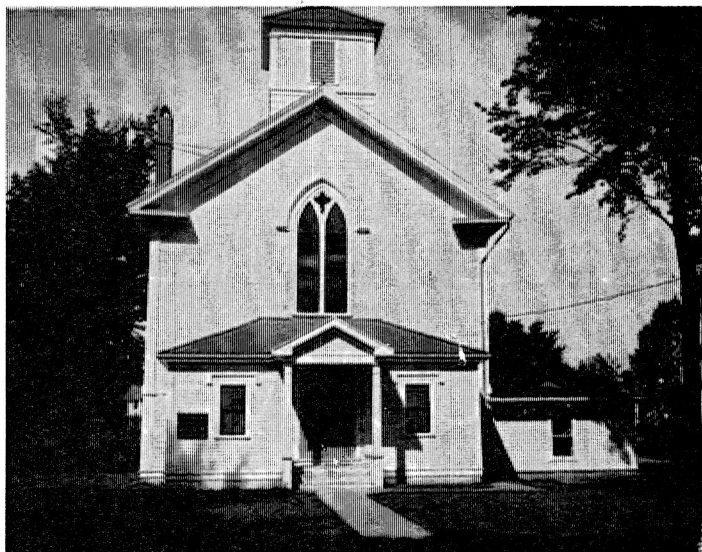


**ST, JAMES
UNITED CHURCH**

HANTSPORT, N. S.



CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

1865 — 1965

Minister

REV. FRED H. GUY

Sunday, September 26th, 1965

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Doxology

Invocation Prayer

Hymn No. 446 "O God of Bethel.."

Responsive Psalm No. 720

Scripture Lesson

Anthem: The Senior Choir

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem: The Junior Choir

Announcements

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Hymn No. 164 "The Church's One Foundation"

Sermon: The Reverend Neil A. MacLeod

Hymn No. 401 "Onward! Christian soldiers..."

Benediction

Organ Postlude

ORGANISTS

Mrs. C. A. Dorman
Mr. David Mercer

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Mrs. G. H. Nichols
Mr. W. F. Mulhall

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The historical records of the congregation are limited. In her Sketch of the Town of Hantsport, entitled, "Hantsport on Avon", Miss Hattie Chittick states "The Methodist Church was built in 1865. M. Elder was the builder." At that time the village was known as Half-Way River. It was renamed Hantsport in 1895.

When the Methodist Church was dedicated in August 1865, Half-Way River was a preaching appointment of the 'Falmouth Circuit', as the Methodist Parishes were called. In 1873 Half-Way River became the head of the 'Circuit'. The first minister was the Reverend Andrew Gray.

The Reverend Charles H. Johnson presented a picture of Andrew Gray to the congregation some years ago. It hangs on the wall of one of the classrooms. A note on the picture states that the church building was dedicated in August 1865. The Architect was James Elder. The Reverend Edmund Botterell and the Reverend James England were the Preachers at the Service of Dedication and the Reverend Andrew Gray was the Pastor.

In 1897 the Corner Stone of the Presbyterian Church was laid. A gift of \$500.00 by the Reverend Henry Dickie of Windsor together with other gifts of material and labour made possible the erection of that building. The first annual meeting of the congregation was held on January 4th, 1900. On June 10th, 1925 the two congregations united to form the present congregation of St. James. The Presbyterian building was sold.

On October 25th, 1964 the New Extension to the present building was dedicated for Christian Education purposes.

MINISTERS WHO SERVED THIS CHURCH

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| 1864—Rev. Andrew Gray | 1900—Rev. John W. Akins |
| 1866—Rev. Chas. B. Pitblado | 1902—Rev. E. B. Moore |
| 1869—Rev. George M. Barratt | 1905—Rev. John M. Fisher |
| 1872—Rev. James G. Hennigar | 1906—Rev. F. E. Barrett |
| 1874—Rev. John McMurray | 1910—Rev. E. W. Forbes |
| 1875—Rev. Caleb Parker | 1911—Rev. J. W. O'Brien |
| 1877—Rev. Arthur D. Morton | 1914—Rev. Alban Daniel |
| 1880—Rev. William Ryan | 1917—Rev. Thomas W. Hodgson |
| 1882—Rev. G. O. Huestis | 1921—Rev. Adam B. Higgins |
| 1884—Rev. William Ainley | 1925—Rev. H. T. S. Cornall |
| 1887—Rev. William G. Lane | 1930—Rev. Ernest E. Styles |
| 1889—Rev. P. H. Robinson | 1941—Rev. John W. Barbour |
| 1890—Rev. Arthur Hockin | 1947—Rev. Walter G. Davis |
| 1893—Rev. William Phillips | 1951—Rev. John Jarvie |
| 1896—Rev. John M. Fisher | 1954—Rev. Neil A. MacLeod. |
| 1899—Rev. E. E. England | 1958 to date—Rev. Fred H. Guy |