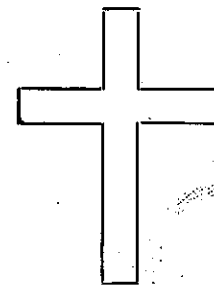


THE ANNIVERSARY  
of  
*Ninety Years Forward*  
of  
ST. PAUL'S  
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
LITTLE FALLS, N. Y.

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November 7th and 9th, 1941.



1851-1941

Through donations, robes were bought and the senior choir now will always have a source of new members.

To show that they are an active organization, on October 16, 1941, the Senior Choir elected a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, and a librarian. Their first project is a drive for new members. They are planning to produce a play or a musical program for the annual fair. Consideration has been given to building a stage, buying a ping pong table, and helping the Junior Choir make a shuffleboard.

An enthusiastic group of young people such as this should be an inspiration to any church and it should be the goal of the church members to keep them enthusiastic, for some day they will be the leaders in the church.

—MRS. MARY RIEMANN

#### THE JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir was organized in 1939 by Mrs. Edith B. Woodruff, our St. Paul's organist. At the present time we have 14 members and are gradually increasing. Through the help of some of the organizations and especially the Sunday School, we received our choir robes. Our rehearsals are held at 6:30 p. m. every Thursday evening. The choir is gradually becoming a success and the credit can be given to Mrs. Woodruff for her fine leadership in the two years which we have been organized.

—MISS GLADYS JOHNSON

#### MEMORIAL ORGAN CHIMES

Our parish was honored this past year with the gift of organ chimes by Mrs. J. R. Newell. Given in memory of Jerome R. Newell, Perry S. Newell, and Alma Newell Van Vechten, they serve greatly in enriching our worship service and we are grateful to Mrs. Newell in so remembering us.

### Tribute and Dedication

To the pioneering spirit and the heroism of all Universalist men and women, both of this church and of the Universalist Church, who answered the call of our great faith and labored zealously that the light of its message and the meaning of its mission might be envisioned by their fellowmen, we pay a lasting tribute;

and

To the memory of the late Ida Uhle Shaut who was devoted to this church and who so generously shared of her earthly possessions that this church might continue to live and with greater strength proclaim its gospel, this booklet is gratefully dedicated.

## **The Universalist Profession of Faith and The Bond of Fellowship**

We believe in:

The Universal Fatherhood of God.

The Spiritual Authority and Leadership of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The trustworthiness of the Bible as containing a revelation from God.

The certainty of just retribution for sin.

The final harmony of all souls with God.

The bond of fellowship in this Convention shall be a common purpose to do the will of God as Jesus revealed it and to co-operate in establishing the Kingdom for which he lived and died.

To that end we avow our faith in God as Eternal and All-Conquering Love, in the spiritual leadership of Jesus, in the supreme worth of every human personality, in the authority of truth known or to be known, and in the power of men of goodwill and sacrificial spirit to overcome all evil and progressively establish the kingdom of God.

### **ST. PAUL'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR**

The St. Paul's Young People's Choir began during the pastorate of the Rev. Truman Menadue. The church had been without a paid choir for sometime, when several of the very young ladies of the church decided to add their voices on Sunday morning. At first they sat in the front pew and sang lustily, until one day they were recognized and allowed to fulfill their heart's desires, to sit in the choir loft.

The second step, in the forming of what we have as a choir today, was the fact that people began to take an interest in this group. Several boys were asked to join and the organist, Mrs. Edith B. Woodruff, offered to give one night a week to rehearsals. So it was that this group of young people graduated from singing hymns to singing simple anthems from a small paper covered Methodist hymn book. Later regular anthem books were donated by interested members of the church and a number of books were bought by the choir themselves.

These young people were not satisfied with just singing; they wanted to appear as other choirs and so decided to buy robes or the material to make robes. After a series of plays, dishwashing, etc., enough material was bought to make robes for the girls in the choir and it was decided that the boys would wear the robes formerly worn by the quartet. The ladies of the church all co-operated and soon the robes were finished. The Sunday the choir first wore their robes was a day of great rejoicing for it started a tradition which they hope will be carried on. A picture was taken that Easter, by Mr. Bucklin, and to members of the church, who have one, it will always serve as a reminder of a group of young people who have contributed something beautiful to their church service.

This young people's choir has contributed other things, not only music, to its church and community. It was the start of the Midnight Christmas Service, and also the annual carol singing which in itself has given comfort to many. Annually a trip was made to the "Old Ladies' Home" in Mohawk at which time, young voices cheered old hearts. Not only work but many social times are had by this group and you always find them ready to give their services in anything from singing a cantata or difficult anthem, to serving suppers and pouring coffee. The result has been greater companionship and better Christian fellowship.

Always wide-awake the choir brought home from a convention the idea of the processional and recessional in the Sunday service. It was something new to them, but now has become an established custom. Some can still remember coming up the stairs in back of the organ.

Many of the members of the original choir have married or gone away to school, so that last year a Junior Choir was formed.

with our meetings twice a month with an attendance varying from fifteen to twenty-five.

The most recent project that we have done, is the purchasing of the new center cluster of lanterns for our church, given in memory of all the departed members of our class. At our last meeting, the class voted to follow their meetings with a Bible Study Class with Mr. Gilman as our leader.

—MRS. EDNA RUBY

### MARY WASHINGTON CLUB

The Mary Washington Club was organized in May 1931 by Mrs. T. J. Menadue and Mrs. Fred Gibbs. The Club was named after Mary Washington the mother of George Washington, it being her 200th Birthday Anniversary and at the same time very near Mother's Day.

The membership was limited to 16 and new members invited to join so that now we have 16 members. Each year new officers are elected. The first president was Mrs. Fred Gibbs.

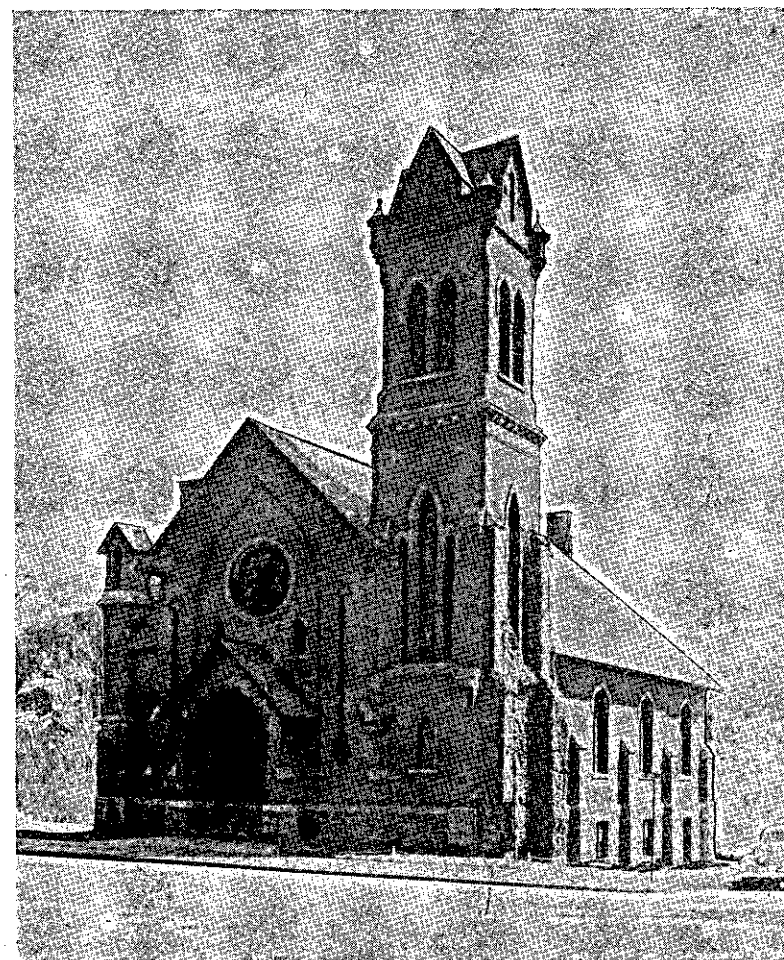
The purpose of our Club is to earn money for the Church and each year to make as large a pledge as we possibly can. Up until 1938 and 39 we pledged \$75 a year and after that \$100 a year. Our work consists of food sales, rummage sales, cafeterias, the sale of clothes pins and magazine subscriptions through the Curtiss Publications, etc. Our average for the year is usually around \$150 for the Church. This last year we gave a small donation to the undernourished Children's Camp at Fourth Lake under the supervision of Miss Nellie Barber. The past year we have been doing Red Cross work under the supervision of Mrs. Rosalyn Ricer and Mrs. Gladys Nieple. Our club may unite with the other organizations of the Church under the United Ladies' Organizations.

—MRS. FRANCES WATERS

### THE GIRLS' CLUB

The Girls' Club, under the able leadership of Miss Catherine Waters, is the result of her efforts with these girls when they were a Sunday School class. The club was organized around 1928 for the purpose of keeping these young women active in the church program. The group performs a most helpful service in the local parish by constantly replenishing the kitchen with utensils and other needed articles. At least once a year the club sends a box of clothing and useful personal things to help the work of Dr. Skeels in Rocky Mount, N. C.

The group meets once a month to enjoy a social and educational program under its leader. This year, the girls have assisted in purchasing the material for new curtains and hangings for the chancel of the church.



**ST. PAUL'S UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**

Little Falls, N. Y.

Built in 1867-68

## Your Pastor's Message

November 1, 1941

DEAR FRIENDS:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to render my personal greetings and congratulations on this, your Ninetieth Anniversary of the organization of this parish. I am grateful that it has been my privilege to be your pastor during the year that commemorates this glorious event. In every sense of the word, it has been a most eventful year. You have responded worthily to the Forward Together Program of our General Superintendent and to the Ten Percent Advance of our State Convention. Perceptible gains have been made in growth and interest in our church. There are still greater opportunities ahead. I believe that we have increased our service to the larger work of the Universalist Church and that is as it should be.

Through the generosity of the late Mrs. Ida Uhle Shaut, we have been able to put our house in order. This has been with a feeling that our benefactress would heartily approve of the work that has been done. The rebuilding of our organ, the much-needed repairs to the sexton's home, the redecoration of the Shaut Memorial Parsonage, and, perhaps what has inspired us most, the redecoration of our church building to enrich our worship together, were greatly needed. I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Board of Trustees and to the men and women who have labored that this work might be completed. To those who gave of their time and effort to clean and beautify our church parlors, I extend my heartfelt thanks. The result is a tribute to their efforts.

The New York State Convention of Universalist Churches will ever be a memorable occasion in our history, but the successful planning and working out of the many details, that is necessary in entertaining so many guests, must be accredited to the untiring loyalty of all those from whom I requested leadership and help. I am deeply grateful to them.

This month we pause to remember, to reread the record of the pioneers and laborers in our faith, to study together about the life of John Murray and other leaders in our past history, and it is all worth knowing and we are thrilled. But, this is not a stopping-place; we have reached no culmination in our faith. The spirit calls us ever forward to new duties, to great tasks, and to an ever-increasing faith. It is with this thought that I pray that this year is not just an anniversary, but the Anniversary of Ninety Years Forward—Forward in thought, in word, and in deed, for the Faith of the Universalist Church.

Again my sincere congratulation and gratitude to you and may God's blessing rest upon you.

Sincerely,

HOWARD B. GILMAN

The by-laws stated: "The object or purpose of this society is to unite the ladies interested in this church, in order that they may become better acquainted with each other, and to advance the cause of the church in every possible way."

In the following years this has been accomplished to the best of the women's skill and ability, pledging substantial sums to the Trustees toward church support, and donating to many of the general Universalist projects, also to all special drives and to all church appeals outside of their pledge. In fact, these women have been called the "backbone" of the church, because of their readiness to give and serve and co-operate.

As the ministers have come and gone, the Ladies' Aid has sponsored all ordinations, all welcoming and farewell receptions. One of the notable farewells was given July 9th, 1924, for the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Cary, who, with their family, left St. Paul's Church to work as missionaries in Japan. They had won a large place in the hearts of the parish people, also in the hearts of Little Falls people and were sent away reluctantly, everyone wishing them Godspeed in their new adventure, assuring them that their thoughts and prayers would follow them always.

One of the outstanding acts done by the Aid is the sending of flowers to people in time of death and in illness, also to shut-ins. These silent tributes of affection and sympathy speak for themselves.

This society had a meagre beginning but through the years has gained momentum with a glorious history. They have been true to "The Faith of Their Fathers."

—MRS. J. R. NEWELL

## THE CLASS OF THE FRIENDLY HEART

The Class of the Friendly Heart was organized by the Rev. Maude Lyon Cary, our aim being to do kindly acts whenever called upon. The class met regularly during the Sunday School hour as well as on week-days. We send flowers to the sick and bereaved, and food and clothing to the needy. When the Carys lived in the old parsonage, the class purchased the lighting fixtures for the house. On one occasion it supplied the funds to remodel the furnace, and for several years took care of the cost of repairing the organ. Money has been contributed to buy choir robes, paint the floor in the Sunday School rooms, to pay part of the cost of the kitchen stove, along with help to many of the missionary projects of the Universalist Church.

We have earned these funds for this work by food sales, coin cards, selling candy and popcorn balls, tying off quilts, class collections and various other ways. Many of our faithful members have passed from this earth but we are still carrying on

## THE MAUDE LYON CARY CIRCLE OF UNIVERSALIST WOMEN

It has been said, that a genuine Christian is fully possessed of a missionary spirit; if not, he is not a Christian. In the beginning all of the ladies of our church met together and worked for the good of the local parish. This continued until in 1894 a Mrs. C. A. Quimby, President of the National Missionary Society, came here to assist in the formation of a Mission Circle, but did not meet with very good success at first. She came again in 1895 and this resulted in the permanent organization of a missionary group which has lived and served ever since. Through these years it has met its quotas and financial obligations in the larger work of the Universalist Church. Much has been done for our projects in Japan, sacrificing the Cary family and giving generously to promote their efforts there. Contributions have gone to Southern Work, the Clara Barton Diabetic Camp, and other social service projects. These women have also aided home missionary work within the community.

At present the organization has about 25 active members and 10 inactive members. Meetings are held once a month, usually with a speaker. The great event during the year's work is the Annual Birthday Party from which the greater part of its income is derived. One cafeteria luncheon is served during the year and money is raised by the sale of Christmas cards.

Missionary and social service work is a profession of faith in the statement: "Without vision, the people perish." Believing this, in June 1941, the name of this organization was changed in memory of the late Mrs. Maude Cary to the Maude Lyon Cary Circle of Universalist Women and, in the spirit of her consecrated life, long may it live.

—MRS. GEORGE EYSAMAN

## LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The first information that we have about a woman's society of St. Paul's Universalist Church was back in 1863 when the records show that at that time the Universalist people had decided and agreed to build a church and \$10,000 must be raised to cover the cost. The list was headed by the "Ladies' Social Circle" with a pledge of \$1000. The list of membership at that time contained the names of six persons.

The first work in which they engaged was piecing and quilting bedding. Their number gradually increased, as they met from week to week, house to house, doing whatever their hands could find to do. In 1882 the name of Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Universalist Church was adopted with a membership of 31, male and female. This group eventually became a woman's organization.

## Officers and Organizations

### THE CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Howard B. Gilman

### DEACONS

Mr. John I. Zoller                      Mr. George Eysaman  
Mr. George Bellinger                Mr. George Boyle  
Clerk: Mr. Robert Stewart            Treasurer: Mr. George Eysaman  
Organist: Mrs. Edith B. Woodruff

### MUSIC COMMITTEE

Mrs. J. R. Newell                      Mr. George Bellinger

### COMMUNION SERVICE

Mr. John I. Zoller                      Mrs. Carrie Baker

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. George Evans, chairman          Miss Leta Seeber  
Mrs. Arline Humphreys                Mr. Frank Wilcox  
Mr. Cleveland Stahl                    Mr. Byron Waters  
Sexton: Mr. Harry Crocker

### LADIES' AID

President, Mrs. A. L. Billings          Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Stewart  
Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Newell          Treasurer, Mrs. George Dale  
Flower Fund, Mrs. Cleveland Stahl

### MAUDE LYON CARY CIRCLE OF UNIVERSALIST WOMEN

President, Mrs. J. R. Newell          Vice-President, Miss Catherine Waters  
Secretary, Mrs. George Eysaman      Treasurer, Mrs. John I. Zoller  
Collector, Mrs. Joseph O'Hara

### CLASS OF THE FRIENDLY HEART

President, Mrs. George Evans          Vice-President, Mrs. Carrie Baker  
Secretary, Mrs. Harry Ruby            Treasurer, Miss Leta Seeber

### MARY WASHINGTON CLUB

President, Mrs. George Jones          Vice-President, Mrs. Grace Amacher  
Secretary, Mrs. Frances Waters        Treasurer, Mrs. Gladys Niepel

### GIRLS' CLUB

Leader, Miss Catherine Waters

### SENIOR CHOIR

President, Mrs. Mary Riemann          Vice-President, Miss Eleanor Roberts  
Sec-Treas., Mr. Robert Stewart        Director, Mrs. Edith B. Woodruff

### JUNIOR CHOIR

Director, Mrs. Edith B. Woodruff

### THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Acting Superintendent—Rev. Howard B. Gilman  
Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. A. L. Billings  
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Mary Riemann  
Teachers—Miss Anna Mae Kane, Miss Eleanor Roberts, Mr. John I. Zoller  
Superintendent of the Cradle Roll—Mrs. Fred Gibbs

## *The Anniversary Program*

### FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 7, 1941

6:30 P. M. Supper.

Toastmaster: Mr. George W. Boyle

Greetings from the past ministers of the parish. (Anniversary speakers)

Mr. John I. Zoller, "The Story of St. Paul's Church."

Dr. Clarence R. Skinner, "The Life of John Murray, His Influence and the Significance of His Message."

Dr. Skinner is the Dean of Tufts College School of Religion, the author of "Human Nature and the Nature of Evil," and co-author of "Hell's Ramparts Fell," a biography of John Murray.

### SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1941

11:00 A. M. Worship Service.

Sermon: "Our Work, We Leave to Thee, Unfinished."

Memorial Communion Service.

### SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9, 1941

7:30 P. M. Anniversary Worship Service.

Anthems by the Choir:

"Praise, Ye, the Father"

Gounod

"Great Is Thy Love"

Bohm

Sermon by Dr. Robert Cummins, the General Superintendent of the Universalist Churches.

50. Rev. Dr. John Murray Atwood was reelected president of the convention.

The closing banquet was held in Hotel Snyder, Thursday evening, Oct. 9, and was attended by over 230. Rev. Dr. Seth Rogers Brooks, former local pastor, now of the National Memorial Universalist Church, Washington, D. C., delivered an inspiring address.

—JOHN I. ZOLLER

### THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Interestingly enough, the Church School is a year older than the church organization. It was organized in July, 1850, with an attendance the first Sunday of seven, and increasing to fourteen the next Sunday, though it did not continue to increase in the same ratio. There is no doubt that many of the following years were periods of struggle. In April of 1866 we discover that the teachers and officers completed an organization and adopted a constitution and by-laws.

As the Sunday School grew, it took on many responsibilities of raising funds to equip the vestry. A Sunday School exhibition in 1868 netted over \$100. In the period of the eighties, the church school membership was about 100 with an average attendance of about 70. It would seem as we look back over the records that the Sunday School has been most active in planning many events that we discover fundamental to the social and religious life of its pupils and teachers. The value and importance of Sunday School training was certainly not overlooked and the outstanding leaders of the church gave it their deepest concern.

Some years ago the Sunday School was made a part of the Church, that is, administratively and financially. Two years ago the teachers and pastor took this matter up with the Trustees. The Church School had no treasury of their own which many times presented a problem. The Sunday School had no organization of its own. As a result the Church School teachers met and organized themselves and introduced the envelope system to all the Church School pupils, and in this way endeavored to move ahead pretty much on their own. This change proved worthwhile and the income was more than sufficient to purchase religious materials and supplies for all classes. Our pupils responded generously which attests to the fact that the Church School was able to buy enough choir robes to vest the Junior Choir, though it depleted their treasury.

Today our Church School numbers around fifty. It is not large to be sure. A vital part of it, are its teachers who are sincerely trying to do their best to train the members of the future church in the faith of liberal religion.

took place December 1-3. Mr. Gilman preached his first sermon as pastor at the 11 a. m. service, December 5. Attendance at Sunday School that day was 35 and in church, 117. Mrs. Frank M. Simpson officiated at the organ in the absence of Mrs. Woodruff.

Mr. Gilman early introduced processional and recessional marching by both the young people and the Junior Choirs. For several years on Wednesday evenings in Lent, following a covered dish supper, he gave illustrated lectures, using Dr. Potterton's slides.

On the evening of October 14, 1938, a delayed reception was tendered the pastor. The general public was invited. Mr. Gilman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilman of Salem, Mass., were present. Nine clergymen came, including Dr. Leining from Syracuse and ministers from Little Falls, Dolgeville, Herkimer, Utica and Fort Plain.

Mr. Gilman's father died suddenly on April 4, 1939.

During this pastorate, two legacies were received by the church. Under the will of Mrs. L. L. Brainard, who was the daughter of a prominent early Universalist of the Mohawk Valley, J. W. Cronkrite, the church received a one-third interest in her residuary estate, amounting to more than \$3500.00.

Mrs. B. J. Shaut, who had been a life-time attendant at the church, died October 11, 1939. Under her will, her home, 95 West Gansevoort St., was given to the church and, in addition, personal property, amounting to more than \$33,000, being one-third of the residuary estate. The pastor and his mother moved into the Shaut home, December 23, 1939.

The first installment of the Shaut legacy (\$10,000) was received by the trustees of the Church early in 1941. This was used in improving and repairing the church property as follows: Shaut Memorial parsonage \$1500; Church Organ \$1800; Sexton's house, \$300; church auditorium, front doors, vestibule and vestry \$2000; stained glass windows \$400. The indebtedness of the parish, amounting to three thousand dollars, was paid in full.

The N. Y. State Convention of Universalists held its 116th annual convention in St. Paul's Universalist Church, Little Falls, N. Y., October 6-9, 1941. Attendance at the first meeting, Monday evening, was 175. A drama, "Twentieth Century Lullaby," was presented by Syracuse young people. At the S. S. banquet Tuesday evening, over 90 were present and \$240 pledged. At the Wednesday evening service, with occasional sermon by Rev. Max A. Kopp and communion conducted by Rev. H. B. Gilman and Rev. C. A. Moulton, assisted by four deacons of the local church, 300 people were present. The business meetings were uniformly well attended. The ministers' meeting and luncheon were held in the Methodist Church and were attended by over

## Activities for the Month of November

- Monday, Nov. 3—Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5 p. m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 4—Meeting of the Mary Washington Club at 6:30 p. m. in the church.
- Thursday, Nov. 6—Choir rehearsal and Hallowe'en party at the church.
- Friday, Nov. 7—Meeting of the Ladies' Aid at 3 p. m.; Anniversary Program with supper at 6:30 p. m. and speakers. Program enclosed.
- Sunday, Nov. 9—Morning worship and Communion Service. Anniversary Program with worship service at 7:30 p. m. and preacher. Program enclosed.
- Monday, Nov. 10—Meeting of the Class of the Friendly Heart at 6:30 p. m. Bible Study Class at 8 p. m. at the church.
- Thursday, Nov. 13—Meeting of the Maude Lyon Cary Circle of Universalist Women at 3 p. m.
- Monday, Nov. 17—Meeting of the Girls' Club at 6:30 p. m.
- Thursday, Nov. 20—Thanksgiving Day. Union Service in the Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a. m.
- Friday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Nov. 23—Sessions of the Young People's Christian Union of New York State at Middleport, N. Y.
- Sunday, Nov. 23—Laymen's Sunday. Speaker to be announced.
- Tuesday, Nov. 25—Opening day of the Annual Christmas Fair.
- Wednesday, Nov. 26—Christmas Fair.
- Thursday, Nov. 27—Christmas Fair.

## REMEMBER!

The Mohawk Valley Association of Universalist Churches will commemorate the Bi-Centennial of John Murray's birth in our church on December 10th, 1941. Remember this date.

## CONGRATULATIONS

And best wishes to Mr. Lewis W. Zoller and Alice P. King, married by the pastor on October 25, 1941.

## IN MEMORIAM

Helen Ward Ricer



## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The small settlement at Little Falls was destroyed by the Tories and Indians in June, 1782, and the place was not re-settled until 1790. In September, 1770, John Murray, the future apostle of Universalism had arrived in America at Cranberry Inlet on the New Jersey coast. In 1811, Little Falls was incorporated as a village and it was apparently too busy in rebuilding and growing, to pay much attention to the new faith of the Larger Hope.

However, Universalist services were being held in Eaton's Bush (Eatonville) in 1814, and at some time about 1815, Hosea Ballou of Mass. preached in Eaton's Bush. About 1818, Dolphus Skinner, another famous early church father, began occasional ministrations there, which continued many years. A new church was dedicated in 1844 in Eaton's Bush, in which the Universalists had a half-interest, the remaining half being divided between the Baptists and Methodists. Eaton's Bush had a flourishing church society and held fairly regular services and entertained meetings of the Western Association until about 1865, when the little hamlet began to decay. The N. Y. State Convention of Universalists was organized at Eaton's Bush in June, 1825.

Meanwhile, more or less of the spirit of religious liberalism was overflowing from Eaton's Bush and infiltrating into Little Falls, only 3 miles south. Occasionally, a preacher who conducted service at Eaton's Bush in the morning, preached or lectured in Little Falls in the evening. Sometimes Little Falls' families drove to Eaton's Bush, to attend the meetings. Among these families was that of L. O. Gay, father of Lucy Gay, later Mrs. J. H. Bucklin.

The Rev. George B. Lisher lived in Little Falls from 1823 to 1825 preaching occasionally and publishing the "Gospel Inquirer," a small paper appearing alternate Saturdays. In 1825 this paper probably was merged with the "Universalist," published in Utica and afterwards in Philadelphia. The Western Association meeting at Fly Creek, June 4 and 5, 1823, received requests from newly formed societies in Little Falls and Salisbury, to be received into fellowship with the Association and voted to grant the requests. However, the local society did not flourish long, for it appeared that Mr. Lisher's personal conduct at times was such as to bring him into great disfavor with the Universalists. In 1827, the village was re-incorporated as the village of Rockton. There is no record of meetings held after 1825, until 1830, when signs of life again appeared and several services were conducted by itinerant preachers. Possibly, services would have been more frequent if more preachers had been available. The Evangelical Magazine and Gospel Advocate, published at Utica, complained frequently—"many calls for supplies have had to be denied, because there are none to send in response."

at Eaton's Bush at which time Dr. J. M. Atwood and Dr. J. S. Lowe were the speakers. The occasion was the 100th anniversary of the New York State Convention. During Mr. Brooks' pastorate two women were elected as trustees. Mrs. Margaret Watts and Mrs. John I. Zoller were the first women in the parish to hold that office, and when they retired all debts of the parish had been paid.

Rev. Lewis R. Lowry began his pastorate November 4, 1928. Mr. Lowry distributed printed programs and announcements in the pews each Sunday morning.

Rev. Trueman J. Menadue's pastorate began auspiciously on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1931. He preached at 10:30 a. m. to a capacity congregation on "What Does Easter Mean to You?" Mr. Menadue was ordained and installed at a memorable service held on the evening of April 27, 1931. Rev. Seth R. Brooks of Malden, Mass., preached the sermon. Dr. J. M. Atwood, Dr. Fred C. Leining and neighboring pastors—Rev. W. H. Skeels, of Herkimer, Rev. C. A. Moulton of Dolgeville and Rev. Rufus H. Dix of Fort Plain assisted in the service. Hon. Owen D. Young was an interested spectator. During Mr. Menadue's pastorate the excellent quartette (probably best in the city), which had served the congregation long and faithfully, was displaced by a young people's choir under the leadership of Mrs. Harriman and later of Mrs. Woodruff.

The Central-Mohawk Association of Universalists with other liberals met in Little Falls June 9, 1936. Rev. Geo. H. Thorburn of Herkimer, gave the secretary's report. Following reports by the parishes, cafeteria lunch was served in the vestry. Afternoon speakers were: Rev. Robert D. Killam of Utica, Rev. Tunis Prins of Herkimer Reformed Church, Dr. Leining and others. Following the banquet at 6:30 p. m., Rev. Dr. John Van Schaick, editor of the Christian Leader, acted as toastmaster.

Dr. S. D. Butler gave an address and Rev. T. J. Menadue read a memorial tribute to the consecrated loyalty of the late Dr. H. M. Cary.

John Taylor Menadue, son of the pastor, was born in Little Falls Hospital, January 10, 1937. A very busy day for Father Menadue. On Saturday night, January 9, he had a wedding; Sunday at 8:38 a. m. his son was born; at 11 a. m. he preached at the church service, and Sunday afternoon he conducted a funeral. During this pastorate, Mrs. Menadue arranged a meeting of young women at her home and organized the "Mary Washington Club."

In 1937 Mr. Menadue accepted a call to the Universalist Church in Franklin, Mass.

Rev. Howard Burbank Gilman, of Salem, Mass., arrived December 1, 1937, and assisted in the annual church fair, which

Rev. Rubens Rea Hadley became pastor in 1912. Mr. Hadley reorganized the Sunday School, forming a Sunday School Board to have entire control of the school; the superintendent and the board to be elected by the parish at the regular annual meetings.

Rev. George A. Gay preached his first sermons as pastor at the morning and evening services of January 18, 1914. His formal installation occurred April 28, 1914, and was a notable event; Abram Zoller extended welcome from the church. Mayor Frank Shall from the city, Rev. Mr. Cooper of the Baptist Church from the churches; Rev. Geo. D. Walker gave the charge to the pastor, Rev. C. E. Bingham to the people and the sermon was preached by Dr. Frank Oliver Hall of New York City. During the summer of 1914, Mr. Gay with an elaborate dedicatory service first occupied the new pulpit which was a gift of Mrs. Jacob Zoller. At a quarterly parish meeting held on the evening of November 11, 1914, occurred the burning of the mortgage on the church property held by "Aunty" Houghton (Mrs. S. K.) during her life time and for which she left a satisfaction to the church after her demise. On Sunday, August 20, 1916, about 30 men of the class made an automobile excursion around the "Great Horn" to Spy Lake where a picnic beefsteak dinner was enjoyed at the Gay Camp. The Spy Lake excursion was repeated August 12, 1917. Mr. Gay instituted the budget and every member canvass system in our parish. The first every member canvass was held Sunday, March 14, 1915.

Rev. Henry M. Cary preached his first sermon as pastor January 20, 1918; no church services were held during the first two Sundays of 1918 on account of the general coal shortage; the Sunday School services were held as usual. The able preaching of Mr. Cary attracted large congregations. Mrs. Cary was also a trained preacher and was ordained while resident in Little Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Cary were interested in missions and put on many special Japan and Home mission programs and pageants. They were ably assisted in the pageants by Miss Lynda Billings. Mrs. Cary founded the "Class of the Friendly Heart," a thriving class of women in the S. S. For three weeks in October, 1918, all churches and schools of the city were closed on account of the influenza epidemic. During the spring of 1920 a new cement floor and new heater were installed in the Sunday School room and the room was redecorated. On Thursday, July 10, 1924, the Cary family started in an automobile for the Pacific Coast, where they embarked for Japan. At Tokyo Mr. Cary assumed charge of the Universalist Japanese Mission.

On September 7, 1924, Rev. Seth R. Brooks preached his first sermon as pastor. Mr. Brooks was ordained and installed Friday evening, November 14, 1924. In 1925 the church was redecorated and a new carpet laid. In 1925 a mass meeting was held at the Rialto Theatre. The late Dr. Frederick Betts and Mr. Owen D. Young were the principal speakers. Also a meeting was held

The ministers covered as wide a field as possible; hardly any of them were "settled." On Sundays and often on week-days, they were holding services in schoolhouses, public halls and sometimes in an "Orthodox" church. Undoubtedly the poverty of the societies had something to do with this itineracy of the clergy, yet it served to spread Universalism, at the same time, denying to any place, the amount desired.

Hungry Universalist souls in Little Falls were made glad by an occasional spiritual repast; and with that they were often obliged to be content for months at a time.

In the "Magazine and Advocate" of September 5, 1835, is the item that "Rev. Dan Tenny, late of Little Falls has left for Ohio." Possibly Mr. Tenny was a resident pastor here in the early 1830's. In 1836, preaching became less frequent here and after that year the voice of the Universalist preacher was not heard in the village for a long time.

However, the spark of Universalism was not entirely dead, for in 1842 N. M. Ransom and 8 others clubbed together to hire Rev. Dolphus Skinner and Rev. A. B. Grosh, to preach alternately once in two weeks. The first sermon was preached by Dolphus Skinner, Oct. 2, 1842, in the old stone schoolhouse, corner of Church and School Streets. At first the use of the school was refused. Before the next service, permission was obtained to use the old octagon church, which stood on the site of the present Church Street School. A little later, when Washington Hall, located on the west side of South Ann Street, near the railroad, was completed, the meetings were transferred to that place. Mr. Ransom's dwelling stood on West Mill Street, the site of the present grist mill. It was headquarters for the ministers and the choir rehearsed there before going to the service. The music was furnished by a little old fashioned melodeon (new then), shaped like a long, narrow box, which was carried about and when in use, was placed on a table. The first organist was little Lucy Gay, about 9 years old, and so small she had to stand on a stool to reach the melodeon. She continued as organist until 1873.

The inspiring preaching of Skinner and Grosh aroused great interest and in 1843, a meeting was called for the purpose of organizing, but without result. Then came a period of supply preachers: Anderson Hicks, Hathaway, J. H. Tuttle and J. M. Austin. On September 27, 1846, Father Skinner, as he was called, who had been refused use of the old stone school in 1842, came at the invitation of the school trustees to dedicate a new schoolhouse on the south side of the river. The honor conferred upon him indicated the gain he had made as a man and a preacher in the respect of the villagers.

In 1848 Rev. J. H. Harter became the first settled Universalist pastor in Little Falls. In February, 1849, the Mohawk Association of Universalists met here for the first time. The meetings were

held in the Baptist Church. In 1849 Temperance Hall was completed and the second floor was occupied by the Universalists on Sundays until our brick church was built. Under leadership of Rev. J. H. Harter on May 3, 1851, a permanent organization of the First Universalist Society of Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, was effected and a board of nine trustees elected as follows:

One Year—M. M. Ransom, A. Zoller, C. Benedict.

Two Years—L. O. Gay, J. R. Chapman, O. Angel.

Three Years—W. B. Houghton, L. W. Gray, A. Fuller.

On May 5th, M. M. Ransom, Charles Lewis and J. H. Harter appeared before H. Thompson, Justice of the Peace, and executed a certificate of incorporation, which was filed in the County Clerk's office on the next day.

About ten days later Rev. J. H. Harter resigned. T. J. Whitcomb was engaged in September, 1851, to preach on alternate Sundays. He received the amount of the year's subscription, \$110 or \$115, and was to be entitled to a donation. Rev. G. W. Skinner became pastor in 1854 at a salary of \$6 per Sunday for two discourses.

Rev. B. B. Halleck, 1856.

Rev. J. R. Sage, 1859.

Rev. Mr. Sage resigned in 1862 and enlisted in the Civil War.

Rev. A. Peck, 1862.

Rev. Orello Cone, 1863.

Dr. Cone later became foremost scholar in Universalist fellowship, and one of the leading New Testament scholars of his time. On October 10, 1863, Mr. Cone effected a church organization and at a meeting in Temperance Hall 33 were received into fellowship by Rev. Dolphus Skinner.

November 1, 1865, a lot was purchased on the corner of Mary and Albany Streets for which \$3000 was paid. In 1867 Charles Benedict, B. K. Houghton and James H. Bucklin were appointed a building committee. The Committee was given emphatic instructions not to let the cost exceed \$10,000. When actually completed the church cost nearly double that sum, including \$2000 given by the General Convention. In accordance with the agreement made with the General Convention when it gave the \$2000 toward the church, the parish began immediately to pay its annual quota. The corner stone was laid August 1, 1867. Rev. Orello Cone had resigned in August, 1865.

Rev. A. Tibbetts, 1866.

Rev. L. Helmer, 1867.

Rev. George P. Hibbard, 1871.

Rev. H. D. L. Webster, 1873.

Rev. H. A. Hannaford, 1875.

Rev. E. F. Pember, 1877.

Rev. Selden Gilbert, 1881.

The free pew system with envelopes was adopted at the suggestion of Mr. Pember during his pastorate. A pipe organ was installed in 1873. In May, 1884, the number of trustees was reduced to six.

Rev. R. E. Sykes began in 1885 one of the longest and pleasantest pastorates the parish has known. In 1892 he started a mission movement at Dolgeville; and later built the First Universalist Church of Dolgeville which was dedicated in May, 1895.

Rev. V. E. Tomlinson came in May, 1895. The Parsonage was built in 1896 at a cost of \$2,625 for the lot and \$5,400 for the house. In June, 1899, Miss M. E. Tillotson of Cazenovia, N. Y., made the parish a gift of \$1000. This became the Tillotson Fund and was invested in a mortgage on the church. J. I. Zoller was elected trustee of the Fund. Dr. Tomlinson instituted the practice that trustees of the church should not succeed themselves. Mr. Tomlinson, like Mr. Sykes, filled a large place in the life of the community.

Rev. Herbert E. Benton came as pastor in September, 1900. The semi-centennial of the parish was celebrated in 1901 and a history of the parish was published. During the pastorate of Messrs. Tomlinson and Benton the Sunday School thrived more than at any other time during the history of the parish. At the regular session on Sundays from 12 to 1 p. m. the vestry was crowded with many large classes of boys of all ages as well as many girls' classes.

Rev. Julian S. Cutler became pastor in 1904. A new communion table was provided by the Tillotson Fund at a cost of \$217.50.

Rev. W. Harris Skeels, 1908. During the pastorate of Mr. Skeels a new pipe organ was installed in the front of the church. The old organ was removed and the choir loft in the rear was converted into a seating gallery. The church auditorium and the S. S. Room were renovated and redecorated and a new cork floor covering placed in the S. S. Room. Mrs. Skeels reorganized the Women's Mission Circle. The New York State Convention of Universalists met in Little Falls during the first week in October, 1910. The weather turned very warm so that the people almost suffocated although the windows were all open. At this convention J. I. Zoller was elected State Treasurer and Mr. Skeels was appointed to the office of State Superintendent of Churches. Mr. Skeels assumed his new duties on January 1, 1911.

Rev. George Delbert Walker became pastor in 1911. Mr. Walker organized among the boys of the Sunday School the first troop of Boy Scouts in the city. Mr. Walker's pastorate lasted about a year. He succeeded Mr. Skeels as New York State Superintendent of Churches and Mr. Skeels became General Secretary of the denomination, succeeding Dr. I. M. Atwood.

We are a church where persons of various backgrounds and beliefs may share freely in fellowship, worship and service.

This church seeks to express the widest range of the religious imagination and to apply it to the human problems of today's world, believing that the first concern of religion is human welfare in body, mind and spirit.

All are welcome in this church, without distinction of race, class, sex, or creed. All activities are aimed toward the application of the best that all faiths and all knowledge have to offer toward a more fruitful and more abundant life for everyone everywhere.

Dr. Mark Allstrom  
Minister

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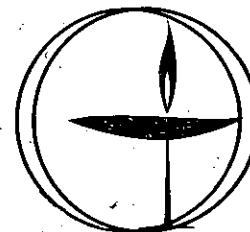
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UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

LITTLE FALLS, NEW YORK

# Universalist Church

## - ORDER OF SERVICE -

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

Opening Hymn

Announcements and Milestones

Silent Meditation

Meditation

Children's Story

Special Music

Reading

Greeting of Peace

Covenant:

Though our knowledge is yet incomplete,  
our Truth yet partial, and our love yet  
imperfect,

We believe new light is ever waiting to  
break through individual hearts and minds  
to enlighten the pathway of humanity,

That there is mutual strength in willing  
cooperation,

And that the bonds of love keep open the  
gates of freedom and liberty.

Offertory

Presentation of the Offering

Doxology: Hymn No. 37

Responsive Reading

Hymn

Sermon

Prayer

Closing Hymn

Closing Words with Organ Chimes

Organ Postlude

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Minister: The Reverend Dr. Mark Allstrom

Organist: Mrs. Ardis Pfannebecker

R.E. Director: Jennifer Cranch

Minister's Office Hours: 10 - Noon, W - F,  
or by appointment

### Meeting Times of Church Organizations:

Board of Trustees - 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal - each Thursday at 6:30 PM

UUW - 1st Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Men's Club - 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 PM

This church is a member of the  
Unitarian Universalist Association

1851: First Universalist Society organized

1868: Church building dedicated

Love is the doctrine of this church,  
The quest of truth is its sacrament,  
And service is its prayer.

25 HARTS HILL CIRCLE  
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JANUARY 30, 1995

ST. PAULS'S UNIVERSALISTS CHURCH  
565 ALBANY STREET  
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**Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church**

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(Mrs. H. H. A. Beach)  
(1867-1944), USA



**CECILE CHAMINADE**  
(1857-1944), France



**CLARA WIECK  
SCHUMANN**  
(1819-1896), Germany

**Saturday, October 30, 1999 at 7:30pm  
Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church  
Albany Street Little Falls, New York**

## CONVOCATION CHORUS

Mark A. Bunce, director  
Linda Carpenter, accompanist

Herman Bailey	bass	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Margaret Bialock	alto	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Eleanor Connolly	soprano	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Rachele DePalma	soprano	Ilion Junior-Senior High School
Donna Hull	soprano	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Janet Lallier	soprano	Mohawk Valley Choral Society
Jennifer Major	alto	Ilion Junior-Senior High School
Melinda Murray	soprano	Ilion Junior-Senior High School
Kristina Pawlusik	alto	Ilion Junior-Senior High School
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Florence Rohacek	soprano	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Milan Rohacek	bass	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Peter Lee Scott	tenor	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Julie Smith	soprano	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Robert Smith	bass	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Jerome Socolof	bass	Ilion Junior-Senior High School
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Rachel Mary Trevor	soprano	Ilion Junior-Senior High School
Elizabeth Wallace	alto	Ilion Junior-Senior High School
Laraine Waterbury	alto	Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church
Christopher Widomski	tenor	Clark Mills
Mary Widomski	soprano	Clark Mills

Mark A. Bunce, director of music, Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church, holds a bachelors degree in Music Education from the Crane School of Music at Potsdam College and masters degree in applied music from Michigan State University. Currently, he teaches vocal music and theatre at Ilion Junior-Senior High School where he directs the Junior High Chorus, Junior High Choir, Senior High Mixed Chorus, High School Select Choir, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Gold Tones. He also teaches applied voice, junior high general music, performance theatre and directs the annual school music production. Mark has been involved in many community theatre programs and is an active member of the Mohawk Valley Choral Society. His Ilion High School Select Choir is one of the six performing groups selected to represent New York state in the Festival of Nations and Bicentennial Celebration of the Capitol to be held in Washington, DC next year.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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*First Annual Music by Women Composers Concert*

Saturday, October 30, 1999 at 7:30p.m.

Saint Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church

**PROGRAM**

Fanfare for the Women (1993) Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

Nathan Kaercher, trumpet

Joyfully Sing! (1990) Linda Steen Spevacek

O Quam Mirabilis Hildegard Von Bingen (1098-1179)

Life Has Loveliness To Sell (1995) Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
text by Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

Women's Chorus

Lento Espressivo, Opus 125 Amy Marcy Cheney Beach (1867-1944)  
Rachel Mary Trevor, violin

Light of Sothis Amy Quate  
Grace - Passion - Faith  
Christopher Widomski, alto saxophone

Mazurka (1838) Clara Wieck Schumann (1819-1896)  
Mark Bunce, piano

Selections from "The Secret Garden" (1991) Music by Lucy Simon  
Lyrics by Marsha Norman

The Girl I Mean To Be  
How Could I Ever Know?

Melinda Murray, soprano

Concertino Cecile Chaminade (1857-1944)  
Leslie Kubica, flute

Prophet's Song (1996) Jane Marshall

Three Madrigals (1967) Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)  
O Mistress Mine, where are you roaming  
Take, O take those lips away  
Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more!

A Song of Seasons (1988) Betty Wylder (1923-1994)

Two Old English Prayers (1995) Anna Laura Page  
God Be In My Head  
God Ahead, God Behind

Convocation Chorus

We'll Build A Land Carolyn McDade (b. 1935)  
text by Barbara Zanotti

Convocation Chorus and Audience

## PROGRAM NOTES

*Fanfare for the Women*, by Libby Larsen, a contemporary American composer, was written to celebrate the opening of the University of Minnesota Women's Sports Pavillion. The original manuscript has been buried within the cornerstone of the building. The fanfare is composed to create layers of tonality which overlap in space, especially a vast space with long acoustic delay. It only seems fitting to open the first annual women composers concert with this piece.

*Joyfully Sing!*, by Linda Steen Spevacek, a contemporary American composer of literature for women's chorus and developing choirs, is written in a declamatory style of a fanfare in ABA form. The women sing praises and thanks to God with music.

*O Quam Mirabilis*, by Hildegard Von Bingen, a German nun and one of the earliest women composers, is a chant written in the form of an Antiphon for the Catholic Church. Hildegard wrote original poetry and set it to music in the style of Gregorian chant. Pope Gregory (1227-1241) established September 17th as Hildegard's own feast day after her death, a remarkable accomplishment for a woman at that time. The text translates as follows:

O how marvelous is the foreknowledge of the divine hear which foreknew all creation.  
For when God looked on the face of man whom He formed,

He saw all his works whole in that same human form.

O how marvelous is the inspiration that in this way roused man to life.

*Life Has Lovliness to Sell*, by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, a contemporary American writer of music for women's chorus and developing choir, is a setting of Sara Teasdale's poem *Barter*, winner of the 1918 Pulitzer Prize. The music, written in AABA form, paints a picture of the text describing beautiful things we can encounter in life.

*Lento Espressivo, Opus 125*, by Amy Marcy Cheney Beach, is a lyrical tone poem for violin and piano. Amy Marcy Cheney Beach was a pianist and a self-taught composer from Boston, Massachusetts. She is mostly known for her symphonic, mass and concerto compositions which have been performed widely by major orchestras here and abroad (especially between the years 1893-1914). Beach was one of the first women composers from the United States to achieve such prominence. This piece is very song-like, characterized by long, lyrical melodies on the violin with a haunting piano accompaniment. Beach uses extended chords to create a series of key changes throughout the piece in non-traditional music theory style.

*Light of Sothis*, by the contemporary American composer Amy Quate, is a lyric piece written in a classical-new age style for alto saxophone and piano. The piece has three contrasting sections that each paint a picture of tranquility and harmony inspired by the light image of God in our lives. The first movement includes a quiet, lyrical melody with a repetitious, almost hypnotizing, piano accompaniment that leads directly to the second movement, *Passion*. *Passion* is characterized by an intense melody and accompaniment with greater use of dynamics and increased tempo which leads to the cadenza, followed by a quiet, reflective movement, *Faith*. The piece ends as it began with the same four open chords in the piano.

*Mazurka, Opus 6, No. 5*, by Clara Wieck Schumann, is one of the dance settings for the piano from the *Soirées Musicales* collection. Clara Schumann was the wife of Robert Schumann and one of the foremost pianists of her time. She premiered new works by Frederic Chopin, Robert Schumann, Johannes Brahms and programmed many of Beethoven's sonatas which had never been performed publicly. She was one of the first to play entire solo piano recitals and wrote many works for piano and voice. The mazurka is like a waltz, but not as fast, with an aristocratic pride.

*The Secret Garden*, with music by Lucy Simon and libretto by Marsha Newman, was the first Broadway musical written by all women to receive a Tony Award. The musical is based on the novel *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. *The Secret Garden* tells the story of a spoiled, lonely Mary Lennox, who, orphaned by a cholera epidemic in India, is sent to live at Misselthwaite Manor in Yorkshire with her Uncle Archibald. Mary discovers a secret garden, formerly Lily's (Archibald's wife, who died ten years earlier giving birth to their son) and revitalizes it, which in turn restores life to her sick cousin and miserable uncle. "The Girl I Mean To Be" is sung by Mary Lennox early in the show, while "How Could I Ever Know?" is sung by Lily (actually her spirit) at the end of the show. The music and lyrics fit together quite nicely with a lyrical, tranquil style.

*Concertino*, by Cecile Chaminade, a French composer, is one of the most performed flute concertos today in the music conservatories around the world. Chaminade is one of the most prolific composers from the Romantic period mostly known for her piano music and songs labeled as "salon music." The *Concertino* for flute and orchestra is written in one movement with distinct contrasting lyrical and technical sections that lead to a flashy cadenza, followed by a brief presto section that recalls earlier themes to end the piece.

*Prophet's Song*, by Jane Marshall, a contemporary American composer whose vocal works are beginning to gain popularity in many denominations, is a setting of John Thornburg's text the *Prophet*. The piece, which is very contemporary sounding harmonically and rhythmically, paints a picture of the stirring, powerful text.

*Three Madrigals*, by Emma Lou Diemer, a contemporary American composer of keyboard and vocal music, consists of three settings of Shakespeare's text written in the style of a madrigal (love song) for piano and chorus. "O Mistress mine, where are you roaming?" from *Twelfth Night* is characterized by a playful, antiphonal motive exchanged between the men and women. "Take, O take those lips away" from *Measure for Measure* is simple, rich harmonic, lyrical song in ABA form while "Sigh no more, ladie, sigh no more!" from *Much Ado About Nothing* is a highly energetic, playful song in two-part form.

*A Song of Seasons*, by Betty Wylder, an American composer, writer and arranger who attended the Long Beach, California, Unitarian Universalist Church, is one of the anthems found in the Signature Choral Series published by the Unitarian Universalist Association in cooperation with the Unitarian Universalist Musicians' Network. The piece, written with lush jazz-like harmonies, has four sections in AABA form followed by a coda. Each section acts a verse describing images of each of the four seasons ending with a joyful coda that describes the celebration of nature's praise.

*Two Old English Prayers*, by Anna Laura Page, an active American composer, clinician and organist in Texas, is a set of choral benedictions based upon famous ancient texts. The first setting, "God Be In My Head" is from the *Sarum Primer* of the early 16th century. It opens with a choral call and response, leading to the choir singing a rich harmonic text in homophonic texture, followed by an extended choral amen section. The second setting, "God Ahead, God Behind", based on a Celtic prayer, is written in a colorful four part texture with descending chromatic harmonies.

*We'll Build A Land* is a hymn from the *Singing the Living Tradition* Hymnal of the Unitarian Universalist Church. Barbara Zanotti, a peace activist from Maine, adapted the text from Isaiah and Amos, while Carolyn McDade, a feminist activist and songwriter from the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Boston, composed the tune. This arrangement, much in the style of "Let There Be Peace on Earth," was harmonized by Betsy Jo Angebrannt, director of music at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, Maryland. It seems only fitting to end our first annual music by women composers, concert singing and celebrating together.

# We'll Build a Land

♩ = 120

1. We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.  
 2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tid-ings to  
 3. We'll be a land build-ing up an-cient cit-ies,  
 4. Come, build a land where the man-tles of prais-es re-

We'll build a land where the cap-tives go free, where the  
 all the af-flict-ed and all those who mourn. And we'll  
 rais-ing up dev-as-ta-tions from old; re  
 sound from spir-its once faint and once weak; where like

oil of glad-ness dis-solves all mourn-ing. Oh,  
 give them gar-lands in-stead of ash-es. Oh,  
 stor-ing ru-ins of gen-er-a-tions. Oh,  
 oaks of right-eous-ness stand her peo-ple. Oh,

we'll build a prom-ised land that can be.  
 we'll build a land where peace is born.  
 we'll build a land of peo-ple so bold.  
 come build the land, my peo-ple we seek.

Come build a land where sis-ters and broth-ers, a-noint-ed by  
 God, may then cre-ate peace: where jus-tice shall roll  
 down like wa-ters, and peace like an ev-er flow-ing stream.

Words: Barbara Zanotti (Isaiah/Amos), adapt.,

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CREATION OF PEACE  
 11.10.11.10. with refrain

# Nineteenth Century Religious Education Materials Discovered

An amazing discovery of 19<sup>th</sup> century religious education materials was made by **Faith Grover Scott ('96)** in Little Falls, NY. *The Myrtle*, a weekly paper for children and families, was published for more than fifty years by the Universalist Publishing House. Faith and **Carolyn Zoller** are pictured here holding an 1885 issue of *The Myrtle*. The Zoller family, in Little Falls, NY, were founding members of St. Paul's Universalist Church in 1851. More than fifty issues of the periodical were found in their family home.

Faith serves as the religious educator at the Little Falls congregation and as an archivist for

the MacLean Collection of Unitarian, Universalist and Unitarian Universalist religious education materials at Meadville/Lombard's Fahs Center.



Materials such as *The Myrtle* are still "out there" in church closets and in the homes of families that have been UUs for several generations. The MacLean Collection actively seeks such gifts, preserves them with care, and makes them available for on-site use.

For more information, please contact Faith c/o The Fahs Center, Meadville/Lombard, 5701 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60637 or e-mail her at [godishuv@ntc.net.com](mailto:godishuv@ntc.net.com).

**Recommended Readings** (continued from page 7)

Nesbitt, Paula. *The Feminization of the Clergy in America: Occupational and Organizational Perspectives*. A study that concentrated on the Episcopal Church and the UUA but that has wide implications for clerical developments in all denominations.

Rasmussen, Larry. *Earth Community, Earth Ethics*. He scans the need for a sustainable community amid the unjust and unsustainable uses of human power.

Rudy, Kathy. *Sex and the Church: Gender, Homosexuality, and the Transformation of Christian Ethics*. She brings together the odd bedfellows of queer theory and Christian theology with fascinating results.

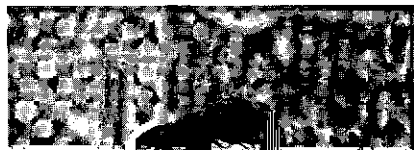
Starhawk. *Walking to Mercury: A New Compelling and Ingenious Tale of Two Futures*.

Stewart, J.V. *Astrology: What's Real, What's Not*. A detailed debunking of a popular belief.

Wolfe, Gregory. *The New Religious: A Reader*. A collection of essays that bridge the gap between the Left and the Right with a classic tradition.

## Graduate Intensive Courses—January 1999

M/L intensive courses are open to all interested students and may be taken for graduate credit or audited for continuing education. Most classes attract a mix of students, including ministers, students preparing for UU ministry, direct religious education and others. Course syllabi will be available in the summer. Reading and possibly some writing are to be completed before courses meet.



**Week I (January 11–15, 1999)**

Theologies of the Liberal Tradition  
Dr. Thandeka

Vol. 1. SUPREME COURT,

COUNTY OF HERKIMER.

In the Matter

of the Application of the First Universalist Society of  
Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, for authority to change  
its name to "St. Paul's Universalist Church of Little Falls,  
N. Y."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the First Universalist Society  
of Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, a religious corpora-  
" 2. tion having its church property in the City of Little Falls,  
Herkimer County, N. Y., will apply to the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be  
held at the Courthouse in the Village of Herkimer, County of  
Herkimer, N. Y., on the 12th day of December, 1908, at 10  
o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter  
as counsel can be heard, for an order authorizing said cor-  
poration to change its corporate name to "St. Paul's  
Universalist Church of Little Falls, N. Y."

First Universalist Society of Rockton, Herkimer County, New York

By:-

E. P. Dickson

Chairman

Dated:-  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1908,  
Little Falls, New York.

In the Matter

of the Application of the First Universalist Society of  
Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, for authority to change  
its name to "St. Paul's Universalist Church of Little Falls,  
N. Y."

To the Supreme Court of the State of New York:-

The Petition of the First Universalist Society of  
Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, respectfully shows to this  
Court, as follows:-

" 2. That it is a religious corporation duly incorporated  
under an act of the legislature of the State of New York,  
entitled "an act to provide for the incorporation of re-  
ligious societies" and known as Chapter 60 of the Laws of 1813.

That its corporate property is situated and its operations  
are chiefly conducted in the City of Little Falls, Herkimer  
County, New York. That the present name of your Petitioner  
is the First Universalist Society of Rockton, Herkimer County,  
New York, and that the name it now desires to assume is  
"St. Paul's Universalist Church of Little Falls, N. Y."

" 3. That the following are the grounds of this Application, viz:-  
That there is now no such Village as "Rockton", the Village  
which was known as "Rockton" at the time of the incorporation  
of the Petitioner herein, being now the City of Little Falls.  
That the Petitioner has been generally known, locally and  
throughout the Universalist denomination, for many years, by the  
name which it now wishes to assume. That legacies and be-



queaths are from time to time given to your Petitioner, and nearly always in the name which your Petitioner, now desires to assume, and that trouble and confusion arise therefrom.

¶ 4. That the proposed change will remedy this confusion and make Petitioner's name conform to the existing conditions and to local belief. That this Petition for an order for such change of name of corporation, has been duly authorized by a resolution of its Board of Trustees, adopted at a Meeting of said Board, held on the 10th day of April, 1907.

That annexed hereto is a Certificate of the Secretary of the State of New York, stating that the name which said corporation proposes to assume, is not the name of any other domestic corporation and that the name does not so nearly resemble any other name as to be calculated to deceive.

" 5. W H E R E F O R E, Your Petitioner prays for an order of the Court authorizing it to change its corporate name from the First Universalist Society of Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, and to assume instead thereof the corporate name of "St. Paul's Universalist Church of Little Falls, N. Y."

The First Universalist Society of Rockton Herkimer County, New York

By E. D. Decker Chairman

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup>  
This 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1908.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
County of Herkimer.

S S.

Edwin V. Dicker

being duly sworn, says that he is Chairman of the First Universalist Society of Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, the Petitioner above named, and of the Board of Trustees thereof; that he has read the foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the personal knowledge of the deponent; that he signed said Petition on behalf of said corporation, by authority of the said Board of Trustees of said corporation.

Ed Dicker

Sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of November, 1908.

Frank H. Shale

Notary Public

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF HERKIMER  
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 of the Universalist Society of Rock  
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 Universalist Church of Little Falls, N. Y."  
 Notice is hereby given That the First  
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 Little Falls, Herkimer County, N. Y., will  
 apply to the Supreme Court of the State  
 of New York at a Special Term thereof to  
 be held at the courthouse in the village of  
 Herkimer, county of Herkimer, N. Y., on  
 the 12th day of December, 1908, at 10  
 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or at  
 1 o'clock thereafter as a court, or as  
 soon as an order and the said corporation to  
 change its name to "St. Paul's  
 Universalist Church of Little Falls, N. Y."  
 JOHN DANVERS, JR., SOCIETY OF ROCK  
 HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK  
 JOHN DANVERS, JR., Chairman

Thomas Fitzgerald of the City of Albany, being  
 duly sworn says that he is Principal Clerk for the publishers  
 of the ALBANY EVENING TIMES-UNION, a daily newspaper  
 printed and published in the City and County of Albany, aforesaid  
 and designated as "THE STATE PAPER," and that the notice, of  
 which a printed copy is annexed, has been regularly published in  
 the said ALBANY EVENING TIMES-UNION Once  
 in each week for three weeks three times,  
 successively commencing on the 16th day of November  
 1908, and ending on the 30th day of November 1908.

Thomas Fitzgerald

James Kane

Notary Public,  
 Albany Co., N. Y.

of December 1908

SUPREME COURT,  
COUNTY OF HERKIMER.  
In the matter of the application of the First Universalist Society of Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, for authority to change its name to "St. Paul's Universalist Church of Little Falls, N. Y."  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the First Universalist Society of Rockton, Herkimer County, New York, a religious corporation having its church property in the City of Little Falls, Herkimer County, N. Y., will apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the Village of Herkimer, County of Herkimer, N. Y., on the 12th day of December, 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order authorizing said corporation to change its corporate name to "St. Paul's Universalist Church of Little Falls, N. Y."  
FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ROCKTON,  
Herkimer County, New York.  
By E. V. DECKER, Chairman.  
Dated Nov. 13th, 1908, Little Falls, N. Y.

N. S. Hunter being sworn, says he is ~~one of~~ the publishers and proprietors of the *Herkimer County News*, a weekly newspaper, printed and published at Little Falls, in said county, and that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy has been regularly published in said *Herkimer County News* once in each week, for three weeks, commencing on the 27th day of October 1808 and ending on the 7th day of December 1808

Sworn before me this 11th day  
of December 1808 }

Frederick J. Burtch

Notary Public.

State of New York, } ss:  
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

This is to Certify, that I have examined the indices to the names of domestic corporations, the certificates of incorporation of which are filed or recorded in this office, and find that the name

"St. Pauls Universalist Church of Little Falls, N.Y."  
 is not the name of any other domestic corporation, the certificate of incorporation of which is filed or recorded in this office, or a name so nearly resembling the name of any other such domestic corporation as to be calculated to deceive.

Witness my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this twelfth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

*James L. Whalen*  
 Deputy Secretary of State.



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FRANK H. SHALL,  
Attorney for  
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State of New York,  
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