

[Morris, Madison Co. NY]

Church Histories  
Morris  
Universalist church.

The first Universalist sermon was preached in a barn, on what was then called "Gregory Hill" before the town was divided, by the Rev. Nathaniel Stacy. It was preached in 1832. The first sermon preached in Louisville (Morris) was in the old "red school-house," by the Rev. Walter Bullard, in 1838. He afterwards preached once a month for three months. The next preaching was by T. J. Goodrich, from Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y., who preached once a month for one year. After Mr. Goodrich had finished his labors the Rev. Job Potter occasionally preached. A subscription was then started for the purpose of building a church about the year 1840, which was accomplished the next year, 1841, and the Rev. O[badiyah] Whiston preached the dedicatory sermon. The first settled pastor after the church was built was Rev. David Pickering, who remained two years. At that time a society of forty-two members was formed. Rev. Daniel S. Morey succeeded him, and from that time the society have had the labors of the following clergymen: T[homas] J. Smith, Dodge, Stewart, Bailey, Peck, Jackson, Tomlinson, Crosby, Harrington, Perkins, Williams, and L. F. Porter, who is its present pastor. The present membership is one hundred.

D. Hamilton Hurd, *The History of Otsego County, New York 1740-1878*  
Philadelphia: Everts & Fariss, 1878), p. 215

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