

PLANNING IDEAS FOR A CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Start well in advance of the date, at least 1 year.

Set up a committee to do the planning.

Select a theme.

Choose a Sunday for the special service.

Consider a candlelight service for Saturday evening.

Invite area churches, representative from the NACCC, community leaders.

Research the history of the church, write a narration of significant events, list of past ministers.

Contact the local news stations and papers. Issue a press release.

Set up display of photo albums, scrapbooks, special features of the church or historic items within the church. Be sure to identify and label photos and other items if possible.

Invite all past ministers.

Consider resigning the Covenant or Charter.

Create a "Did You Know" fact sheet from historic documents.

Designate someone to take lots of photos.

After the event, create a scrapbook of the celebration.

Other events: special choir concert, a dinner (reservations and tickets to cover cost), open house for community with historical displays, have a float in the local parade.

Squantum, MA 100th Annivesary: Each month, they posted 100 items all over the church, with each month sporting a different shape/theme

January - Snowflakes

February - Hearts

March - Shamrocks, etc.

They posted 100 of their favorite scripture passages on colorful, playful paper. The goal was to make it so that everywhere you went in the building, you would find reminders of God's promises.

In the monthly newsletter they talked about what was happening in the world and local community and church 100 years ago. Include pictures of people and places of the community, state and world.