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Guest Speaker Trudy Morgan-Cole at Corner Brook 80th Anniversary Celebrations | June 1-2, 2018 | Photo by Lawrence & Diane Burns | NL Adventist Communications

Corner Brook 80th Anniversary Celebrations

June 6, 2018 | By Lawrence & Diane Burns, Ministry Coordinators, Corner Brook SDA Church | NL Adventist Communications

On June 1 and 2 the Corner Brook Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated a double anniversary: eighty years in Corner Brook and thirty years at the Philip Drive location. The theme for the weekend was "All for Jesus". The church membership team-work was amazing –



from cleaning and set-up to photo assembly, music practices, and food preparation. Events began on Friday evening with 37 in attendance. Music 'n' Memories featured musicians Mike Keough, Phonse Keough, and Kevin Bennett on guitars, Jim Hunt on the accordion, with Judy Caravan and Louise Smith leading the singing. The program was interspersed with memories and greetings from former pastors Olavi & Olga Orpana, Victor & Nettie Gill, Keith & Judy Brackenbury, John & Murial Lyons, Dave & Shandra Jamieson, John & Kari Redlich, Hanan & Shelagh Merrill, Robert &



Gabriela Pohle; former conference president Pastor Dave Crook; teachers Floyd & Fern Penstock, Ed & Marion Reimche, Elsie Chhangte; and friends Judy & Cindy Webber, Wayne & Dale Duffenais. A highlight of the evening was Geraldine Hiscock, a community friend, who was a student at the school on Carmen Avenue back in the 1940's. She delighted us with snippets of history and a poem that her teacher, George Russell, wrote for her.

Left: Sabbath Worship; **Above:** Music 'n' Memories | June 1-2, 2018 | Corner Brook 80th Anniversary Celebrations | Photo by Lawrence & Diane Burns | NL Adventist Communications





"Wall of Memories" | Corner Brook 80th Anniversary Celebrations | June 1-2, 2018 | Photo by Lawrence & Diane Burns | NL Adventist Communications



Luncheon | Corner Brook 80th Anniversary Celebrations | June 1-2, 2018 | Photo by Lawrence & Diane Burns | NL Adventist Communications

Forty-nine people attended the Sabbath morning worship service which included a true children's story (as relayed from Pastor Olavi Orpana), an In Memoriam presentation honoring members who had passed away, and musical selections "In the Sweet By and By" with the musicians and "Trust in You" with Heather Perez Diaz.

Trudy Morgan-Cole was the perfect speaker for the occasion. Her message "On Giants' Shoulders", presented with zest and enthusiasm, was tailor-made for the Corner Brook church. The history of the faithful members combined with the inspiring passages in Hebrews 11 and 12 had quite an impact. Quote: "By faith Gerald Dolan and a handful of believers in Corner Brook founded a church in 1938, knowing that they could boast no fine building or no expansive congregation, but only a tiny group of people who remained faithful to God, who continued to be a light to this community as the city grew around them, who remained steadfast through the passing years, so that eighty years later their spiritual descendants could come together and worship and celebrate that heritage. So they could look back at how God had led them in the past, but also forward at what He was calling them to in the future."

The members prepared a fabulous Anniversary luncheon with enough food to feed all the giants!

Olive Hunt, the oldest attending member of the Corner Brook church was the official cake cutter. After the tasty meal a few took to the Corner Brook Trail for a lovely walk.

The Wall of Memories was a huge feature (literally!) with pictures arranged in decades, going back as far as the 1950's. There were joyful exclamations when folks recognized those they knew from years gone by.

With the June 3 picnic cancelled due to weather, the weekend wrapped up Saturday evening when 18 returned for the 80th Anniversary Bible Challenge. Lawrence Burns prepared three segments of the Challenge: Double Blanks, Unusual Bible Phrases, and Can You Picture It? The questions were given a meaningful application to our relationship with God and what

Jesus means to us. First place went to Jim Hunt, followed closely by Bill Caravan and Edgar Williams. Judy Caravan, Mike Keough, and Phonse Keough provided special music. The program ended with a final singing of the theme song "All for Jesus" followed by sweet fellowship and light refreshments.



Center Top: Cake Time Henri Serving Mike; **Center Bottom:** Walk at Margaret Bowater Park | Corner Brook 80th Anniversary Celebrations | June 1-2, 2018 | Photo by Lawrence & Diane Burns | NL Adventist Communications



Phillip Milmine (former Bay Roberts pastor), Pastor David Crook (former Bay Roberts pastor & NL Adventist President), Mayor Philip Wood (Bay Roberts), Rowena Stagg (Event Organizer) | June 3, 2018 | Photo by Pastor Eric Ollila | NL Adventist Communications

Bay Roberts Memorial Service

June 3, 2018 | NL Adventist Communications

On Sunday, June 3, 2018 the Bay Roberts Seventh-day Adventist Church held a Memorial Service, remembering former members of the church, who had died, since its inception in 1911.

Rowena Stagg organized the event and gave a warm welcome to all attendees. The main service consisted of singing memorable hymns (favourites of former members), a special musical feature by the Bay Roberts Church children. Ronald Stagg, long time member and elder of the Bay Roberts Church, offered the prayer and humoured the audience with a very personable introduction to the guest speaker, Pastor David Crook, former pastor of Bay Roberts and former conference/mission president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in NL. Pastor Crook delivered an overview of the Bay Roberts Church history and a sermon, looking to the hope of Jesus soon return.

Phillip Milmine, former Bay Roberts pastor, arranged three slide shows, one with photos of the cemetery, another of memories with names and pictures, and the third included group and less formal pictures. Smiles, fond memories, and some tears were had by the audience as a panoramic

view was presented of the former members and church throughout the years. Christine Bergen, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in NL offered a few words on behalf of the NL Mission, and thanked Rowena Stagg and the many other volunteers who made the event possible.

Afterwards, everybody went downstairs to enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Several former pastors and teachers of the Bay Roberts congregation and school attended the service. Several community members who had once known or were related to members of the Bay Roberts Church were also there, including Bay Roberts Town Mayor, Philip Wood, who had relatives that used to attend the Bay Roberts Church.

Overall the event was well attended and provided a special opportunity to remember loved ones and the many faithful who had built and established the Bay Roberts Church. It was also nice to be able to reconnect with those from the community who used to have family who attended the church.



Bay Roberts Memorial Service | June 3, 2018 | Photo by Pastor Eric Ollila | NL Adventist Communications



Botwood Seventh-day Adventist Church VOAR Benefit Concert | Photo by Ana-Maria Gascoyne | NL Adventist Communications

Botwood SDA Church's 3rd Annual Benefit Gospel Concert for VOAR

June 4, 2018 | NL Adventist Communications

The Botwood Seventh-day Adventist Church held its 3rd Annual Benefit Concert for VOAR Christian Family Radio on Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

The concert was held after the Botwood SDA Church's Friendship Supper (which is a free community meal). There were 80 attendees for the supper and about 70 stayed after for the benefit gospel concert. Over \$500 was raised for



Pastor Dishone Gillingham, Botwood | Photo by Tina Taylor | NL Adventist Communications

the station and in turn will be given during Sharathon.

VOAR Station Manager, Sherry Griffin, and VOAR Communications Director, Tina Taylor, attended the event and spent a few minutes explaining the history of VOAR, shared about current projects and developments, and provided giveaways to attendees.

The concert has been held each year, for the last three years, and includes participation and musical performances by local community members as well as Adventist and other denominations.

More Highlights from Pastor Ken & Celest Corkum's Great Controversy Tour



Canossa Castle where Pope Gregory VII made King Henry IV stand outside for 3 days, during winter, before giving audience. 1077 AD | Photo by Pastor Ken Corkum | NL Adventist Communications

Canossa-Pope vs. King

Canossa. A castle near Reggio/Emilia in N. Italy, belonging in the 11th cent. to Countess Matilda of Tuscany. In the winter of 1076–7, King Henry IV of Germany, deposed and excommunicated by Pope Gregory VII in Feb. 1076, crossed the Alps to appear as a penitent before the castle where Gregory was staying. After Henry had passed three days outside it in bitter weather, on 28 Jan. 1077 Gregory acceded to the pleas of his own followers, who included Countess Matilda and St Hugh, Abbot of Cluny, by restoring him to communion. As regards his kingship, Henry swore to abide by a Papal judgement soon to be passed. Henry was able to return to

Germany and regain some of his authority, but in Mar. 1077 the German princes anticipated Gregory's decision by electing as anti-king Duke Rudolf of Swabia. The encounter at Canossa has been regarded by most modern historians as an adroit (skillful) move by Henry, who thus divided his opponents, but traditionally in Germany it was perceived as a profound humiliation for the royal power by the Pope..." (Source: The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church)



Canossa Castle On Hill Behind Trees | Photo by Pastor Ken Corkum | NL Adventist Communications



View from top of Canossa Castle | Photo by Pastor Ken Corkum | NL Adventist Communications



Celest Corkum View From Canossa | Photo by Pastor Ken Corkum | NL Adventist Communications



Members of Singing Group "One Foundation" | Marystown, NL | Photo by Larry Penney, Jr. | NL Adventist Communications

Marystown Church Hosts Friendship Weekend

June 1-2, 2018 | NL Adventist Communications

During the weekend of June 1-2, the Marystown Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted a Friendship Weekend.

The weekend was organized by Ross Murley in coordination with Anne Gill, St. John's One Foundation singing group, and Pastor Eric Ollila's Marystown preaching schedule. Members of One Foundation include Anne Gill (leader), Angie Hodder, Sherry Cook, Rebeka Lind, Sheralyn Pearcey, Paul Veber, Sherry Griffin, Phillip Milmine, Lucy and Pastor Eric Ollila.

Friday night kicked it off with a musical concert and devotional led by One Foundation. Phillip Milmine shared the devotional which corresponded to the weekend theme. Other musical participants included Gordon and Tyler Legge and Sebastian Lind.

Sabbath, Pastor Eric delivered the worship hour message about friendship. One memorable quote stated "Friends have a subtle, but powerful influence in our lives. As Anais Nin once said "Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born." That world can be good or bad. The influence of friends is ever so subtle. They nudge you in a direction, ever so slightly. That's why its important to choose carefully, who your friends may be."

One Foundation sang a medley, arranged by Anne Gill, of All Heaven Declares-Majesty-Shine Jesus Shine. Sheralyn Pearcey, Paul Veber, Anne Gill, and Sebastian Lind shared special pieces and/or played during congregational hymns.

After the service, everyone joined together in the fellowship hall for a delicious meal, potluck style. In the afternoon, a group hiked the Chamber Cove Heritage Walk which led to the site where one of the worst sea disasters in United States naval history-the site where the 1,200-ton destroyer Truxton crashed ashore at Chamber Cove on the outer side of St. Lawrence and almost simultaneously, the 6,085-ton supply ship Pollux ran aground at Lawn Point a mile and a half westward.

The story of how the townsmen and women of St. Lawrence came to the rescue, took the sailors in, and cared for them, was awe inspiring. A fitting story for a friendship weekend.

In attendance, at the various events, included former members, friends, family and other non-Adventists who normally do not attend church. It also provided a great opportunity for friends to visit with one another and enjoy each other's company.



Afternoon Hike on Chambers Cove Heritage Walk | Near St. Lawrence, NL | Photo by Larry Penney, Jr. | NL Adventist Communications

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Tyler & Gordon Legge; Carmen Rowse; Sheralyn Pearcey & Anne Gill; Sebastian Lind; Paul Veber | Photos by Larry Penney, Jr. | NL Adventist Communications

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