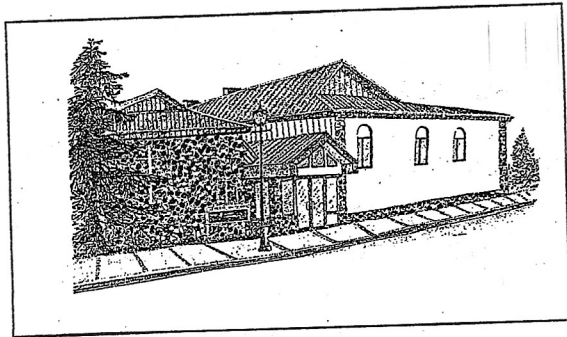
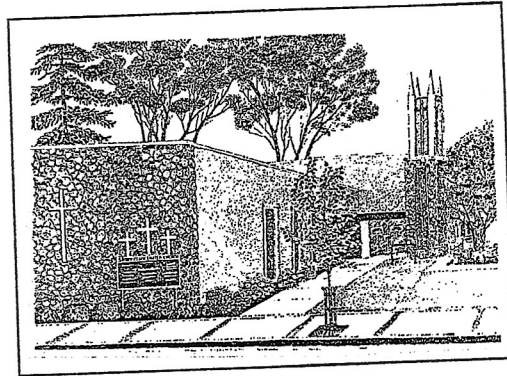
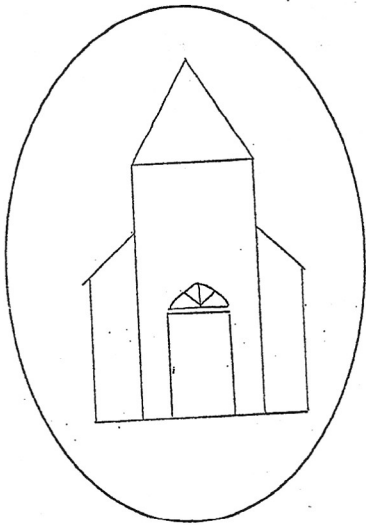


Stony Plain United Church

1907 - 2007



What Makes A Church Stand 100 Years and More ?

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In our Church it is the open door

Welcoming people from different walks of life

An embracing family amidst the world's woes and strife

In our Church it is the dedication

Of members, of pastors, of everyone's participation

Despite a tiresome week, cold day, or a scarce hour

The gathering in faith is given greater power

In our Church it is the hopeful throng

Heard in sermons, casual conversations, and sweet melodic song

Resounding in the bulletin and taught in Sunday classes

It is the spirit and fortitude given to one as well as masses

In our Church it is the special care

For each and every creature, all which God holds dear

Generosity for noble causes, nurturing peace and good will

Anchoring justice where it may stray and vanish so still

In our Church it is the vision for achievement

Imagining what the Church can be and working despite
disagreement

Not forgetting the future without remembering the past

It is the wisdom of seeking how to grow strong enough to last

So what makes a Church stand 100 years and more?

In our Church God's inspiration is the core

Where an open door, dedication, hope, care, and vision

Form the cornerstones of God's precious mission

By: Suzanne E. and Nichole L. Smith
In celebration of Stony Plain United Church (2007)
(Daughters of Rev. Neville & Joan Smith)

IN APPRECIATION

To the people
of
Stony Plain United Church
who have supported the building project with their time and talents, their
gifts large and small, and their prayers.

To our dedicated Building Committee,
under the leadership of Jon Blois.

To Shaul Construction, management and staff, for outstanding service.

To the Government of Alberta for the grant to our building fund.

To the County of Parkland for assistance
with the purchase of our elevator.

To Lorne Shaul and Lloyd Doige for the construction of the Chancel
furniture and for their outstanding leadership throughout the building
project.

To our special guests who participated in the service: Rev. Blaine Gregg,
Karen Roppel, Rev. Harry Steele, Rev. Wayne Shortt, Rev. John Pressey.

To our own choir, and all former choir members who joined them for this
celebration, and to director, Susan Oleskiw and organist, Candice Jackson
for the music.

To those providing special music: the Band with Dean Doige, Paul Van
Ramshorst, Murray Alexander, and the Primary Church School children
under the direction of Sue Sutherland, Candice Jackson and Linda
Simmons for their Offertory duet.

To the Dedication Planning Committee and Rev. Cyril Cutting
and everyone who assisted in bringing this service together .

To the United Church Women for coordinating
the reception following the service.

To all those who came from far and near
to help make this a very special day.

STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH

Celebrating 100 Years

SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Minister: Rev. Aubert V. Giffen Phone: 963-4745

*Welcome We extend a warm welcome to everyone and
Thank You for coming and sharing this special Celebration*

▲ = Please stand as you are able

WELCOME

▲PROCESSIONAL: HEAVENLY SUNSHINE

Used as Choir Processional at Stony Plain United for years

Heavenly sunshine, heavenly sunshine! Flooding my soul
with glory divine! Heavenly sunshine, heavenly sunshine!
Hallelujah, Jesus is mine!

▲CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come to this time and place of worship with your
stories and your songs to share in the Spirit.

**All: We come, as faithful people have come for
generations,**

One: through building and fires

All: through rebuilding and renovations

One: Come to celebrate and remember 100 years of
faith filled service in this place

**All: We come to sing and celebrate. Let us worship
God!**

LIGHTING CHRIST CANDLE + PRAYER REQUESTS

MESSAGES: from Ministers (Present and Past)

OPENING PRAYER - 1930 General Thanksgiving Prayer
(*In Unison*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DRAMATIC HISTORY OF STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH

1907 SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:46-49
King James Version

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Church In The Wildwood"
(With guests from congregation)

DRAMA

▲ HYMN: 1907 MEDLEY

STAND UP FOR JESUS

G. Duffield G. J. Webb

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross, Lift
high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss; from vict'ry
unto vict'ry, His army shall He lead, till ev'ry foe is
vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

GOD SEES THE LITTLE SPARROW FALL

S.W. Straub

God sees the little sparrow fall, it meets His tender view; if
God so loves the little birds, I know He loves me too.

He loves me too, He loves me too, I know He loves me
too; because He loves the little things, I know He loves me
too.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Samuel J. Stone Samuel S. Wesley

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is
his new creation by water and the word: from Heav'n he
came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own
blood he bought her, and for her life he died. Amen

DRAMA

▲ HYMN: 1932 MEDLEY

TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS

William H. Parker Frederick Arthur Challinor

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear, things I would ask
him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside,
tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

JESUS LOVES ME

William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

JESUS BIDS US SHINE

Susan Warner Edwin O. Excell

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night. In this world is darkness, so let us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

DRAMA

1957 SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:46-49
Revised Standard Version

▲HYMN: 1957 MEDLEY

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Carl Gustav Boberg

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

John G. Whittier Frederick C. Maker
Rev. Dr. McLeod used this as a closing hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find, in deeper rev'rence, praise.

WHAT A FRIEND

Joseph Scriven Charles C. Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

DRAMA

▲HYMN: 1982 MEDLEY

COME, LET US SING

Jim Strathdee

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood silently too long, surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

TEACH ME, GOD, TO WONDER

Walter Farquharson Ron Klusmeier

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see; let
your world of beauty capture me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived, life be
celebrated, joy you give.

DRAMA

2007 SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:46-49
The Message version

▲HYMN: 2007 MEDLEY

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All
who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made
the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who
will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in
the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your
people in my heart.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

Gordon Light

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our
song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw
the circle wide.

God the stillpoint of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns; nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

OFFERING INVITATION *(In Unison)*

Like the man building the house with firm foundations on solid rock, this community of faith has deep roots. We have been blessed as a community with gifts more than we can name. At this special time of celebration, let us share our gifts with thanksgiving and generosity.

OFFERING

ANTHEM: "Standing On Holy Ground"

▲ OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

▲ OFFERING DEDICATION *(In Unison)*

O Holy One, we give thanks for the courage and foresight of our founding members. Today we celebrate 100 years of daring to be the United Church in Stony Plain. Bless your church today and in the future. Transform our gifts of money into gifts of ministry. Guide us as we answer the

call to be the church now and in the future. Thank you for strong traditions, vision, and dreams. In the name of Jesus, our great teacher. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

O Holy One, it is far easier to look back and remember the good old days than it is to look forward with vision, possibility and hope. It is more tempting to credit ourselves with great success than to acknowledge that all our success has come from you and the many people you work through. Forgive us, Holy One. Set us again on your path God, and give us the courage and strength we need to work towards wholeness, union and integration with the common ground of all being. Be with us as we embrace the present, embodying hope, loving our enemies, caring for the earth, choosing life. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(In Unison)*

God is present today, as God was present yesterday and will be present tomorrow. God's constant, unfailing presence and acceptance and forgiveness allow us to accept and forgive each other and ourselves. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

▲HYMN: MV #209 "Go Make A Difference"
Steve Angrisano Tom Tomaszek

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God for you and me. We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but to be seen. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we the voice of peace. Go make a diff'rence in the world

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see. Go make a diff'rence in the world. And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

WELCOME BACK

PRESENTATIONS

BENEDICTION:

One: We have celebrated and travelled through a century of the life of Stony Plain United Church.

All: **Though we stand on holy ground, we are journey bound.**

One: As we travel into the future, not knowing what lies ahead,

All: **may the blessing of God travel with us, giving us strength for the journey, courage in our ministry and patient persistence to go, and make a difference in the world! Amen.**

GRACE: #552 "For Food In A World

For food in a world where many walk in hunger, for friends in a world where many walk alone, for faith in a world where many walk in fear, we give you thanks, O God.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC



Thank You to all those all those who assisted with and participated in this Worship Service.

Everyone is invited to Dinner in the Holborn Room