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Ebenezer Chapel Close Call- Damage from May 21 Storm

On May 21, 2022, a 'Derecho' swept across Ontario from Windsor and continued east to Quebec City. The definition of "widespread, long lived windstorm associated with a band of rapidly moving showers or thunderstorms" describes the heavy rain and wind that blew through the Ebenezer area in the early afternoon. The electrical service at Ebenezer was knocked out, either by lightning or shorted wires, but the driving rain at the same time appears to have kept damage to a minimum. The wires, sooty smoke on the brick and melted wire and conduit needed repair. The original wooden shingles on the front of the Chapel were blackened but did not catch fire.

Repairs were covered by insurance. Fred Julian once again contributed time and effort on behalf of E,TGHF co-ordinating the many phone calls involved in contacting the Insurance company, meeting the evaluators, scheduling the hydro shut off and reconnection, scaffolding being delivered and collected etc. etc. He also kept the three Sunday renters informed of the shifting

schedules over the three weeks that were unavailable due to repairs. The company doing the repairs agreed to resurface the wooden front doors while their equipment was on site. The previous peeling finish was removed and a new coating that we can maintain was completed at the expense of E,TGHF following the restoration.



Photo taken by Sunday tenant on May 22 showing the damage on the west end of Ebenezer Chapel.



Repairs done & front door refinished

THEN (1964)



AND

NOW (Google Maps @2020)



Then and Now- Toronto Gore Version

Toronto Gore has changed dramatically over the last few decades. With your help we can track some of these changes. Please send us pictures of locations in Toronto Gore as they were then so we can publish them beside photos of those locations now. Please send electronic versions of the photos to oldebenezerchapel@gmail.com or bring photos to the next AGM for scanning there. Please don't mail any original photos though.

Passages:

We join family and friends in mourning the loss of the following E,TGHF members and associates who have passed away since our last in-person meeting.

Helen Erwin (July 20, 1945 – March 3, 2020)

Mary Isabelle Carberry (nee Clark) (July 22, 1926 – July 13, 2020)

Ian Ferguson (May 9, 1944 - September 6, 2020)

Jean Julian (Feb. 13, 1933- Dec. 1, 2020)

Rev. Edward Jackman (February 20, 1940 - June 18, 2021)

Clara Isabel Risebrough nee Wiley (Apr 12 1932 - July 1, 2021)

Carol Genova (April 28, 1960 - February 24, 2022)

Trevor Price (May 13, 1922 - March 3, 2022)

William Hay (Feb. 5, 1957 – May 3, 2022)

Dr. Richard (Dick) Julian (August 17, 1929 - May 15, 2022)

David Creech (March 3, 1942 – July 23, 2022)

Olive Carrick (nee Maltby) passed away August 6, 2022 in her 98th year

We apologize for any omissions in this list. We would appreciate hearing of any omissions so we can mention them in subsequent newsletters. Please let us know by email to oldebenezerchapel@gmail.com

One last interment in the Ebenezer Cemetery September 10, 2022

A family ceremony was held in the Ebenezer Cemetery on September 10, 2022 when the ashes of Dick and Jean Julian were laid to rest in the Julian plot at Ebenezer Cemetery in accordance with their wishes. Thank you to David Fieldhouse and David, Fred, and Stephen Julian for their work in preparing the site. The interment had been unanimously approved at a meeting of the E,TGHF Directors on June 21, 2022.

A tall tree along the south fence between the Cemetery and the Plaza blew over just at the start of winter 2021. An arborist removed it before the frost left the ground in spring 2022. The fence was easily repaired since the damage to it was minor.

What is Happening at Ebenezer

In Person AGM and Membership

Dues: The 2022 AGM is scheduled for March 11, 2023 at 10:00 am and membership dues for 2023 will be due then. Any membership dues paid since the start of 2020 will be credited towards the 2023 dues.

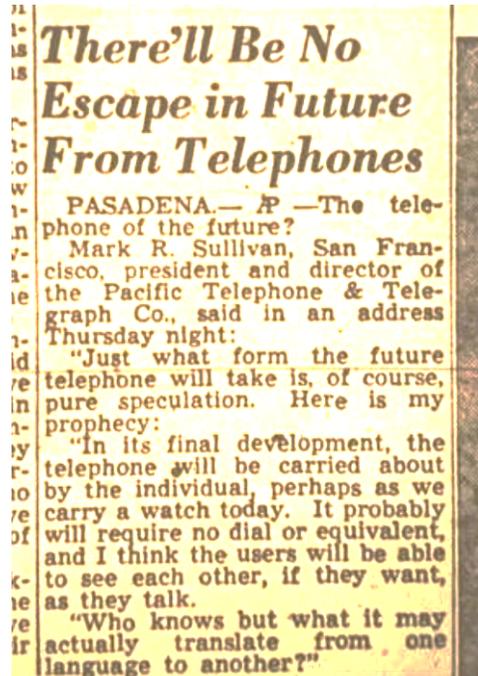
Coffee's On! At Ebenezer Chapel

Plan ahead! We are hoping a casual coffee time at Ebenezer can become a regular event.

The first such meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 am on April 24 2023 for coffee and conversation and to catch up on the latest news and reminisce with other members and friends of E,TGHF.

Ontario Historical Society

Membership (OHS): Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation is one of over 400 local historical organizations that belong under the umbrella of the Ontario Historical Society. You can find E,TGHF listed on the OHS's very informative website, <https://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca> . Also, you might enjoy browsing through past issues of their journal, **Ontario History**, which is published twice a year and which can be accessed from their website.



Tacoma News Tribune April 11, 1953

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