



Pass It On . . .

What's Happening At Little Britain United Church

September 2019

McKenzie Plot Restoration

A Celebration of the McKenzie Plot Restoration will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2019

Church Service – 10:00 am Plot Rededication – 11:00 am

There will be a gathering of the descendants of Roderick and Angelique McKenzie at Little Britain United Church on September 15, 2019 as they, along with the congregation of Little Britain meet to commemorate the restoration of the McKenzie Plot in the Church Cemetery. Roderick was at one time the Chief Trader of the Hudson Bay Company. He married Angelique Mallotte, an Indigenous woman from the old Fort William area. Together they had twelve children. Roderick and Angelique were buried in the Little Britain Church Cemetery along with two of their children Catherine and James and their daughter-in-law, Catherine. Roderick had a long and adventuresome career with the North West and Hudson Bay Companies. His sons also worked for the Hudson Bay Company and like their father traversed the vast area of what is now the Canadian West. Three of the daughters were educated at Miss Davis' School in St Andrews. In 1852 Roderick retired and settled in what he called "the civilized world of Red River". In 1851 he and Angelique buried their daughter, Catherine, in what is now Little Britain Cemetery. Roderick died in January of 1859 and Angelique died in November of the same year. His son, James, froze to death a year after his father. Archival records show that in June of 1865 the Hudson Bay Company ordered and paid for iron railings from London England. These railings still surround the gravesite to this day. Over the years the stone base of the railings which enclosed the gravesite slowly began to crumble and in order to maintain the integrity of the site, a major restoration of the base took place. McKenzie Family funding paid for the restoration.

Rev. Stan McKay will assist our Minister, Beth McLean with the rededication.

Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the rededication. To help us prepare for this event please RSVP to lbuc@mts.net or phone and leave a message at 204-757-2489 by September 3, 2019.

There will be a silver collection in the hall. Thanks to Judy Rekrut for providing the article above.

Sunday Services Resume

Regular Sunday Services resume at Little Britain United Church on September 1st. Munch and Mingle will be held in the hall directly after the service.

Come and catch up with everyone!

All are welcome.

Sunday School will begin a bit later this fall.

