



## UNITED CHURCH, 1983 MAIN STREET, FORESTER'S FALLS, ONTARIO

The first Methodist Church was built in connection with the Village of Forester's Falls, when the Village was in its infancy and in the late 1950's or early 1960's.

To begin with, the early history of this church was a branch of the former Methodist Church and this in turn originated from two branches of methodism and this was a branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A log church was built on the hill north of the Village in what is now the Forester's Falls Howard Cemetery and the cemetery was opened up when the church was first begun.

This original church was carried on until the year 1895, when a new brick church was built in the Village proper on the same location where the present United Church still stands. In 1895 it was decided that the Village would be a more suitable place for the church and also a larger church was needed.

The church and Methodist and later United Church in Beachburg were amalgamated as one charge, with the Beachburg church being the senior church and the location of the manse and residents of the minister. These two churches carried on together when it was a Methodist Church and also later when it became the United Church.

On February 8, 1912, the Trustee Board entered into an agreement with the congregation of the Ross Presbyterian Church whereby the people of the sister church who so desired were privileged to use the church for a Sunday evening and a weeknight service each week until church union.

In 1951 the basement was built under the church for a Sunday school and other activities. A gallery is built into the body of the church which would seat about 40 people when the occasion required and memorial windows were installed at the same time.

This is now the only church serving the village population.

