

Universalist Church

The Universalists of this village, like their Catholic and Baptist brethren, worshipped in an out-of-town church in their early days. The Universalist church at Mohawk was erected in 1852 and the members from Herkimer journeyed there to worship for a number of years. (P.12)

It is of interest to note that the first Universalist organization in this county assembled in the town of German Flats [Flatts] in the year 1829, and included the names of a number of well-known men at that time.

In the year 1882 the Universalist Church of Herkimer organized and held its first meeting in the court-house. Shortly thereafter the present church building was erected and with subsequent improvements represents a cost of \$15,000. When the present church was dedicated about 50 names were enrolled upon its records as members. Pastors of the Universalist church: J. J. Brayton, 1882-1884; G. W. Powell, 1884-1886; J. J. Hill for a few months; J. D. Corby, 1887-1891; C. G. Fisher, 1891-1894; B. B. Gibbs, 1894-1898; J. W. Carter, 1898-1901; E. V. Stevens, 1901.

At the present time the church contains a membership of 175 with 60 Sunday School scholars. The Universalist church in the United States has a membership of 55,831 with 977 churches and 720 ministers. (P.13)

Col. John W. Vrooman, "Address on the Churches of Herkimer," in *Centennial Celebration of the Village of Herkimer 1807-1907* (6-8 Aug 1907)

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