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North Kildonan United Dedicates New Building

March 1972

A milestone was passed at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 19th at North Kildonan United Church, with the dedication of the new building.

Officiating at this special service were Dr. A.R. MacIver, Rev. David Reece and Mr. Murray Scott; with Rev. Ray Smith, Field Secretary, Home Missions and Stewardship Committee of Manitoba Conference as guest speaker.

This meaningful service commenced in the Sanctuary and concluded in the new building with its dedication.

The Co-Chairmen of the building committee, Mr. M. Kibsey and Mr. B. Thomson, presented the keys of the building to Rev. Ray Smith, who in turn presented them to Dr. A. R. MacIver.

The choir blended their voices in "Bless This House".

In attendance were representatives from Presbytery, clergy from the area churches, former ministers, charter members, and many friends. A coffee and fellowship hour

concluded the evening.

Another milestone occurred at the morning service when 31 new persons were brought into membership of the Church through faith and transfers.

Talented Senior Citizens Sought For Concert

A concert is being planned by the North Regional Council of Senior Citizen groups to be held 7:30 pm. to 8:30 pm. at the Garden City Shopping Centre on Thursday, April 13th and Friday, April 14th.

Anyone 60 years of age or over, in North Winnipeg, the Kildonans, Elmwood

and Transcona is cordially invited to share their talents with the shoppers on the Mall.

If you sing, dance, recite, play an instrument or whatever, please contact Mrs. Bettie Boyko at the Age and Opportunity Centre - 947-1276.

Melrose Twirlers Win 42 Individual Awards

Melrose Club, the Executive and twirlers have reason to be very proud.

On February 26 at the Manitoba Community Club Baton Championships, stu-

dents from Melrose Community Club, under the direction of Janet Baril, won 42 individual awards and 6 out of 9 Group Awards.

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North Kildonan United Church marks 40th anniversary



photo by Wanda McConnell

Rev. Joe Redpath and his congregation at North Kildonan United Church will be celebrating the church's 40th anniversary next week.

By Wanda McConnell
Herald Editor

North Kildonan United Church is preparing to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The church, located at 174 Pentland St., will be welcoming back Rev. John Nesbitt, who was the minister in 1975 when the congregation began worshipping in its new church.

Nesbitt, who stayed at North Kildonan United from 1975 to 1984, will preach at a special anniversary service on Nov. 14 at 10 a.m.

On Nov. 10, members past and present, and friends will have a fun-filled evening at a dinner and dance at Gateway

Community Centre. Tickets are \$30 and are available by calling the church, 667-7408.

The church had interesting beginnings, says current interim minister Rev. Joe Redpath.

Vera Dukelow "sowed the seed" for the present-day church back in 1954, says Redpath.

Dukelow, a woman who had a strong love for children, decided North Kildonan needed a Sunday School program. Back then, families were going to John Black United Church, a few kilometres south down Henderson Highway. The trouble was, the street cars didn't come far enough north to provide transportation so getting to church was difficult for some - and besides, it was time for a

church in their own area.

Dukelow organized a group of mothers to hold Sunday school at Lord Kitchener School (now John Pritchard School), and with the support of John Black United Church and the

Winnipeg Presbytery, an informal church began to take shape.

On Nov. 22, 1959, the church was made official, and Dr. Ross Hamilton was named supervising pastor. A nucleus of 44 families formed the basis for the church. It was a community of faith that grew from the post-war baby boom and the rapid residential development of North Kildonan, says Redpath.

The congregation purchased its present land in 1961, and moved in a "portable" building for worship. Two years later, another portable building was added to accommodate the growing congregation.

A few years later, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. A.R. MacIver, work began on a building of their own. The basement of the building was dedicated in 1971, and worship was held at Maple Leaf School briefly. By 1975, the upper structure was ready for use and with his work done, MacIver

moved on and Nesbitt took over.

With the brand new church, many more families were attracted to North Kildonan and membership rose rapidly.

Although today those numbers are much smaller - about 170 families are active there - North Kildonan United continues to be a

bustling place with a thriving 30-member youth group, a strong Sunday School and a focus on inter-generational activities.

"There are many signs of strength and health here," says Redpath, who adds the church executive is now setting its sights on discovering a new direction for the next 40 years.

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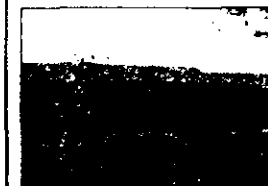
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