

E, TGHF NEWSLETTER

Official Re -Opening & 150th Anniversary Celebration

On June 1, 2008, over 100 people visited the Ebenezer Chapel site to celebrate the completion of the building's restoration and to commemorate its 150th anniversary.

The activities began with a presentation by Reverend J. William Lamb on The Beginnings of Primitive Methodism in England and Canada. This was well attended in the Alma Room. At 2:00PM the Official Opening Ceremony commenced to a standing room only crowd. Reverend Bill Sparling as master of ceremonies led the group in remembering the past history of the 150 year old chapel including spontaneous bursts of singing some well know hymns.

The stained glass windows installed at the front of the chapel, were officially received as a gift from Thistleton United Church, the Town of Brampton's Historical designation was recognized and the new basement room was officially named "Alma Room" after Alma Fieldhouse, a long-time member of the Ebenezer congregation.

The Cemetery on the site was re-dedicated and a maple tree donated by MPP ???, was planted in the cemetery by members of the Fieldhouse family to commemorate this special date.

Numerous artifacts and memorabilia of the area were on display in the Ebenezer Community Hall and many people visited this site during the day.

This was a very successful event and a great day to meet old and new friends, to share past memories and celebrate a new beginning for Ebenezer Chapel. Many, many people contributed to the success of the day and we sincerely thank everyone for their efforts. Having completed a successful restoration, paid tribute to a long and memorable past, we look forward to continuing to serve the community for many more years.

Building Rental News

During 2008 we have continued to have a tenant that rents the building for religious services each Sunday morning and evening.

Mid-year, another group rented the premises for Friday evening services and fellowship.

Friends of Clariville continue to rent the building for periodic conservation meetings, Colraine School held their annual reunion luncheon here in June??

In December the chapel was rented for the first wedding since being restored and a second wedding was performed this past January, 2009.

Activities In 2008

In addition to all the time and effort spent planning and implementing the June 1st opening events, members were active in improving the gardens and lawns. Anna Sheardown was successful in arranging with the City to deliver a load of compost and a number of perennial plants have been added to the gardens.

Thanks to Frances Johnston and Ann & Trevor Price the restored pews in the Chapel have now been repainted.

In the fall, a number of diseased trees along the west and north side of the property were removed by the City.

Reminder re: New/Renewal Memberships

Memberships are available for \$20 single/family. Send your cheque to E, TGHF 8999 The Gore Road, Brampton, ON L6P 2P7 (a tax receipt will be issued).

Upcoming Events

**February 21, 2009
Square Dance**

**March 28, 2009
Annual Meeting
(see enclosed notice)**

**April 18, 2009
Friends of Clairville
Annual walk**

**May 9, 2009
E,TGHF Fundraiser
Yard Sale**

Bring your donations of gently used items (no clothing) to the Chapel on Saturday, May 2nd.

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF

**EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL
FOUNDATION**

WILL BE HELD AT

**EBENEZER CHAPEL
8999 THE GORE ROAD AND EBENEZER ROAD
BRAMPTON, ONTARIO**

ON

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009
10:00 A.M.**