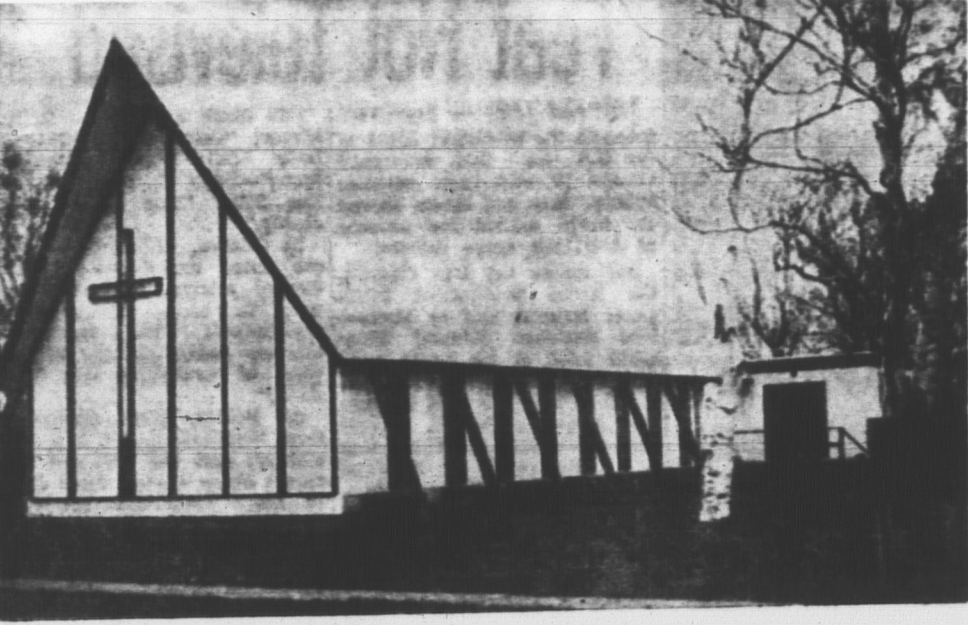


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SIX YEAR PROJECT

Spring Park Congregation Opens Church Monday

Monday's opening of the new Spring Park United Church building will be the culmination of six years' planning and activity on the part of a young congregation.

Before that, United Church members in the Spring Park area attended services at Trinity United on Prince Street and participated in church club activities there — but not much, as a 1959 congregational survey showed.

The survey indicated that the Spring Park people needed a church building of their own, subsequently a committee, headed by George Cairns, was set up to organize a Christian education centre. Rev. Robert Latimer, then assistant minister

at Trinity, was largely responsible for starting the movement. That was in the summer, and by January, 1960, a Mission Band, Men's Club and Women's Association were flourishing in the area. Earl Riggs was then chairman of the committee.

At a spring meeting, the churchmen decided to have a new hall built; the Home Missions Board agreed to provide the structure on loan for two years and pay half the salary of a minister. In September, Zorac Construction Company, Ontario, began raising a \$19,000 building of white baked aluminum. This building, finished in two months, is still standing on the corner of Kirkwood Drive and Dunkirk Street; its fate will be decided by the Home Missions Board.

FIRST SERVICE

As construction continued on the building, congregational activities speeded up. An October, 1960 newspaper clipping reports the operation of Tyro, Sigma C., Senior Choir, Explorers, CGIT, and H-C, as well as the clubs mentioned before. It also noted that 55 children were enrolled in Sunday School.

The first service in the new, A-line church, was held Oct. 30, and Sunday School began there

the same day. Rev. Anthony G. N. Ware of Bristol, England, who had been inducted as Trinity's new assistant minister in July, took charge of services, and the first organist was Leslie Hiscott.

Church furnishings and materials, such as Communion furniture, Bibles, and hymnaries, were dedicated in a service in May, 1961. These will be moved into the new church building.

Rev. Clayton C. Lewis became assistant minister of Trinity

COPPER BOX BEHIND STONE

A copper box placed behind the foundation stone in Spring Park United Church during ceremonies last month contains a copy of the church yearbook showing pictures of committee members, trustees, elders, and stewards, the May 22, 1965 issue of The Evening Patriot, a picture of Rev. Clayton Lewis turning the sod, pictures of the church itself, and several 1965 coins. The box was placed there by trustee Jack Smallwood.

Former Woodworker Heeded Church's Call

When a man has spent 12 years at his career, has his own home, and is married with a three-year-old daughter it's not easy to go back to college and turn to a completely different field.

But Spring Park Church's minister did this very thing a few years back and he says he's "never been sorry for it."

Clayton Lewis was settled in Sydney, N.S. and worked at a woodworking plant there. During his 12 years he did nearly all phases of cabinet work.

"The only thing I haven't done is glaze widow sashes," he comments.

He was an active member of the local church, teaching Sunday School and leading the Young People's group. And when the need for ministers was presented to him he considered it seriously and finally gave up everything he'd established and enrolled in a theology "short course" at Mount Allison University, Sackville.

Four other men from his home church made a similar choice at that time. One was his brother, Melburne, pastor of the Hopewell-Eureka charge in Nova Scotia. The others were Rev. Russell Burns, Montague; Rev. Ian MacDonald, Somerville, N.B.; and Gordon McDermott, West Bay, N.S.

In 1959 he graduated from Pine Hill Divinity College in Halifax and was ordained at Sackville.

A native Nova Scotian (born in Westmount, Cape Breton in 1926), Mr. Lewis spent two and a half years as minister in the North-East Harbour Charge, Shelburne County, before accepting the post of assistant minister at Trinity United here on Nov. 29, 1961.

In July, 1964, when the Spring Park congregation separated completely from Trinity he resigned from the Trinity charge and was inducted as the first minister of the new church.

CRADLE TO GRAVE
As a man who studied at university in his adult years, Mr. Lewis can speak with authority about the adult education involved in the United Church's "new curriculum" — he says "reviewed" is a better word, particularly since the program has been "taught to the clergy at least 50 years."

"We believe Christian education doesn't stop at Sunday School, but continues from the cradle to the grave," he comments. The new program involves study books and discussions that "try to reach our people at every phase." It works "from adults down rather than from children up."



REV. C. LEWIS

"I think our church today is as up to date as most churches," he says.

YOUNG CONGREGATION

Mr. Lewis speaks warmly of his congregation of about 240 Spring Park families. The congregation, typical of many in newly-developed areas in Canadian communities, is a young one, with the average age of the members much less than that found in the parent congregation of Trinity.

"They're a very willing group of people, willing to sacrifice. They've given many hours," he says of their initiative in starting their own church.

Special Services Mark Opening Week

A week of special services follows the June 7 opening of the new Spring Park United Church building. Local clergy, guest speakers, soloists and choirs will participate.

The schedule is as follows: Monday evening: Rev. Clayton Lewis, speaker. Music by Spring Park junior and senior choirs; soloist, Edgar Wright, of Trinity choir.

Tuesday: Dr. Cecil Webber, Summerside, speaker. Summer-side United Church choir; soloist, Robert Schurman, Summerside.

Wednesday: Dr. H.M. Dawe, Sackville, Home Missions Superintendent for N.B.-P.E.I., speaker. Trinity Church senior and junior choirs; solo by Mrs. David Cox. J.B. Herdman, organist.

Thursday: Special service commemorating the 40th anniversary of the founding of the United Church. Rev. John Ball, speaker. Music by Park Royal United Church choir; solo by

Mrs. Helen Wilson. Leslie Hiscott, organist.

Friday: Rev. Robert Latimer, Sackville, Christian Education Field Secretary for the Maritime Conference, speaker. Spring Park Church junior and youth choirs under the direction of Diane Rodd, director, and Mrs. Ron Atkinson, organist.

Saturday: Allison MacKinnon, Eastern Field Secretary for the United Church Men and first Sunday school superintendent of the charge, speaker. Combined male choir from Park Royal, Trinity and Spring Park churches, featuring special music by the Park Royal Male Eight, Mr. Herdman, organist. Mr. Hiscott, director.

Sunday: 11 a.m. Communion Service. Mr. Lewis, speaker. Music by Spring Park Junior and senior choirs. Evening: Dedication of the memorial gifts. Speaker: Rev. Melburne Lewis, Hopewell-Eureka charge. Music by Spring Park senior choir. Organist, Mrs. Herdman.

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Many Groups Are Active

ity. "to have special care of the Spring Park United charge" Nov. 29, 1961, and has remained minister to the Spring Park congregation ever since.

The church manse, built on Dunkirk Street between the prefabricated church and Spring Park School, was dedicated in June, 1962.

CHARTER ROLL

About a year later, a "charter roll" service marked the complete separation of the Spring Park congregation from the Trinity charge. The people were on their own, and decided to have a permanent building constructed. R.E. Younker became chairman of the general committee to look into the project and John Gilmore was chosen head of the architectural and construction committee.

Architect Keith Pickard was chosen to design the \$225,000 church-education centre, and M.F. Schurman Co Ltd was awarded the contract to build it.

Mr. Lewis turned the sod for the new building Sept. 7, 1964, and construction began. Jack Johnston was appointed chairman of the construction fund project in October.

Mrs. J.B. Herdman, L.R.A.M., whose husband is organist at Trinity, took over from Mrs. Ron Atkinson as church organist last month.

The foundation stone of the

In the short span of its life the Spring Park United Church congregation has formed numerous organizations within it self.

Clark of the session is Ewan Campbell, and Stewards' chairman is George Cairns. Fred A. Large is secretary-treasurer of the trustees and Albert Phillips is recording steward.

Ivan Doherty is president of the Men's Association, and Mrs. Ted Chandler, president of the United Church Women.

Sunday school staff includes Fulton Robertson, superintendent; Earl Riggs, assistant superintendent; Bob Maaybew, secretary; and Mrs. Frank Deacon, organist.

Leaders of the youth organizations are: Rev. Clayton Lewis, H.C.; Mrs. Lewis, CGIT; Mildred Hooper, Tyros; and Mrs. Ernie Matheson, Explorers.

new church, located on Kirkwood Drive, was laid May 23. The official opening is scheduled for Monday, June 7.

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Monday, June 7th—8 p.m.

Guest speaker: Dr. J. D. N. MacDonald (Immediate past president of the Maritime Conference)
Organist: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.
Senior & Junior Choirs Spring Park
Soloist: Mr. Edgar C. Wright.

Tuesday, June 8th—8 p.m.

Guest speaker: Dr. C. R. Webber, Trinity United Church, S' side
Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Eric Sheen
Choir: Trinity United Church, Summerside
Soloist: Mr. Robert Schurman.

Wednesday, June 9th—8 p.m.

Guest speaker: Dr. H. M. Dawe, Home Mission Supt. for N.B. and Prince Edward Island.
Organist and Choir Director: Mr. J. B. Herdman
Choir: Trinity United, Charlottetown, Senior & Junior
Soloist: Mrs. David Cox

Thursday, June 10th—8 p.m.

40th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.
Guest speaker: Rev. J. G. E. Ball, B.A.
Organist & Choir Director: Mr. Lester Hiscott
Choir: Park Royal United Church
Soloist: Miss Helen Wilson

Friday, June 11th—8 p.m.

Youth Night—
Guest speaker: Rev. R. S. Latimer, B.A., B.Ed., B.D.
Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson
Choir Director: Miss Diana Rodd
Choir: Spring Park Junior and Youth

Saturday, June 12th—8 p.m.

Laymen's Service and Family Night—
Guest speaker: Mr. Allison MacKinnon, Eastern Field Secretary for the Board of Men
Organist: Mrs. J. B. Herdman
Director: Mr. Leslie Hiscott
Combined Men's Choir of Trinity, Park Royal and Spring Park United Churches

Sunday, June 13th—11 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. C. C. Lewis
Organist: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.
Choir Director: Miss Diana Rodd
Spring Park Junior Choir
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, June 13th—7 p.m.

Guest speaker: Rev. M. R. Lewis, Hopewell, N.S.
Organist & Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman
Spring Park Senior Choir
Soloist: Mr. Roy Smallman
Dedication of Memorial Gifts