

Universalist Church of Frankfort

The first Universalist society of Frankfort and German Flatts was organized in 1838. The constituent members were Isaac Piper, Matthew Steele, J. D. D. Hale, Caleb Budlong, William T. Sheldon, B. Dygert and Amasa Mann.

Dolphus Skinner was pastor from the time of organization till 1850. He was followed by Richard Eddy, then by Josiah Bartlett in 1851, D. C. O'Daniels in 1854, T.[Theodore] D. Cook in 1857, and Daniel Ballou from 1865 to 1866. The society was then supplied till 1868, when W. H. Grigsby became pastor. He was succeeded in 1871 by C. C. Richardson, and he in 1873 by D. Ballou, the present pastor.

This society has adopted the plan of paying its pastor each Sunday before he leaves the church, and thus no debts are incurred.

From 1838 till 1844 meetings were held in Masonic Hall. During the last named year the present church edifice was erected at a cost of \$1,650. It has had only ordinary repairs. Its present value is estimated at \$2,500. The present membership is sixty-two. The Sunday-school of this society was organized in 1850 with Lucas Hagar as superintendent, and forty scholars. The present superintendent is Walter Derrel, and the present number of scholars forty.

Frederick W. Beers, *History of Herkimer County* (New York: 1879) p. 139