

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LITTLE BRITAIN UNITED CHURCH

1852 A log meeting house or “church” with a thatched roof is constructed on Donald Gunn’s land in what is now Lockport. It serves 14 families and has benches to accommodate 200 people.

1860’s The congregation grows and the Meeting House is fitted with a pulpit, a front porch, and new pews instead of benches.

1863 The congregation is granted a piece of land by the Hudson’s Bay Company closer to Lower Fort Garry (our present home) on which to build. A stone manse is built first, then the cemetery is opened.

1872 Construction begins on the Church, overseen by local stonemason Duncan McRae (1813-1898). An earlier start is impossible due to sickness, grasshopper infestation, and political unrest.

1874 The church is completed and named the Presbyterian Church of Little Britain. The pews, pulpit, and other furnishings are moved from the meeting house and are still in use today.

1920 The bell, tower and memorial tablet are dedicated to those who died in World War I.

1952 The old stone manse (used to this point as a hall) is demolished and a wooden-framed hall is erected on the same site.

1960 The hall is enlarged.

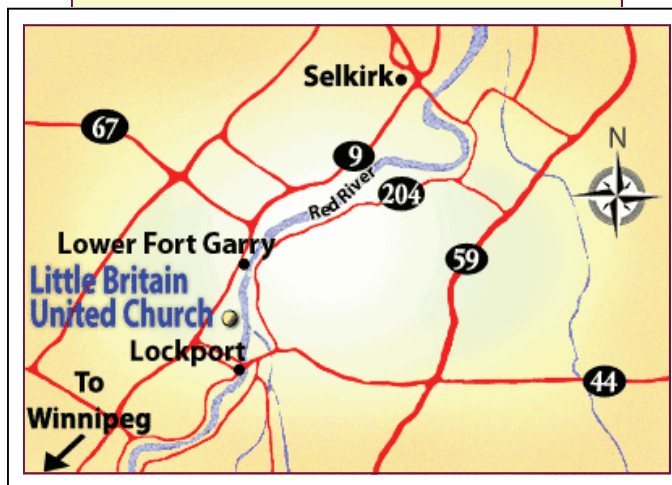
1989 Little Britain United Church is declared a provincial historic site and a major restoration is undertaken.

2002 Little Britain celebrates 150 years.

2004 The old hall is demolished and replaced with a modern, fully accessible hall.

WHY “LITTLE BRITAIN”?

- River lots on the east and west side of the Red River between Lower Fort Garry and St. Andrew’s rapids (now Lockport) were settled by mostly English, Orkney, and Scottish families and hence dubbed “Little Britain”.
- In the mid-1840’s, Little Britain became part of the newly-established Parish of St. Andrews



LITTLE BRITAIN UNITED CHURCH & HALL

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Little Britain United Church, established in 1852.

Historic Little Britain United Church is an active and welcoming faith community nestled among the oaks on the banks of the Red River.

*Please join us for worship on
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*



Little Britain United Church hall built in 2004.

The kitchen features:

- Separate outdoor entrance
- Two stoves with ovens
- Upright freezer
- One large commercial cooler



Little Britain United Church hall interior, set up for a shower.

In 2004, Little Britain United Church fulfilled a long-time dream and built a brand new, 4800 square-foot hall to replace an outdated, fifty-year old hall.

- Fridge
- Work island
- Three-sink washing area
- Bar sink

This new hall, which is available to rent, features:

- 140 person capacity
- Full accessibility for persons with disabilities
- Main floor washrooms
- Coatroom
- Green geothermal heating/cooling system, energy-efficient lighting
- Ample parking
- Three break-out rooms w/ windows
- Minister's office, administrative office, general office, Archive room
- Vaulted ceiling
- Liquor allowed with *Manitoba Liquor Control Commission (MLCC)* permit

- Retractable window to main hall
- Coffee urns, dishes, etc.



Little Britain United Church hall kitchen.

RENTAL RATES

- Main hall for 6 hours or more \$350.00
- Main hall for 6 hours or less up to \$200.00
- Damage/cleanup deposit for entire hall .. \$100.00

**Any variance from the above shall be approved by the Little Britain United Church Council.*

** Prices in effect from June 2008.*