

## *Notes from Our Past*

Alberton Church was established in 1846. As the community name Alberton had not yet come into use, the congregation was called Ancaster West.

In 1854 Alberton was linked with Ancaster East (now known as Carluke) and St. Andrew's Church in the village of Ancaster.

A year later, the Rev. John Lees was the first ordained minister called to serve this joint pastoral charge.

The first meeting place for the Alberton congregation was a simple log building. This was replaced by a frame building in about 1860 and the present brick building was erected in 1878.

For almost its entire history Alberton Church was linked with neighbouring Presbyterian congregations in order to support a minister. For most of that time Alberton was paired with St. Andrew's Church in Ancaster.

However, for the past 15 years Alberton has been on its own and leadership has been provided by Ministers who serve on a part-time basis.

The present Minister, the Rev. Dr. Robert Bernhardt, has served Alberton since 2008.

The Alberton building has been enlarged twice. The brick sanctuary, built in 1878, was enhanced in 1910 with a small addition to provide classrooms for Sunday School. Then in 1964 a larger addition that included a kitchen and a church hall was added.

In 2010 the church hall was named Johnston Hall as a memorial to the Rev. Dr. John A. Johnston who served Alberton prior to his death in 2008.

### **"Reflecting God's glory to others."**

The Alberton Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We meet for worship each Sunday at 9:30 am.

#### **Alberton Presbyterian Church**

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#### **Clerk of Session**

Mrs. Ann Lukey 905-648-1406

#### **Organist**

Mrs. Laura-Jean Falla 905-393-4221

There is no telephone listing for Alberton Church. However there is a phone in the building that is always available should a telephone be required in an emergency.

#### **Alberton Church has a website.**

Additional information about Alberton Church and various resources related to the Christian faith are available on our website.

[albertonchurch.ca](http://albertonchurch.ca)

Dr. Bernhardt welcomes inquiries about the Alberton Congregation and its programs and activities. You may contact him at:  
905-574-0096 or [bernhardt.r@gmail.com](mailto:bernhardt.r@gmail.com)

## *Introducing a special place*

# *Alberton Presbyterian Church*

*in  
Alberton, Ontario*



*(established 1846)*

**If you prefer formal worship in a cathedral setting then Alberton Church is probably not for you.**

However, if you are looking for a church home that resembles the one we are describing here, then we think that you ought to visit Alberton.

#### **What Alberton Church has to offer:**

An atmosphere that is not pretentious but cordial, personal and sincere.

A church that is not oriented toward the elite, the rich or the famous but one that ministers to ordinary people.

A place where casual dress is as acceptable as your Sunday best.

A Christian community in which you have friends and not just fellow members.

A Christian community that responds generously to the needs of others.

A small church where the mood is upbeat rather than focused on survival.

A charming brick country church that is as warm and inviting today as the day that it was built in 1878.

**Alberton Church  
is casual in style and  
overflowing with hospitality.**

#### **Alberton Church Offers**

Worship services that value the traditional without being enslaved to it.

Worship music that often includes other instruments in addition to piano & organ.

Worship services that include laughter as well as serious reflection.

Preaching that is conversational in style and hope filled in perspective.

A church where the teachings of Jesus Christ are applied to the practical realities of living in the 21st. Century.



Each Sunday worship service concludes with fellowship over tea, coffee and refreshments.

Typical worship attendance on an ordinary Sunday is about 40 adults and usually a few children.

There is a Sunday School program offered for children during the worship time.

Note: If the name "Presbyterian" on the sign conveys to you images of sternness and severity then you are in for a pleasant surprise.

**If these are qualities that  
appeal to you, we invite you  
to confirm them for yourself.**

**We are certainly not perfect  
but God has been gracious  
to us and we desire to share  
the blessings that we have  
found in Christ with those  
around us.**

#### **Visiting Alberton**

Alberton Church is situated in a tranquil country setting that is right on the edge of the city of Hamilton.

While Alberton Church is located on Alberton Road North the property extends out to Wilson Street and so our building is visible from the intersection of Wilson Street and Alberton Road.

Alberton Church is only a 20 minute drive (via the Linc and the 403) from almost anyplace on the Mountain or in the west end of the city of Hamilton.

And, Alberton is a church that will always have a parking space for you - even if you arrive late.

**Visit Alberton Church any  
Sunday at 9:30 am.**

Check our website for directions:

[albertonchurch.ca](http://albertonchurch.ca)