

## Help celebrate 180th anniversary of Belfountain Church Sept. 20

Belfountain Village Church will celebrate its 180th anniversary Sept. 20.

Service starts at 9:30 a.m. with a barbecue and refreshments following.

Everyone is welcome.

Since the arrival of the first settler in 1825, Belfountain, surrounded by the scenic beauty of Caledon Hills, has become one of Ontario's offerings to the jaded spirits of its urban population. And the beautiful stone church, situated in the centre of the village at 17258 Old Main St., epitomizes the serenity to which the modern day world aspires. The stone building is an English gothic-style structure with an appended bell tower, typical of churches built during that period in the British Isles.

The actual congregation was formed in 1835 and the church existed and grew in the village for 50 years before the building was erected. It is recorded that Mrs. George Trimble (Maria Longstreet,) mother of the late J.R. Trimble and grandmother of Roy Trimble, Belfountain, and his brother John of Orangeville, was baptized in the new facility Nov. 10, 1889.

Reid Hall, the new addition, was constructed in 1985. It was architecturally designed to complement the classic style of the stone building and is a meeting place for Sunday school, Bible studies, congregation and community events. Each autumn, the Church grounds continue to provide space for a great time of fun and celebration during the annual Salamander Festival.

The Church is interdenominational. A true community church, it attracts people from many diverse backgrounds and seeks to minister to the needs of all people within the community. With a new Pastor and the foundation and vision conceived by the founders of this church so long ago, they are moving forward to offer the timeless message of God's love.