

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SCHUYLER LAKE, NEW YORK, DULY CALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND THE BY-LAWS OF SAID CHURCH, HELD AT THE CHURCH, SCHUYLER LAKE, NEW YORK, ON THE 7 DAY OF August 1974.

PRESENT: Ashley Strong - Trustee
Marie Strong - Trustee
~~Anita Towne - Trustee~~
Helena Johnson - Trustee and President
Lyman Wing - Trustee and Treasurer
~~Norman Russell - Trustee~~
Helen Schidzick - Trustee and Secretary
Leo Bubencik - Trustee and Vice-President.
~~Earl J. Wing - Trustee~~

Comprising more than 2/3 of the trustees of said church.

The following resolution was offered:

Exhibit B

"Whereas The First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York, is the owner of the premises situate in the Town of Exeter, County of Otsego and State of New York, described in deed dated the 8th day of December, 1960 from The National Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Albany, successors in interest of The Hartwick National Bank, to The First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York, recorded in the Otsego County Clerk's Office on the 16th day of January, 1961 at 11:10 o'clock A.M. in Liber 511 of Deeds at page 360, which premises are reasonably worth the sum of \$2,800.00; and

"Whereas the said premises are not being used for church purposes and the expense of maintaining the premises is a financial burden to the church; and

"Whereas the sale of the said premises and the monies

Exhibit B

realized therefrom will promote the purposes of the church and the interest of its members since the same can be used for the making of much needed repairs and improvements to the church building; and

"A purchase offer has been received from Marion S. Ames and Reubena E. Holland of \$2,800.00 for the said premises dated June 22, 1974;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED:

" That The First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York sell and convey the said premises for the sum of \$2,800.00 to the said Marion S. Ames and Reubena E. Holland in accordance with their purchase offer dated June 22, 1974;

"That Helena Johnson President of this Board of Trustees, be and she hereby is authorized and empowered to make application to the County Court of the County of Otsego, New York for permission to sell the said premises for the said sum and for the said purposes;

" That the said Helena Johnson be and she hereby is authorized and empowered to execute the necessary petition to the Court and all other instruments and documents and take all other actions necessary and proper including the execution of a deed in the name of the church to said purchasers, necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of said purchase offer."

Exhibit B

**The Following
Image(s) are the
Best
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BIEL'S

PURCHASE OFFER

We agree to purchase the following described property:
Real property and building known as Parish Hall at Schuyler Lake,
New York, owned by the Universalist Church for the sum of
\$2,800.00, to be paid as follows: \$200.00 upon acceptance of this
offer, and the balance in certified check or cash at closing.

Closing to be on or about July 19, 1974.

Possession to be given at date of closing.

Sale is to include all heating, lighting and plumbing
equipment and fixtures; screens, screen doors, storm windows and
storm doors, shades, awnings, blinds and all other personal
property appurtenant to the premises.

Taxes to be apportioned as of day of closing.

Seller is to give a warranty deed with lien covenant.

Seller is to provide an abstract of title prepared by a
recognized abstract company or a title abstract satisfactory to
purchaser, and tax searches, showing the premises free and clear
of all liens and encumbrances and showing marketable title, and
is to comply with requirements of law concerning sale of real
property by religious corporations.

Dated: June 22, , 1974

Maurice S. Amey

Rubena E. Holland

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER BY SELLER

(I) We hereby accept the offer above stated and agree to
sell and convey said premises for the price and on the terms and
conditions set forth above.

Dated: June 22, , 1974.

Helena W. Johnson, Pres

Helena B. Sekiguchi, Clerk

Exhibit C

THIS INDENTURE, Made the 18th. day of August Nineteen Hundred and Forty-nine;

BETWEEN FRED C. PLUMB residing at 4 Fifth Avenue, Fairport, New York, party of the first part, and THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SCHUYLER LAKE, NEW YORK, located at Schuyler Lake, Town of Exeter, Otsego County, New York, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, that the party of the first part, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00)

Biel : omit
above yellow
mark

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

I, WALTER H. WICKINS, Clerk of the County of Monroe, of the County Court of said County, and of the Supreme Court, both being Courts of Record, having a common seal, DO CERTIFY, that Kenneth H Footer before whom the annexed Oath, Affidavit, Acknowledgment purports to have been made or taken, and certified by him, was at the time of the making or taking thereof a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said State, and was duly authorized to take the same, and was authorized by the laws of this State to take and certify the acknowledgment and proof of deeds to be recorded in this State; that I am well acquainted with his handwriting and verily believe his signature thereto is genuine and that such officer is not required by law to have a seal nor is he required to have a specimen impression thereof filed or deposited in this office, or recorded, filed or deposited in any other place.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said Courts this 22d day of Aug 1949.

(SEAL)

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Walter H. Wickins Clerk

Mary M. Miller
Spl. Deputy Clerk

Recorded, examined and compared with original Aug. 23, 1949 2:25 P.M.

Robert M. Atwell, Clerk

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OTSEGO COUNTY, SS.

Recorded on the 11th day of Oct 1974 at 26 o'clock M. in Liber 26 of Co. Court Orders, at page 146
Robert M. Bennett Clerk

At a Term of the County Court of the County of Otsego, New York held at the County Office Building in the Village of Cooperstown, New York on the 26th day of August 1974.

LIBER 15 PAGE 146

P R E S E N T: JOSEPH A. MOGAVERO, JR.
Otsego County Judge

COUNTY COURT : COUNTY OF OTSEGO

In the Matter of the Application of

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF
SCHUYLER LAKE, NEW YORK,

ORDER

to sell certain of its real property.

On reading and filing the petition of the First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York, duly verified 1974 together with the exhibits annexed thereto, by which it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the interest of The First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York will be promoted by the sale of the real property hereinafter described for the sum of \$2,800.00 in accordance with a purchase offer dated June 22, 1974 of Marion S. Ames and Reubena E. Holland; and due deliberation having been had.

NOW, on motion of Van Horne, Feury & Gozigian, attorneys for said petitioner, it is

ORDERED that the First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York, a religious corporation, be and it hereby is authorized to sell the said real property for the sum of \$2,800.00; and that said sum be used in payment of repairs and

improvements of the church building at Schuyler Lake, New York;
and

LIBER 15 PAGE 147

That the following is a description of the real property
to be sold:


ALL THAT TRACT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND with the buildings
and improvements thereon situate in the Town of Exeter, County
of Otsego and State of New York, bounded and described as
follows:

All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of
Exeter, County of Otsego and State of New York, bounded on the
north by lands of the former Buillion Hotel property, now owned
by Robert Ferguson; on the East by the highway leading through
the Village of Schuyler Lake toward Oaksville; on the south and
west by lands formerly of Frederick G. Roberts, now owned by the
Estate of Miller and is the store property owned by Henry W.
Dyer at the time of his death, situate on the westerly side of
the highway aforesaid, and includes all said store property and
additions with the use in common with the owners of the Washburn
property aforesaid of the driveway on the northerly side of said
store.

Being the same premises conveyed by The National Commercial
Bank and Trust Company of Albany successors in interest to The
Hartwick National Bank to First Universalist Church of Schuyler
Lake by deed dated December 8, 1960 and recorded in the Otsego
County Clerk's Office January 16, 1961 in Liber 511 of Deeds at
page 360.

DATED: *August 26*, 1974.

ENTER:


Joseph A. Mogavero, Jr.
Otsego County Judge

COUNTY COURT : COUNTY OF OTSEGO

In the Matter of the Application of :

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF :
SCHUYLER LAKE, NEW YORK,

to sell certain of its real property. :

To the County Court of the County of Otsego, New York:

The petition of The First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York, respectfully shows to this Court and, alleges:

(1) That the name of the corporation and the law under or by which it was incorporated are:

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SCHUYLER LAKE, NEW YORK; incorporated pursuant Article 10 of the Religious Corporations of the State of New York; certificate filed in the Otsego County Clerk's Office February 1, 1954.

(2) That the names of its trustees and principal officers and their places of residence are:

Nemes and residences	Office
Ashley Strong Schuyler Lake, New York	Trustee
Marie Strong Schuyler Lake, New York	Trustee
Anita Towne Schuyler Lake, New York	Trustee

Earl J. Wing
Schuyler Lake, New York

Trustee

Helena Johnson
Schuyler Lake, New York

Trustee and President

Lyman Wing
Richfield Springs, R.D.
New York

Trustee and Treasurer

Norman Russell
1050 Manas Drive
Schnectady, New York
12303

Trustee

Helen Schidzick
Schuyler Lake, New York

Trustee and Secretary

Leo Bubencik
Schuyler Lake, New York

Trustee and Vice-President

(3) That the activities of the corporation are the conducting of religious services at Schuyler Lake, New York, in accordance with the doctrines of the Universalist Church.

(4) That a description of the real property to be sold is contained in Exhibit A annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

(5) That the consideration to be received is the sum of \$2,800.00, which will be used for the making of much needed repairs and improvements to petitioner's Church Building; and a dissolution of the corporation is not contemplated thereafter.

(6) That the consideration and the terms of the sale are fair and reasonable to the corporation; and the purposes of the corporation and the interests of its members will

be promoted by the sale proposed since the premises to be sold are not being used for church purposes and the expenses of maintaining the property is a financial burden to the Church.

(7) That the sale proposed has been authorized by vote of the trustees in accordance with law, at a meeting duly called and held, as shown in Exhibit B annexed hereto and made a part hereof, in which is set forth a copy of the resolution granting such authority with a statement of the vote thereon.

(8) That annexed hereto and make a part hereof is is a copy of the purchase offer and acceptance in connection with the proposed sale, and marked Exhibit C.

(9) That petitioner has its office and principal place for carrying out the purposes for which it was incorporated at Schuyler Lake, in the Town of Exeter, County of Otsego and State of New York.

(10) That no previous application has been made for the relief herein asked.

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully asks for an order granting permission to sell in accordance with the provisions of said purchase offer and acceptance; and for such other and further relief as may be equitable and just in the premises.

Dated: ^{Aug.} ~~July~~ 8, 1974. The First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York,

by Helen A. Johnson
President

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 :
COUNTY OF OTSEGO) ss:

Helena Johnson, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
That she is the president of the Board of Trustees of the
First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York, the pe-
titioner above named; that petitioner is a domestic corporation
organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of
New York; that she has read the foregoing petition and knows the
contents thereof; that the same is true to the knowledge of
deponent except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged
on information and belief; and that as to those matters she
believes it to be true.

Helena W. Johnson
Helena Johnson

Sworn to before me this

8th day of Aug., 1974.

Theodore Feury
Notary Public, Otsego County

The said resolution was duly seconded.

The following was the vote thereon:

Infavor 8
Opposed none

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Helen Schidzick
Helen Schidzick, Secretary

I, Helen Schidzick, Secretary of The First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes of the aforesaid meeting and of the resolution passed at such meeting and that there were present at such meeting the trustees named in said resolution, being more than 2/3 of the trustees of The First Universalist Church of Schuyler Lake, New York; and that said church has no seal.

Dated: Aug. 8, 1974.

Helen Schidzick
Helen Schidzick, Secretary

Exhibit B

This Indenture,

Made the 8th day of December
Nineteen Hundred and Sixty;

Between THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY OF
ALBANY, successors in interest to THE HARTWICK NATIONAL
BANK, a national banking association, organized under the laws
of the United States of America, with principal office at 60 State
Street, Albany, New York,

part y of the first part, and
FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SCHUYLER LAKE, Town
of Exeter, County of Otsego and State of New York,

Witnesseth that the part y of the first part, in consideration of
part y of the second part,

ONE Dollar (\$ 1.00***)
lawful money of the United States, and other good and lawful consideration
paid by the part y of the second part, do es hereby grant and release unto the
part y of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, all

that tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of Exeter, County of Otsego,
and State of New York, bounded and described in deed given by Burton Johnson,
Referee, to The Hartwick National Bank, dated August 7, 1956, and recorded in
the Otsego County Clerk's office August 7, 1956, in Liber 473 of Deeds at page
189, as follows:

"All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of Exeter, County of
Otsego and State of New York, bounded on the north by lands of the former Bullion
Hotel property, now owned by ^{Robert Ferguson} Erdie Washburn; on the East by the highway leading
through the Village of Schuyler Lake toward Oaksville; on the south and west by
lands formerly of Frederick G. Roberts, now owned by Miller, and is the store
property owned by Henry W. Dyer at the time of his death, situate on the westerly
side of the highway aforesaid, and includes all said store property and additions
with the use in common with the owners of the Washburn property aforesaid of the
driveway on the northerly side of said store."

"Being the same property as described in Warranty Deed, dated January 30th,
1923 from Eva A. Dyer, H. Lysle Dyer and Lulu E. Dyer to George M. Flansburgh
and recorded in Otsego County Clerk's office on the 21st day of February, 1923

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in Book No. 320 of Deeds, at Page 488."

"George M. Flansburg, died, testate, on the 19th day of December, 1937, Inez F. Flansburg and Marshall S. Flansburg, being the only heirs-at-law and next-of-kin."

Exhibit A

Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the part y of the first part in and to said premises,

To have and to hold the premises herein granted unto the part y of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the part y of the first part has hereunto set its hand and seal the day and year first above written.

In Presence of

The National Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Albany

by Clyde L. Beak Vice President



Exhibit A

State of New York } On this day of
County of } ss. Nineteen Hundred and
before me, the subscriber, personally appeared

to me personally known and known to me to be the same person described in and
who executed the within Instrument, and he acknowledged
to me that he executed the same.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF OTSEGO
VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN

SS:

On this ^{21st}~~8th~~ day of December, 1960, before me personally came

CLYDE S. BECKER, to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn did
depose and say that he resides in Cooperstown, New York, that he is the Vice
President of The National Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Albany, the
corporation described in and which executed the above Instrument; that he knows
the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Instrument is such
corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said
corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

Clara J. Maiten

Notary Public-County of Otsego
My commission expires 3/30/61



NATIONAL COMMERCIAL
& TRUST COMPANY OF
ALBANY

TO

ST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF
HUTLER LAKE

Dated, December 8th, 1960

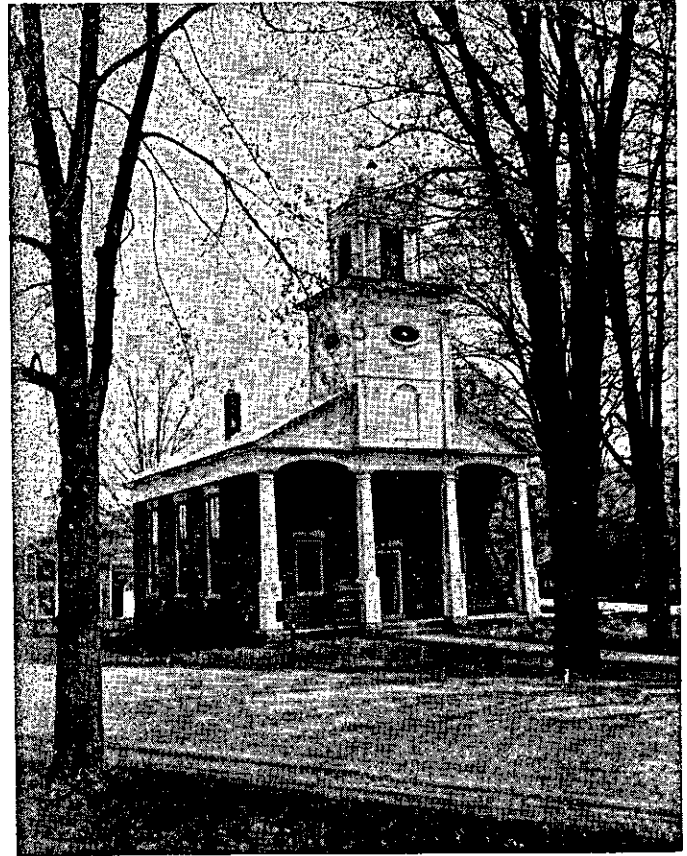
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The Universalist Church

Schuyler Lake, New York



1839-40

HELEN B. SCHIDZICK

1917; Charles Kramer 1917-1924; George Boorn 1924-1929; Lewis Lowry 1929-1931; W. H. Skeels 1931-1933; Fred C. Leining 1933-1936; Charles Wyman 1936-1939; Howard Gilman 1939-1947; Harold Haynes 1947-1949; Charles Thomas and Ralph Schmidt (served as supplies) 1949-1951; Stanley Stall 1951-1955; George Boorn 1957-1959; Wm. Lorne Bebee 1960; John Edwin Price 1961-1962; Robert Sterling 1963-1967; Charles O. Barber 1967-1972; Lyman Achenbach 1972—.

There are no records of how or when the Universalist faith first became an influence in Schuyler Lake and vicinity. In 1805 a Universalist Church was organized in nearby Fly Creek therefore Universalism might have been preached here at about that time. It is a matter of record that Universalists, Free-Will Baptists and Methodists formed a Union Society and adopted a constitution on Dec. 17, 1838. The first trustees of the Union Society were Calvin Underwood and Alvin Barrus for the Universalists, Nathaniel Mott, Chauncey Judd and Henry Firman for the Free-Will Baptists and David Stewart and John Chappel for the Methodists.

George Herkimer, Calvin Underwood, Joseph Tunnicliff, Amos Fitch and Nathaniel Mott were selected as a building committee to erect a church. George Herkimer was the architect and it was to his memory that the Ganowauges Chapter of the D. A. R. at Richfield Springs placed a New York State Historical marker in front of the church near Route 28 in 1936.

The plot of land for the building was given by Volney Plumb but no land deed was recorded until the summer of 1949 when Fred Plumb, of Canadagua, a direct descendant of the donor, gave a deed to the First Universalist Church. It was through the efforts of

Marguerite Bliss, Ashley Strong and Attorney Orange Van Horne that this deed was received and recorded in the Otsego County Court House, Cooperstown, New York.

The building committee decided upon a stone structure 32 ft. by 46 ft. Field stone from local quarries was used and the flooring was of wide pine planks. In a remodeling process it was discovered that the church had a "floating floor" which is completely free from the sides of the building and put together with wooden pegs.

The stately white pillars and dome reflect the influence of the Late Federal-Early Greek Revival style of architecture. The cost was \$4,000 and those frontier people must have made many a sacrifice to build this beautiful church.

In the early days the pews faced the entrance with a gallery in three sides. The pulpit stood between the two front doors; later it was moved to the rear and the choir occupied the gallery.

The church was dedicated March 5, 1840 and Elder Job Potter offered a dedication sermon for the Universalists. Elder William Hunt spoke for the Free-Will Baptists and Elder Wright for the Methodists. The follow-

their services as they had previously when the deed was recorded.

A Youth Fellowship, organized in 1948, under the guidance of Mrs. Ashley Strong, gave the young people of the community a program of study and recreation. The group disanded in 1962.

For many years a parish hall had been needed and in 1961 the Universalist Church had the opportunity to assume ownership of the building erected in 1825 and known for many years as the Flansburg store. Members and friends gave generously of their time and money in cleaning and repairing the building which is now known as the Universalist Parish Hall and is an attractive asset to the community.

In 1964 the Exeter Historical Society was given permission to use the church balcony to display its collection of albums, books, maps, pictures, papers, tools, utensils, dishes, glassware, clothing and bric-a-brac.

This church never had a resident pastor but depended on ministers from nearby churches. The following ministers have served: R. S. Ward 1878-1902; Charles Vail 1902-1906; Ralph E. Horn 1906-1907; Frank C. Hokerk 1907-1912; Lewis A. Robinson 1912-

Betts Memorial Universalist Church in Syracuse, gave the centennial sermon, "In Memory of the Day".

In 1949 new hymnals, "Hymns of The Spirit" were dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Angie Jones, who had freely given of her talents and served as church organist for many years

In 1950 the wide plank floors were re-finished and the natural beauty of the wood made the floors an added attraction to the church. Mrs. Orange Van Horne presented a runner for the center aisle. In 1954 the State Superintendent of Universalist Churches advised the Rev. Stanley Stall that art glass windows and oak pews in a disbanded church would be available if the local church wished to accept them. A dedication service was held November 14, 1954 and the Rev. Howard Gilman delivered the sermon. Windows were later selected as memorials for Nellie Southworth, Eliza Underwood, the Rev. George Boorn and Marguerite Bliss. The Miller-Strong, Baker-Jones, Randall-Flansburg and Wing families are also honored with window name plates.

Through the efforts of the Rev. Stanley Stall the church was incorporated in 1953 and the law firm of Van Horne and Feury gave

ing order of service was agreed upon: Universalists held service the first Sunday in the month, Free-Will Baptists were given the second and fourth. The Methodists were assigned the third Sunday and the occasional fifth Sunday was reserved for the members of the Christian Church. According the tradition, "It was enjoined upon members to be kind and obliging to each other and thus promote the spirit of goodwill".

In 1874 a Universalist Society was founded by the Rev. C. D. Wait, the minister of the Cooperstown and Fly Creek Universalist Churches. The First Universalist Church was established in 1876 by the Rev. T. D. Cook. The six members who united with the church at that time were Miranda Clark, Angeline Baker, Mary Downs, Elizabeth Brown, Grace Taylor and Ira Phinney. Early ministers of the church included Job Potter, J. H. Tuttle, J. H. Sage, A. Perkins and a Mr. Clark.

In 1880 the Methodists withdrew to build a church of their own. The Free-Will Baptists later disbanded and the Universalists have maintained the church ever since.

A bell installed in 1893, weighing 616 pounds, was purchased for the church, then the Union Church, by John F. Gray. It was brought from the depot in Richfield Springs by

H. J. Baker and placed in the belfry by Lucius Veber on January 7 and rung for the first time for a Christian Union meeting.

The Rev. Samuel R. Ward who was the minister of the Richfield Springs Universalist Church also served the Schuyler Lake congregation for many years. As a result of "special services" conducted by him (he would not call it a revival) during the winter of 1895 fifty three people united with the church the following spring.

A ladies Aid Society was organized in 1870 and according to the records men were admitted as members and officers. The first officers were Mrs. H. J. Baker, president; Mrs. N. R. Baker, vice-president; C. P. Bates, secretary and Mr. N. R. Baker, treasurer. In 1947 the Ladies' Aid became affiliated with the Association of Universalist Women. Interest was raised from local concerns to include the Clara Barton Camp for diabetic girls and the Dr. Eliot P. Joslin Camp for diabetic boys as well as the Jordan Neighborhood House for underprivileged negro children and a Japanese project. In 1961, after the merger with the Unitarian Church, the women's society became the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation.

During the ministry of Rev. Frank O.

Hokerk, in 1911, the gallery was made into a Sunday School room and kitchen. A large double door was opened into the sanctuary and the two old doors were closed. The hard uncomfortable pews were replaced by opera chairs, a new carpet was laid and the interior painted and decorated.

The history of the Old Stone Church would not be complete without mention of the outstanding church school which was attended by children of all faiths. It was organized in 1895 by Anson Johnson who was superintendent until 1905. Miss Mary Pratt became superintendent in 1906 and continued until her death in 1919 when Mrs. Nellie Southworth succeeded and served until 1933 when Mrs. Carl Wing assumed that post. Upon Mrs. Wing's resignation in 1950 Mrs. Ashley Strong took charge until she resigned in 1962. Charles Buell was superintendent for about one year when the school was discontinued.

The centennial year was observed June 9, 1940 with appropriate ceremonies in connection with the annual session of the Otsego Association of Universalists. All Universalist Churches in Otsego County joined the pilgrimage to Schuyler Lake for the occasion. Miss Dorothy Wing read a history of the church giving the highlights of the past one hundred years. Rev. Ellsworth Reamon, minister of the

Old Stone Church



built 1839-40

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
SCHUYLER LAKE

summer services - 1989

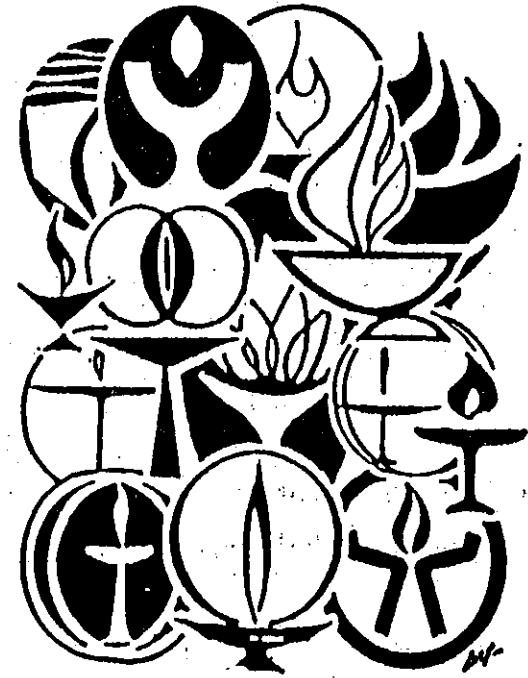
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- July 9 Rev. Elizabeth Strong
"Original Blessing:
Deja Vu Universalism"
- July 23 Rev. Randy Lehman-Becker
"Spirituality: What It Is
and Who Needs It"
- Aug. 6 Rev. Katherine Lehman-Becker
"Biblical Sources of
Feminism"
- Aug. 20 Rev. Mark Allstrom
"The Best Gifts"
- Easter - October 15 Rev. John Young
Regular Services

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Schuyler Lake is north of
Cooperstown on Rt. 28

special services sponsored in part
by the New York State Convention
of Universalists



ORDER OF SERVICE

July 9, 1989
Schuyler Lake, N.Y.
OLD STONE CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE

July 9, 1989

Prelude

Opening Words

Hymn of Celebration

Spoken Meditation
Silent Meditation

Responsive Reading

Hymn

Readings

Sermon

ORIGINAL BLESSING: DEJA VU UNIVERSALISM

The Rev. Elizabeth M. Strong

Offertory

Hymn

Closing Words

Postlude

Organist: Ella Carr
Minister: Elizabeth M. Strong

WE REJOICE

Let us rejoice in the light of day, in the glory and warmth of the sun,
in the reawakening of life to duty and labor;

WE REJOICE IN THE LIGHT OF DAY.

In the quiet night, with its rest from toil and its revelation of worlds
beyond the dark;

WE REJOICE IN THE PEACE OF NIGHT.

In the earth with its hills and valleys, its widespread fields of grain, its
fruits, and hidden treasures;

WE REJOICE IN THE BEAUTY OF EARTH.

In the sea, changeless and yet forever changing, the ancient source of
renewing life;

WE REJOICE IN THE EVERLASTING SEA.

We rejoice in the strength to win our daily bread, and in our quiet
homes, hallowed by love, where we find refuge from the cold and
storm;

WE REJOICE IN THE SHELTER OF HOME.

In the love of fathers and mothers, who have nurtured our lives, with
whose blessing we have gone forth to our own work in the world;

WE REJOICE IN THE LOVE OF PARENTS.

In the children who bless our homes, whose eager minds and hearts
are the promise of tomorrow;

WE REJOICE IN OUR CHILDREN.

In friends who share our sorrows and our joys, in the fullness of the
abundant life, in the serenity of old age, and the peace which comes
at the last:

WE REJOICE AND WILL REJOICE FOREVERMORE.

—A New Prayer Book (Adapted)



UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

SCHUYLER LAKE, NEW YORK

**FORMER UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
SCHUYLER LAKE, OTSEGO COUNTY, NY**