

## LIGHTS

*Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.... Gen 1:3*

In 1902, prior to the steeple being added, the annual minutes note that lights (lamps) were purchased for the church, and to this end a generous donation of \$20 was received. It is not known if there were lamps prior to this or not.

In 1916 it was moved and passed that 'chandelier lights' be accepted as a gift from the MacLean Church in Stewartdale. (Burned in 1964)



MacLean Church (1854-1964)



Chandelier Light

The MacLean Church received new lights from a wealthy member living in Boston. Needless to say, this offer met resistance among some Lake Ainslie people—"If they're not good enough for Stewartdale they're not good enough for Lake Ainslie, we don't need their charity". Fortunately they were accepted and lit the church until electric power came to Lake Ainslie in 1948 and in 1950-51 these chandeliers were removed and replaced by electric lighting. The old lamps were sold at this time, but it is not known what they looked like nor for how much they were sold.



Electric Lighting (1951-1982)

In 1982, thanks to a generous donation, four of these chandeliers were wired and electrified and returned to service. The originally chandeliers held 6 kerosene lamps each. When they were wired for electricity, many of the lamps and holders had gone missing and they could only place four lamp holders per chandelier.

Unfortunately the chandeliers were destroyed in the fire. It would be nice if even one complete chandelier could be restored, if enough parts could be found.



Chandeliers wired and returned (1982-2011)