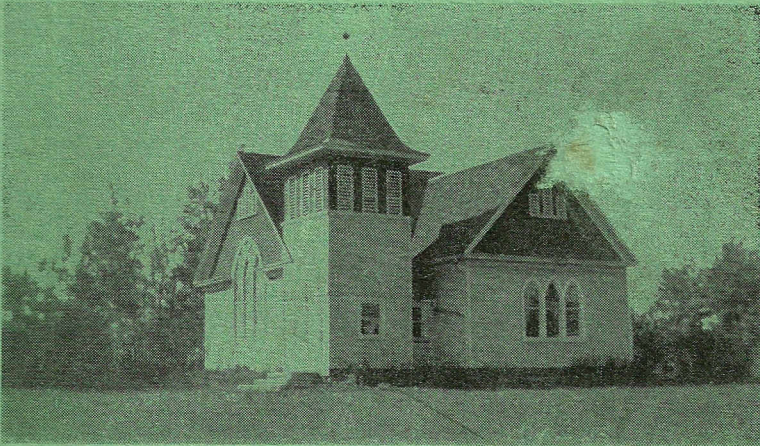


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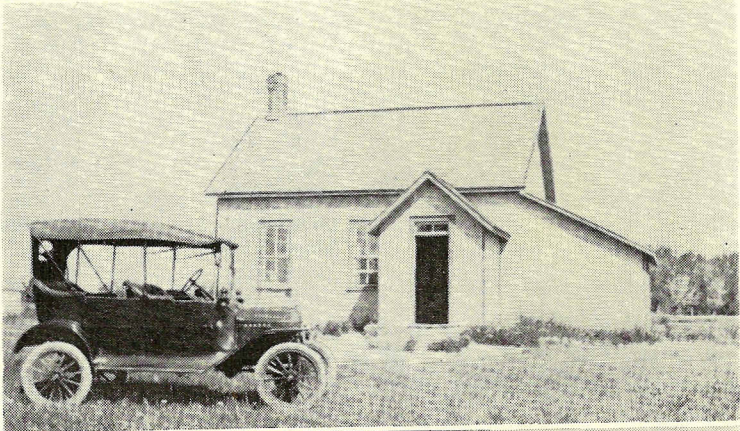
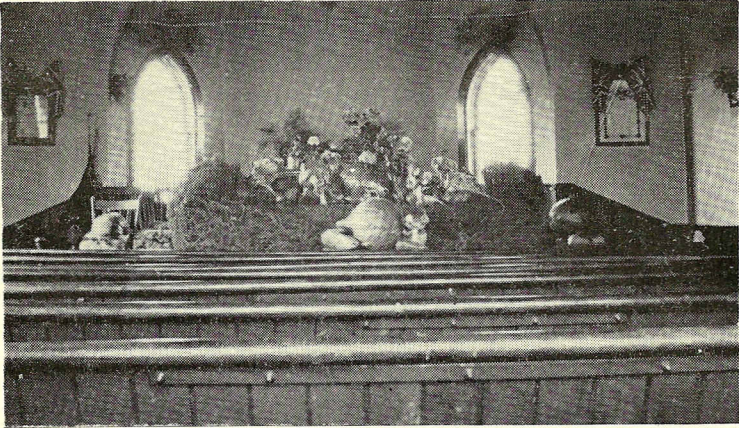
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**Chumah**

**Church**





**Top—Harvest Home Sunday**

**Centre—Chumah School, 1916**

**Bottom—Grandmothers' Party, 1930**



# History of Chumah Church

Chumah began as a Mission Charge on a circuit stretching from Birtle to Oak River in 1883. The services were held for a time in some of the homes of the district. The post office was in Mr. Clarridge's house.

In the early years the services were conducted by laymen, students and ordained ministers. The following is a list of ones who were in charge from 1883 to 1901.

Rev. Baker, who took the funeral service for a little child of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kirk. The topic of the sermon was "The Vacant Chair".

Rev. Myers	W. B. Cheguin
Rev. G. H. Long	T. B. Beynon
W. P. McHoffie	W. Summerville - 1894
W. H. Taylor	J. J. Chuickshanks - 1895-1898
W. R. Hughes	Rev. P. W. Davies - 1898-1901

In a Financial Statement of Birtle District for the year 1888-1889, we were under the Beulah Mission. The following appointments were included:

Beulah	Chumah
Ethel	Hamiota
Blaris	Viola Dale
Miniota	Oak River
Arrow River	Wheatland
Carlingville	

Amount raised by circuit ..... \$721.00

Amount contributed by Chumah ..... \$ 72.15

Chumah contributors that year were:

Mr. W. Hazlewood	Mr. Thos. Pearson
Mrs. James Kirk	Mr. Robt. Pearson
Mr. Jamie Clarridge	Mr. H. Stinson
Mr. Wm. Hannah	Mr. Geo. Andrew
Mr. W. W. Lewis	Mr. Titus Andrew
Mr. Jos. Andrew	Mr. Z. Latimer
Mr. Jos. McLean	Harold Kirk (Mission Card)

Mr. W. Lewis at this date (1953) is thought to be the only one of this list still living.

The Chumah Public School was built previous to this time on Mr. Hannah's farm. This farm is now owned by Mr. Albert Kirk. There is another building near the school site said to be the oldest building in the district. It served as a house until several years ago when Albert built a new house. The original one was remodelled into a granary, and has an electric crusher installed. The Public School became the social centre of the district, serving as a school, Church and general meeting place.

Sunday School started in the school in 1888. Mr. Wm. Frazer was superintendent for a short time, but soon transferred to the Old Hamiota three miles south east of where Hamiota now stands. The name of Hamilton was used at first.

Chumah Sunday School began as a Union School, but was soon taken over by the Methodists. Mr. H. Andrew and Mr. Lewis took over when Mr. Frazer left, and the Sunday School became organized.

Mr. Wesley Hazlewood was one of the first Stewards for the church.

A few years later smaller circuits were organized and Chumah was included in the circuit with Oak River and Hamiota.

In the Sunday School record of 1892, Mr. H. Andrew was Bible Class teacher. From this record we deduce that the following people were associated with Chumah:

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Clarridge and Gertie Clarridge, known later as Mrs. James McConnell.

The Pearson family, Thomas, Mary (Mrs. J. Delbridge), William, Lois, (Mrs. Wm. Andrew), Martha, (Mrs. D. Henderson), and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pearson.

The Hannah family listed were: James, Robert, (who later became a Salvation Army captain) and Joseph.

The Stinson family listed were: Nellie, Milton, Wesley, and Eddie.

John Scott.

H. Curry

C. Cristingson

The Smith family listed were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Sidney, Emma and Ella-Edith (Mrs. W. W. Lewis) and Annie (Mrs. F. Thornton).

Arthur Baines

Bella Kerr

S. Middleton

The list of officers in 1892 were as follows:

Mr. James Clarridge

Mary Pearson

Samuel Kirk

Mr. H. Andrew

Miss G. Clarridge

Others listed in the school or in the district were:

The Latimers and their children Willie, Ella, Tillie, Gertrude and James. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Delbridge and family attended Chumah for a time, then transferred to Hamiota church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellerington, Mark, Alice and Ida.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kirk and family, Harold, Jennie, Rachel, Alice, and James.

Miss Baker, the school teacher, who later became Mrs. Fred Houck.

Wm. Breen, who worked in the district for many years. He was very loyal to his friends of the district until his death a few years ago.

H. Gill

Mrs. H. Andrew

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kirk and family, Robt., and Albert Conn, Ernie, Florence and Hiram.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hazelwood, John Samuel and Ed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Delbridge, a few years later.



December 10, 1897, Rev. J. Cruickshanks.

Officers — Mr. Wm. Andrew, Mr. W. Lewis, Mr. Joe Andrew, Mr. W. Hazlewood, Miss Emma Smith, Miss M. Baker, Mr. Fred Houck, Mr. Harold Kirk.

December 5th — Pastor Rev. P. W. Davies

Organist appointed, Miss Baker and Miss Nellie Houck.

Papers used in Sunday School—The Pleasant Hours, Sunbeams, Happy Days, Banners, and picture cards.

June 5th, 1898 — arranged a picnic. Mr. Wm. Andrew acted as chairman. On motion of Mr. J. Couke and Mr. Lewis it was carried that a picnic be held. Sports committee - Mr. Sam Andrew, Mr. Sam Kirk, and Mr. F. Houck. Booth committee - Mr. W. Hazlewood, Mr. W. Lewis, and Wm. Andrew. Programme committee - Mr. Couke and Miss Telfer. Stand Committee - Mr. W. Amy, Mr. G. Delbridge and Sid Smith - To procure lumber to build stands. Tea Committee - Mr. Wm. Brimacombe and Sherman Houck (two bachelors).

Mr. Couke lived where Alex Kirk now resides, a local preacher and Sunday School worker. Their family were four daughters, Mabel (Mrs. J. Rolston), Elva (Mrs. Robt. Smith), Ethel and Clara. This family with others of the district later moved to Harrowby District which became like a second Chumah. The pioneers of Chumah came largely from Ontario (Huron County.)

Miss Telfer taught in Chumah School at this time. It had been moved to the S.E. corner of Mr. Jas. Kirk's - close to the site where the church was later built. The school is now a nice little cottage on the farm of Wilmer Kirk, a mile northwest of Chumah.

Miss Telfer became the wife of Dr. Frazer who a few years earlier had also taught in Chumah Public School.

#### 1901

Rev. P. Davies had finished his pastorate (1898-1901). He was a very kindly gentleman. Was beloved by both old and young. We picture him shaking hands with the children and admonishing them to be good.

#### 1902

Rev. S. P. Riddell Circuit still comprised-Oak River, Hamiota, and Chumah

Rev. Palmer assisted in the work in the latter part of Mr. Riddell's and first period of Rev. W. Egan's ministry.

At this time there was an Epworth League which was quite active.

A large number of young people united with the church in this period.

Testimony Meetings were held and the converts learned to give expression of their faith in Christ. The Epworth League helped prepare its members for worth while service in the church and the community.

In these days there were prairie roads. The means of travel were by foot, horse-back, ox-cart, buckboard, buggies and carts. There were no telephone, radio, or television and for quite a time no railway. But there were a few factors that made life very happy.

The School and the Church had drawn the people of the district together. The people had become like a large family.

There was a large Hazlewood - Kirk family connection who had brought a number of musical instruments with them from the East, and these they used in their family gatherings. They also shared talents at gatherings and socials of the community.



Picnics were enjoyed by all in the district and many from the surrounding districts joined in the various sports. There was quite a friendly rivalry between the various districts. Picnics and picnic suppers were a decided success both socially and financially.

Chumah in turn attended other picnics. The first of the season for many years was Lavinia on the 24th of May. Then there were picnics at Carlingville, Scotia and others.

### 1903

Most of the people of Chumah had possibly hoped from the earliest years to have a Church home. Some were planning to build better houses for themselves and yearned also to build a House for worship.

A number of meetings were held and the project was soon underway.

May 21, 1902 - A meeting was held in the school with the following present: Rev. S. P. Riddell (chairman), Jos. Andrew, Wm. Andrew, G. Delbridge, G. W. Hazlewood, F. Houck, Jas. Kirk and W. Lewis.

A canvass had been made by the Pastor and \$1100 had been promised.

Mr. Jos. Andrew was appointed secretary of the Trustee Board. Mr. G. Delbridge treasurer.

Mr. G. W. Hazlewood, Mr. Jas. Kirk, and W. Lewis were asked to select a site for the church. Note: The site was located at the southeast corner of Mr. Jas. Kirk's farm. Mr. Kirk gave the site with the stipulation that it belong to Chumah Trustee Board as long as church existed on same.

Moved by Jos. Andrew and seconded by G. W. Hazlewood that plans and specifications be procured from Mr. Wm. Elliott of Brandon for a church similar to the one at Chater.

They planned to build the foundation that fall and the building to commence in the summer of 1903.

A motion was carried that one third of the money be paid in during the winter. Mr. Jos. Andrew was appointed collector. Plans developed and the Nesbitt Bros. contracted to build the church for \$1600.00 carpentry alone. This firm in the same year built houses for Mr. Jos. Andrew in Hamiota and Mr. W. Lewis in the Chumah district.

The church was built in 1903 on the foundation laid by Ernie Bishop - Mr. Joe Andrew plastered the church and built the chimney.

In the meeting held February 1903-Mr. Delbridge reported \$1780 subscribed.

Mr. Homer Brown (school teacher) was engaged to paint the church.

Mr. W. Hazlewood and Mr. F. Houck were appointed with the Epworth League to procure an organ.

The pews were purchased from Zion Church, Winnipeg, for \$80.00.

The new church was opened on November 1st, 1903.

On the opening Sunday, November 1st, morning and evening services were held and Sunday School in the afternoon. There was a good attendance at all services. Dr. Darwin was guest speaker. One of his themes was "The Loaves and Fishes".

The supper was served in the School on the evening of November 2nd. A concert of local talent was held in the church. The opening exercises were a decided success and the proceeds of the collections and supper were \$145.40. The weather for the great event was the very best possible, and this was partly responsible for the large audience.



The people were quite happy to have a church for worship. It reminded the older ones of the days before they had left their homes to come to a new land. It was a wonderful event for the young who had seldom, if ever, worshipped in a real church.

At this time also, the choir had its beginning. Mrs. F. Houck played the organ and Miss Jennie Kirk was leader. Members were Miss Rachel and Alice Kirk, Florence Kirk, Albert Conn, F. Houck, Sam Hazlewood, Ed Hazlewood, Harold Kirk, Elva and Ethel Couke, Miss Alma Irvine, Miss E. Smith.

Thus we come to the 50 year story of church and District. We cannot hope to give all the names or relate all the highlights, but will give what we can of the church life of the people of the District. From records and recollections we have the following names:

Arthur Ridley

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Andrew and adopted son Norman Anderson, Annie and Edith. Mr. Andrew and family moved into Hamiota the year the church was built.

Mrs. M. Andrew

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis and children, Charles, Sidney, Myrtle, Olive, Hazel and Nora.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hazlewood, John, Sam, and Ed.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Kirk, Albert, Mamie, and Gladys.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Delbridge, Jean and Roy.

Grandpa and Grandma Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kirk, John, Will, Ira, Nellie, Milford and Millie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Andrew, Bertha, Mary and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kirk, Harold, Jennie, Rachel, Alice, James, Joseph, and Mabel.

Mr. Sam Andrew (a bachelor) was a resident in the district for a number of years, and returned later to spend the last few months of his life with his nephew A. E. Andrew.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kirk and family, Robert and Albert Conn, Ernie, Florence, and Hiram Kirk who lived in the district and played their part in the activities of the community until they moved to Harrowby.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Houck and Elmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Andrew, Edna, Minnie, and adopted son Robert Kerr.

Fred Chester lived a number of years in Chumah and enlisted in World War One.

J. Findlay, a bachelor, who lived where Chas. Lewis and wife (nee Ida Shier) now reside.

Mr. Robt. Pearson and family, Addie, William, Minnie, Ernie, Violet, and Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. James. Lewis, Edgar, Lottie, and Violet.

Dan Orth, who married Florence Kirk.

Some who gave donations to the building funds from outside the community were: Mr. Joe McLean, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. M. Curry, Mr. W. R. Brethour, Mrs. Lawson, Mr. C. L. Venables, Mr. Wm. Chambers, Mr. A. B. Fleming, Mr. Geo. Frazer, A friend in Chumah wishing to remain anonymous donated \$50.00.



A farewell party was given a few weeks after the opening of the church in honor of Mr. Homer Brown who was leaving Chumah at this time. This party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. Over seventy people gathered to wish Mr. Brown Godspeed. This was a forerunner of many parties which have been held in the various homes in Chumah.

#### 1904

Returning to the list of names we find:

Percy Hozan who sang in the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Irvine, Alma, Albert, Asa, Aleta, Wm. Russell and Hazel.

Mr. Ed White

Mr. Steve Robus

Mr. and Mrs. McBain Sr. and family, Harvey, William, Alice, Wellington.

#### 1905

Rev. W. E. Egan commenced his pastorate. An active minister. A very fiery adversary to King Alcohol. He, Rev. Crozier, (Presbyterian) and Rev. McKinney (Anglican) teamed up very well in their drive for Temperance. Local Option came as a result of their work and backing of their Laymen.

Elocution contests helped in this campaign. Rev. W. Egan helped train some of the contestants. Miss Jennie Kirk and Miss Florence Kirk brought honors by winning medals for Elocution. Proceeds from these contests in one year amounted to over \$65.00.

Around this time a few years earlier Mr. and Mrs. Caves and family moved from the east and settled on Mr. Joe Andrew's farm. Their children were Eddie, Alvin, Verna and Fred.

In 1904 Jno. Smith built his house and about this time became a regular attendant at Chumah. Formerly he had attended Scotia Church. His sister, Miss Lizzie Smith stayed with him for a few years, but went back east when Mr. Smith married Miss Rachel Kirk. Mr. and Mrs. Smith now reside in Hamiota, but are often seen in Church activities in Chumah. Others who have attended Chumah church are Geo. and Dick Elliott who moved to Harrowby. Mr. Dick Elliott spent his last years a mile west of Chumah. Mrs. D. Elliott was Minnie Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. J. Woods and family also lived a few years in the district and we find their children's names in the Sunday School records.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Moore were in the district and their son William, who still keeps tabs on the doings of Chumah.

Other attendants - Frank Brimacombe, Wm. Matthews, Sadie Brimacombe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Venables moved onto their farm a mile north of Chumah Mrs. Venables held office in the Sunday School and was a tireless worker in the W.M.S. Alec (now Dr. Venables) and his wife (Mabel Kirk) reside in St. Paul. Dr. Venables has curled at many a bonspiel in Winnipeg during the years, and has also been back to Chumah a number of times. Katie, now Mrs. Joe Kirk, lives in Hamiota and Louise (Mrs. A. E. Andrew) resides in Chumah.



## 1906

### Sunday School Report:

Supt. Mr. H. Andrew  
Asst. Mr. Hazlewood  
Treasurer, H. Kirk  
Secretary, Ed Hazlewood  
Asst. S. Hazlewood  
Librarian, Chas. Lewis  
Asst. Joe Kirk  
Organist, Miss Alma Irvine

Assts., Miss Alice Kirk, Miss F. Kirk  
Teachers, Mr. W. Hazlewood  
Asst., Mr. W. Lewis  
Jr. Bible, Mrs. Houck and Mrs. D. Kirk  
Intermediate, Miss Jennie Kirk  
Asst., Miss Rachel Kirk  
Primary, Mrs. Jas. Kirk  
Asst., Mrs. W. Lewis and Miss Alice Kirk.

### Bible Class Members:

Mrs. Fred Houck  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kirk  
Mr. Wm. Andrew  
Mr. T. Irvine  
Mr. Dave Kirk

Mr. and Mrs. G. Andrew  
Mrs. H. Andrew  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Caves  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirk  
Mr. Fred Chester

Miss Croft, who later became the second wife of Mr. F. Thornton.

The Fawn family resided in Chumah for a short time. The children's names were Dave, Lizzie, Nellie, Mary, Bessie, and George. A number of us will remember David playing the bagpipes at various picnics and other gatherings. He later married Lillian Andrew, of Chumah.

## 1907

A medal contest is reported.

At the Anniversary Service a lecture is indicated. It may have been one given by Rev. W. E. Egan on his trip to Palestine. Mr. Egan's father preached while he was away to the Holy Land.

We have an account of a Christmas entertainment held on an afternoon in Christmas week in the church. It was of an impromptu nature with recitations, solos, duets and choruses.

For a number of years at this time we have indications of financial stress. Money had to be borrowed and paid back from time to time. Finally the indebtedness was settled with money raised by canvass.

## 1909

Rev. W. McKim Young was a very devout minister and kindly man. He conducted teacher training classes and quite a number received certificates or diplomas. Mr. Young also took quite an active part in the Summer School at the Narrows, south of Shoal Lake. A number camped at this site and benefited by the meetings there. The Epworth League had special days there also.

## 1910

The Junior Bible Class was organized at this time with the following in charge: Jas. Kirk Jr., Edward Hazlewood, Hiram Kirk.

Sunday School primary class at this time.

Teacher, Miss Alice Kirk. Members were Ethel Andrew, Mildred Thornton, Milford Kirk, Mildred Kirk, Norman Kirk, Clifford Kirk, Wm. Irvine, Gilbert Pearson, Eddie Caves, Katie Venables, James Stewart, Fred Stewart, Olive Lewis.

## 1911

Louise Venables, Mervin Woods, Willie Woods, Roy Kirk, Violet Hardy, Elizabeth Hardy, Ruby Hardy, Jean Delbridge, Roy Delbridge, Hazel and Nora Lewis.



### 1912

Iola Kirk, Norma Andrew, Doris Delbridge.

### 1913

#### Teachers and Officers :

Superintendent — Mr. W. Lewis  
Assistant — Mr. S. Hazlewood  
Sec. Treasurer — Mr. Fred Andrew  
Chorister—Mr. Jos. Kirk.  
Organist — Miss Jennie Kirk  
Bible Class Teacher — Mr. W. Hazlewood  
Assistant—Mr. H. Andrew  
Junior Bible — Mrs. F. Houck  
Intermediate — Miss Jennie Kirk  
Senior Primary — Mrs. W. Lewis and Sid Lewis  
Primary — Mrs. James Kirk  
Assistant — Mrs. W. Hazlewood  
Librarian — John Hazlewood - Alex Venables

### 1914

New names listed: Hazel Irvine, Russel Irvine, Gordon Thornton, Kathleen Thornton, Pearl Smith, Rena Smith.

In 1914 Rev. S. East came to minister to us. He was quite a fluent and fearless preacher. He was very interested in politics and world conditions. He also loved architecture and took a real part in the building of the church in Hamiota.

In the First World War, the following enlisted: Ernie Pearson, W. C. Smith, Fred Hickman, Fred Chester, Will De Vries, Clarence Creery, F. W. Bradford, W. G. Irvine, C. Lindsay, M. Pope, Alfred Chapman, Milford Kirk, Wm. Breen, Norman Kirk, Cecil Wade, A. Ridley, Robt. Cook, G. Pearson, Wm. Nichol, Robt. Kerr, Wm. R. Kirk.

The fallen heroes from Chumah were: W. E. Smith, Cecil Wade, F. W. Bradford.

Mrs. Houck's mother Mrs. Coppin came to live with her about this time. She took a live interest in all Chumah affairs and lived to be over one hundred years of age.

On Rally Day, in 1916, the attendance was 119 and the collection was \$11.75.

### 1917

Pastor - Rev. F. C. Middleton. He was a very efficient minister - working very hard in the interest of his pastorate and in Social Service. He attacked the evils of the Liquor Traffic from the scientific angle. He was often called to other congregations to speak in the interest of temperance. Chumah had quite a number of pulpit exchanges because of this.

Meetings were held a number of times to consider putting a basement under the church but finally the idea was abandoned. It was always regretted that this was not done when the church was built.

Turning to Trustee Book - date November 21, 1916:

At a special meeting held in the parlour of Zion Methodist Church, Rev. F. C. Middleton presided. Members present were: Brothers W. Lewis, W. Hazlewood and G. Delbridge. A motion for filling vacancies in the board caused by the removal from the district of Mr. Jas. Kirk Sr., Mr. Wm. Andrew, and the



deaths of Mr. Robt. Kirk and Mr. Sam Kirk. Albert Kirk was elected in the place of his father, Mr. R. Kirk. John Kirk succeeded his father S. Kirk on the board. Ed Hazlewood succeeded Mr. Wm. Andrew. James Kirk took his father's (James Kirk) office.

There was much sadness on account of the tragic death of Mr. Samuel Kirk who with his daughter Iola were victims of the fire which razed their home

The flu epidemic of 1918 also took its toll. Two members of the board, John Kirk and James Kirk were taken. At about the same time Rev. R. E. Spence's little daughter Ruth was taken by diabetes. James Kirk was survived by his wife Aleta (Irvine) and son Norville, besides his parents, brothers and sisters. John Kirk was making plans for building his house and starting up on his own. He also left many to mourn his loss. Both were very fine young men and were greatly missed by the whole community. The sympathy of the Community went out to the Spence family in their loss.

#### 1919

April 16th - Pastor R. E. Spence. W. R. Kirk was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Trustee Board caused by the death of his brother John. Joe Kirk also took over in the place held by his brother James. Fred Amy was also appointed to the board.

Plans were made to build a new shed to replace the old one. Building committee consisted of: Mr. G. W. Hazlewood, Mr. G. Delbridge, Mr. W. W. Lewis.

#### 1920

The new shed was built. The work was done, we believe, by volunteer labor.

Mr. G. Bull was placed on the trustee board about this time and occupied this and other offices till the present time (1953).

#### 1923

Arrangements were made for the Christmas Tree which had become an annual event. A number of the older ones may remember one held in the School House many years before.

The 1923 meeting had the following officers elected in the Sunday School: Mrs. F. Houck, Lillian Andrew, Mabel Kirk, Florence Stewart, Laura Kirk, Mrs. Mary Kirk, Doris Delbridge, Mr. Geo. Bull, Elmer Houck.

From the Sunday School records, primary class: Teacher, Miss Ethel Andrew; members: Norma Andrew, Kathleen Thornton, Hazel Irvine, Pearl Smith, Rena Smith, Eileen Smith, Geneva Fowlie, Olive Stewart, Roy Amy, Ruby Amy, Doris Delbridge, Minnie Hamblin, Wm. Jackson, Dorothy King (Mrs. Norman Kirk.)

#### 1924

Pastor -Rev. R. A. Swyers. This is the only one since the opening of the church that I have not known personally. I understand he was a very fine minister and was highly esteemed in the Church and district.

At a meeting convened in June, arrangements were made for cleaning and painting the church. At this meeting Mr. Swyers was asked to invite Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chambers to give a talk in Chumah Church, on their tour of Palestine, on Conference Sunday. This was a very interesting occasion. The lecture was accompanied with pictures and curios which they brought back with them.



Before the July meeting, the Church had been cleaned and Mr. Josey had done the painting and decorating. At this meeting a committee was authorized to purchase a furnace. The first furnace had not proven satisfactory. A furnace was installed and a canvass of the district was made and the money was procured to settle a note in the bank.

#### 1927-1930

Pastor - Rev. E. Lund. Mr. Lund was the last minister of the Hamiota-Chumah circuit. Hamiota had still continued with the two churches after Union had taken place and each town church retained its country points. The former Methodist or Zion with Chumah, and Knox with Scotia and Oakner. There was a system of pulpit exchanges. The Knox Church pastors at this time were Rev. S. Martin, then Rev. Mr. Wallace. There was good co-operation between these ministers and their charges. Rev. E. Lund was very much appreciated by the Chumah people both as a preacher in the Church and as a pastor in the homes.

Chumah had long enjoyed the association with Hamiota and very much regretted the separation which took place at the termination of Mr. Lund's ministry on the Hamiota circuit. The attendance at public worship and the interest in the work never seemed to be quite the same again.

New names which appeared on the list during Mr. Lund's stay were:

Harry Kidd - who married Mildred Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Catto and Marjorie who lived on the farm now owned by Charles Lewis Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. L. King who worked for Mr. Geo. Bull at the time.

D. McDowell

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murray, Arnold and Phyllis.

Geneva Fowlie

Mr. and Mrs. W. Brimacombe, Bob, Hilda, Doreen, Lloyd, and Margaret.

These families took a keen interest in Chumah church and its community enterprises.

At this time we have more records and names missing from previous lists lost or destroyed.

Mr. W. L. Kirk, known as "Big Bill" to distinguish him from W. R. Kirk of Chumah and "Singing Bill" of Hamiota. At this time, 1926, their family comprised Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, Ronald, Robert, Eddie, Wilmer and Margaret.

Mr. S. S. Lewis returned to the district after 13 years absence and with him Mrs. Lewis and children Edith, Charles and Irvine.

Mr. Alex Ferris had been in Chumah for some time past having married Edna Andrew. Their family comprised Laura, Llewella, Rena, and Dave. John Dunn operated the Chumah Elevator a mile south of the Church. The Chumah Elevator was built in 1924.

Mr. Wm. Nichol worked for a number of years in the district, married Violet Pearson and finally moved to a farm near Hamiota. Mr. and Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Irwin (Addie Pearson) had a warm spot in their hearts for Chumah and came out when this history was read in 1953 at Chumah.

From a Financial Statement at this time we have the following figures.  
W.M.S. — \$235.00; Mission Band — \$145.00; Sunday School — \$295.80; General Fund — \$1364.45; Grand Total — \$2040.25.

Steward - G. Delbridge.

1926-1927 is the half way mark in the 50 years of the life of Chumah Church. Please contrast this with the list of donors of 1888.

Mr. G. Delbridge	Mr. L. King	Mrs. S. Irvine
Mr. S. Hazlewood	Mr. Wm. Murray	Mrs. M. Kirk
Mr. Jno. Hazlewood	Mr. D. McDowell	Mr. Milford Kirk
Mr. Ed Hazlewood	Mr. Gilbert Pearson	Mr. W. R. Kirk
Mr. J. Dunn	Mr. W. L. Kirk	Mr. Harold Kirk
Mr. F. Thornton	Mr. H. Andrew	Mr. R. Pearson
Mr. F. Houck	Mr. A. E. Andrew	Mr. Jno. Smith
Mr. Jos. Kirk	Mrs. Nancie Andrew	Mr. J. G. Stewart
Mr. Wm. McBain	Mr. W. Amy	Mr. Elmer Houck
Mr. Albert Kirk	Mr. Wm. Brimacombe	Mr. Ira Kirk
Mr. Geo. Bull	Mr. Wm. Catto	Mr. S. S. Lewis

In 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lindsay took charge of the Chumah Elevator. Their children were Leone and Donnie. They took their place in the social life of the district; also in the various Church work.

#### 1928

In perusing the material at hand our attention is halted by the name of "Deacon Dubbs." This was a play put on in Chumah and quite a number of other places. It was directed by Mrs. J. N. Smith. Milford Kirk took the part Deacon Dubbs. Other names in the cast were: Roy Amy, C. Biggs, Geo. Bull, Frank Flight, Florence Stewart, Laura Kirk, Doris Delbridge, Pearl Smith, Norma Andrew. The quartette accompanying them were A. E. Andrew, F. Houck, Mrs. Wm. Kirk and Olive Stewart. This play deserved great praise for fine entertainment, and the cast made a nice donation of funds to the church and its work. They also had a fine time themselves and wound up their tour with a turkey supper.

There are other occasions which this brings to mind. One is a concert put on in the church in the early spring of 1926. Mr. G. W. Hazlewood acted as chairman to the pleasure of the audience. It was possibly the last time for him to act in that capacity as he moved to Hamiota where he spent the rest of his years. The program was a very thrilling one throughout. It was all local talent. There were solos, duets, choruses, instrumentals, recitations and readings. Milford Kirk was master of ceremonies. The cast were adorned in weird foreign costumes and the musical instruments of tin can origin. Mrs. Fred Amy (Nellie Kirk) recited. It was the last time for her to take part in Chumah, as she, her husband, and children moved to Isabella a few days after. Herbert Smith and Margaret sang in parts "Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid". George Bull gave a reading, and Pearl Smith recited "A Parody on Curfew—Shall Not Ring Tonight". There were a large number who took part in the entertainment including the band with its many instruments. A large number turned out to enjoy the concert. It is one of the very many happy occasions so often enjoyed by the people of Chumah.

#### 1929

Mr. and Mrs. Mansell came at this time to live on the Frazer farm. Their family consisted of Arden, Milt, Robert, Leola, Lloyd, John and Cliff. The family joined in with the Church and social activities of Chumah.



There were quite a number of young men and women working in the community at this time. Ted Myers, who was quite interested in Young People's work, Frank and Alex Flight, Frank Haight, and Grace Miller. In Amy's family were Mrs. Amy, Roy, Ruby, Gordon and Ina.

In June we were favored with an organ recital (one Sunday in Church) given by Mr. Aitken who had repaired and tuned the organ.

#### 1930

This is another milestone in the history of Chumah. At this time the churches in Hamiota united and the country points of Oakner, Chumah, and Scotia formed the Oakner charge. Mr. N. McClenaghan was the first pastor. He had just been ordained and he was installed into office in the Scotia church. He had formerly taken considerable young people's work and adapted himself to the same in Chumah.

#### 1931

Report of Session — Members 74, Adherents 10.  
Sacrament administered three times in the year.  
Three baptisms—one adult and two infants.  
The Sunday School was reported to be running smoothly.  
Y.P.S. held 12 meetings with an average attendance of 14.  
W.M.S. sent \$150.00 to the Presbyterial.

Good reports of the Mission Band and Mission Circle were given.

Funds were low in the church at this time, but when Chumah received her share from the Manse in Hamiota it put her in the clear again.

#### 1932

The Sacraments were observed regularly.

Special services were held at Easter, Mothers Day, Rally Day, Christmas, and New Years. The Children's Story was a regular feature in the church services.

W.M.S. held 12 meetings in the year. The average attendance was 15. Total amount raised \$125.00.

Mission Circle and Mission Band—27 members. Average attendance 16. Amount sent away \$58.35.

This report was adopted on motion of Pearl Smith and Florence Stewart.

The Young Peoples Union met on alternate Tuesdays in January, February, and March. It closed the winters activities by holding a banquet. The meetings were well attended and proved very profitable. During the summer months several enthusiastic softball games were played with neighboring societies.

The group sent \$20.00 to Japan Evangelism. The members met in October at Mr. A. E. Andrew's to draw up plans for the coming year and to enjoy a happy time around the camp fire.

Another play put on by the Young People was entitled Civil Service. It was a very fascinating play and was very well done. This play netted the Young People \$94.90. They donated some to the Mission Band and also bought new Hymn Books for the church. At a picnic the same year the Young People raised \$27.25.

## 1934

January 12th. At a meeting held in the home of Mrs. Mary Kirk, Rev. N. B. McLenaghen commended the congregation for the work done during the year under adverse circumstances; but he was disappointed in the attendance at church and the lack of interest of many in the District and felt he had better leave in June. The people of Chumah were reluctant to have Mr. McLenaghen leave but he would not be prevailed upon to stay.

Stewards at this time were Mr. P. Hedley, A. E. Andrew, Wm. Kirk, and Ed Hazlewood. Mr. G. Delbridge, who had for many years in Chumah been Steward asked to be left off the Board. High tribute was paid to Mr. Delbridge for his faithful services. A vote of appreciation was extended to him.

The final service of Rev. N. B. McLenaghen was a joint one held in Scotia Church the last Sunday in June. Communion was observed. There was a very large attendance.

## 1935

January 7th. With Rev. Jn. Dunnett in chair it was reported: Members on Roll—58; Families—29; Adherents—12; Weddings—1; Baptisms—4; Number of meetings of Session during year—2; Sacrament observed twice.

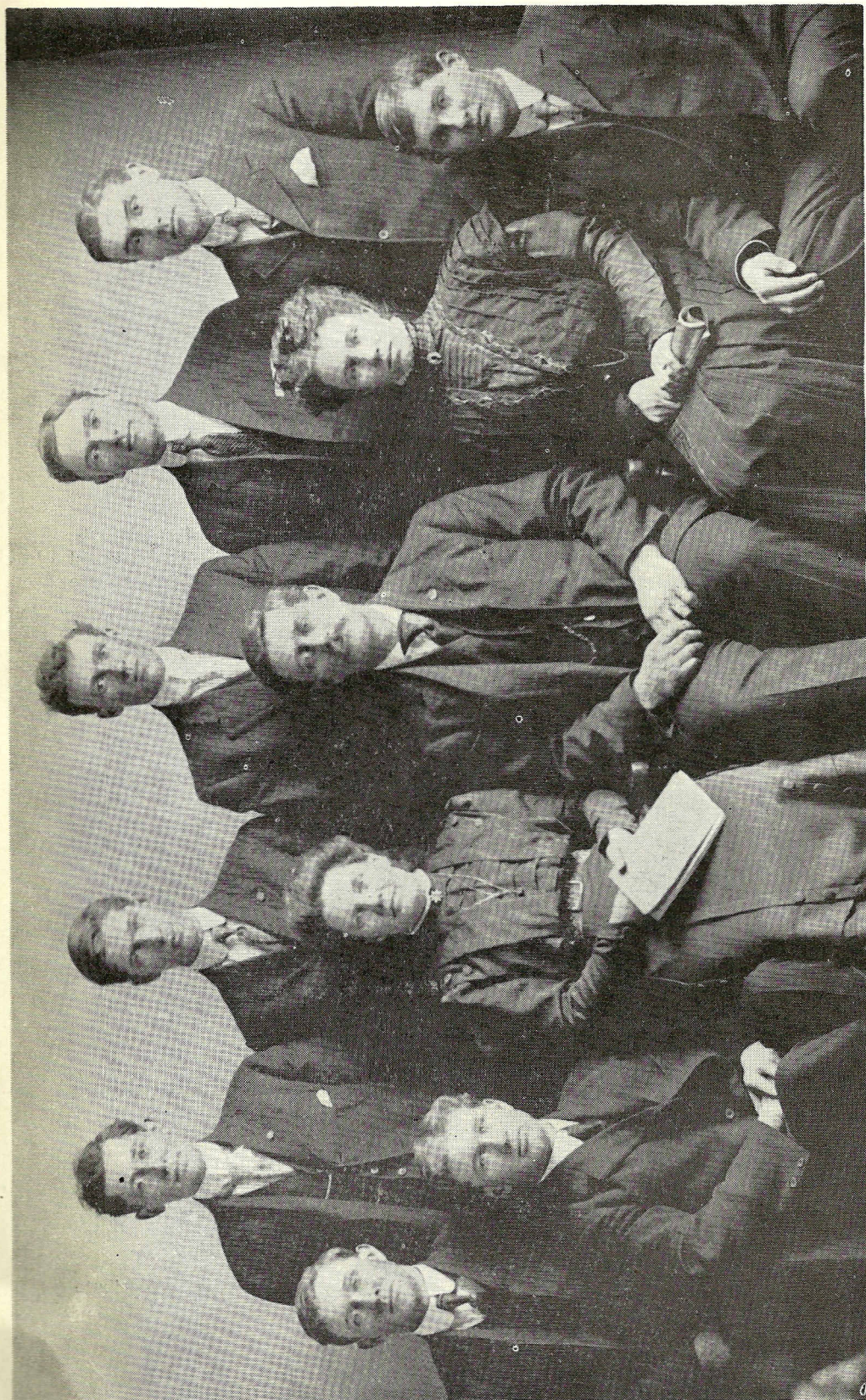
1935 is always associated with the rust that hit a large section of Manitoba following the several years of drought. These years have been designated the years of the hungry thirties. Times were really hard for a great many people and many were forced to really practice economy. What seemed a curse at the time of the rust was not without its compensations. For that year torrents of rain that saturated the earth built up reserves in waterways and ponds that have been abundant supplies of water since for animals and crops.

The first wedding ever solemnized in the church was on November 2, 1935 when Doris Delbridge was united in marriage to William Pollock, of Kemnay. The young couple settled on the farm quite close to the church. Both have played quite an active part in the life of Chumah and also the district around.

## 1936 AND LATER

In a short span of time many changes take place in a community. Fred Andrew had married a Chumah girl, Louise Venables, and at this time had their two children Ted and Marguerite. Mr. Roy Amy was married to Dorothy Duchart of Hamiota and had two children Betty and Bud. Mr. Jno. Hazlewood and wife (Amanda Shier of Crandall) had three daughters, Violet, Alice and Ina. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hazlewood, Earl, Lloyd, Irma, Lorne, Olive and Raymond. Sad to relate Mrs. Hazlewood died at the time of Raymond's birth. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hazlewood (Miss Laura Barber) and their daughters, Ethel (Mrs. S. Gurr), Vera (Mrs. Bert Gurr), and Mervena (Mrs. Irvine). Mr. Elmer Houck and his wife (Miss Janelle Strachan of Miniota) and their children, Evelyn and Ronnie. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirk, Harvey and Bernice. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kirk, Betty, Robert, and later Irene. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirk, James, Alec, Louise, Donald, and Mabel. Mr. and Mrs. S. Lewis, Edith, Charles, Irvine, Rodney, James and Jack. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McBain, Mary, Louise and Andrew. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Pearl, Rena, Eileen, Newton, Herbert, John, Margaret, Alice, Velma, and Olive. In Mr. John Stewart's family were himself and the following sons and daughters, John, James, Florence, Gordon, Olive and





Standing left to right—Percy Hozan, Charles Lewis, Ab. Conn, Ed Hazelwood, Sam Hazelwood.  
Setting left to right—Harold Kirk, Jim Kirk, Mrs. F. Houck, Fred Houck, Jenny Kirk, Joe Kirk.



Mabel. Mrs. Stewart passed on in 1931. Mr. Fred Thornton had passed away in November of 1935. Family left were Mrs. Thornton, Mildred, Gordon, Kathleen and Louise. Miss Mildred Thornton at this time was teaching school in Brandon. Mr. and Mrs. P. Hedley, Norville Kirk, Merle Harvey, Robert, Reg and William. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Emerson. Mr. and Mrs. Catto and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Webber, Norman Muriel, Joan, Hazel and Reg. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kirk, Ivan, Evelyn, Marjorie, and Keith. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirk and Fay, Eric De Vroom.

1938

This was the year that Chumah and Scotia were linked up with Crandall and Palmerston. Rev. J. Donnet went to Pierson and Rev. Mr. McFarlane came to the Crandall Circuit.

Mrs. Johnston and daughter Francis came to Chumah. Mrs. Johnston took her turn teaching the Bible class, sang solos in the church service and also helped in the W.M.S.

Rev. and Mrs. McFarlane moved from Crandall to take work in Bermuda.

#### 1941

Rev. Wm. Bill succeeded Mr. McFarlane. At the annual meeting Mr. Wm. Bill presided. The Steward's report was given by Mr. Wm. Kirk. Mr. Milford Kirk gave the Sunday School report. Total receipts for the Sunday School were \$102.79.

Elders elected: S. Hazlewood, S. Lewis, W. J. Pollock, and H. Smith.

Organists appointed were Mrs. W. R. Kirk and Mrs. Pollock.

The second wedding solemnized in the church was that of Eileen Smith when she was united in marriage to Mr. Everett Tennant on July 8th, 1941.

#### 1942

January 21. Annual meeting. Rev. Wm. Bill in the chair. Mrs. Andrew was appointed secretary. The Financial Statement showed a balance on hand of \$133.39. At this meeting it was decided that we regard the M. and M. allocation as part of the church budget. The duplex system of envelopes was also adopted by Chumah.

Average attendance at Sunday School for the year was 40.

The W.M.S. raised \$103.34 and had twelve meetings in the year.

Mission Circle reported 12 members.

Proceeds from Decker Play .....	\$10.75
Proceeds from Mr. Pearson's Sale .....	10.00
Collections from other sources .....	11.20
TOTAL .....	\$46.87

Sent away allocation—\$25.00; Milk for Britain—\$3.00; Red Cross—\$5.00; as reported by Mrs. John Hazlewood.

Organists appointed were Mrs. Wm. Kirk and Mrs. M. Hazlewood.

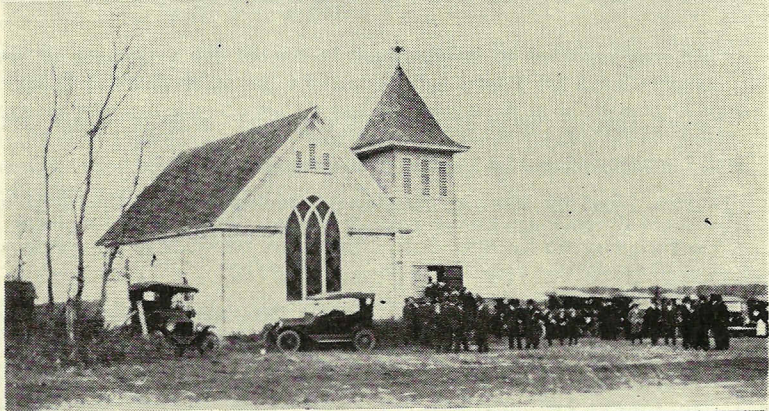
Mrs. Pollock was re-elected missionary superintendent.

Rev. Wm. Bill reported for the circuit in the year ten deaths, three weddings and seven baptisms. Six members received into the Church at Chumah.

The deaths in Chumah during the year were: Mrs. F. Thornton, Mr. W. L. Kirk, Mr. Samuel Hazlewood.

At the motion of the meeting, the secretary was asked to enter a tribute in the Congregational Book to Mr. Hazlewood.





**Top—Mission Band about 1924**

**Center—Anniversary Sunday—1916**

**Bottom—Women's Missionary Society, 1931.**



### 1943

Reports given at the meeting compared favorably with that of other years. The pastor reported having done considerable visiting during the year, and was well pleased with the reception he had received at the various homes in the district. A motion was made and carried that we send membership cards to our members in the armed forces and to others temporarily away from home.

It was moved at this meeting that a record of the earlier life of the congregation be made and recorded by S. S. Lewis before the 50th anniversary of Chumah (November 1, 1953.)

### 1944

January 20. Rev. W. Bill in the chair. S. S. Lewis, secretary. The treasurers report was given by Mr. Wm. Kirk.

Income for the year .....	\$756.74
Expenses .....	485.34
Balance on Hand .....	271.40

This was reported to be the best Statement for a number of years. Mr. Bill congratulated the Board and Church for the splendid work being done.

The missionary report given by Mrs. Pollock—amount raised—\$46.10

The W.M.S. report by Mrs. Houck—receipts—\$110.84.

Mission Band by Mrs. M. Hazlewood—amount raised \$18.37—11 meetings.

The report given by Mrs. John Hazlewood stated that the circle was quite active throughout the year and raised over \$70.00.

The report of session was given by Rev. Wm. Bill. In the year he officiated at three weddings, four baptisms, and seven funerals on whole circuit.

During the year, we lost the two eldest members of the Chumah congregation—Mr. George Delbridge and Mrs. Mary Kirk. High tribute was expressed of the deceased and words of comfort were written to the families bereaved.

The third wedding held in the church was on August 13th, 1942, when Edith Lewis was joined in marriage with Mr. Bernard Grafton.

At annual meeting the W.A. was asked to secure a carpet for the platform and charge same to the Board of Stewards. The Stewards were instructed to see about having lights installed and report to the congregation. Report was made June 14th and Stewards proceeded with plans for same. The lights were installed in the fall by Mr. A. E. Andrew.

### 1945

January 20th. A vote of appreciation was extended to Mr. Andrew for installing the lights in the Church. These lights had already been a real benefit to the church.

Six new members were received into the Church during the year. At this meeting Mr. Bill spoke of absentee membership—saying it was not enough to have our names on the register or to aid in the financial upkeep of the church. We should do this and also attend Sunday Worship regularly in the church.

Election to Office: Elders—S. Lewis, W. J. Pollock, Joe Kirk, G. Bull.  
Stewards—Ed Hazlewood, A. E. Andrew, Wm. Kirk, and Elmer Houck.

From 1912 to the time of writing little has been recorded of the Sunday School. The Sunday School has gone along with the church.



Mr. W. W. Lewis was superintendent for quite a number of years at intervals with Mr. Hazelwood as assistant. From 1920 Mr. S. Hazlewood was superintendent followed by Mr. E. Hazlewood and Mr. S. Lewis. Mr. S. Hazlewood took over again with Mr. Pollock assistant. Mr. Pollock was then Superintendent until the close of the church in 1953. Others who assisted were: Lloyd Hazlewood, Charles Lewis Jr., and Irvine Lewis.

Those acting as secretaries and treasurers were: Gordon Thornton, Milford Kirk, Geo. Bull, Robert Mansell, Roy Amy, Herbert Smith, Harvey Hedley, Charles Lewis, Harvey Kirk.

Other assistants were: Rod. Lewis, Roy Pollock, James Lewis, Raymond Hazlewood.

The following taught Bible Class in the same period: Henry Andrew, S. S. Lewis, P. Hedley.

The following took turns: Mr. Joe Kirk, Mrs. John Smith, Mr. Elmer Houck, Mrs. Pollock, Mr. A. E. Andrew, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. M. Hazlewood, Mr. Ed. Hazlewood.

The following ministers who taught at times were: Rev. Wm. Bill, Rev. J. M. Wilson, Rev. J. B. Francis.

Ones perhaps not mentioned who played the organ: Mrs. H. Smith (Violet Hazlewood), Evelyn Houck, Mervena Hazlewood, Velma Smith, Olive Smith, Irma Hazlewood, Bernice Kirk, Marguerite Andrew, Louise Thornton, Olive Stewart, Mabel Stewart.

Miss F. Stewart took an active part in Sunday School and Church activities.

#### 1946

January 16th. Pastor Rev. J. M. Wilson. The annual meeting of the church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirk.

The Sunday School Report was entered as received in the Sunday School Meeting.

The W.M.S. Report was given by the secretary, Mrs. Elliott. 12 meetings held, 17 members enrolled, 10.6 average attendance, visitors during year-33. Guest speakers at regular meetings were: Rev. Wm. Bill at World's Day of Prayer; Rev. J. M. Wilson in October; Mrs. F. W. Decker gave a Temperance talk. 1945 was a very pleasant successful year in the W.M.S.

In the report of session Rev. J. M. Wilson spoke of the increased responsibility of the church in the post war period and urged the congregation to put forth every effort to keep high the standards of our Church and never let up in our efforts in the cause of Church and Community.

The treasurer reported income for year—\$1050.00; balance on hand—\$317.13.

Plans were made at this meeting to have an Honor Plaque for the boys who enlisted from Chumaha in World War II.

It was also decided to present to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirk a token of remembrance of James Kirk who is listed with the heroes who fell.

During the year 1945 sorrow came into some of our homes. Mrs. Elliott lost her husband Richard Elliott. Mr. Elmer Houck his father, Mr. Fred Houck (a real pioneer) Mrs. R. Amy lost her mother, Mrs. P. Deuchart, of Hamiota. Letters were written to those bereaved.

At a meeting of May 20, 1945 the congregation accepted the objective of \$300.00 for the Pension Drive.

Arrangements were also made to have the interior of the church painted and decorated. The Honor Roll Committee was authorized to obtain name plates of silver and bronze.



## 1947

Congregational reports received and dealt with. Miss Jean Howard's report for Y.P.U. showed receipts for the year—\$124.98.

Other reports were equally gratifying: The W.M.S. — \$145.66; Mission Band —\$30.63; Pension Drive — \$330.00.

Mr. Wm. Kirk reported the income of the church for the year was \$1124.00.

Rev. J. W. Wilson expressed his appreciation of the years work. The Church Register shows members on Roll — 59; non resident members —14; withdrawals in year —2; Baptisms —3.

Arrangements were made for the unveiling of the Honor Plaque in May.

The church was painted as arranged for in the meeting.

A special service was held in the church on a Sunday in May, and the Honor Plaque was unveiled by Mrs. Joe Kirk. A large number were present for the occasion. Rev. J. M. Wilson conducted the service. The plaque has been placed in Hamiota United Church.

### HONOR ROLL

R. R. Elliott	W. B. Kirk	J. D. Mansell
J. A. Kirk	C. W. Lewis	A. J. McBain
J. F. Kirk	J. McFarlane	J. Tocher
J. N. Kirk	M. McLean	C. M. Mansell

Fallen Heroes — J. F. Kirk and J. Tocher.

## 1949

The annual meeting was held at Mr. and Mrs. William Kirk's home. The W.M.S. reported 11 meetings, average attendance 17.7, No. of members 23, raised in one year \$120.21; work done during years at home and abroad—sent to Canadian Church relief \$50.00, Church Home for Girls \$15.00, Canadian appeal for children \$15.00, Womans Christian Temperance \$5.00, Donated to Mission Band \$10.00, British food parcels \$10.00, Share in Motion Picture and Quilting sup. \$15.00.

Mr. Charles Lewis was appointed elder in Mr. Joe Kirks place and Mr. Joe Kirk was retained as honorary Elder as long as his name remains on the Chumah Membership Roll.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy and flowers to former Pastor Rev. Wm. Bill who was ill.

Meeting was closed with lunch and a social hour.

During the year 1949 our treasurer Mr. William Kirk was removed by death. He had given many years of faithful service in the Church and Community. The duties of Treasurer passed to Mr. S. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hazlewood moved into Hamiota about this time. The Hedley family transferred their membership to Hamiota, too.

Report showed members on roll—54, non resident names—15. Mr. C. Kidd was elected Steward in the place held by Mr. Ed Hazlewood. Mr. Ed Hazlewood was retained as Honorary Steward.

## 1950

This was a record year financially for the W.A. and W.M.S. Amount raised by same women was: W.A.—\$216.26; W.M.S.—\$200.00.

The treasurer of both organizations Mrs. E. Houck.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Church Union. 1953 will be



the fiftieth year of the life of Chumah Church.

Mr. Wilson urged that both dates be made memorable in the history of Chumah.

Toward the end of the Church year (June 30), a special Congregational Meeting was called at the church to make plans for the future. At the meeting held at Crandall Rev. J. M. Wilson resigned as Pastor of Crandall Circuit and Scotia decided to close leaving only Crandall and Chumah as Palmerston had closed a few years before. This was possibly the largest congregational meeting ever held in Chumah. After considerable discussion it was decided to remain in the Crandall Circuit.

#### 1951

Rev. J. M. Wilson withdrew from the Circuit and Rev. J. B. Francis began his ministry during the year 1950. Rev. J. B. Francis had made a house to house visitation during his first few weeks on the circuit.

Session report—Crandall membership—107; non resident—67; Chumah membership—61.

The fourth wedding to be solemnized in Chumah church was when Rev. J. B. Francis united in marriage Miss Ina Hazlewood and Ormand Hyndman, October 13, 1951.

#### 1952

Progress for the year was very good. All branches reported satisfactory returns despite handicaps of lower quotas on grain and lower prices on farm products. Chumah were under financial strain since the separation of Scotia. The attendance though a little better than formerly still left much to be desired. If all the families of Chumah would attend church and show a real interest in the work, what a wonderful appointment it might be.

Conditions are different than years ago it is true. The church through the earlier years was really the centre of all community life and the place people met.

Today there are so many more means of communication. We have the radios with their various entertainments and church services. With the cars people travel further from home. There are more entertainments in halls and theatres. There are numerous skating, hockey and curling events. These things have a fine part to play in our community life, but cannot satisfy the needs of human souls. The Church has a part to play in our midst greater perhaps than ever before. The Bible exhorts not to forget the assembling of ourselves together "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to the other and the Lord heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and thought on His name and they shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts in that day when I makeup my jewels and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveeth him."

The consolidation of schools was a contributing factor which led to the closing of the country churches. As to Chumah it became a dividing factor. The east half of the district went to school in Hamiota. The west section to Crandall. So it is not surprising that interests were taken in the town to which they attended school. It became more difficult as time went on to keep the interest in the rural charge. It was a sense of loyalty that kept it alive for a number of years.



The fifth wedding in the Church was in October of 1952 when Rena Ferris and Mr. Holmes were united in marriage by Rev. J. B. Francis.

### 1953

In the spring of 1953, Rev. Mr. Francis was taken ill and it was apparent that he would not be able to do the duties of a pastor. A number of meetings were held and arrangements were made to carry on by ourselves till the end of June as shown in the congregational book.

It was later decided that Chumah disband and its members were asked to unite with the church of their choice. Nearly all members joined up with the Crandall and Hamiota churches.

In 1954 McConnell Church was destroyed by fire and McConnell bought the Chumah church and moved it to the present site in McConnell village. The church was re-opened on the 2nd day of November, 1955. The people of Chumah are very happy to know their church is still serving the cause for which it was built.

The list of people of the district in the closing chapter shows many changes from the 1926 list. Of 34 men seven are listed here. Of the women about the same. Seventeen men and women deceased, about twenty moved away.

We cannot close without a tribute to the Minister's wives who mingled with the people of Chumah, visited in homes, and received the people into theirs. They have served their part in our Church and community enterprises at all times and their services have been appreciated.

We can never name all who have shared in the life of the district nor can we relate all the highlights. There have been Sunday School Institutes and Conventions, various campaigns, showers for the girls, receptions for the boys of two wars, presentations to boys bringing wives from other parts, and welcome to their brides, farewells to those leaving the district, and welcomes for those coming in.

We can never truly express our gratitude to our pioneers and to those who have lived and labored in this community.

Plans are under way to erect a cairn in memory of the pioneers.

#### List of Ministers—

- Rev. Baker—1883-1884
- Rev. Myers—1884-1886
- Rev. G. H. Long—1886-1887
- Rev. Osterout—1888
- Rev. W. P. McHaffie—1887-1888
- Rev. W. H. Taylor—1888-1890
- Rev. W. R. Hughes—1890-1892
- Rev. W. B. Cheguin—1892-1893
- Rev. J. B. Beynon—1893-1894
- Rev. W. Somerville—1894-1895
- Rev. J. J. Cruikshanks—1895-1898
- Rev. P. W. Davies—1898-1901
- Rev. S. P. Riddell—1901-1905
- J. F. Palmer, Assistant
- Rev. W. E. Egan—1905-1909
- Rev. W. A. McKim Young—1909-1913
- Rev. S. East—1913-1915
- Rev. F. C. Middleton—1915-1918
- Rev. R. E. Spence—1918-1921
- Rev. R. A. Swyers—1921-1924
- Rev. E. Lund—1924-1930



Rev. N. B. McLenaghan—1930-1934  
Rev. Jn. Dunnett—1934-1938  
Rev. J. McFarlane—1938-1940  
Rev. Wm. Bill—1940-1945  
Rev. J. M. Wilson—1945-1950  
Rev. J. B. Francis—1950-1953

People of Chumah — 1953

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Andrew, Cst. Ted Andrew, Marguerite, and Harry  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Amy, Betty, Bud, Marlene, Neil, and Patty.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bull  
Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Butler  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Bailey, Wayne, Gail, Glen, Blair, and Lynne.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colbeck  
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Elliott, Lynda and Richard.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alec Ferris  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Ferris and Chris.  
Mrs. M. Hazlewood  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hedley and Bonny  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hazlewood  
Miss Olive Hazlewood  
Mr. and Mrs. Jn. Hazlewood  
Mr. Raymond Hazlewood  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Houck, Evelyn and Ronnie  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnston, Dennis, Herbert, Lawrie, Jack, and Lois.  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Kirk, Donnie and Leslie  
Mr. and Mrs. Alec Kirk and Barbara Louise  
Mr. Milford Kirk  
Mrs. Margaret Kirk, Harvey and Bernice  
Mr. Clifford Kirk  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kirk, Connie, Doreen, Lynda and Larry  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kirk, Betty, Robert and Irene  
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kirk, Gerald and Shirley  
Mrs. G. Kirk  
Mrs. E. Kirk and Keith  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Kirk and Glenda  
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kidd, Garry, Gaylene and Lynda  
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Lewis, Irvine, Rodney, Jim and Jack.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lewis and Sidney John  
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Murray, Heather and Sharon  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McBain  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pollock, Roy, Wilma, and Phyllis  
Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Allan and Ronnie  
Mr. and Mrs. M. McLean, Karen, Katherine and Donald  
Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith, Glenda, Judy, and Ken  
Mr. James Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Newton Smith, Wayne, Betty Ann and Donna  
Miss Kathleen Thornton  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thornton, Fred, Robert, Clare and Hannah.

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