



Preserving, promoting and developing Wellington North's unique cultural resources to build a vibrant community and a prosperous economy.

Our Cultural Moment this month celebrates the Community of Metz

Some may think the community of Metz is small, lost in time and archaic - it is anything but!!!! Many activities and events are based at St. Paul's United Church which is 1 of 5 buildings located at the corner of the 3rd Line and Sideroad 25 on the south side of the Township. The community was settled in 1864 and the name Metz was chosen by the government in 1919 when the Post Office was opened. This name was referenced to a battle in World War 1 being fought at the City of Metz in France. Along with a General Store and Post Office, there was a School, Church, Blacksmith Shop, Sawmill and an Orange Lodge. The Church, the same as it stands today was built in 1906 at a cost of \$2,600.00 with the land donated by Peter and Sarah McDougall.

Today there are many events hosted at the church with an invitation to anyone who wishes to make the trip out to the country. The most significant cultural event occurs on the last Saturday of most months (summer off and December) when there is a music night called Coffee House. A house band, called Down Home, gets together to share music and laughs. Recently the band hosted a tribute on Remembrance Day of war songs and stories which included the new Veteran's Book released on that day. In April, there is a church supper when the band again entertains people waiting to go to the basement to eat. They are sometimes reluctant to leave the music but the homemade biscuits and pies will eventually draw them to the food.

One of the most loved events is the last Saturday of September when we gather up our pumpkins, zucchini and squash, take them to Metz for our version of "Pumpkinfest". It is a great day for the family and more information will be available on this event later in the year as we work with the Cultural Roundtable and participate in Wellington North Culture Days from Sept 28th – 30th. So to the councillors and community goes the challenge to get your pumpkin plants started indoors in the next couple of months, nurture them and bring the result for the weigh in (tractor and loader is provided) and even if you are not successful, we can give you a pumpkin to test out our catapult when we good heartedly render attack on Centre Wellington! Check out St. Paul's United Church, Metz on facebook to keep informed.

