

## **History of the Riceville-Pendleton Pastoral Charge**

The Riceville-Pendleton Pastoral Charge has evolved over many years, with proud histories in both communities.

The background of the United Church of Canada is made up of several denominations and we are no different. In Riceville the first minister was a Methodist gentleman who came on horseback from West Hawkesbury in 1835, walking as much as riding the trails that served as roads. The Scotch River was used for baptizing and the Nation River was used as a travel route.

The Pendleton United Church began as a Presbyterian Church, when Henry Moffatt, in 1886, granted the parcel of land where the Church still stands, to the trustees of the congregation.

Riceville was a three point charge with Fournier and George's Lake forming the three congregations.

Pendleton and Hammond were associated and in 1914 fire destroyed the Hammond Church, records of both churches were lost. The manse in Riceville was destroyed by fire in the 1948 and again records were lost.

Mrs. Hillis, wife of the Rev. Hunter Hillis, organized the first Ladies Aid Society in Riceville in 1913 and in July 1973, charter members, Pearl Scott and Alice Gibb Scott were honoured at a celebration. Also included was Eliza Wert for her 54 years of service, she had originally been a member of Fournier church.

Pendleton joined with Riceville and George's Lake in 1945-46 and Fournier church closed. George's Lake Church closed in 1967.

In order for these charges to continue, there has been cooperation, sharing, dedication and a willingness to work together. At one time there were two services every Sunday; in 1983 it was decided that more could be accomplished with one service, alternating the location. This continues and has proved to have been a good decision.

In 1986 the Pendleton Church was raised, a foundation built and a full basement constructed and equipped, improvements were also made to the sanctuary.

Rev. Gail Christy became our Minister in 1992

In 2005 – 2006 the Faith Lift Project was undertaken resulting in the installation of an Elevator/Faith Lift in Pendleton United Church. This Project was a team effort from beginning to end and Rev. Gail was our inspiration.

And so, in small communities good things happen when people work together; not only within the church but the community and beyond, with no boundaries visible.

Submitted by Margaret Scott

## History of Ministers

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Minister Serving</b>	<b>Location</b>
1911 – 1916	Rev. Hunter Hillis	Riceville
1916 – 1920	Rev. Alex. Fokes	Riceville
1920 – 1924	Rev. H. Servage	Riceville
1924 – 1927	Rev. Hector M. Beach	Riceville
1926 - 1927	R.Dinnan	Pendleton
1928 - 1931	J.A. Macfarlane	Pendleton
1929 – 1932	Rev. G.C. Gaukrodgre	Riceville
1932	G.C. Wood (supply)	Pendleton
1933 – 1938	Rev. Gordon Fresque	Riceville
1933 - 1934	Student Supply	Pendleton
1935	W.H. LeGrow	Pendleton
1936	G.F. Dangerfield, J.L. Jobb (student supply)	Pendleton
1937 - 1938	J.L. Jobb (student supply)	Pendleton
1939	Vacant	Pendleton
1938 – 1944	Rev. Robert McCord	Riceville
1940 - 1941	F.W. Morgan (student supply)	Pendleton
1942 - 1945	Student (not named)	Pendleton
1945	Laymen and Women Miss B. Neely; Miss J. Armstrong	Riceville
1946 – 1951	Rev. Oliver R. Davison	Riceville- Pendleton
1951 – 1954	Rev. Charles Judd	Riceville- Pendleton
1954 – 1967	Rev. Alexander Fraser	Riceville- Pendleton
1967 - 1969	Mr. Gerald MacFarlane	Riceville- Pendleton
1970 - 1972	Mr. Lawrence Pushee	Riceville- Pendleton
1973	Vacant	Riceville- Pendleton
1974 – 1976	Rev. Robert Trotter	Riceville- Pendleton
1976	Rev. Arnold MacDonald(supply)	Riceville- Pendleton
1976 – 1977	Rev. John Guy	Riceville- Pendleton

1978	Mr. Douglas Throop(student); Rev. Mel Newman (Sunday Supply), Wendy Bullock (supervisor)	Riceville-Pendleton
1979	Rev. Arnold MacDonald(supply), Harold Alliston(supervisor)	Riceville-Pendleton
1979 – 1982	Rev. Elizabeth Praamsma Rev. Henry De Vries <i>(alternated services until the spring of 1984)</i>	Riceville-Pendleton
1982 - 1984	Frank Bailey (supervisor) Rev. Elizabeth Praamsma	Riceville-Pendleton
1984 – 1989	Rev. Henry De Vries	Riceville-Pendleton
1989 - 1991	Mrs. Patsy Henry ( <i>ministry studies 1991; ordained May, 1999</i> )	Riceville-Pendleton
1992 -2010	<u>Rev. Gail Christy</u>	Riceville-Pendleton
<b>2011- Present</b>	<b>Rev. Phyllis Dietrich</b>	<b>Genesis Co-operative</b>