

THE CHAIN LAKES AND DAND SUNDAY SCHOOL HISTORY  
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At the time of the beginning of the Friends (or Quaker) Church in 1899, Sunday School was also started. This work was carried on by the Friends for over 20 years.

In 1922 a Union Sunday School was formed between Dand and Chain Lakes. This proved to be a very successful arrangement. Attendance was very good, increasing from 35 to an average of between 80 and 90.

This interest has been maintained until the present time. The list of individuals who have served is almost too numerous to record. Names of families such as Bakers, Dales, Days, Danns, Dickies, Dunnings, Godfreys, Hodgsons, Hogles, James, Suttons and Whetters come to mind as we think back over the last 65 years. However, the chief reason for the success of the Sunday School, no doubt, was the fact that the parents brought the children to Church and Sunday School, instead of sending them. A remarkable feature of the Sunday School has been the sincere devotion of the members of the senior Bible class. To them must go much of the credit for any measure of success the Sunday School has achieved.

As far as is known, two of the first superintendents were John M. Hodgson and Charlie N. James.

The Baker family (Mr. George and Misses Eliza and Susan) made a wonderful contribution to the life of the Friends' Church. It was a delightful experience to visit in their home. Their friendly and courteous manner, coupled with their Irish humor, was always evident.

In 1921, on the formation of a Union Sunday School, Mr. J. A. Dunning was appointed superintendent and W. S. Godfrey, Secretary. In 1923, on the formation of a Tuxis group, W. S. Godfrey was moved to that group and Mr. D. Hogle was appointed Secretary. On the retirement of Mr. Dunning, after many years of faithful service, Cliff Norton served in the capacity of superintendent. Mr. L. R. Hodgson and Rev. W. L. Whetter each filled this office for a number of years. Ivan Day then took over the duties of superintendent. At the present time, 1965, Victor Hodgson is superintendent. A. R. Dickie assumed the duties of secretary in 1947 and carried on for 17 years. In 1965 Mrs. W. Day and Harold Hodgson combined to take care of the secretary work.



DAND W. M. S.

Front Row: Mrs. A. Manshreck, George Weidenhamer, Mervin Agnew, Mrs. C. Agnew.  
Second Row: Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. A. Weidenhamer, Mrs. O. Wood, Mrs. G. Hodgson.  
Third Row: Mrs. E. Hodgson, Mrs. R. J. Agnew  
Fourth Row: Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Dunning, Mrs. John Agnew  
Fifth Row: Mrs. A. Whetter, Mrs. Weidenhamer, Sr., Mrs. H. Lane, Mrs. R. Weidenhamer, Mrs. I. Day, Mrs. L. Chapin, Charlie Chapin, ?, Mrs. R. More.

HISTORY OF DAND WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
Written by Mrs. W. S. Godfrey

The Dand Women's Missionary Society was organized in November, 1931 at the home of Mrs. Walter Peake. The organization was supervised by Miss Maggie White of Melgund district. Mrs. James A. Dunning was the first President, Mrs. James A. Dickie the first Treasurer, and Mrs. Lloyd Chapin (Jessie) the first Recording Secretary.

The first anniversary was held on November 17, 1932 at the home of Mrs. James Dickie. Birthday greetings were received from Lauder, Melgund and West Hall. Mrs. Harry Dann was guest speaker, and a real ceremony was made of lighting the ONE candle on the cake. The following was copied from the minutes of one meeting and is so suitable to our own needs.

Preparation for the Lord's work—A request for better work in the coming year by regular attendance, and suggesting as our motto—"Come each of us, responsible for the success of the meeting."

The second President of the Society was Mrs. James A. Dickie, the third Mrs. Annie A. Whetter and the fourth, Mrs. Ivan Day. Other ladies who became Presidents were Mrs. Victor Hodgson, Mrs. Frank Weidenhamer and Mrs. Wilfred Norton.



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Front Row: Rose Marie Beernaert, Mrs. Will Day, Mrs. A. Whetter.  
Back Row: Mrs. J. Dickie, Mrs. O. Wood, Mrs. R. More, Mrs. H. Lane, Mrs. L. Chapin, Mrs. R. Reekie, Mrs. C. Beernaert, Mrs. I. Day, Mrs. H. Johnston, Mrs. W. Norton, Mrs. R. Hodgson, Mrs. W. Godfrey, Mrs. C. Day.

On March 29, 1957 the 25th anniversary was held in the church. All of the Presidents up to date and several of the former members were privileged to attend this meeting. This also included a number of charter members.

Some items from the minutes of earlier years were:

There were several Associate members right from the beginning.

During the first year or two "Temperance Talks" were a part of nearly every program. There was a very active "Mission Circle" with a fine spirit of co-operation in all phases of their work.

The making of quilts and supply work had a large place and great concern was held for the less fortunate people of the district. At one time turns were taken in sending a loaf of bread to a needy person. There were always study groups with interesting programs.

In 1962, at the Dominion Board in Toronto, the Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Auxiliary were united under the name of United Church Women. The first president for this new organization was Mrs. Orville Agnew. The group carried on much the same, as there never had been a Women's Auxiliary. The President acts for two years, therefore, the second president was Mrs. Melville More, and the third, Mrs. C. Whetter. This is a very active group with 21 members. The programs consist of studies of all countries, Bible study and worship services. Each year a bale of clothing is sent overseas, also, one to the Manitoba Indians and Metis. Eggs are sent each summer, also, money to purchase food to the