & Ronald

CHRONOLOGY OF NEW ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continuing groups and events are listed in the year they began.)

- Rev. Roy Rickard (1951 - 1958)**
 1951 First sod turned for new church, July 17,
 1952 Corner-stone laid March 29. New church dedicated
 June 15. Doubles' Club, Junior Congregation.
 1955 Mortgage on new church paid off.
 1957 Sector Plan, Vacation Bible School.
 1958 21st Scout Troop.
- Rev. Ronald Love (1958 - 1964)**
 1959 21st "A" Cub Pack. 20th Brownies.
 1960 25th Brownies.
 1962 U.C.W., Travelogue in Music Concert, Sector Plan.
 20th Guides.
 1963 21st "B" Pack, 125th Anniversary. 25th Guides.
- Rev. Winnifred Bridges (1964 - 1967)**
 1964 Hi-C, Jr. Congregation adopted Chang Kam Wing.
 1965 Partnership in the Gospel Sector Plan, Junior Choir,
 C.G.I.T., Columbus manse built. Explorers, Messengers,
 Christian Education Building planned. Kedron Auction
 and Country Fair.
 1966 Choir Concert, Kedron a one-point charge. Manse built.
 Visitation.
- Rev. Kenneth Deer (1967 - 1971)**
 1967 New Official Board Structure, Manse Open House,
 Easter Breakfast begun by Hi-C, Centennial Tea at
 Doris Lee's.
 1968 Manse mortgage paid off by December.
 1969 Gave up aid from Bd. of Home Missions -- Deficit.
 1970 Aid restored. Keep Fit Class.
- Rev. Walter Davis (1971 - 1974)**
 1972 Ended aid from Bd. of Home Missions.
- Rev. Max Preisler (1974 - 1977)**
 1974 Memorial Fund established.
 1975 Talent Money Year. U.C.W. replaced by Friendship
 Group. Dance at Solina.
 1976 New organ dedicated. William Werry new Clerk of
 Session. Sanctuary and church exterior painted.
 1977 25th Anniversary of new church celebrated.
- Rev. Stan Snowden (1978 - 1980)**
 1978 Painted interior and exterior of manse. Sale of apples.
 New Year's Eve Dance.
 1979 Oshawa Fair Parking. Turkey Supper.
- Rev. Elwyn Hughes (1980 -)**
 1980 Rev. Stan Snowden died in January. Strawberry Supper.
 1981 Outreach began taping church services for shut-ins.
 1983 Renovation of Kitchen and Lower Hall.
 1984 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. West Humber Choir.
 1985 Fish Fry.
 1986 Bluegrass Group.
 1987 35th Anniversary of present church. U.C.W. begun again.
 1988 William Hancock new Clerk of Session. 150th Anniver-
 sary celebrations: Dedication of Historical Paintings,
 Spaghetti Supper, Marathon Bridge, Sydenham Kiwanis
 Service, Dance at Solina, Reunion, Unveiling of wall-
 hanging, Young People's Thanksgiving Service, Dofasco
 Concert.

A NEW CHURCH AT KEDRON

During the Second World War practically no new housing was built. With workers flooding into war industries in cities like Oshawa, great shortages had developed. After the war these pressures were increased by returning service men, and new family units being formed by men and women who were themselves part of a baby boom after the First World War.

There was an explosion of new housing in the Kedron area, with new houses being built in the Brown and Glover subdivisions, the co-op development on Wilson Road, along Taunton Road East and off Simcoe Street.

Employment and prosperity grew as people stocked up on consumer goods in short supply during the war. In the general spirit of optimism many of these new families had three or four children. A buoyant spirit was abroad in the countryside as well. Prices for farm produce had boomed during the war, and farmers felt that finally they had put the hard times of the thirties behind them. With the church so central to their concern, the expansion of church facilities now became feasible.

As early as 1914 the Ladies' Aid had set aside \$40 for the building of a Sunday School room. Through the years proceeds from plays and concerts were ear-marked for the Building Fund. The W.A. had raised \$500 for this purpose by 1939. During the war they served two causes by investing Building Fund money in War Bonds.

At the 1951 Annual Meeting, the first time Kedron held its meeting separately from Columbus, the need for more space was discussed. After further discussion during the social hour the meeting was re-opened to choose a committee of four -- Doris Lee, Ruth Down, Harvey Crossman and Clarence Werry -- to explore the possibility of erecting a new church or an addition to the present building.

When the committee reported back in April with estimates for both alternatives, it was decided to build the foundation of a new church on the southeast corner, and to roof it over for temporary use. At that meeting a Building Committee composed of Clarence Werry Chairman, Ross Lee, Harvey Crossman, John Glover Sr., and Foster Snowden was chosen. The Finance Committee members were Everett Mountjoy, Chairman, Harold Werry, Russell Down, Mrs. Laretta Crossman and Douglas Love. At the time there were 45 families on the church roll.

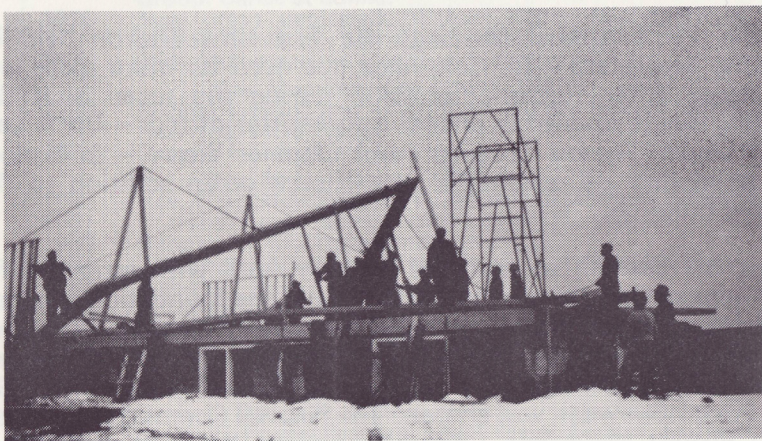
Frank Lee gave the new building site, 150 feet by 100 feet, for the nominal price of \$1.00. (Frank was a great grandson of George Lee, who gave the land for the church across the corner.) The deed was accepted by Trustees E. Mountjoy, H. Crossman, R. Lee and H. Werry.

By the next meeting a month later, the Finance Committee reported that \$10,625 had already been promised. Several families promised donations of \$1000, and six Kedron families offered to loan \$5000 each, interest free, to cover the expense of building materials until donations came in.

Already it was possible to build the whole church, measuring 32 feet by 60 feet, in one stage. The plan chosen was a modified version of the new church just completed at Orono, with laminated arches the special feature.

Unfortunately the minister, Rev. D.C. Osborn, resigned in June. Rev. Hugh Crozier presided over meetings through the summer until the new minister, Rev. Roy Rickard, took over in late September. Kedron owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Rickard, who guided the congregation through all the decisions and problems of a large building project with patience and good humour.

The first sod was turned by R.J. Luke on July 17, 1951. Dr. W.P. Fletcher was the presiding minister for the ceremony. Mr. Luke was 83 at the time, the third generation of the Lukes in the Kedron community.



Volunteers raise the arches of the new church.

George James got the project off to a good start by making the excavation and doing the backfilling without charge. When the contractor, Percy Chapman of Orono, became ill in December, Howard Hoskin supervised the urgent job of getting the roof on before winter closed in. After Percy Chapman died in January, the remainder of the work was supervised by Horace and Bruce Searle and John Hislop, of Columbus. Walter Schleiss contracted to lay the bricks. Lew York of Manilla, was the steeplejack who put on the roof.

Many of the jobs were done by volunteers. As Clarence Werry recalled, "No one who possibly could attend ever said 'No' when a bee was needed to carry out a work project". Bees were organized and trucks were volunteered to load the bricks for the walls and transport them to Elliott's yard, and later to move them across the road to the church site. Volunteers shingled the roof, laid the floors, put ten test on the walls of the Lower Hall, raised the arches, constructed the seats and did the painting.

A great deal of ingenuity and generosity was shown in assembling materials for the building. Two of the supports for the ceiling of the Lower Hall were made of timbers from an unused footbridge in Columbus. The ash steps and risers at the entrance to the church and leading to the platform were made from old seats from the Presbyterian church in Enniskillen. The undamaged furnace from the Orono church that burned down was given to Kedron to keep the interior warm for working during the winter months and to burn scraps of lumber. Converted to oil, it warmed the church until electric furnaces were installed in 1984.

One special second-hand item was planned very deliberately. The distinctive window over the front door of the old church was taken out and placed in the same position in the new building, as a symbol of continuity.



View of the new church the day the corner-stone was laid.

Laying the Corner-Stone

A special service on Saturday, March 29th, 1952, was presided over by Rev. M.C. Fisher of Brooklin, Chairman of Presbytery. The service began in the old church, everyone crossed the road for the ceremony, where Mrs. F.W. Lee placed documents in a special box, which Mrs. H.F. Werry placed in the corner-stone. R.J. Luke put the stone in place using a special trowel which is preserved in the cupboard at the back of the church.



Laying the corner-stone.

Harold Werry, Finance Committee, Clarence Werry, Chairman of Building Committee, R.J. Luke, Mrs. Fletcher Werry, Mrs. Fred Lee, Historian.

The historic documents placed in the corner-stone include:

- 1 copy of Canadian Statesman
- 1 copy of Temperance Advocate
- 2 copies of Onward
- 2 copies of United Church Observer
- 1 copy of Quinte Broadcast
- 1 copy of Times Gazette
- 1 copy of Fellowship of Prayer (Both publications used)
- 1 copy of Means of Grace for Lenten Services, 1952)
- 1 copy of Saturday Night
- 1 copy of Annual Report, 1951
- Coloured picture of the late King George VI, and recent Royal Tour.
- Obituary of King George VI
- Picture of Kedron Church under construction from a recent edition of Times Gazette.
- History of Kedron Church written by Mrs. Lee
- 2 pictures of old church
- Picture of 3 generations of Luke family
- Orders of Service, March 23rd and 30th, 1952.

The congregation returned to the old church for an address by Rev. Hugh Crozier and greetings from dignitaries, including Premier Leslie M. Frost.

The farewell service in the old church was held the first Sunday in May, with former minister Rev. E.W. Roland in charge. Other former ministers took services the remaining Sundays in the old building.

Dedication Services

A year of intense activity culminated in dedication services on three successive Sundays in June, 1952. On June 15th a large crowd gathered to take part in the dedication of the new church. Clarence Werry, Chairman of the Building Committee, presented the keys to Rev. M.C. Fisher, Chairman of Presbytery, who then presented them to the presiding minister, Rev. George Telford, D.D., who laid them on the altar table. The first sermon in the new church was delivered by Rev. J.K. Moffatt, Chairman-elect of Presbytery. Special music that Sunday was provided by Rev. Roy Rickard who sang "Open the Gates", and Mrs. Foster Snowden singing "Bless This House".

The following Sunday, June 22nd, the new Hammond organ, a gift of the Young People's Union, was dedicated. (The original organ was placed in the choir loft, facing the pulpit.) The organ was presented formally by Douglas Love, President of the Y.P.U., received by Everett Mountjoy on behalf of the Session, and dedicated by Rev. Roy Rickard. Mr. Adam Hawley of Peterborough presided at the organ, and also sang two numbers. Rev. G.W. Gardner, a former Kedron pastor, preached the sermon.

On June 29th a third special service was held to dedicate the stained glass chancel window, which was the gift of Mrs. F.W. Lee and the Lee family in memory of the late Frederick Lee. The window was presented by Ross Lee on behalf of his mother, and accepted by Harvey Crossman. The sermon was preached by another former minister, Rev. R.H. Wylie, and the special soloist was Mrs. Lloyd Pegg.

Gifts to the Church

Other gifts to the church were dedicated at a later service in November. These included:

Church windows — Frank Lee
Pulpit — H.F. Werry family
Bible — Douglas, Robert and William Farndale
Hymnaries — Columbus-Kedron C.G.I.T. Group
Pulpit light — Mr. Stephen Saywell
Communion table — Mr. and Mrs. J.E.H. Davis
Silver communion set — Mr. and Mrs. William Powell and family
Communion table runner, pulpit drape and crest — Miss Nora Werry in memory of former organists
Cross — Rev. R.H. Rickard and family
Offering plates — Made and given by Douglas Farndale and John K. Glover
Original flags — John K. Glover
Black choir gowns — St. Cuthbert's United Church, Toronto, through Mrs. A. Kemp
Choir music — Brooklin United Church
Bible marker — Margaret Taylor
Flower stands and organ screen — Made and given by Horace Searle
Brass flower vases — Roy Werry in memory of Mrs. Howard Brown (nee Bernice Werry)
Guest book — Junior Congregation
Hymn boards — Made and presented by Ronald Werry
Front outside doors — The family of John Mountjoy
Front inside doors — Miss Beatrice Mountjoy in memory of of her brother Harold
Floor, shingles & window frames — The Found family
Sod for the lawn — John Glover, Sr.
Gravel for the parking lot — Everett Mountjoy
Excavation for basement — George James
Carpet for centre aisle — W.A.

Burning the Mortgage

Kedron families gave generously of their money as well as their time and labour to pay for the new church. Many friends outside the community and neighbouring churches made large cash donations as well. When the church was dedicated only about \$5200 was still owing, out of a total cost of about \$34,000.

This amount was raised in the next three years. At the fall Thanksgiving service in 1955 the mortgage was burned in a special ceremony. Mrs. Fletcher Werry and R.J. Luke took part in the service, which was conducted by Rev. Roy Rickard, assisted by Rev. A. Cowan, Rev. S.C.H. Atkinson and Rev. H.A. Mellow. During the service the four ministers formed a ministerial quartette to sing two numbers.

Later Gifts

Other gifts have subsequently been presented to the church by individuals or church groups.

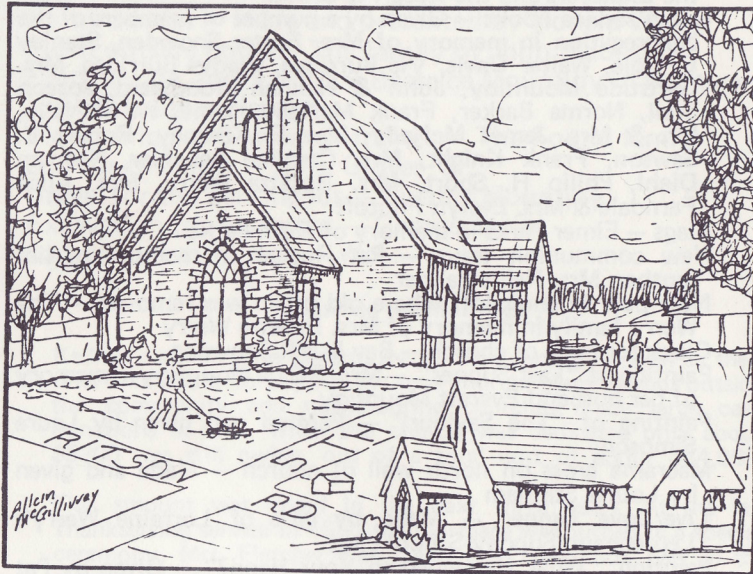
Blacktop for the driveway — George James
Bible Stand — Made and Presented by Mr. H. Stainton (Doris Lee's father)
Baptismal font — Presented by the family of Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Luke in their memory
Table for guest book — Presented by Mr. Wilfred Pogson in memory of the late Rev. George Pogson, the first Kedron boy to become an ordained minister
Maroon choir gowns — W.A.
Junior choir gowns — Initiative taken by Eva Hunter. Adviser and manager, Mrs. Catherine Martyn of Pt. Perry. Material provided by U.C.W. Assembly line production by women of the church.
Piano — Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fraser. (Belonged to Mr. and Mrs. John Glover Sr., Maintained by Sebastian Hohmann)
Communion bread plates — W.A. as tribute to its first President, Mrs. R. J. Luke (1913) and its last President, Marion Starkoski (1961), Mrs. Luke's grand-daughter
Black folders for choir music, film strip projector, screen, bulletin boards and worship centre for the Sunday School — Junior Congregation
New red hymnaries — Doris Lee and Frank Lee in memory of Ross Lee, and Miss Beatrice Mountjoy in memory of her brothers William and Everett. Contributions also made by the Explorers and the Keep Fit Group
Green service books — Given by a number of members of the congregation in memory of Mrs. Foster Snowden, Stanley E. Ogle, Walter Davis, Vic Burrige, Gladys Burrige, Mrs. Gertrude Mountjoy, John & Hannah Woodward, Joseph Stell, Norma Barker, Frank McNally, James W. McNally, Mr. & Mrs. James McNally, Mae E. Kearney, Robert L. Sawson, Frank Knight, Mrs. Caroline Beuchler, Norman Diehl, Philip H. Short, Mrs. Rosetta Werry, Mrs. Alice Farndale & Mrs. Evelyn Flintoff
Flags — Elmer Parks in memory of Ruth Parks
New communion trays — Pat Rosnak in memory of her mother, Mrs. Nellie Palmer
New pew in choir loft where old organ was removed — The Werry family in memory of Mrs. Rosetta Werry
Clock for back of church — Bev & Bill Snowden
Painting of "Last Supper" — Mrs. Gertie Mountjoy in memory of her husband Everett Mountjoy
Painting of "The Saviour" — Painted and given by Laura Simpson
Macrame cross on north wall of church — Made and given by Louise Statham
Live/Love banner — Made by girls of Lorraine Werry's Leprechaun Sunday School class
Painting, "What Happened to Your Hand?" — Given by Pat Rosnak in memory of Sandra Mitchell Flintoff

Memorial Fund

In 1974 the Memorial Fund was set up so that money given in memory of deceased members of the congregation could be held in a separate account by the Trustees until there was a need to buy new church furnishings or renovate part of the building.

The first project financed from the Memorial Fund was the new Conn organ and pipes, purchased in 1976. Most of the money was contributed in memory of Doris Lee, who died suddenly in the fall of 1975. Lorraine and Harold Werry contributed money in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evertt Love, Leland Love, Howard Hoskin, Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Werry and Mrs. Howard Brown (nee Bernice Werry). Mrs. Agnes Bennett and Grant Bennett contributed money in memory of Harold Bennett. The choir gave the proceeds of their 1960 concert.

Subsequent purchases were not linked with any particular names. They included safety windows, two fans, new dishes, and the renovation of the basement. The Memorial Fund paid for the 4 historical paintings of Kedron churches by Allan McGillivray, dedicated to the memory of the pioneers at the beginning of Kedron's 150th Anniversary Year.



Allan McGillivray's line drawing of the present church.

The Community Hall

With a new church and lower hall a reality, the former church building began to fill other needs in the community. As there was a shortage of classroom space in East Whitby it was purchased by the area School Board and, beginning in September, 1952, it was used by pupils of Conlins School for two years, with Mrs. Phillips as teacher.

After the opening of Coronation (now Conlins) School, the building was vacant again. For one year it was rented to the Christian Reformed Church for week-night meetings.

In 1956, from September until Christmas, it was used as a classroom, with Mrs. Mary Beard as teacher, until the new Maxwell Heights School opened.

In February, 1957, it was purchased by the Kedron Community Association, to be used as a Community Hall. Ownership reverted to the church because of tax considerations, but it continued to be administered by the Association.

It was used as the regular meeting place for the 21st Scout Troop from 1960 to 1984. It has been used for dances by The Doubles Club, for a Drop-In Centre by the Hi-C, for Vacation Bible School, for community Hallowe'en parties, for Kedron Park Executive meetings, and as a polling place for Federal, Provincial and Municipal elections. More recently it was rented to several different Rock Groups as a practice room. For the last few years it has been used to store articles donated for the auction sale.

In 1973 the open shed was torn down and removed. The next year the interior of the hall was painted by the Boy Scouts. The west side of the roof was shingled in 1977. In 1979 the east side was shingled, eavestroughs were put on, and Jack Francis painted the sign.

Members of the Community Association have been Elmer Parks, Grant Glover, Bill Snowden, Ray Grant, Ivan Henry, John K. Glover, Lorne Tregunna and Claire Brown.

SWIMMING WITH THE TIDE

In the new church building Kedron for the first time had a spacious and beautiful sanctuary with an organ in the choir loft, a kitchen with running water, indoor bathrooms and a lower hall for Sunday School classes, suppers and gatherings.

It was just in time. Children of the old families were establishing families of their own. Children in the new subdivisions were reaching school age.

The baby boom was quickly reflected in schools in the south end of East Whitby. At the end of the war there were three one-room country schools: Pereman's, Conlins and Maxwell. In 1953 Coronation School, with two rooms and an activity room, replaced Conlins. In 1957 Maxwell's one room was replaced with four new classrooms at Maxwell Heights. In 1960 a four-room school was built at Kedron to replace Pereman's and four more rooms were added in 1966.

The same children presented a challenge to the church. Their numbers first showed up in Cradle Roll figures, which rose from 18 in 1949 to 122 in 1961. (The Cradle Roll returned to 18 in 1972.) Perhaps the story of these years of expanding population can best be told by an account of new church organizations which came into being to serve them.

A beginning was made in October, 1952, when Doris Lee suggested that a mid-week "Play Party" be started for children of Kedron School. Enid Mountjoy, Reta Mountjoy, Helen Werry and Alice Farndale were asked to help. By the next January they reported an average of 27 children attending meetings each week after school for a program of Bible study and handicrafts. Some of the children had already started to come to Sunday School.

The Doubles Club

In the old church there was a young people's Sunday School Class which called itself "The United Links". Monthly meetings and social evenings were held in the homes in addition to Sunday sessions. The same young people belonged to the Columbus-Kedron Young People's Union. By 1952 many of these young couples were marrying, and Walter and Edith Davis took the lead in forming a Doubles Club. This group formed a nucleus that attracted many couples to the church.

The club held monthly meetings until the end of 1970. They undertook caretaking, decorated the church for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. For several years they presented a nativity play at the Carol Service, with the choir providing the music. They organized and staffed a Nursery Department in the Sunday School. They bought a fine Santa Claus suit for climaxing Christmas concerts. Together with the Sunday School they funded Bible Vacation School.

Several members have happy memories of an evening of skits directed by Jean LaSalle. In "Advice to the Lovelorn" Orval Jackson in a dress played an Ann Landers role, while Bernice Ogle as a spinster with artificial eyelashes, Hennie and Murray Jackson, Bev and Bill Snowden and Pat and Bill Rosnak came to him for advice. Another skit, "Household Fashions", had in its cast Gertie Mountjoy, Bernice Ogle, Ruth and Ben Hitchens, Mary and Grant Glover and Hennie and Murray Jackson.

There were evenings shared with Doubles Clubs from other churches in the area, visits to the Science Centre, Dunlop Observatory and the McLaughlin Planetarium. There were dances to the music of Orvel Selleck's orchestra, card parties, picnics and a happy day at Stan and Bernice Ogle's cottage.

In 1958 Grant and Mary Glover were the Doubles Club representatives on the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Junior Congregation

Children were made to feel they had a special place in church as well as Sunday School by membership in the Junior Congregation, started by Mrs. Rickard in 1952. It has been carried on until the present by Helen Werry, assisted by Linda Collings since 1986.

When the group began, Sunday School followed the church service. Children were given their own offering envelopes to put on the collection plate during the church service. Their givings were recorded separately and used for special projects over and above an annual contribution to the General Fund. These projects included purchase of a worship centre, two bulletin boards, and a projector and screen for showing filmstrips and the words of hymns. They also contributed the black anthem folders for the choir.

They carried out several missionary projects, and in 1964 decided to sponsor a child through the Canadian Save the Children Fund. Chang Kam Wing, a boy living in Macao was supported until 1975. When he no longer needed assistance, Lee Mi Kyung, a 9 year old girl in Korea was adopted. The child presently receiving assistance is Liu Chi-Ching, who lives in Hong Kong.



Intermediate Class of Vacation Bible School, 1969.

Back Row: (Leaders and Helpers): Wayne Parks, Marion Starkoski, Jean Ward, Helen Slater, Sharon Wilbur, Mary Glover, Marilyn Love (by the organ).

Back Row: (Students): Pat Rose, Doug Wilbur, Bob Dale, Paul Messent, ———, Ralph Barnett, Larry Hopkins, Donald Werry, Bruce Gagnon, Bruce Dale.

Middle Row: Margaret Maidman, Anne Bishop, Donna Glover, Janice Hill, Brenda Hopkins, ———.

Front Row: Alexis Bremner, Susan Brown, Linda Chilvers, Wendy Hitchens, Linda Chatten, Gayle McNally.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School in a way was an enlargement of the original "Play Party". It was open to the whole community, and a number of both leaders and students were not regular members of Kedron Church. There were not as many activities for country children in those days, and this week of organized Christian Education related activities proved very popular for a few years.

Mrs. Rickard began it in 1957, with Helen Werry the Kedron director for the first two years. Jean Bishop was director for 1959 and 1960, Dorothy Barnett for 1961, Mary Glover for 1962 and Catherine Jackson for 1963.

Annual reports show that in 1960 there were 96 children with 29 leaders and helpers. In 1961 there were 99 children with 14 leaders and 12 helpers.

It was a big week for everyone involved, with a lot of previous planning. Each year there was a different theme to tie together study sessions, music and handicraft. The school ran for 5 mornings early in July, with an evening program for parents and friends on Friday night.

The nursery section met in the Community Hall, juniors in the Lower Hall and intermediates in the church. Senior students were helpers. For several years Rev. Ronald Love directed the Intermediate section, and accompanied their singing on the organ.

Visitations

In the fall of 1957 Kedron undertook its first "Sector Plan". Records are sketchy about that one, but the Every-Person-Visitation carried out in the fall of 1962 was a very large undertaking. Derek Barnett was Chairman, Harold Werry in charge of Program, Jack Francis of Visitation and Orval Jackson of Materials.

It involved several dinners and planning sessions. Discussion was invited on the subject of building a manse and separating to form a one-point charge, as one option in planning Kedron's future course. There were training sessions for volunteers leading up to Visitation Sunday afternoon, when church members went out in pairs to call on all the homes with any connection to the church.

Families visited were given printed information about all the activities and plans of Kedron Church. They were asked to fill out cards indicating which programs would interest them, and any other services they would suggest. Intention cards included an indication of contributions the family could make in time and money.

Jack Francis served as Chairman of the third Visitation in 1965. This time money contributions were not mentioned. The next visitation was in 1966, the year Kedron went on its own. For the next few years it was a requirement as a church receiving aid from the Board of Home Missions that a visitation, or at least a review, be carried out every year. Some of the reviews took the form of letters to the congregation.

Hi-C

In the sixties it was still the custom for a good number of teenagers to continue in their own Sunday School class and sing in the choir until they finished High School. The Hi-C program, started in many United churches, was designed for this group. A Hi-C group was begun in the Columbus-Kedron-Raglan charge in 1964.

Brian and Lyn Lee were the Counsellors in the beginning. The group held monthly meetings on Sunday evenings, when speakers led discussions on problems of growing up in the sixties. Some of these discussions found their way into church services, as when Detective Sergeant John Powell, of the Oshawa Police Force, gave a talk on illicit drugs, and brought samples so that they could be recognized.

A great variety of projects were undertaken:

- Sponsored Variety Night by Hampton Hi-C.
- Attended Hi-C Area Conferences, and went to hear special speakers.

— Organized and presented a Folk Service in October, 1966, which was repeated at two other churches. This event was reported in the Kedron news:

A capacity crowd raised their voices in spirited singing of folk songs and spirituals Sunday evening at Kedron United Church, when the young people of the congregation presented a Folk Worship Service.

Young people and Hi-C groups were present from Whitby, Columbus, Hampton, Port Perry, Enniskillen and five Oshawa churches.

The singing was accompanied by Charlie Andrews and Pat Thomson, guitarists from Prince Albert, and Mrs. Grant Hunter, Kedron organist and choir director.

Donald Werry, Karen Pascoe, Bob Dale, Ronald Selleck and Bonnie Dale took part in the service. The sermon was given by Anne Bishop. Rev. Winnifred M. Bridges supervised the preparation of the service.

— Initiated an Easter Sunrise Service in 1967, followed by a congregational Breakfast. (The Breakfast continues to the present.)

— Decorated the Christmas trees in the church.

— Caroled at the homes of shut-ins, and went back to Doris Lee's for soup afterwards.

— Two different years raised money for a complete Christmas dinner and gifts for a needy family. One year the money was raised by a "Hippy Dance" in the Lower Hall, and a sale of homemade chocolates. In 1970 proceeds of a "Starvation" financed the project.

— Planned program and conducted sing song for the "Burning of the Christmas Trees" evening, co-sponsored by the Doubles Club.

— For 2 years, when Dawson Andrews was the Counsellor, the group stayed at Mr. Deer's father's cottage near Huntsville in the Christmas holidays — 3 days the first year, and 4 days the next.

— One year used the Community Centre as a chaperoned Drop-In Centre for teens on Saturday nights.

— Sold church calendars and hasti-notes with pictures of Kedron Church interior.

— Enjoyed recreational evenings -- sleigh rides, skating parties, toboggan parties, ball games, and a special annual dinner party at the home of Doris and Ross Lee.

— The Hi-C was an active, high-spirited group that continued until 1972. The Counsellors were Lyn and Brian Lee, Dawson Andrews, Karen and Jelle Visser, Donna Glover, Terry Slack and Joe Wood.

Scouts and Cubs

By 1958 a large number of boys had reached the age of 11. Ted Maidman, who had experience in Scouting, started the 21st Scout Troup, assisted by Derek Barnett.

After the first year these leaders asked to be replaced. When no one came forward, Bill Werry, President of the Parents' Association, offered to give it a try, even though he had no Scouting experience. It was difficult for a farmer to get chores done before a 7:00 p.m. meeting, and summer camps always coincided with haying, but Bill took on the job in 1959, with Roy Robinson as Assistant, and carried on until the Scout Troup ceased functioning 26 years later. When there were no longer boys interested at Kedron, Bill helped at Columbus, where the only leader available was not old enough to be appointed officially. Bill continued with the Columbus Troop for 3 years, until he became ill.

For his unusually long and devoted service Bill received the Medal of Merit from the National Scouting Commissioner in September, 1983. In 1987 he was presented to Lord Baden Powell's grandson when he visited Oshawa.

Meetings were held in the Lower Hall for the first few years, but because the ceiling wasn't high enough to accommodate the 6 foot staffs that were a part of Scout ceremonial, the meeting place was moved to the Community Hall.

In 1959 the 21st A Cub Pack was started by Autumn Dale with Mary Hopkins as Assistant. The B. Pack was begun in 1963 by Lydia MacDonald with the assistance of Mrs. S. Appleton and June Watson. John K. Glover led the "B" Pack for 5 years; Autumn Dale led the "A" Pack for the same length of time.

In 1968 a Venturers program was started by Bill Elliott and Richard Hockwood for graduates of the Scout Troop.

A full program of activities was carried out, supported by an active Group Committee and Ladies Auxiliary.



Ten boys from the 21st Scout Troop earned Queen Scout badges in 1969.
Front Row: Assistant Leader Bill Elliott, Donald Tregunna, Philip Densham,
 Joe Wright and Scout Leader Bill Werry.
Back Row: Wesley Glaspell, Brian Elliott, Dennis Werry, Larry Hopkins,
 Neil Mahaffey and Garry Grant. Absent: Bruce Vaillancourt.

Scouting Highlights

— In 1969, when Bill Elliott was Bill Werry's Assistant Leader, 10 boys earned Queen Scout badges, more than in any other troop in Oshawa.

— In 1967 Queen Scouts Donald Werry and Brian Densham attended the World Scout Jamboree in Idaho, and Larry Hopkins represented the 21st at the Saskatchewan Provincial Jamboree.

— In 1970 Bruce Vaillancourt, a Venturer, was chosen as one of 4 boys to represent the District at the 13th World Jamboree in Japan.

— In 1977 Bill Werry took 10 of his Scouts to the Jamboree in Prince Edward Island, and in 1981 he took 9 boys to the Jamboree at Kananaskas Park in the Alberta Rockies.

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At the church's annual meeting in 1965 it was decided to put up a sign at Camp Samac inviting Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies spending the weekend at Samac to attend church services at Kedron. Quite a number of groups accepted the invitation, marching into church in uniform to sit near the front of the church.

LEADERS OF THE 21st SCOUTS, CUBS & VENTURERS

SCOUTS

Year	Leader	Assistants	Year
1958-59	Ted Maidman	Derek Barnett	1958-59
1959-84	Bill Werry	Roy Robinson	1960-68
		Ross Pettis	1963-66
		John Helliwell	1963-64
		George Pollitt	1966-67
		Bill Elliott	1967-69
		Claire Brown	1970-72
		Greg Bohaker	1970-72
		Kevin Wales	1970-71
		Dan Gray	1975-76
		Fred Newman	1975-77
		Gary Buckingham	1976-77
		Eric Strong	1978-81
		Ronald Reardon	1980-83
		Stuart Burnell	1984-85

CUBS — "A" PACK

Year	Leader	Assistants
1959-62	Autumn Dale	Mary Hopkins
1962-64	Autumn Dale	Robert Dale
1964-66	Dorothy Elliott	Velma Mahaffy, Carol Thomas
1966-67	Robert Shay	Velma Mahaffy, Austin Hicks
1967-68	Dorothy Elliott	Robert Shay
1968-69	Keith McCrea	Bill Elliott, Allan Mahaffey, Brian Densham
1969-70	Keith McCrea	Allan Mahaffey, John Lewis
1970-71	Keith McCrea	Earl Jessup, Mary Styles, Philip Densham
1971-73	Mary Ellen McCrea	Lorraine Jessup, Helen Brown, Eric Webster
1973-74	Mary Ellen McCrea	Earl Jessup, Mrs. Armella Moring
1974-75	Armella Moring	Lorraine Jessup, Helen Brown
1975-76	Armella Moring	Lorraine Jessup, Michael Jessup
1976-77	Gloria Moring	Nellie Gray, Michael Jessup, Stephen Flammini
1977-78	Dale Millar	Keijo Rantaa

CUBS — "B" PACK

1963-64	Lydia MacDonald	Mrs. S. Appleton, June Watson
1964-65	Lydia MacDonald	June Watson, Vivian Ring
1965-67	John K. Glover	June Watson
1967-69	John K. Glover	June Watson, Helen Brown
1969-70	John K. Glover	Helen Witherden, Helen Brown
1970-71	Helen Brown	Eric Webster

VENTURERS

1968-69	Bill Elliott	Richard Hockwood
1969-70	Richard Hockwood	
1970-74	Bruce Corbett	

Brownies and Guides

Girls who attended Kedron Sunday School belonged to two different companies. If they attended Kedron Public School, they joined the 25th Brownie Pack and Guide Company, which held their meetings in the Lower Hall. If they attended Maxwell Heights School, they belonged to the 20th Brownie Pack, which met at the school, and to the 20th Guide Company, which met at Jackie Patte's home in Pinecrest.

Ruth Hitchens, who was a Guide Commissioner for several years, was instrumental in getting the groups started.

The girls' organizations were not affiliated with the church, and records are rather sketchy. The groups carried out a program similar to the boys', earning badges, working up to the All-Round Cord and Canada Cord. They had a camping program, attended the annual Church Parade, enjoyed expeditions and parties, and made gifts and prepared programs for senior citizens in nursing homes.

This list may not be complete, but some of the leaders are as follows:

25th Brownies

Pat McNally, Irene Newell, Gloria Hancock, Pat Rosnak, Janice Hughes, Helen Witherden and Phyllis Grant.

25th Guides

Gail Hitchens, Mrs. K. McCrea, Mary Glover, Dorothy Carr, Lois Tregunna, Elsie Gilchrist, Marilyn Love, Gayle Simpson.

20th Brownies

Dorothy Parfitt, May & Willow Milne, Jean Bishop, Joan Maidman, Bernice Ogle, Helen Lambert, Roxie Waddington, Ruth Clark, Hennie Ryken.

20th Guides

Jackie Patte, Jean Mercer.

The Junior Choir

In April Eva Hunter became the new organist and choir director. (More will be said about Eva in the chapter on the choir.) In the fall Eva organized a large junior choir. Gold choir gowns in several sizes were cut and sewn by the women of the church under the supervision of Mrs. Catherine Martyn of Port Perry. The young singers made their first appearance at the Christmas Candlelight Service.

After Christmas they took part in the Choir Concert, "Let's Get Up a Concert", under the direction of Carol Thomas and Margaret Burns. The children listed on the program were: Darlene Lewins, Harold Mountjoy, Debbie Sutton, Susan Dyck, Brian Watson, Danny Maschke, Georgina Slater, Cathy Rosnak, Janice Johnston, Dianne Mountjoy, Patti Rosnak, Debra Wilson, Susanne Arsenault, Bonnie Dyck, Garth Pascoe, Sharon MacKinnon, Dale Maschke, Nancy Craig, Roger Hancock, Wayne Watson, Reggie Davis, Beverly Brown, Barbara Brown, Gloria Mountjoy, Dennis Werry, Maureen Brown, Debbie Maschke, Gayle McNally, Bruce MacDonald, Bruce Hancock, David Rose, Harley Davis and Jimmy MacKinnon.

Later, Norma Robinson & Margaret Burns assisted Eva at practices.

C. G. I. T.

There was a joint Columbus-Kedron C.G.I.T. with Bessie Mountjoy (Gannon) as leader about 1940, but it had lapsed. In 1965 another group was started for the whole charge, with Doris Glover and Joan Francis as Kedron Leaders. The girls made their first public appearance in the Christmas Candlelight Service. Later Claudia McDiarmid led this group for several years.

Explorers and Messengers

In 1966 two midweek groups were started at the church for children from Kedron School. They held monthly meetings after school, for a program of games, singing, handicraft, drama, worship and mission study. Mrs. Charles Catto spoke about living in Africa at one meeting. The leaders were:

Explorers

1966-1968	Marjorie Brown, Olive Vaillancourt
1968-1970	Dorothy Carr
1970-1971	Mrs. R. Gorveatt

Messengers

1966-1967	Lois Tregunna, Norma Robinson
1967-1968	Norma Robinson, Lila Deer, Mary Styles
1968-1969	Lila Deer, Dorothy Carr, Mary Styles, Edith Davis, Claudia McDiarmid

A New Manse At Columbus

1965 was a very busy year. Rev. Winnifred Bridges took up her duties as pastor in January. The old manse at Columbus was sold, and the new split-level one was completed by September while Miss Bridges and her companion, Margaret Burns, lived in a trailer during the summer. Stan Ogle was Kedron's representative on the Manse Building Committee. The official opening was marked by an Open House for people of all three charges.

A Christian Education Building

The Sunday School peaked in these years with an average attendance of 124, rising to 150 at times; classes met in every possible corner of the building. There were also two Cub packs, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, C.G.I.T., Explorers, Messengers and Hi-C, all needing space for activities.

Miss Bridges began to explore the possibility of building a Christian Education Building. She prepared preliminary sketches to present to a meeting of Elders, Stewards and the Presidents of all groups in June, 1965. It was decided to look into it further. A Building Committee and Finance Committee were appointed.

At the annual meeting in January, 1966, Bill Hancock, Chairman of the Building Committee, explained sketches and plans for the new building, to be built in 3 stages.

1. The erection of a 74 x 44 building, 2 stories high, 5 feet underground, with an 18 foot rise to contain a kitchen, gymnasium and classrooms. This building would be separate from the church, about 20 feet to the south, and would cost an estimated \$35,000 to \$40,000.

2. The second stage could join the C.E. building to the church at a later date, with a chapel above the Ladies' Parlour below, and remodel the church to increase the seating to about 350.

3. If needed, a third stage could add a third story to the C. E. Building.

The construction of the first building would be of cement block with a brick front.

It was decided to find out what contributions could be raised in the next few years for such an addition.

Kedron's New Manse

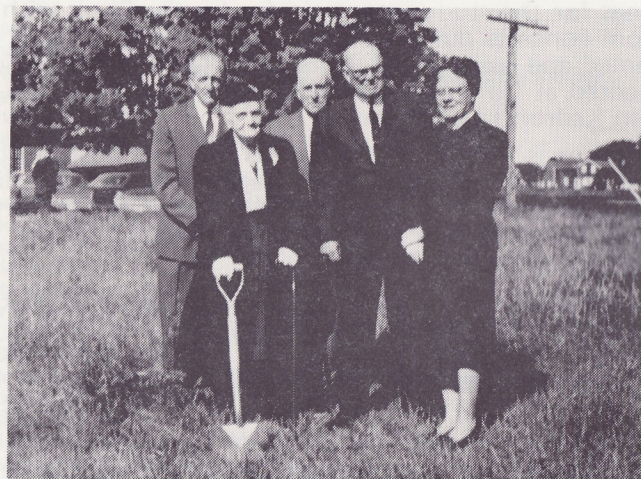
At this point Presbytery made a different interpretation of the statistics of Kedron's expanding activities. In March 1966 Rev. H. G. Lester, Superintendent of Home Missions, spoke to the Columbus-Kedron-Raglan Official Board, pointing out that all the services of this 3-point charge, together with the pastoral care of 425 families, was an impossible task for one minister. One solution suggested was that Kedron might go on its own.

After discussion it was decided in August 1966 that Kedron should become a one-point charge by September 1st, that plans for a Christian Education building be shelved, and that a manse be built.

And so began the second busiest year at Kedron. The church roll showed 209 households with 799 persons under pastoral care. Frank Lee, Kedron's Presbytery Representative, reported that Presbytery had worked out a profile of this church's roll by age groups as follows:

Under 15	1
15 - 19	24
25 - 44	99
45 - 64	56
65+	15

It was a young and vigorous group which undertook this new challenge.



Mrs. Fletcher Werry turns the first sod for the new manse.
*Stan Ogle, Chairman of Manse Building Committee,
Mrs. Werry, Clarence Werry, Clerk of Session,
Frank Lee, Presbytery Representative, Rev. Winnifred Bridges.*

The Manse Committee included Stan Ogle as Chairman and adviser, Harold Werry, Bill Hancock, Claire Brown, Autumn Dale and Jean Bishop. The Manse Committee in charge of decorating and furnishings included Autumn Dale, Marion Starkowski, Lydia MacDonald, Murray Jackson, Marvin Hannah and Albert Wood.

It was decided to use the same split-level plan chosen for the Columbus manse with a few modifications, such as reversing the position of the garage and the study.

A lot 100' by 200' to the east of the church parking lot had been purchased from Frank Lee for \$1,000 in 1960, and paid for over 4 years.

Tenders were called and the contract was let to Eric Branton of Whitby. The cost of the manse was as follows:

Cost of building.	\$19,407.86
Furnishings	2,797.26
Exterior expenses such as well, septic tank, etc.	2,466.75
TOTAL	\$24,671.87

With a few added items the cost of the manse in round numbers was about \$25,000. Again the timing was fortunate -- to produce a fine split-level house just before costs began rising dramatically.

The Board of Home Missions made a grant of \$2,000 towards the cost of the building and \$1,000 towards the cost of furnishings, matching a \$1,000 grant made by the Kedron U.C.W.

The manse was finished before the end of the year. A bee was held to paint the rooms and stain the woodwork. Lumber was purchased and a group of men finished the recreation room in the basement. Another bee was held in the Spring to sod the lawn.

Furnishings for the study were paid for by the Choir with money raised from concerts put on that winter. Directed by Eva Hunter, accompanied and assisted by Doris Lee, "Let's Get Up a Concert" was presented at Columbus, Raglan, Enniskillen and Zion, as well as twice in Kedron's Lower Hall.

Miss Bridges was invited to stay on as minister both by the new Kedron charge and the Columbus-Raglan charge. She declined, and took a position as Probation Officer with the Family Court in Ottawa. However, she commuted to Kedron to take Sunday services for the month of January.

On the third Sunday of January an Open House was held so that the congregation could tour the new manse. On the first of February, 1967, when Rev. Kenneth Deer and his family moved in, Kedron became a one-point charge with a minister in its own manse.

The debt from the manse was paid off by October of the next year. A mortgage burning ceremony was held on Sunday, December 8, 1968, when the special speaker was Dr. Lester, who had been very helpful in negotiating building and operating grants.

Families on the Roll of Kedron Church, January, 1967

Children's names have been added to the list. Some may have been missed because there are no complete records.

Andor; Donna
Atkinson; Roy & Carol, Lisa

Bishop; Rodger & Jean, Anne, Ruth
Bremner; Mr. & Mrs. James, Lynda, Janet, Alexis, Maureen, Robbie
Brock; Mrs. Noreen, Heather, Barbara, Carol, Charles, Eleanor,
Tena Marie

Brown; E. Claire & Edith, Stanley, Allan, Janet, Donald
Brown; Earle
Brown; Mrs. Howard (Luella)
Brown; Nelson & Helen, Susan, Barbara, Beverly, Wendy
Brown; Patricia
Brown; Ross & Marjorie, Maureen

Cameron; Mrs. Alex
Cameron; Douglas, Douglas Jr., Dale, Dwight, Derek
Coe; William & Gladys
Collings; Chris & Florence, Robert, Linda, David
Craig; Doris, Gail

Dale; Robert & Autumn, Bonnie, Bob, Bruce
Davis; Walter & Edith, June, John, Harley, Reg, Valerie
Diehl; Mr. & Mrs. Norman
Dingman; Mr. & Mrs. Roy, Randy, Richard, Patty
Down; Russell & Ruth, Donald
Dixson; Ted & Ruth
Dyck; John & Jean, Ken, Bonnie, Susan

Elliott; William & Dorothy, Bill, Brian

Farndale; Howard & Alice
Findlay; Jim & Lois, Jim, Jeff
Flintoff; Mrs. Delbert
Francis; Alan & Joan, Scott, Lee Anne
Francis; Jack & Doris

Gibson; Irene, Danny, Brenda
Glover; Mrs. Jack (Muriel)
Glover; John K. & Doris, Stephen, Darryl, David, Jeff, Shelley
Glover; Grant & Mary, Ann, Donna, Mary Ellen
Gorveatt; Mrs. R.
Green; Mrs. Reginald, Ruth, Douglas
Groat; John

Hancock; Frank & Jean, Ian, Bruce, Roger
Hancock; Mark & Helen, Jean, John, Donna, Joyce
Hancock; William & Gloria, Loris, Gregg
Harlock; Mrs. E.J.
Hargreaves; Mrs. Jessie
Harris; Doug & Marg, Cathy, Chris
Hitchens; Ben & Ruth, Gayle, Wendy
Henry; Mr. & Mrs. Alan
Hohmann; Sebastian & Ingrid, Leo, Billy, Edward
Hopkins; Mary, Linda, Larry, Brenda
Hoskin; Mrs. Glen
Hicks; Austin & Carolyn, Michael
Hannah; Marvin & Eleanor, Paul
Higgs; Orval & Marie, Michael, Linda, Annette
Hepburn; Ralph

Jackson; Murray & Henney, Lynette, Steven
Jackson; Orval & Catherine, Robert, Paul
Jones; Merle & Jean, Jim
James; Mrs. John
Johnson; James & Betty, Janice
Jensen; Mr. & Mrs. C.M., Paul

Lee; Brian & Lyn, Susan, Nancy, Barbara, Allyson
Lee; Frank
Lee; Ross & Doris
Lewis; Darlene
Lightle; Mrs. Edgar
Love; Doug & Marilyn, Neil, Laura, Paul
MacDonald; Bruce & Lydia, Bruce Jr., Robert, Douglas
McHugh; Mr. & Mrs. W.
McNally; Pat, Gayle, Jim
Maidman; Ted & Joan, Marie, Margaret
Martin; Mr. & Mrs. Herbert, Keith, Larry
Melland-Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Herbert, Robert, Sandra

Mountjoy; Beatrice
Mountjoy; Mrs. Everett (Gertie)
Mountjoy; Murray & Enid, Dianne, Dale, Margo
Mountjoy; Percy & Reta, Gloria, Harold, Carol, Anne
Mountjoy; Mrs. W.L. (Gussie)
Mitchell; George & Anne, Gail, Wendy, Susan

Noble; Lisle & Joy, Dick, Barbara, Tim
Norman; Ronald & Shirley, Dianne

Ogle; Stan & Bernice, Tom, Joan, John, Janet

Pascoe; Grant & Sylvia
Pascoe; Harvey & Gladys
Pascoe; Wilf & Doreen, Karen, Doug, Garth, Beverly, Jeffrey, Gerry
Parks; Elmer & Ruth, Wayne, Walter, Paula Calvert
Penfound; Mrs. Laurretta
Posterarno; Sue Appleton

Reeves; Bryce & Lee
Robinson; Roy & Norma, Sharon, Joanne, Jeff, Laura
Robinson; Joan, Ronald, Gene, Ralph
Rose; Harry & Madeleine, Barbara, John, Pat, David
Rosnak; William & Pat, Pat Jr., Jim, Cathy

Selleck; Gordon & Jean
Selleck; Orvel & Ann, Ronald, Janis
Selleck; Mrs. Georgina
Shay; Leonard & Marlene
Shay; Robert & Yvonne
Short; Mr. & Mrs. Philip
Snowden; William & Bev, David, Gary, John
Spencer; Alvin & Bessie, Robert, Brian
Starkoski; Joseph & Marion, Brian, Allan
Styles; Mary
Skuce; Marguerite, Claire, Chris

Thomas; Charles & Carol, Dale, Jeff, Carrie
Tregunna; Mrs. Albert (Ethel)
Tregunna; Rae
Tregunna; Lorne & Lois, Donald, Barbara, Bill
Trull; Frank & Muriel, Mary, Jackie

VandeWalker; Eugene & Joycelyn, Susan, Darren
VanDyke; Miss Hazel

Werry; Clarence & Bessie
Werry; Mrs. H.F. (Rosetta)
Werry; Harold & Lorraine
Werry; Ron & Elsie, Kevin, Richard, Janet
Werry; Wilma
Werry; William & Helen, Donald, Dennis, Eldon, Wendel
Wilbur; Lois, Sharon, Doug
Wilson; Peter & Helen, Debra, Peter Jr.
Wood; Albert & Bea, Sylvia
Wood; Miss Jackelene
Woodward; Mary, Gloria, Todd
Wray; Mrs. Arthur (Lilly)

KEDRON — A ONE-POINT CHARGE

Unexpected Difficulties

There were testing times in the early years of the new charge. Three successive ministries were unexpectedly cut short, leaving long periods of time without a regular minister.

Late in 1973 Rev. Walter Davis had to take a leave of absence for health reasons. For more than a year Rev. Harold Turner took care of Kedron's pastoral needs, alternating with Rev. C. Hopkins in taking Sunday services. It wasn't until after Christmas of 1974 that Rev. Max Preisler settled in as full-time minister.

Between the time of Mr. Preisler's departure for Montreal in November, 1977, and Rev. Stanley Snowden's arrival in June of 1978, there was another period of pulpit supply.

Kedron had enjoyed Rev. Stan Snowden's ministry only a brief nineteen months when he suffered a sudden fatal heart attack the end of January, 1980. Again the worship and work of Kedron was carried on under temporary arrangements. Bill Werry, the Clerk of Session, arranged for weddings and baptisms, and Rodger Bishop for Sunday services.

Ministers who kindly filled in during these periods were:— Rev. Harold Turner, Rev. C. Hopkins, Rev. Merrill Ferguson, Mr. Keith Pike, Rev. Jack Lougheed, Rev. Eric McIlwain, Rev. Philip Romeril, Rev. E.C. White, Rev. Kenneth Deer, Mr. S.G. Saywell, Mr. Sam Hollingsworth, Mr. Keith Lougheed, Rev. Barry Pogue and Rev. Roger Maggs.

Although a good deal of maturity and experience was gained by people of the church who met these challenges, it was a great handicap that for a total of almost two years Kedron was without the guidance of a regular minister. The warmth and stability of Rev. Elwyn Hughes' ministry, which began in 1980, has been a great blessing.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD

By 1970 the Official Board became more and more important in initiating fund-raising activities. The U.C.W., Hi-C, Doubles Club and Choir had fewer members by then, and more and more women were serving on the committees of the Board. It seems appropriate to tell about the activities from 1970 to 1988 within the framework of the Official Board.

Until 1955 Kedron had 3 Elders on the Session, 3 Stewards and 5 Trustees, plus 4 Collectors and Ushers, and 2 Tellers to arrange for counting and banking offerings. As the church grew, the Session was increased to 7 Elders, and the Board of Stewards to 9, who took over the duties of Collectors, Ushers and Tellers. The two groups met separately.

At the beginning of 1967, the first full year as a one-point charge, Rev. Winnifred Bridges devised a new Official Board structure which was adopted at the Annual Meeting.

There were to be 4 committees, each with 5 members, appointed for 3 year terms. The committees were as follows:

Committee	Responsibilities
Session (Elders)	
Worship & Membership Committee	Administer sacraments. Maintain church records, Arrange for ushers and pulpit supply. Visit members of congregation.
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Christian Education Committee	Together with U.C.W. and Hi-C oversee work of Sunday School and other youth groups. Recruit and train leaders.
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Finance Committee	Appoint church treasurer. Arrange for recording & reporting offerings, an annual visitation, preparation of annual budget.
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Property Committee	Maintain all church property. Appoint Manse Committee.
<i>Property Committee, with Minister as Chairman, empowered to act as Trustees.</i>	

Once a month the four committees met together as an Official Board for a brief worship service, then they met separately, each with its own chairman and secretary, to transact business. At the end of the evening the committees came together to share and reach a consensus on what had been discussed.

In January, 1969, an Outreach Committee was added to serve as liaison between the church and the changing community, to promote the M. & S. Fund and special missionary projects, as well as give assistance to local groups and individuals.

The newly structured Board was thorough, but meetings were very long. Also, the Sunday School and youth groups declined rapidly after 1970. As a result, the Christian Education Committee and Worship and Membership Committee were united, to be known as the Session. Property and Finance began to hold joint meetings; Outreach still met separately.

By 1972 the U.C.W. decided to disband and become a Friendship Group. The responsibility for planning suppers, catering and other fund-raising activities was shifted to the Official Board, where a Social Committee made up of women was created.

By 1985 it became the practice for all committees to meet in one group, although the Session occasionally meets separately on another evening.

THE FINANCE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEES

In 1893 the Brooklin-Kedron charge of the Methodist Church paid its minister \$550 and \$25 for his horse's keep, of which Kedron raised \$194.10. Two years later both the minister's salary and the horse's keep were raised by \$25, and Kedron's share rose to \$210.

The budget gradually rose through the years, but becoming a one-point charge meant a sudden substantial rise in costs. In 1966, the last year Kedron was part of the Columbus-Kedron-Raglan charge, Kedron paid 36% of the expenses of the minister's salary and manse upkeep, amounting to \$2,491.50. That year \$1,918.71 was raised for missions.

In 1967, the first full year as a one-point charge, the budget was \$9,698.07, almost four times as much as the year before, besides the cost of building the new manse. (Incidentally, that year \$1,916.87 was raised for missions.)

To cushion the blow the Board of Home Missions, in addition to grants of \$2,000 towards manse construction and \$1,000 towards its furnishings, made an annual grant of \$2,560 towards running expenses for the first two years. In 1969 Kedron moved to forego the grant, and ended the year with a deficit of \$578.57. The Board of Home Missions came to the rescue again with grants of \$2,000 in 1970, \$1,500 in 1971 and \$1,200 in 1972. After that there were some difficult years when Kedron barely met its budget. In 1977 it was necessary to borrow \$2,000 to meet current expenses. A "Retire the Loan Fund Luncheon" and a "Stewardship Luncheon" were held following Sunday services, at which donations were received.

After 1977 a surplus was built up each year, until in 1986 there was a reserve of \$20,600. The margin is always precarious because of rising costs, and the loss each year of some of the largest contributors.

Over the 20 year period, wages and pension income of members of the congregation have risen with inflation, at the same time as church expenses increased, but an indication of the growing effectiveness of leaders and workers since Kedron became a single-point charge is the following:

In 1967 - 226 families raised \$7,353 for the General Fund.

In 1987 - 180 families raised \$45,353 for the General Fund.

Fund Raising

Since 1966 a wide variety of money-raising projects have been initiated by the Official Board. The following is a sampling of them: (Events sponsored by the U.C.W. will be covered in the chapter, "Women in the Church".)

Suppers

In 1970 a Smorgasbord Supper was held in June, more for fellowship than for profit, with tickets priced at \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children. There was the Country Style Supper in November, 1976, and a Casserole Supper in 1977. The first Strawberry Supper was held in 1980. In the beginning people were asked to donate 2 boxes of berries, washed, hulled and sugared. With more experience, it became the custom for volunteers to pick the berries at a pick-your-own patch the day before, and other volunteers to hull and wash them at the church.

A Beef Barbeque was held in connection with the 25th Anniversary of the church in 1977. It was repeated in 1978, but in 1979 was replaced by the Turkey Supper, which has become an annual event.



A temporary barbeque pit was constructed of cement blocks for Barbeques, 1977-79.
The chefs are Ron Werry, Roy Robinson, John K. Glover, Bill Hancock, Claire Brown and Gordon Stell.

Doris Lee carried the key responsibility for suppers and catering until her death in 1975. Mary Woodward and Marion Starkoski have taken on that function, with the help of members of the Social Committee. Kedron has always maintained a reputation for serving delicious meals.

The Auction Sale

It was begun in 1966 to raise money for the Manse Building Fund. That sale was officially opened by Dr. Claude Vipond, and the auctioneer was Lloyd Wilson of Uxbridge. Puppies, kittens, rabbits, guinea pigs, bantam fowl, doves, a budgie and a five-day-old calf, as well as furniture, dishes and vegetables, were offered for sale. The auction netted \$1,431.00. The Doubles Club earned \$48.00 from pony and hay rides and the Hi-C \$76.25 with a target game and the sale of popcorn, candy and candied apples. The U.C.W. operated a bake sale and the Scout Mothers and Group Committee a refreshment booth.

Auction sales were begun again in 1979, that year raising \$3,472, becoming an annual event. Added features have been tables for rent, and a flea market table selling toys, games, books and small items, run by the Outreach Committee. Auctioneers have been Murray and Robert Jackson. The last few years the Community Hall has been used for storing sale items donated through the year.

Talent Money Year

In the spring of 1975, when Rev. Max Preisler was the minister, the church's social calendar was more crowded than usual. At a Sunday service in March collection plates containing 285 five dollar bills were passed. Everyone was invited to take one and see how they could make it grow by June 15th. There were many interesting responses, of which we will mention a few:

- Gloria and Bill Hancock and their family put on a Chili Supper.
- Lorraine and Harold Werry started a Marathon Bridge Club which netted the church about \$125. The Club continues to the present, and makes a contribution to the church each year.
- A group which included Muriel Glover, Grant & Mary Glover, Ruth & Elmer Parks, Bev & Bill Snowden and Ruth & Ben Hitchens, pooled their talent money and put on a dance in the Solina Hall, another event which has continued to the present.
- Shirley Preisler sold note paper which she had decorated with water colours.
- The Rosnak family made their talent money grow to \$395 from a variety of projects. They sold apples at their trailer park, put on a concert by the General Motors Choir and an evening of nature slides by Mr. Bradbury. Pat and Lorraine Jessup sold tickets for an evening when flower arranging and fabric printing were demonstrated, with the arrangements given as door prizes.

The project reached its climax at a pot luck supper on June 8th, when all the participants turned in profits which totalled \$3,226.44.

Other Projects

- For two years Kedron people earned \$500 by parking cars at the Oshawa Fair.
- In 1978 and 1979, with Rev. Stan Snowden's initiative, bushels of apples were sold, with \$4.00 going to the farmer and \$2.00 to the church.

PROPERTY AND MANSE COMMITTEES

The tradition of donating time and skills for the maintenance and improvement of church property is still alive and well in Kedron. A good example is the work done on the church basement.

Renovation of the Basement

In the summer of 1983 it was decided to use money from the Memorial Fund for this purpose. The old kitchen was a dream-come-true for women fresh from the makeshift cooking arrangements of the church shed, but large dinners and banquets strained the small kitchen area. There was room for only one stove, and one small window and door for moving food and dishes to the dining area. The stage was used for dispensing pies and cold meat platters, but there were steps to be climbed. By this time the Sunday School was much smaller, and the stage was seldom used.



Serving Easter Breakfast from the original kitchen with its single stove and refrigerator.

Claire Brown, who oversaw the job, has written a diary of the summer the basement was transformed:

July, 1983 — A meeting was held to discuss the renovation of the church basement. It was decided to remove the stage and enlarge the kitchen, also to insulate the Lower Hall and panel the walls, plus put in a drop T-Bar ceiling.

August 8th — In the morning we started removing the old wallboard, and in the evening we removed the stage. Help was abundant — Elmer Parks, Orval Jackson, Bill Hancock, Marvin Hannah, Bruce Searle, Claire Brown, with younger workers Brad Hancock, Don Brown, Pat Byrnes and Shawn McMurter also working along. Murray Mountjoy supplied his dump truck for the scrap. Orval Jackson took the hardwood flooring from the stage and later sold it.

August 10th — A meeting was held to discuss buying a new furnace. Present were Mary Woodward, Catherine and Orval Jackson, Bill Hancock, Ron Werry, Ann Snowden, Elmer Parks, Marvin Hannah, Claire Brown, Rev. Elwyn Hughes and Bert Snowden, contractor. On Bert's recommendation we ordered 2 electric furnaces and a 400 amp. service.

August 18th — We removed the furnace room wall and dismantled the old furnace. The firepot was too heavy to carry, and we had Ron Werry come with a tractor to pull it up the stairs on planks.

August 23rd — New furnaces were installed.

August 25th — Ross Brown routed all the baseboards and wainscoting trim and started to install it. Orval Jackson and Rodger Bishop started the staining.

August 31st — Started the T-Bar ceiling and built the window valances.

September 1st — Plastering was started by Mr. Thompson.

September 6th — Doug Harris started the big job of re-wiring, with help from Marg Harris and Bill Hancock. A new floor was laid in the kitchen, and an island counter built.

By the end of September, 1983, the job was completed after about 500 hours of free labour by some very dedicated and talented workers. Later in the year carpet was purchased and installed in the Lower Hall.

I cannot thank people like Elmer Parks, Albert Wood and Fred Samis enough for their help and advice. They were on the job almost daily from beginning to end. Doug Harris took over the job of wiring, including ordering necessary materials. Thanks to the ladies for sanding, painting and cleaning all through the project. There were 40 helpers taking part at one time or another.

All this was accomplished under the guidance of Rev. Elwyn Hughes, with Louise Hughes as official photographer.

Claire Brown

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Just after Christmas in 1974, volunteers undertook the job of moving the Preisler family's personal effects from Quyon, Quebec. Elmer Parks, Ron Werry, Grant Glover, Bill Snowden and Ben Hitchens accomplished this with Elmer's truck and one rented one. The U.C.W. had dinner ready in the Lower Hall when everyone arrived back with the Preislers.

OUTREACH

Since it was formed in 1969 the Outreach Committee has generated a good deal of interest in the M. & S. Fund. Contributions rose from \$1953 in 1969 to a high of \$4369 in 1985. In addition, many special projects have been undertaken to meet needs in our community. White gifts are always contributed to the Men's Hostel or Simcoe Hall, and Orval Jackson has been a volunteer cook at the Hostel on the cook's days off.

- In 1974 the Outreach Committee held a special Mission Festival, with Dr. Clark MacDonald as special speaker, and booths and displays in the Lower Hall.
- Rev. Roger Maggs and Rev. Bill Tadeja have taken services at Kedron every year, making the Hospital Chaplaincy a very vital part of our outreach.
- Other special speakers have been Rev. Charles Catto explaining Operation Beaver, Nancy Knox, a candidate for the ministry, and Anne Bishop, who spoke on World Hunger. Susan Wilson showed pictures and souvenirs of her exchange year in Fiji. In 1970 one of the members of a panel discussion was Stephen Lewis.
- In 1975 a display tent was organized at the International Ploughing Match at Brooklin.
- In 1970 everyone was encouraged to contribute one day's pay to the world's needy.
- A project of saving used postage stamps to raise money for Oxfam, started four years ago, has grown to the point where Kedron processes stamps contributed by all the U.C.W.'s of Oshawa Presbytery. Campbell's Soup labels are saved for another project.
- Efforts have been made to draw new people into the church fellowship. In 1972 "Get Acquainted" evenings were arranged to encourage people to entertain new members of the congregation in their homes.
- In 1976 calls were made on homes in the Taunton Hills subdivision, and in the last four years leaflets about Kedron's services have been delivered to all the houses in the subdivision at Thanksgiving and at Easter.

A Wider Fellowship

— In 1969 a Kedron-St. Stephen's men's group was formed. They still meet once a year for a dinner and a guest speaker.

— In 1969 Rev. Ken Deer, Catherine and Orval Jackson and John K. Glover began attending the Keswick June Conference. Interest has continued to the present, with Ann Snowden and both Jacksons attending in 1987.

— In 1972 Patti Rosnak and Ruth Bishop were sent to conferences at Five Oaks.

— For several years young delegates attended the Toc Alpha Christmas conferences in Niagara Falls. In 1975 the delegates were Paula Calvert and Stephen Glover.

— Several young people attended camps at Quin-Mo-Lac and served as counsellors, the latest being Gwyneth Hughes.

All these guided ventures into a wider world made a great difference to the lives of the people concerned, and enriched the life of the church they represented.

Sharing Facilities

In another sort of outreach to the community-at-large, the Lower Hall was used by the Kindergarten class of Kedron School from September until Christmas in 1966 while the new addition was being completed.

— The Lower Hall is reserved on Tuesday nights for meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

— The Bluegrass club, a group of country and western musicians, plays for their friends at the church the fourth Sunday of every month.

Annual Reports

They are always prepared in a great rush in the few days between the time treasurers' accounts are audited and the annual meeting. They are the responsibility of the minister and the secretary of the congregation.

Until Kedron went on its own in 1966 the report appeared along with reports of the other churches on the charge. Earlier reports were for the most part financial statements, and they included a list of individual givings, a practice which was dropped in 1970. From 1970 to 1986 Jack Francis provided drawings which, mimeographed on brightly coloured paper, made attractive covers.

PEOPLE WHO SERVED ON KEDRON'S OFFICIAL BOARD

Clerks of Session

— 1948 — Fletcher Werry

1948-1976 — Clarence Werry

1976-1987 — William Werry

1988 - — — William Hancock

Elders appointed Honorary Elders for life

Everett Mountjoy, Harold Werry, Clarence Werry, Jack Francis.

Session before 1967

Fletcher Werry, Frank Lee, C.W. Hoskin, Alvin Spencer, Howard Farndale, Everett Mountjoy, Walter Davis, Clarence Werry, Ross Lee, H.T. Cole, Mrs. Laretta Crossman, Robert Dale.

Worship and Membership Committee, 1966-1971

then members of Session

Clarence Werry, Harold Werry, Alvin Spencer, Rodger Bishop, William Hancock, Howard Farndale, Ross Lee, Frank Trull, Edith Davis, Bruce Searle, Catherine Jackson, Elsie Wetherup, Marion Starkoski, Jack Francis, Mary Glover, Elmer Parks, Bernice Ogle, William Snowden, Ron Werry, William Coe, Richard Deakin, William Rosnak, Ray Avery, Donna Glover, Robert Dale, Doug Love, Ann Selleck, Florence Collings, Wayne Elson, Marg Harris, Orval Jackson, Ann Snowden, Keith Tregunna, Dorothy Avery, Enid Mountjoy.

Christian Education Committee until 1971

Doug Love, Catherine Jackson, Robert Dale, William Werry, Harold Werry, Jack Francis, Gertie Mountjoy, Elsie Wetherup, Marion Starkoski.

Personnel Committee

William Werry, Rodger Bishop.

Stewards (Before 1967)

Russell Down, R.J. Luke, Everett Mountjoy, Harold Werry, Howard Farndale, Harvey Crossman, Albert Wood, Derek Barnett, Jack Francis, William Snowden, W.L. Mountjoy, Orvel Selleck, Ted Maidman, Lisle Noble, Robert Dale, Doug Love, William Hancock, Doris Lee, Bert Smith, Orval Jackson, Chris Collings, John K. Glover, Joseph Starkoski, Wilf Pascoe, Madeleine Rose, Marvin Hannah, Murray Jackson, Joy Noble.

Finance Committee (After 1967)

Wilf Pascoe, Marvin Hannah, John K. Glover, William Coe, Autumn Dale, Gertie Mountjoy, Roy Atkinson, Frank Trull, Marguerite Skuce, Ray Avery, Mrs. L. Wright, Ted Maidman, A. Henry, Louise Statham, Chris Collings, Mary Woodward, A. Hill, Donna Stell, Gloria Hancock, Jack Francis, Marion Starkoski, Nancy Polkinghorn, Bert Lami, Carol Brown, Ron Werry, Bev Snowden, Jean Dyck, Gayle Simpson, Doug Love, Lois Findlay, Jack Wilson, Andy Riddock, Catherine Jackson, Sally Earnshaw, Florence Collings, Lydia MacDonald, Stewart Davison, Peter Wright.

Property Committee after 1967

Murray Jackson, Bert Smith, Joseph Starkoski, Albert Wood, Orval Higgs, R. Sproule, Claire Brown, Elmer Parks, Gerry Tenkink, Marvin Hannah, William Snowden, Jack Groat, Alvin Spencer, R. Dingman, Gordon Stell, Claudia McDiarmid, Jean Dyck, Ted Maidman, Fred Samis, Grant Glover, Bruce Searle, Steve Preisler, Wayne Elson, William Coe, Roger Brown, Harold Mountjoy, Rae Tregunna, Robin Bentley, Alan Earnshaw, Andrew Rorke.

Trustees

Fletcher Werry, R.J. Luke, F.W. Lee, E. Mountjoy, H. Cole, J.E. Davis, Ross Lee, Harvey Crossman, Howard Farndale, Harold Werry, John K. Glover, W.L. Mountjoy, Albert Wood, Doug Love, Grant Glover, Wilf Pascoe, Elmer Parks, Gordon Stell, William Snowden, Bruce Searle.

Outreach Committee from 1969

Orval Jackson, Mary Hopkins, Donna Stell, Mrs. E. Dingman, Richard Deakin, Autumn Dale, Mrs. O. Brown, John Davis, Lyn Lee, Gary Wraith, Tom Ogle, Pat Rosnak, Mary Glover, Jack Francis, Joan Francis, Marg Harris, Edith Brown, Bernice Ogle, Lorraine Moore, Ann Snowden, Louise Hughes, Eileen Barney, Jean Bishop, Marilyn McMahon, Doug Jopling, Marjorie Brown, Bev McGraw, Judy Young, Anne Murray, Shelley Wright.

Manse Committee

Elsie Werry, Fred Samis, Catherine Jackson, Mary Woodward, Marilyn Love, Florence Collings, Joan Francis, William Coe, Marilyn Searle, Ross Brown.

Social Committee since 1982

Mary Woodward, Marion Starkoski, Cindy Werry, Edith Brown, Marilyn Love, Dorothy Avery, Janet Rainford, Marg Harris, Doreen Pascoe.

Secretaries of Official Board

1967-1969 — Donna Stell
1970 — Richard Deakin
1971-1975 — Donna Stell
1976- — — Mary Woodward

Clerks of Session

The Annual Report of 1976 describes in the words of Rev. Max Preisler the appointment of William Werry to the position of Clerk of Session, succeeding his father, Clarence Werry.

... At the Annual Meeting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Werry were asked to come forward to the front of the church. Mrs. Robert Dale presented Mrs. Werry with a bouquet of long-stemmed roses, and thanks for her years of devotion and hard work for her church.

Then Mr. William Werry, newly elected Clerk of Session and Mr. Elmer Parks presented Mr. Werry with an illuminated scroll proclaiming him as Clerk of Session Emeritus of Kedron United Church. This proclamation was heartily endorsed by the entire congregation who have benefited from the many years of service and leadership Mr. Clarence Werry provided.

... It was by unanimous decision of Session and congregation that Mr. William Werry be named Clerk of Session to succeed his father. This honour William has earned in his own right. He is a devoted member of the church, and has served on more than his share of committees, work parties and church-related activities. Personnel Committee, Choir member, Sunday School Superintendent, Scoutmaster, Elder, are but five positions he holds. His quiet demeanour, sense of humour and an abundance of common sense coupled with a real feeling for people mark William as an outstanding person. . . He follows in the footsteps of a father and grandfather who have served God and their church faithfully and well.

Bill Werry carried out his duties with dedication until just a few weeks before his untimely death in October, 1987.

William Hancock, who has served in many capacities with quiet dignity since he was appointed to the Session in 1967, was chosen as the new Clerk of Session.

Anniversaries of the Present Church Building

The twenty-fifth anniversary was marked by special events on the second weekend of June, 1977. Elmer Parks was Chairman of the Events Committee, and Clarence Werry of the Invitations Committee.

In fine weather, the weekend was launched with a parade from Kedron Park to the church and back again. Older members of the congregation rode in antique cars. There were marching Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, baseball teams and drum majorettes, a large anniversary float, horse-drawn wagons and decorated bikes.

In the afternoon there were rides for children, and a baseball tournament at Kedron Park. Many former residents returned for the Beef Barbeque, which began at 4:00 p.m.

After dinner guests move into the Lower Hall, where a display of old pictures and photographs had been set up, and copies of a Kedron history were available. After 8:00 p.m. there was a slide presentation of group activities at Kedron from Doris Lee's collection. The evening concluded with a dance on the paved laneway.

On Sunday morning a capacity crowd attended the church service. Rev. Winnifred Bridges was the special speaker; the choir was augmented by former members, and Fred Densham sang a solo.

Approximately \$1,100.00 was raised from the Beef Barbeque and the sale of commemorative plates, mugs and pens.

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Rev. Winnifred Bridges was the special speaker again at the 35th anniversary service on June 14th, 1987. Gwyneth Hughes, now a music student at McGill University, sang a solo.

At the social hour which followed, Ross Brown presented his scale model of the church, which represented many hours of patient, skilful work. Winnifred and Elwyn cut the special anniversary cake.

A Tribute to Rev. Stan Snowden

From the Church Bulletin, February 3, 1980

Kedron will warmly remember Rev. Stan Snowden!

A year ago, at the annual meeting, Rev. Stan Snowden asked that a window be put in the master bedroom of the manse, overlooking the church and its grounds, so that he could watch over them by night. This initiative was only a small incident in his ministry at Kedron, but it shows the generous, outgoing spirit of the man. With boundless cheer and energy he threw himself into all the activities which brought to Kedron at year's end a warm feeling of community as well as a healthy, black balance sheet.

Stan grew up in a community much like Kedron, and he understood our kind of people. He was able to weld the congregation into a warm family. Singing in the choir, putting on an auction sale or a turkey dinner, or shingling the roof of the Community Hall were good fun because he was the middle of everything, obviously enjoying himself.

. . . This past year and a half will always remain in our memory as a happy time at Kedron. We will try to hold on to Stan's confidence that if we work together with good cheer, we can achieve our goals.

The Fish Fry

One of Rev. Elwyn Hughes' favourite recreations is fly fishing for trout. When the season is open he goes fishing most Mondays, and he is skilful at freezing some of his catch.

Every year since 1985 Elwyn has invited the congregation to a fish fry after church on a Sunday in August. The occasion has been enjoyed by Kedron families as well as some from Columbus who attend Kedron services in August.

West Humber Youth Choir

Starting in 1984 Elwyn has brought the young people's choir from his former church, West Humber United, each June to put on a musical drama in Kedron's Lower Hall. A skilful director, Julie Roslin, and talented singers and instrumentalists make this event a real treat.

LONG RUNNING ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations which have come and gone have been described, but there are three which continued on, sometimes in different forms, for nearly a hundred years: Women's Groups, the Sunday School and the Choir.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Early church records make very few references to the women in the congregation. Mrs. Lee's history gives us one glimpse of women's activities before the third church was built in 1863. She says,

Mrs. Thomas Pascoe and Mrs. Wilcox (Lizzie Luke) made a canvass of the neighbourhood to solicit promises for contributions to the building fund, and held a tea on the lawn of Mr. George Lee to raise money for the same purpose.

The congregational minutes of 1885 report arrangements for that year's Anniversary Supper in these words:

Moved and carried that John and Lewis Luke be appointed to see about buying the groceries.

Moved and carried that Mesdames Batty, Bob Davis, John and Lewis Luke see about the cooking.

Moved and carried that Messrs. Davis, Cole, Short and John Lee be a committee to arrange about putting up a platform and tables and other necessary arrangements.

Moved and carried that the tickets for adults be 25 cents and children be 15 cents.

We suspect that women were very active, even in those years, but they didn't have an official organization of their own until 1908, when the Missionary Society was formed. In 1913 the Ladies' Aid began with eleven members. They became a Women's Association in 1925, at the time of church union, and affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society in 1933.

In the early days in the old church country hospitality was reflected in the minutes of a meeting of the Ladies Aid, when it was decided that lunch at the meetings be sandwiches, one kind of cake, either pie or tarts and tea or coffee.

With so few women to do the work they set themselves, a great deal was expected of each member. For the garden party of 1916 each home was asked to bring 3 pies, 3 cakes, 50 tarts, 2 loaves of sandwiches, a bowl of salad and a quart of cream.

Quilting was one of the most usual ways of raising money. In 1928 they raised their rates for custom quilting to \$2.00 for a fancy quilt and \$1.50 for a plain one. In 1914 an autograph quilt on which a name was embroidered for 10 cents, raised a total of \$49.60. By 1932 the price of quilting had risen to \$2.75. Quilts and crib quilts were made and sent to the Fred Victor Mission along with canned fruit and clothing.

They were sent to a mission in Japan, and given to local people who had suffered a house fire or the loss of a mother.

World events were reflected in aid given to groups outside the community. Bales of quilts and clothing were sent to the Prairies in 1936, 1938 and 1939 to help relieve the distress caused by the Great Depression and drought. In 1947 and 1948 quilts were sent for Tokyo relief. During the second world war Mrs. Bessie Werry was the convenor for Red Cross work. Mrs. Ethel Tregunna recalls the huge skeins of very coarse wool which they picked up from the Red Cross depot. Family members and even chair backs were pressed into service to hold the skeins for winding the wool into balls. Regular length socks for the army, extra long socks for the navy, sweaters, mitts and Balaclava hats were knitted by the women. Mrs. Tregunna remembers that the minister gave special permission for knitting to be done during the church service. Pyjamas were cut out by the Red Cross and sewn by volunteers, and quilts for refugees were made and sent overseas.

The women carried out many projects to furnish and equip both the old church and the new one. For example, their records show that they paid for the wiring of the old church for electricity in 1936, shingles for the shed, hymnaries, maroon choir gowns, small Sunday School chairs, dishes and kitchen equipment, and the new table for the choir room.

When they moved into the new church with a kitchen, and the lower hall for dining space, women's events exploded. There were bake sales, bazaars, a "Come-as-you-are" Tea, and the Leprechaun Dessert Luncheon with a children's fashion show. Doris Lee introduced an innovation at one of the teas, when tea was poured by former minister Rev. R.H. Wylie, and Rev. Hugh Crozier, and the men served. Country Style Dinners for several years drew in workers from all church-affiliated groups.

The women catered for Scout and Guide banquets, wedding receptions and anniversaries, and for outside groups such as the Garden Club and the Superannuated Women Teachers. A different kind of catering assignment was providing meals for 32 Vanier students at the Kiwanis Camp for two weeks.

U. C. W.

In February, 1962, the women of Kedron followed the direction of the United Church of Canada to wind up the Women's Association and their affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society to become a group of United Church Women, with an updated program.

The last president of the W.A. and the first president of the U.C.W. was Marion Starkoski, who was a grand-daughter of Mrs. R.J. Luke, the first president of the Ladies Aid. Gertie Mountjoy was the only member of the U.C.W. who was a charter member of the Ladies Aid.

The U.C.W. had a full executive for general meetings, and there were three units, each with an executive. One unit met in the afternoon; another unit, mostly women who worked outside their homes, met in the evening. The third unit was made up of women from the Glover and Brown subdivisions.

The U.C.W. continued a study program and a variety of money-raising activities. They expressed an active concern for shut-ins by entertaining them at the church, and visiting them in their homes, or in Fairview Lodge, Hillsdale, and the Cedars Nursing Home on Ritson Road.



On her eightieth birthday, Mrs. Gertie Mountjoy is presented with a life membership in the U.C.W., by Marion Starkoski as the President, Marg Skuce, looks on.

U.C.W. Picnic at Doris Lee's, June, 1973.



Kay Harrell
Doris Lee
Olive Brown
Joan Francis
Lynn Lee



Jessie Hargreaves
Olive Brown
Helen Werry
Luella Brown
Gladys Pascoe
Beatrice Mountjoy
Elsie Werry



Rika Tenkink
Muriel Glover
Ulrica Davis
Catherine Jackson
Mary Woodward
Gussie Mountjoy

Centennial Tea

Probably the most memorable event ever put on by a women's group was the Centennial Tea in June, 1967. Following is the account of it in the Kedron News of the Oshawa Times:

Period Costumes, Antiques Setting for Centennial Tea

The Centennial Tea sponsored by Unit One of the Kedron United Church Women at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lee was a gala occasion.

Guests were welcomed at the door by Mrs. William Skuce, president of the U.C.W., Mrs. Jessie Hargreaves, Unit 1 leader, and Mrs. Kenneth Deer, in period costumes.

In the living room Mrs. Harry Rose was spinning fleece into yarn on a hundred-year old spinning wheel. On display were equipment for carding and winding wool, skeins of homespun wool that had been dyed with vegetable dyes, and garments knitted from the wool.



Madeleine Rose demonstrates the pioneer craft of spinning wool at the U.C.W. Centennial Tea. She is watched by Margo Mountjoy, Susan Lee, Sharon Werry and Autumn Dale.

The members of the 25th Guide Company, with their Captain, Mrs. Lorne Tregunna, presented a fashion show of costumes from 1867 to 1967, with Mrs. R.S. Bishop as commentator. Mrs. Charles Thomas provided piano accompaniment for the various periods.

In the dining room hostesses in pioneer dress served refreshments of homemade bread and tea biscuits, with black currant preserves or red currant jelly, and gingerbread with whipped cream topping. Heirloom dishes, tea services and butter spreaders were used.

Old Canadian furnishings were displayed in several rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock loaned an extensive collection of furniture, dishes, lamps and hooked rugs. Mrs. Rose loaned a collection of trivets and earthenware dishes. John Ogle and Clair Skuce played cylindrical records on a gramophone from the turn of the century. Of special interest were two century-old dolls, and a music box with twenty five records.

Prizes for the best costumes worn by guests were awarded to Mrs. Gordon Leask and Mrs. Glen Smith. The judges were Mrs. H.D. Cleverdon and Mrs. A.S. Evans, members of the Township Centennial Committee.

By April, 1975, U.C.W. numbers had dwindled, members were aging, and younger women weren't joining because they were working outside the home. It was decided to disband as a U.C.W. and to form a Friendship Group. Activities as a group wound down, but they still arranged a Christmas pot luck lunch, and alternated with Columbus and St. Stephen's U.C.W.'s for the World's Day of Prayer. Their leaders, as part of the Social Committee of the Official Board, continued to take the initiative in catering.

Edith Brown started a movement to form a new women's group in the fall of 1987. All women of the church were invited to a Pot Luck dinner in November. There was a good response, and it was decided to form a U.C.W. group again, with Elsie Werry as President, Bev Snowden, Treasurer, and Edith Brown, Secretary.

The Sunday School goes back to 1880, when it was first organized with a "Bible Class", a "Boys' Testament Class", a Girls' Testament Class" and an "Infant Class".

About 35 attended Sunday School in the old church. In 1965, this figure rose to a peak of 120, with an average attendance of 80.

Besides teachers for nine classes, the 1962 annual meeting of the Sunday School reported filling these positions: A Superintendent with 3 assistants, a Secretary with an assistant to record the attendance and distribute Sunday School papers and lessons helps, a Projectionist to put the hymns on the screen and show film strips, a Treasurer, A Pianist, a Director of Vacation Bible School, 3 Supervisors of the Cradle Roll Department, a Missionary Superintendent and an M. & M. Superintendent.

In those day the Adult Bible Class met in the north west corner of the church, and the Young People's Class in the choir loft; younger classes met in the kitchen, on the stage, in the choir rooms and in four classrooms in the lower hall, made by drawing curtains on tracks. To relieve the situation, children under the age of eight began meeting at 10:00 a.m., attending the first part of the church service.

Older classes took part in a variety of activities with their teachers: carolling at the homes of shut-ins at Christmas, taking treats and entertainment to Senior Citizens' Homes and Nursing Homes, tobogganing, sleigh rides, bowling, weiner and corn roasts. The young people's class visited services at the Catholic, Jewish and Salvation Army churches.

When Dorothy Avery was Superintendent, children also visited other denominations, as well as Parkwood, the Oshawa Airport, the Bowmanville Zoo and Cullen Gardens.

David C. Cook lesson materials were used, together with the full range of Sunday School papers for all ages published by the United Church. In the sixties the United Church's "new curriculum" was used. Later, audio tapes were experimented with.

Ceremonies

Certificates were given for one year's perfect attendance. Students received a seal to affix to their certificates for each additional year of perfect attendance. Many children won their 10-year seals, and in 1963 Marie Maidman was given her 12-year seal.

A ceremony for promotion to the next class was developed. As the Superintendent read out their names, students being promoted to a more advanced class passed through between two white picket gates to be received by their new teachers on the other side.

Presidents of Women's Groups

The President of the Missionary Society from 1908 to 1912 was Mrs. J.T.H. Hancock.

Presidents of the Ladies Aid were:

Mrs. R.J. Luke, Mrs. E. Mountjoy, Mrs. H.L. Pascoe, Mrs. Wesley Hoskin, Mrs. F.W. Lee.

Presidents of the W.A. were:

Mrs. F.W. Lee, Mrs. A.D. VanDyke, Mrs. E. Mountjoy, Mrs. L. Hancock, Mrs. S. Jewell, Mrs. J. Glover, Mrs. C.F. Werry, Mrs. R. Lee, Mrs. J.H. Pascoe, Mrs. H.A. Werry, Mrs. J.E.H. Davis, Mrs. R. Down, Miss Nora Werry, Mrs. H. Farndale, Mrs. J. Glover, Mrs. F. Snowden, Mrs. H. Rose, Mrs. G. Glover, Mrs. W. Werry, Mrs. W. Woodward, Mrs. Joseph Starkoski.

Since the formation of the U.C.W. the Presidents have been:

- Marion Starkoski — 1962
- Marilyn Love — 1963-64
- Autumn Dale — 1965-6
- Marg Skuce — 1967-8
- Bernice Ogle — 1969-70
- Pat McNally — 1971-72
- Olive Brown — 1973
- Acting Presidents — 1974

Presidents of the Friendship Group were:

- Autumn Dale — 1975-1980
- Mary Woodward — 1980-1987

President of new U.C.W. group:

- Elsie Werry — 1988 —

The first two women on Kedron's Official Board were Lauretta Crossman (Penfound), who became an Elder in 1961, and Doris Lee, who was appointed as a Steward in 1962.

The Christmas Concert

The highlight of the Sunday School year was the Christmas Concert. There were weeks of rehearsal beforehand, and quite ambitious productions were performed on the stage in the Lower Hall.

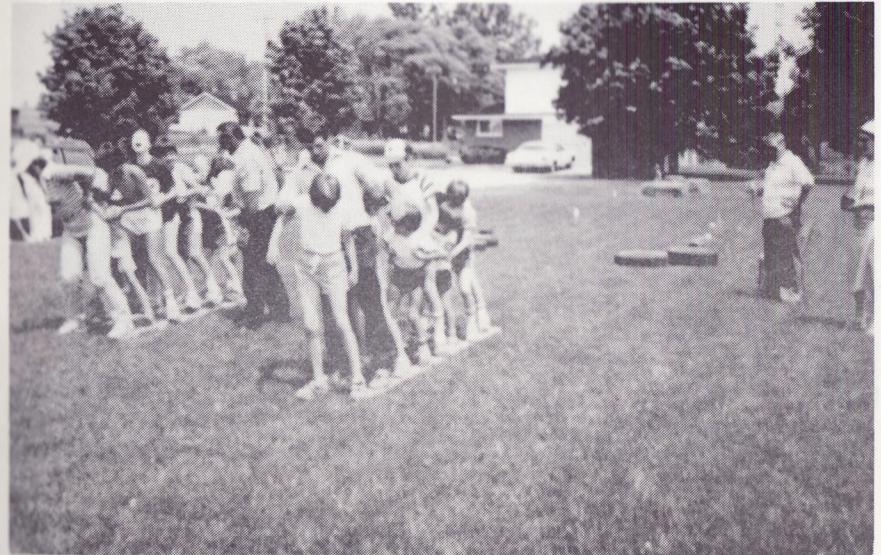
Parents and friends had to arrive early to get a seat. With the Superintendent as master of ceremonies, the evening would begin with a presentation by the Primary children, and work up to the Young People's Class. The audience sang carols or listened to recitations while scenery and costumes were readied for the next production.

The climax of the evening was a visit from Santa Claus, who arrived with sleigh bells and the singing of "Jingle Bells", wearing the handsome red velvet suit purchased by the Doubles Club. Santa, after chatting with the children, distributed oranges, candy and gifts from under the tree. For quite a few years it was noted that Santa's voice bore a strong resemblance to John K Glover's, and later to Bill Snowden's.

When the room and the program became much too crowded, the Junior Sunday School began to hold their own Christmas party on a Sunday after church.



A Sunday School Concert skit on the old stage.



Lining up for a race at a Sunday School picnic in the church yard.

Sunday School Picnic

The picnic in June was another big event. An outdoor service was held at Geneva Park, Camp Pretoria, the Kiwanis Camp, or one of the Conservation Areas, followed by a pot luck lunch and races with prizes for all age groups. In more recent years, as numbers declined, races were held in the church yard after the Sunday service.

White Gift Sunday

Mentioned first in the 1955 Annual Report, White Gift Sunday still continues. Gifts of non-perishable food, wrapped in white paper, were presented at the altar for later distribution to needy people by the Fred Victor Mission, and more recently, the Oshawa Men's Hostel. For several years a girl and a boy dressed as Mary and Joseph, with a baby doll in a cradle, formed a nativity tableau.



The Creche

The wooden creche, which each year expresses the church's Christmas greetings to passers-by, was the brain-child of Marilyn Love. After Ron Werry and Bruce Searle cut out the figures, Marilyn and her intermediate class together with Jean Bishop and the young people's class, painted them in the Community Hall.

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By 1971 the Sunday School had shrunk to the point where the curtains separating the Lower Hall into classrooms were not needed, and were taken down. The Bible Class, Young People's Class and Intermediate classes ceased. Younger classes continued to meet at 10:00 a.m.

In 1987-88, since it was not possible to get a Superintendent or full-time teachers, a roster of teachers was drawn up to teach a month at a time.

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Sunday School Workers

Superintendents

In the old church Superintendents served long terms: Ross Lee, 20 years and Clarence Werry, 28 years.

In 1962 the general Superintendent was Ted Maidman, with Bill Werry and Walter Davis as assistants.

From 1966 to 1971 Bill Werry was general Superintendent. The Superintendents of the 10:00 a.m. sessions were Orval Jackson, Lila Deer, Ruth Bishop, Bitty Mepstead and Barbara Clarke. Superintendents of the 11:00 a.m. sessions were Jack Francis, Gary Wraith and Marvin Hannah.

From 1979 to 1986 Dorothy Avery was Superintendent and Gayle Simpson for the year 1986-87.

Teachers

Senior classes have been taught by Lee Reeves, Jean Bishop, Pat Rosnak, Marilyn Love, Mary Glover, Edith Davis, Marvin Hannah, Lois Findlay, Claudia McDiarmid, Gayle McNally, Gary Wraith, Tom Fairman, Mary Styles, Judy Styles, John Davis, Terry Slack, Tom Ogle, Nancy Richardson, Eleanor Hannah, Lorraine Werry and Laura Love (Leprechauns).

Teachers of junior classes have been Catherine Jackson, Orval Jackson, Janet Bremner, Lynda Bremner, Helen Wilson, Darlene Lewis, Mrs. Jessie James, Mrs. James Johnston, Londa Wetherup, Elsie Wetherup, Nancy Flintoff, Ruth Bishop, Barbara Clarke, Joan Francis, Gloria Hancock, Muriel Trull, Bitty Mepstead, Sharon Robinson, Beverly Pascoe, Mary Ellen Glover, Joanne Robinson, Carol Mountjoy, Paula Calvert, Lori Hancock, Gayle Simpson, Linda Collings, Janet Brown, Cathy Harris, Jeanette Vincent, Carole Snowden, Marilyn Elson, Gwyneth Hughes, Krista Mountjoy and Glenda Johns.

The Nursery Class was first organized and staffed by the Doubles Club. Norma Robinson, Bea Wood, Florence Collings and Marilyn Searle have organized it, and in 1987-88 it has been done by Dorothy Avery.

Gertie Mountjoy is worthy of special mention. She periodically taught a class of boys in her later years, and gave a monthly missionary talk until she was well into her seventies.

Music

Music was always a very important part of Sunday School sessions. Some of the people who played the piano or helped train the singing were Marion Starkoski, June Davis, Barbara Clarke, Enid Mountjoy, Margo Mountjoy, Dorothy Avery and Gwyneth Hughes.



The Leprechaun Class at teacher Lorraine Werry's cottage.
Back Row: Kim Preisler, Laura Preisler, Julie Webster, Jane Pettes,
Linda Collings, Laura Love (assistant teacher).
Front Row: Lori Ritter, Wendy Lewis, Cathy Harris.

Cradle Roll

The Cradle Roll Secretary enrolls children when they are christened, and keeps a warm contact by sending birthday cards each year. The numbers fluctuated through the years from a low of 4 to a high of 122 in 1961.

Cradle Roll Secretaries have been:

- 1938-48 — Gertie Mountjoy
- 1949-55 — Gladys Pascoe
- 1956-58 — Edith Davis
- 1959-66 — Marion Starkoski
- 1967-68 — Elsie Werry
- 1969-79 — Gloria Hancock
- 1980 - Present — Marg Harris

THE CHOIR

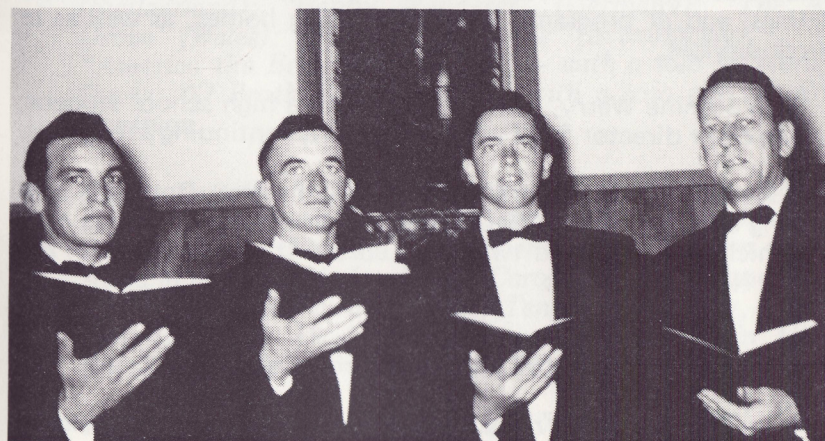
The choir directors in the old church were Richard Luke, John Currie, R.J. Luke, H.F. Werry, Mrs. S. Jewel and Mrs. Harold Werry. In 1950 it was decided to pay Lorraine \$25.00 a year for her services. She continued until 1956, and was the first to lead singing with the new electric organ after the present church opened. Mrs. Foster Snowden is mentioned as a frequent and accomplished soloist, and others who sang solos were Doris Lee, Lorraine Pascoe, Muriel Werry, Willa Mountjoy, Walter Davis and John K. Glover.



Lorraine Werry, first organist and choir director in the present church.

Doris Lee, 1956-1962

Doris deserves special mention for the large number of people she involved in music. Ann Selleck recalls that when she arrived in Oshawa as a war bride, Doris invited her to join the choir. Ann refused because she didn't read music, but with Doris' encouragement she gave it a try, and has been a mainstay of the choir for 30 years.



The Men's Quartette
Murray Mountjoy, Bill Werry, Ron Werry, Jack Francis.



Kedron Choir, 1960

Carolyn Spencer, Bill Werry, Gail Hitchens, Jack Francis, June Davis, Grant Spencer, Bessie Spencer, Eleanor Mountjoy, Ron Werry, Jeanine Werry, Doris Lee.

Doris devoted hours and hours to practising for special musical numbers. She developed the male quartette (Murray Mountjoy, Bill Werry, Ron Werry and Grant Spencer, later Jack Francis) which frequently sang at Kedron, and was in demand for special music all over the county. She presented frequent solos by Fred Densham, Irene Gibson (Samuelson), Marilyn Love, young singers like Linda Hopkins and Susanne Arseneault, and instrumentalists such as Orvel Selleck with his saxophone and Sebastian Hohmann with his musical saw and harpsichord. There were special musical numbers at W.A. (later U.C.W.) meetings, at showers, presentation evenings, and at programs taken to nursing homes, as well as in church services.

In 1959 Jeanine Werry, while she was still a high school student, became choir director for 2 years, with Doris continuing as organist.

With several years of experience singing in Mrs. Dobson's outstanding Junior Farmer's Choir, she got up a very ambitious concert which was presented twice at Kedron. It was reported in the Kedron News as follows:

Music in Orbit by Kedron Choir

On Thursday and Friday evenings the Kedron Choir's concert, Travelogue in Music, was very well attended with about \$150.00 raised for the organ fund.

For the occasion, the front of the church was colourfully draped with flags from various countries, with special lighting effects arranged by Ben Hitchens.

The program, conducted by Jeanine Werry and arranged by Doris Lee, Marilyn Love and Jeanine, was designed as a musical world tour with numbers representing various countries. Jack Francis was the master of ceremonies.

Special numbers, mostly sung in costume, were:

"All Day on the Prairie" (The Canadian West) -- Grant Spencer; "Squid Jigging Ground" (Newfoundland) -- Jack Francis and Bill Rosnak; "The Little Dutch Mill" (Netherlands) -- Bob and Carolyn Spencer; "Dites-Moi" (France) -- Karen Pascoe, Marlene Woods, Yvonne Hicks, June Davis; "Country Gardens" (England) -- organ solo by Marilyn Searle; "Road to the Isles" (Scotland) -- Fred Densham; "A Little Bit of Heaven" (Ireland) -- Murray Mountjoy; "The Holy City" (Holy Land) -- Fred Densham; "Abadaba Honeymoon" (Africa) -- Gloria Hancock, Ron Werry; "Song of India (India) -- violin solo by Jean Bishop; "Waltzing Matilda" (Australia) -- Male chorus; "Yellow Bird" (South America) -- Irene Gibson; "Mexicali Rose" (Mexico) -- saxophone solo by Orvel Selleck; "Deep River" (U.S.A.) -- Murray Mountjoy, Bill Werry, Ron Werry and Grant Spencer.

Numbers by the full choir included:

"Stairway to the Stars" with saxophone interlude by Orvel Selleck "They All Call it Canada" (Canada); "Funiculi, Funicula" (Italy), with solo by Bill Werry; "Weggis Song" (Switzerland); "Happy Wanderer" (Germany); "The Ash Grove" (Wales); "Dear Land of Home" (Scandinavia); "America the Beautiful" (U.S.A.) -- with a solo by Marilyn Searle; "O Brother Man" (finale) with a solo part by Fred Densham.

Choir members included sopranos Yvonne Hicks, Marlene Wood, Karen Pascoe, Anne Mitchell, Gloria Hancock, Jean Bishop, Irene Gibson, Bessie Spencer and Marilyn Searle; Altos Marilyn Love, Joy Noble, Carolyn Spencer, June Davis, Doris Lee and Carol Thomas; Tenors Bill Werry, Murray Mountjoy and Fred Densham, and Basses Austin Hicks, Bill Rosnak, Jack Francis, Grant Spencer and Bob Spencer.

The piano accompanist was Carol Thomas, and the organ accompanist, Doris Lee.

There were some busy days for the choir. For instance, on the Sunday of the Christmas Candlelight Service, the choir sang at the morning service, then returned at 2:00 p.m. for a long dress rehearsal with the Doubles Club for the Nativity play, interspersed with carols, for the evening. At 7:30 p.m. it was back to the church again for the performance when, in the glow of candlelight, familiar figures in make-shift costumes took on great dignity as Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wise men.

After Doris gave up the responsibility of organist and choir director, she continued to prepare special numbers for all sorts of occasions, and to accompany the choir for practising and performing concerts and cantatas.

There was an interim period when Lillian Reesor, Miss L. Couves and Mr. Wiggans filled in for short times. Blake Branton took on the job planning to continue, but he was forced to move to Montreal when the new G.M. plant opened at St. Therese.

Eva Hunter 1965-1976

Eva began in the peak years of Kedron's church population, just when it was about to become a single-point charge. There was a great burst of musical activity. That first fall Eva formed a junior choir for the large numbers of children in the Sunday School.



Eva Hunter with her Junior Choir, 1966.



Kedron Senior Choir, 1966.

Front Row: Marilyn Love, Anne Bishop, Bonnie Dale, Sylvia Wood, Eva Hunter.
Back Row: Margaret Burns, Bill Werry, Karen Pascoe, Jean Bishop, Jack Francis, Karen Searle, Ron Werry, June Davis, Anne Selleck.

In the winter of 1966 the choir prepared a concert entitled "Let's Get Up a Concert". The program of skits and musical numbers was presented twice in Kedron's Lower Hall, and also at Zion. Proceeds were used to purchase furnishings for the study in the new manse, which was just being completed.

The program listed Eva as director of the senior choir, Carol Thomas and Margaret Burns as directors of the junior choir, with Doris Lee accompanist. Guest artists were Fred Densham, Dick Moses, Mrs. Frank Gibson and Orvel Selleck. The Durham Dukes and Dolls, a square dance group that met at Murray and Enid Mountjoy's, performed Friday night, and the Brooklin Squares Saturday night.

Choir members were Joan Ogle, Ann Glover, Karen Pascoe, Jean Bishop, Marilyn Love, Irene Gibson, Margaret Burns, Sylvia Wood, June Davis, Susan Brown, Donna Glover, Lorraine Jessup, Ann Selleck, Bonnie Dale, Murray Mountjoy, Bill Werry, Ron Werry, Jack Francis and Rodger Bishop.

Each year Eva prepared a special cantata at Christmas time. In the beginning the Kedron choir could do it alone. In 1969 the Columbus and Prince Albert choirs combined with Kedron's, and the cantata was performed at all three churches.

Eva continued working with the male quartette, now with Jack Francis singing bass. In 1969 they sang at Columbus, Manchester and Haliburton. Karen Searle frequently contributed solos.

There were non-singing activities as well. In February, 1970, the choir put on a dance at Camp Samac to raise money for the Building Fund. Both the Lees and the Hunters entertained the choir with their spouses each year for a dinner or a barbeque.

The New Organ

Kedron was shocked in 1975 by the sudden death of Doris Lee. The next year it was decided to buy a new organ with money paid into the Memorial Fund in Doris' memory, together with Lorraine and Harold Werry's contribution in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Love, Leland Love, Howard Hoskin, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Werry and Mrs. Howard Brown (nee Bernice Werry), and Mrs. Agnes Bennett and Grant's gift in memory of Harold Bennett, and money raised by the choir concert.

The organ committee (Eva Hunter, Marilyn Searle, Marilyn Love and Dorothy Avery) chose two organs from which the congregation decided on a Conn.

As the new organ, much larger than the old one, wouldn't fit into the space in the choir loft, it was installed at the front of the church. The old organ was sold by silent auction, going to Enid and Murray Mountjoy for Margo to practise on. The space the old organ had occupied was filled with a new choir pew, the gift of the Werry family in memory of Mrs. Fletcher (Rosetta) Werry.

The new organ was dedicated March 28th, 1976, with Marilyn Searle demonstrating its versatility.

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When Eva left to return to the Prince Albert Choir, Marilyn Searle took over from September 1976 to February 1977. Margaret Haass, who also was church bulletin secretary, served from February 1977 to June 1978. Monica Cotton filled the position from June 1978 to June 1979, and sometimes brought along her father, Ross Cotton, as guest soloist.

Margo Mountjoy 1979-1985

Margo began as assistant to Monica Cotton, when she was still a high school student, taking over full responsibility in June of 1979. Margo continued during her year in nursing at McMaster University, and all through her medical course, commuting to Oshawa each weekend and holding choir practice after church.

In those years the choir might have been called the Mountjoy Singers, with faithful attendance by Margo, Enid and Murray, as well as Gloria Mountjoy Johns, Glenda Johns, Carol Mountjoy Couch and Anne Mountjoy Murray. The choir sorely missed them when the last four mentioned moved away.

Margo enhanced several carol services by the addition of Susan Wilson, playing her viola with the organ, and Luanne Blackburn playing the piano. Gwyneth Hughes brought a variety of musical treats -- solos, duets with other members of the Oshawa Festival Singers and her jazz singing group from O'Neill Collegiate. Several Sundays there were well-blended trios sung by Enid Mountjoy, Marg Harris and Ann Selleck.

In June, 1986, Margo gave up her job with the choir because she finished medical school, married Kevin Samson and began her internship in a Hamilton hospital.



Choir Christmas party, 1984.

Steve Endicott, Rod Couch, Murray Mountjoy, Carol Couch, Linda Collings, Bill Werry, Margo Mountjoy, Anne Selleck, Anne Murray and Marg Harris.
Absent: Enid Mountjoy who took the picture.

Stephen Endicott, who for 2 years had been Margo's assistant, playing on Sundays when she couldn't come home, planned to take over, but he was chosen for a year's exchange program in Belgium.

Marilyn Searle again stepped into the breach with a small number of singers, lessened again by the death of long-time choir member, Bill Werry, in October, 1987. Marilyn has continued on into 1988, with Steve taking one Sunday a month. At one service Marilyn brought us the choir from Mr. Kean's and Helen St. John's classes at Kedron and Conlin schools. Linda Collings has become a very effective soloist, and the Oshawa Festival Singers supply a soloist on the 4th Sunday of each month. Louise Hughes has always filled in by playing the piano for services when needed, and playing duets with the organ for special occasions.



Marilyn Searle at the organ.

HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

In 1988 a year-long schedule of special events has been planned, in addition to the regular suppers, dance and auction sale, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of a church in the Kedron community.



Kedron Anniversary Committee at the service for the dedication of the historical paintings.

Elmer Parks, Linda Collings, Marilyn Love, Jean Bishop, Enid Mountjoy, Laura Love Horner, Marg Harris, Gloria Hancock, Edith and Claire Brown. Bill Werry, an original member of the committee, was able to attend 4 meetings and continued to advise on the history.

Special Events

— The celebration was launched at a special Sunday evening service on February 7, when four historical paintings by Allan McGillivray were dedicated to the memory of the pioneers. They were unveiled by Mrs. Gussie Mountjoy. The artist, introduced by Enid Mountjoy, spoke about his paintings; Jean Bishop spoke briefly on the pioneers. The Oshawa Festival Singers, conducted by Elsie Drygalla, sang several selections. The evening closed with a hymn-sing of old hymns. In spite of a blizzard, the church was filled with people, many of them in period costume.

— A Spaghetti Supper, convened by Gloria & Bill Hancock, Edith & Claire Brown and Marg & Doug Harris, was a great success as a time of fellowship, and it earned a profit of \$382.00.

— Card parties were held in the Lower Hall at noon and at 8:00 p.m. on March 16, convened by Lydia MacDonald. Proceeds were \$681.00.

— Mr. Kean arranged for the Kedron-Conlin school choir to sing at the morning service on April 10.

— The Sydenham Kiwanis conducted a special Anniversary Service on April 17, with special music by their choir, a soloist and instrumentalists. The sermon, entitled "On Being Proud of My Church", was given by Dr. Douglas Stewart.

— Plans for the Reunion on June 18 include a parade featuring antique cars, a beef barbeque, a program of slides, tapes and movies of events at Kedron, and a dance. On Sunday, June 19, Rev. Robert Werry will speak at a church service at 11:00 a.m., and a song service at 7:30 p.m.

— Cindy Werry and Barbara Kennedy are convening the wall hanging project. Over 50 cotton squares have been given out to people who will commemorate their family names and special interests. The blocks will be sewn together, and the resulting wall hanging is to be unveiled at a special evening program in September.

— Kedron's young people, under the leadership of Laura Love Horner and Linda Collings, will present a Thanksgiving Service on October 9.

— A concert by the Dofasco Male chorus in Simcoe Street United Church, convened by Marilyn Love, is planned for October 24.

Special Projects

— Line drawings by Allan McGillivray of the four churches were used on hasti-notes, a 1988 Calendar and the cover of the new history. A composite drawing of the first and last churches was used on plates and mugs.

— Catherine and Orval Jackson managed the sale of hasti-notes, calendars and histories, and Gloria Hancock the sale of plates and mugs.

— Jack Wilson is photographing special events.

— Lawrence Mountjoy has been most helpful in procuring supplies.

Gifts

— Claire Brown built a cabinet for the back of the church to house anniversary items and small historical objects, as well as extra hymnaries, annual reports, etc.

— Bruce Searle made a new signboard for the front of the church in memory of his father, Horace Searle, who was the master carpenter for building most of the present church.

— Helen Werry, Rev. Robert and June Werry, Muriel and Maurice Jebson, Ron and Elsie Werry and Jeanine and Grant Carson are arranging for a stained glass window for the church in memory of the family of Fletcher and Rosetta Werry.

— Ross Brown is planning to make a scale model of the third church.

— Keith Tregunna paid for the framing of the historical paintings.

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It is the hope of the Committee that these special events of 1988, as we celebrate our past, will renew old friendships and help to revitalize the life of the church.

Looking to the Future

As the GO train approaches Oshawa, this area is poised for another burst of development. As more new housing builds up around it, the church at Kedron will face new challenges again. It must continue to adapt to changing needs, as it has been doing for a hundred and fifty years, so that it can find new ways to play a vital role as a symbol of the reality of God in the community.

Notes About Kedron People

Two Kedron boys entered the ministry. The late Rev. George Pogson is memorialized by the table for the guest book at the back of the church. Rev. Robert Werry, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Werry, who was ordained in 1960, has served in churches in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. At the present time he is living in Beausejour, Manitoba.

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These are some of the people raised at Kedron who have used their professional training in missionary or social service work:

Bessie Snowden Pengally served as a nurse at a missionary hospital at Bella Bella.

Jean McGregor, with her husband, served as medical missionaries in China.

Cleora McGregor nursed on a mission field in Alberta.

Margaret Maidman Rhodes in the position of Supervisor of Classification, helps women prisoners in the penitentiary at Kingston.

Anne Bishop works with disadvantaged groups through the Extension Department of Dalhousie University in Halifax.

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Murray and Enid Mountjoy in the sixties frequently entertained a group of Junior Farmers, mostly from Durham County, and local young people for evenings of square dancing in their recreation room. Recorded music was used, and Murray did the calling. The group, which called itself the Durham Dukes and Dolls, performed at the county Junior Farmers' Sports Day, and at a Kedron choir concert. Later, a group of local couples met periodically to square dance.

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Rev. E.W. Rowland, who was the minister at Kedron from 1917 to 1922, was not called on to conduct a single funeral at Kedron during his stay.

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Robert Hancock, who early acquired the equipment and skills for quality audio recording, has made tapes of several historic services at Kedron, including the laying of the corner-stone, the 125th Anniversary church service, and the service on February 7, 1988, when the 150th Anniversary paintings were dedicated. Bob is planning to tape the church services on June 19, 1988. Copies of all these tapes are in the Kedron archives.

MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE CHURCH IN THE KEDRON COMMUNITY

While Kedron was a Wesleyan Methodist Church before 1884

Rev. Reid
Rev. Clark
Rev. J.C. Wilson
Rev. Madden
Rev. Sanderson
Rev. Edward Barrass, D.D.
Rev. Samuel Salton

1884 - 1925

**While Kedron was part of the Brooklin charge
of the Methodist Church of Canada**

1884-85 - Rev. J.J. Redditt
1885-86 - Rev. J.J. Redditt and H.C. Ross
1886-87 - Rev. J.J. Redditt and Leonard Phelps
1887-89 - Rev. S.D. Philp, Jr.
1889-92 - Rev. George Leech
1892-96 - Rev. T.W. Leggott
1896-99 - Rev. O.R. Lambly, D.D.
1899-02 - Rev. John Harris
1902-04 - Rev. M.E. Wilson, B.A.
1904-08 - Rev. Charles Adams
1908-12 - Rev. Roger Allin
1912-14 - Rev. J.C. Bell
1914-18 - Rev. H.W. Foley, B.D.
1918-23 - Rev. E.W. Rowland
1923-26 - Rev. R. Archibald Delve

1925-1967

**While Kedron was part of the Columbus-Kedron charge
of the United Church of Canada**

1925-30 - Rev. J.F. Clugston
1930-33 - Rev. J.R. Cooper, D.D.
1933-36 - Rev. Edwin Smith, D.D.
1936-44 - Rev. R.H. Wylie
1944-50 - Rev. C.W. Gardner
1950-51 - Rev. D.C. Osborn
1951-58 - Rev. Roy Rickard
1958-64 - Rev. Ronald Love
1964-67 - Rev. Winnifred Bridges

Since Kedron was a one-point charge

1967-71 - Rev. Kenneth Deer
1971-74 - Rev. Walter Davis
1974-77 - Rev. Max Preisler
1978-80 - Rev. Stanley Snowden
1980- - Rev. Elwyn Hughes



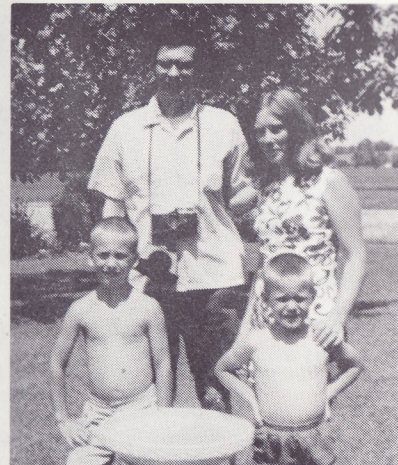
Rev. Roy Rickard and Helen.



Rev. Ronald Love greets parishoners.



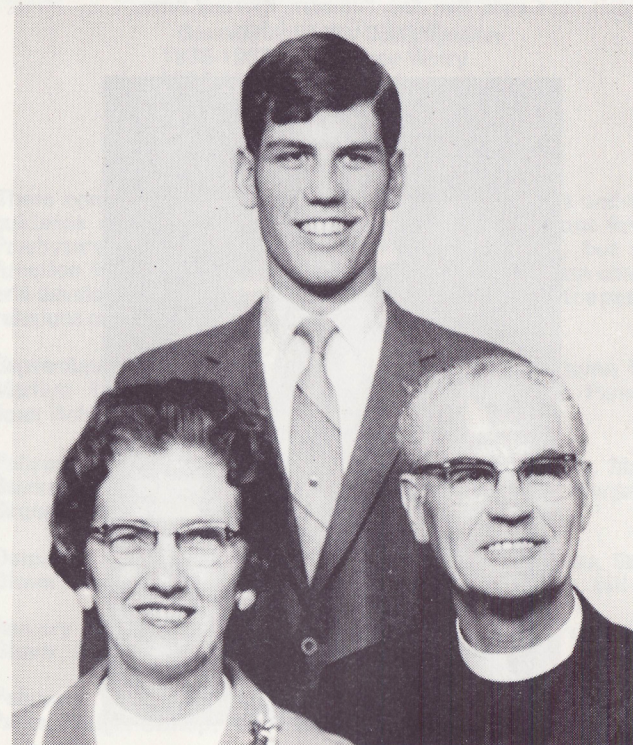
Rev. Winnifred Bridges.



The Deer family.
Rev. Kenneth Deer and Lila, Laurence and Allan.
Absent: Karen.



The Preisler family.
Back Row: Rev. Max Preisler, Nancy, Shirley.
Front Row: Susan Lee, Laura and Kim.



The Davis family.
Ulrica, Bill, Rev. Walter Davis.
Absent: Emmerson and Allan.



The Snowden family.
Carole, Rev. Stan Snowden, Ann and Peter.
Absent: Tom and Bev.



The Hughes family.
Rev. Elwyn Hughes, Louise and Gwyneth.
Absent: Diane, Rhiannon, Brian and Alan.

People Who Held Offices

Church Treasurers

1940-1951	Russell Down
1951-1961	Howard Farndale
1961-1962	Lisle Noble
1962-1963	Bob Dale
1963-1976	John K. Glover
1976-1986	Marion Starkoski
1986-1987	Debby Sobun
1987- —	Marion Starkoski

Presbytery Representatives

1966-1971	Frank Lee, Harold Werry (Alt.)
1972-1976	Frank Lee, Orval Jackson (Alt.)
1977-1979	Rodger Bishop, Harold Werry (Alt.)
1980-1984	Rodger Bishop, Orval Jackson (Alt.)
1985- —	Ann Snowden, Orval Jackson (Alt.)

Secretaries of the Congregation

1938-1965	Clarence Werry
1966-1970	Jean Bishop
1971-1974	Joan Francis
1975- —	Elsie Werry

Pastoral Relations Committees

These committees, appointed to choose new ministers under the guidance of the minister in charge of pastoral relations for the Presbytery, only work together for a few months, but their function is of the highest importance, and usually a warm comradeship develops. Since Kedron became a one-point charge the pastoral relations committees have been as follows:

September 1966: William Werry, Rodger Bishop, Autumn Dale, Marilyn Love, Ron Selleck, Jack Francis, Howard Farndale, Joan Robinson.

February 1971: Ron Werry, Donna Stell, Gary Wraith, Marion Starkoski, John K. Glover, Jean Bishop, Bill Snowden, Marguerite Suce, Irene Gibson and Frank Lee.

October 1974: Enid Mountjoy, Pat Rosnak, Elmer Parks, Steven Glover, Catherine Jackson, Karen Searle, Barbara Clarke, Bill Coe.

January 1978: Ron Werry, Marion Starkoski, Elmer Parks, Mary Glover, Autumn Dale. Catherine Jackson (alternate).

February 1980: Bill Hancock, Ron Werry, William Werry, Elmer Parks, Rodger Bishop. Alternates: Autumn Dale & Enid Mountjoy.

Church Bulletin Secretaries	
1967-1969	Donna Stell
1970-1972	Donna Stell, Joan Francis
1973	Muriel Trull
1974-1975	Shirley Preisler
1977-1978	Margaret Haas

At other times church bulletins were done by the minister.

Envelope Stewards
Bill Coe, Ray Avery, Gloria Hancock

Memorial Fund
Elmer Parks, Elsie Werry, Ann Selleck

Kedron Reporter to the Oshawa Times	
1951-1954	Nora Werry
1954-1959	Lorraine Werry
1959-1961	Lorraine Werry, Helen Werry, Joan Maidman
1961-1969	Jean Bishop
1969-1972	Lydia MacDonald

Auditors	
1951-1956	Walter Davis, Harvey Crossman
1957	Frank Lee, Bill Snowden
1958-1969	Harvey Pascoe, Rodger Bishop
1970-1972	Harvey Pascoe, Bill Coe
1973	Bill Coe
1974-1978	Bill Coe, Rodger Bishop
1979-1980	Pat McNally, Paula Calvert
1981-1984	Pat McNally, Paula Black
1985-1987	Brian Lee, Ray Avery

Card or Flower Committee
A committee of the U.C.W., and representing the church in various years, Mary Glover, Luella Brown, Lois Wilbur, Gladys Coe.

Time Schedule Co-ordinator
1971- — Pat McNally

Observer Representative	
1967-1970	U.C.W.
1971	Lorraine Werry
1972-1973	Orval Jackson
1974-1978	Bernice Ogle
1979-1982	Lorraine Werry
1983- —	Linda Bentley

The Faithful

This history has been preoccupied with names of people who carried out all the jobs that go into the building and operation of a church. There are others who, though not holding offices, draw spiritual nourishment from their regular attendance at services, and give steady encouragement to ministers and leaders by their quiet faithfulness.

One of these is Reta Mountjoy, who has been one of Kedron's most devoted members in spite of the handicap of greatly impaired eyesight. Until her illness in March, Reta rarely missed church services or meetings. Her cheerful spirit, in spite of difficulties, has been an effective sermon all by itself.

Reta, and all those other faithful people, may not be mentioned by name very often in this history, but when they were in their accustomed places, something very significant was added to the life of Kedron.

People Who Left Homes in the Kedron Area to Serve in World War II

Irene Bartells	Winnifred Brown	Leland Love
Leonard Bartells	Albert Beuchler	Keith Mountjoy
Ford Bennett	Arthur Beuchler	Roy Parker
Wilma Bennett	Eric Beuchler	Howard Rahme
Eileen Brown	Keith Cameron	Orville Rahme
Norman Brown	Carl Cameron	Orvel Selleck
Ross Brown	Percy Flintoff	Fred Taylor
William Brown	Clifford Johns	Walter Taylor

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