

## **Birtle United Church celebrated the 100th of the UCC on Sunday June 8th**



Picture of the congregation for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Birtle United Church on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Service was held in the sanctuary which was the original sanctuary of Vine Street Presbyterian Church.

It has been renovated over the years but dates on that site to 188.

From L to R in Picture is Laura Falloon Gary Diamond (a past chair), Eileen Diamond (Social Outreach), Ethel Farquhar, Iris Bamford Viola Harris. Joyce Shaw, Marg Barteaux (Organist), Nancy Birch (trustee). Brenda and Ron Samchuk.

Back Row: Fred Kestirke (Chair), Eileen Kestirke (treasurer, sacrament elder, etc.) Rodney Smith (regional council lay rep) Raymond Smith and David Shaw.

## Marking a Milestone: 100 Years of the United Church of Canada submitted



Pictured left to right: Laura Falloon, Gary Dimond, Fred Kestirke, Eileen Dimond, Elaine Kestirke, Ethel, Farquhar, Rodney Smith, Iris Bamford, Raymond Smith, Viola Harris, Joyce, Shaw, David Shaw, Marj Barteaux, Nancy Birch, Brenda Samchuk, Ron Samchuk.

On June 8th, with 16 in attendance, the Birtle United Church celebrated Pentecost Sunday, which is known as the birth of the church through the Holy Spirit. We also celebrated the 100th Birthday of the United Church of Canada, which was formed on June 10, 1925. The United Church Women (UCW), their history, roles and accomplishments were acknowledged as well. Holy Communion was shared and following the service, we enjoyed birthday cake with tea and coffee and a time of visiting. Thank you to Ping for making our cake! (This service will be aired next Sunday, June 15th, on Westman Cable, North Channel 14, at 9am, 12:30pm and 7pm, thanks to the video efforts of Ron and Brenda Samchuk.)

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