



United Church Sunday School Class c 1970. Back: Diane Hyde, Brent Moore, Karen Hanna, Darwin Rintoul--Front: Janice Goertzen, Cindy Carrothers, Jennifer Lowe, Allan Lowe

invited and recognized. Numbers in the UCW have diminished over the years, but all women and men of the congregation provide support to help the UCW be a coordinating group for the stewardship and work of the church.

Over the years, Sunday School has been well attended by many children of the congregation. Many superintendents and teachers have served over the years providing the students with their guidance. As an example the teachers in 1957 were Adult class, Mrs. Rob Wallace, Seniors Glenn Morris, Intermediate Karl Jedel, Junior Girls Eleanor Routley, Junior Boys Ken Hay and Bert Schroeder, Primary Louise Stephenson, Kindergarten Dorothy Makinson, Nursery Ida McMillan and Hattie Pearson, with Superintendent Ruth Stephenson. Superintendents who have served over the past recent years are Nancy Nelson, Marjorie Hay, Sherrill Bushby, Hazel Lowe and Ruth Stephenson. Many teachers over the past years have given of their time and talents. Maud McIntyre acted as Secretary-Treasurers for over thirty years, followed by Barbara Lowe. White Gift Services conducted by the Sunday School, the Christmas program and party, helping the food bank and the Thanksgiving Harvest March have been highlights of the Sunday School life over the past number of years. At present, 1997, except for the UCW, the mid-week groups and the Sunday School are inactive.

In 1997, the 40th anniversary of the present church building, the congregation at Austin United once again are dealing with changes in the church, and as in the past are looking forward with faith to the future.



Austin United Church Sunday School Teachers in 1960. Back: Karl Jedel, Alex Beresford--Middle: Janet Jones, Hattie Pearson, Agnes Harland--Front: Marj Christoffersen, Eleanor Routley, Judy Stephenson, Dorothy Makinson, Maude McIntyre (in front)

Organizations

Austin & Area Leisure Club

submitted by Ella Jedel

The village of Austin and surrounding area realized there was a growing need in the community for a place where the aging population could spend leisure time and enjoy social, recreational and cultural activities.

In September of 1975 a group of seniors met in the Community Centre. The Austin & Area Leisure Club was organized. In a contest, the name submitted by Beulah Lowe was chosen for the Club. The first Executive was President Ernest Bagnall, Vice Ruby Wicklund, Treasurer Beulah Lowe and Secretary Myrtle Larkin.

The Club met every two weeks in the waiting room of the skating rink and enjoyed card games, carpet bowling, shuffleboard, travel slides and pot luck suppers. Exchange visits with neighboring clubs were made where fun and fellowship was enjoyed. Some members participated in organized bus tours and weekend river cruises. A New Horizon's Grant was applied for. This money was used to purchase chairs, card tables, shuffleboard, record player and stand, a piano and various games.