

LOTIE B. ADAMS and
GEORGE B. ADAMS, her husband,

to

CHRIST CHURCH OF MIDDLETOWN
NEW YORK.

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RECORDED BOOK 454 PAGE 344.

Christ Church Universalist

Copy of Deed, Adams to Christ Church

This Indenture made the fifteenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety eight, Between Lottie E. Adams and George B. Adams, her husband, of the City of Middletown, County of Orange and State of New York, parties of the first part and Christ Church of Middletown New York, a religious corporation, duly organized and incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, party of the second part.

Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part in consideration of Nine Thousand Dollars, lawful money of the United States, paid by the party of the second part, doth hereby grant and release unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.

All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the City of Middletown, County of Orange and State of New York, on the corner of Main and Orchard Streets, and bounded and described as follows:- Beginning at a stake standing in the north line of Main Street at a point eight (8) feet northerly from the face of the curb stone, seven and two-twelfths feet, north sixteen degrees east from a fire hydrant and four and three-twelfths feet on a course of south forty-one degrees west from the center of a small maple tree, thence runs from said stake south eighty nine and three-quarter degrees west forty two feet along the north line of Main Street to a stake in the Street line, eight feet northerly from the face of the curb stone and seven and one half feet easterly ~~from the east side of a maple tree, thence~~ along said Main Street line south eighty seven degrees west twenty seven and one half feet to a stake eight feet northerly from the face of the curb stone, thence south eighty three and three quarter degrees west seventy six

feet along said said Main Street line to a stake in a line of Cortland S. Hulse lot, and eight feet northerly from the face of the curb stone, thence along said Hulse's lot north twelve degrees west ninety seven feet to a corner of John M. Tuthill's lot, thence along said Tuthill's lands north forty nine degrees east seventy eight and four twelfths feet to a stake in the south west line of Orchard Street. standing on the Street side of a large capped post. thence south forty two and one half degrees east one hundred and sixty two feet along the southwest line of Orchard Street to a stake seven feet from a curb stone. thence south twenty five degrees east five and eight twelfths feet to a stake, thence south fifteen degrees west five and one half feet to a stake standing six and one half feet on a course of north sixty degrees east from the first mentioned maple tree, thence south forty two and one half degrees west five and one half feet to a stake eight feet northerly from the face of the curb stone on Main Street thence south sixty seven degrees west five and four twelfths feet to the place of beginning. Containing more or less.

And also all the Right title and interest of the parties of the first part, in and to the lands lying in front of said Street lines extending to the middle of the Street, subject however to the easement of said streets and side walks.

It being intended hereby to convey unto the party of the second part the lands and premises described in a deed from Betsy King and Ashbell E. King to the said Franklin Varney, dated March 30th 1866 and recorded in Orange County Records of Deeds in Book 192 page 255 &c save and excepting a strip of land conveyed to the Village of Middletown for the purpose of a Side walk on Main

Street in said Village, (as described in a deed from Franklin Varney and wife to the said Annie O. Dows dated March 2d. 1876 and recorded in Orange County Records of Deeds in Liber 269 page 511 &c. Being the same premises described in a deed from Annie O. Dows and Henry A. Dows her husband to Lottie E. Adams dated March 12th 1883 and recorded in Orange County Records for Deeds Liber 319 page 458. March 16. 1883.

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

To have and to hold the above granted premises unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.

Subject however to the payments and conditions of a certain Bond and Mortgage given by the said Lottie E. Adams to the Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Middletown N.Y., dated September 5th 1892. to secure the payment of the sum of Six Thousand Dollars and interest at the rate of five per centum per annum and which Mortgage with the interest thereon from fifteenth day of January 1898, the party of the second part hereby assumes and agrees to pay as part of the consideration for the premises above described,

And the said Lottie E. Adams one of the parties of the first part does covenant with the said party of the second part, as follows:-

First:- That the parties of the first part are seized of the said premises in fee simple and have good right to convey the same.

Second:- That the party of the second part shall quietly enjoy the said premises.

TURMOIL IN THE 1890's

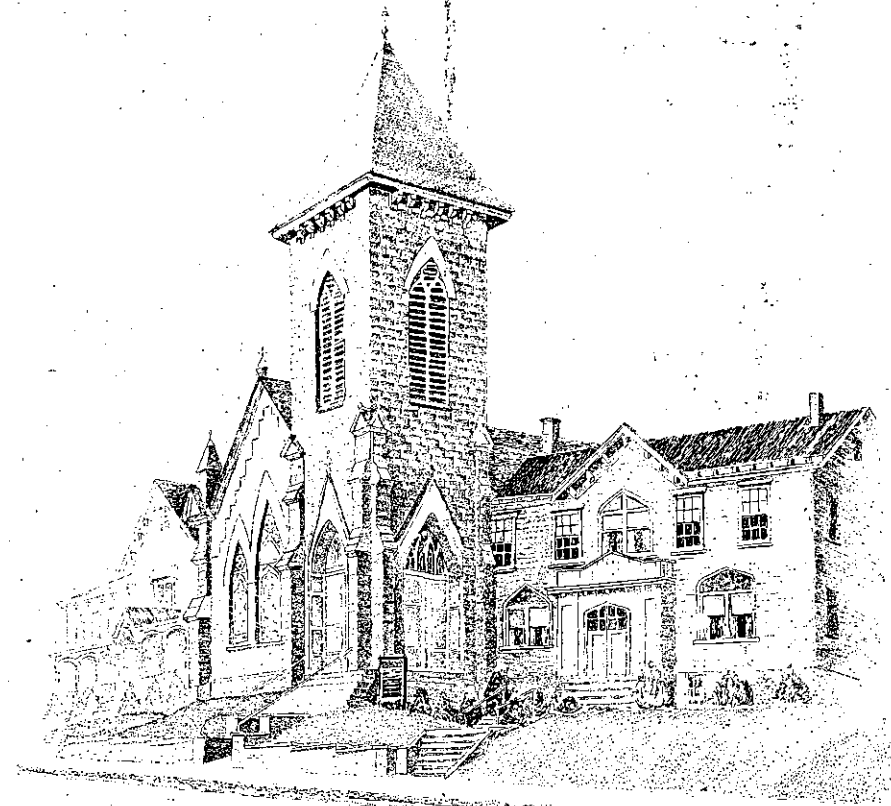
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A Home Of Liberal Religion - Since 1894



THE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
IN
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

MINISTER
THE REV. DAVID E. MONROE

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

*HYMN

*COVENANT (ALL)

LOVE IS THE DOCTRINE OF THIS CHURCH,
THE QUEST OF TRUTH IS ITS SACRAMENT,
AND SERVICE IS ITS PRAYER.

TO DWELL TOGETHER IN PEACE,
TO SEEK KNOWLEDGE IN FREEDOM,
TO SERVE MANKIND IN FELLOWSHIP,
TO THE END THAT ALL SOULS SHALL GROW
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THUS DO WE COVENANT WITH EACH OTHER,
AND WITH OUR GOD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME

RESPONSIVE READING (MINISTER & CONGREGATION)

READINGS

MEDITATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES,
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THROUGH EVERY LAND, IN EVERY TONGUE.

*HYMN

SERMON

*HYMN

CLOSING WORDS

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGANIST: FRED WALLER

*CONGREGATION STANDING

Turmoil in the 1890s

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CALENDAR

Saturday, October 11

We are hosting the 175th Annual Meeting of the New York State Convention of Universalists;

Keynote speaker at 9:30 AM:

Dr. William Schulz,

Executive Director, Amnesty International USA

Sunday, October 12 11:00 AM Service

Guest Speaker: Michael Hughes

Sermon: "Reflections on Aging"

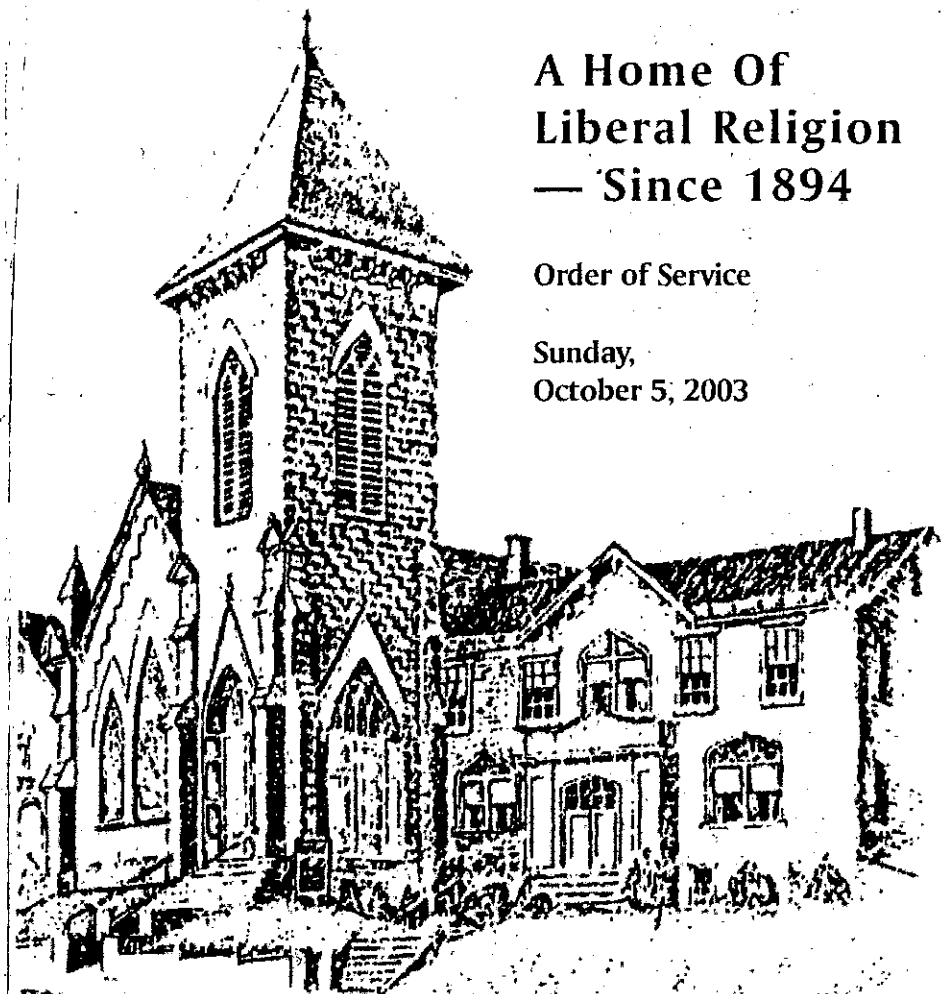
Social period after the service

Please sign up for Coffee Hour in the Parish House

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Order of Service

Sunday,
October 5, 2003



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REV. DAVID E. MONROE, MINISTER EMERITUS

Order of Service
Sunday, October 5, 2003

Guest Speaker: Judith Adel

Songs/readings from "Singing the Living Tradition" unless otherwise marked

PIANO PRELUDE Colin Walker

OPENING WORDS *by Kathy Reis*

CHALICE LIGHTING Unison reading #453

CHILDREN'S TIME

A New Year

by Mary-Lib Whitney

*HYMN *The Morning Hangs a Signal* #40

*COVENANT: Unison Reading

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GREETING: Let us greet one another!

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE READING "On Turning" #634

READING

"God is a Woman and She Is Growing Older"
by Rabbi Margaret Moers Wenig

MEDITATION

by Kathy Reis

OFFERTORY

Colin Walker

*DOXOLOGY (sung to the tune of hymn 371)

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES,
LET SONGS OF HOPE AND FAITH ARISE.
LET BEAUTY, TRUTH AND LOVE BE SUNG,
THROUGH EVERY LAND IN EVERY TONGUE.

*HYMN *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* #211

SERMON:

"Teshuva: Redemption and Return"
by Rob Eller-Isaacs
Presented by Judith Adel

*HYMN *Shabbat Shalom* #214

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHALICE

"May we live lives of faith..." *by Rob Eller-Isaacs*

PIANO POSTLUDE

Colin Walker

* All who are able please stand

Welcome, visitors!

Please sign the guest book in the back of the church if
you would like to receive the newsletter and information
about upcoming events. We invite you to remain for our
social period. Childcare is available in the Parish House.

134th SESSIONS

APRIL 21 - APRIL - 24

NEW YORK CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

THEME

"Universalism: A Positive Religion For An Insecure World"

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

3:00 P.M.	Registration and Coffee Hour	The Universalist Church
7:30 P.M.	Opening of the Convention Edmund Pease Jr., President Rev. Wilbur Parker, Host Minister Hon. Raymond Swalm, Mayor	The Universalist Church
8:00 P.M.	Keynote Address Rev. William Wallace Rose, D.D. "To Whom It May Concern"	The Universalist Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast	The Universalist Church
8:30 A.M.	Business Session Pres. Edmund Pease, Jr.	The Universalist Church
12:30 - 3:00 P.M.	Religious Education Luncheon \$1.25 Chairman: Miss Lucille Smith Speaker: Miss Alice Foley	Congregational Church
3:15 - 4:15 P.M.	Social Action Program Chairman: Rev. James Hunt "The Work of the East Harlem Protestant Parish"	The Universalist Church
4:30 P.M.	Business Session Pres. Edmund Pease, Jr.	The Universalist Church
6:30 P.M.	Church Extension Committee Dinner \$2.25 Rev. Myles Blanchard, Director "The What, Why, and How of Extending Universalism"	The Mitchell Inn

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast	The Universalist Church
8:15 A.M.	Devotional Service	The Universalist Church
8:30 A.M.	Business Session Pres. Edmund Pease, Jr.	The Universalist Church
12:30 P.M.	Association of Universalist Women Luncheon - \$1.75 "World Friendship Through the U.N." Mrs. Elvira K. Fradkin	Mitchell Inn Pine Room
12:30 P.M.	Ministers and Laymen's Luncheon Rev. Robert Sterling presiding Speaker: Dr. Charles Frankel "Orthodox Answers that Puzzle The Human Mind"	Mitchell Inn Clock Room
1:30 P.M.	Laymen's Program Charles Lamb, Moderator	
7:00 P.M.	Convention Banquet \$2.50 Speaker: Dr. Charles Frankel "The Problems and Prospects of Liberal Religion"	Mitchell Inn Gold and White Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Breakfast	
11:00 A.M.	Convention Church Service Service led by Rev. Wilbur Parker Speaker: Rev. Max Coots Sermon: "A Spool for Our Threads"	The Universalist Church Radio Broadcast
12:00 M	Annual Convention Communion Service Rev. Wilbur Parker	
12:30 P.M.	Convention Adjournment Evaluation Session - by The Program Committee	

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

CO-OPERATION FOR POWER: POWER FOR SERVICE

The General Sunday School Association
of the Universalist Church

HEREBY RECOGNIZES

the THINKERS Class

OF THE Christ UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF Middletown, N. Y.
AS AN ORGANIZED CLASS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

DATE Feb 15, 1918

Floyd J. Beach
SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPARTMENT

George C. Huntington
PRESIDENT

Frank Lincoln Massey
SECRETARY

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CO-OPERATION FOR POWER: POWER FOR SERVICE

The General Sunday School Association
of the Universalist Church

HEREBY RECOGNIZES

the Band of Mercy Class

OF THE Christ UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF Middletown, N. Y.
AS AN ORGANIZED CLASS Secondary Division

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

DATE Sep 30, 1917

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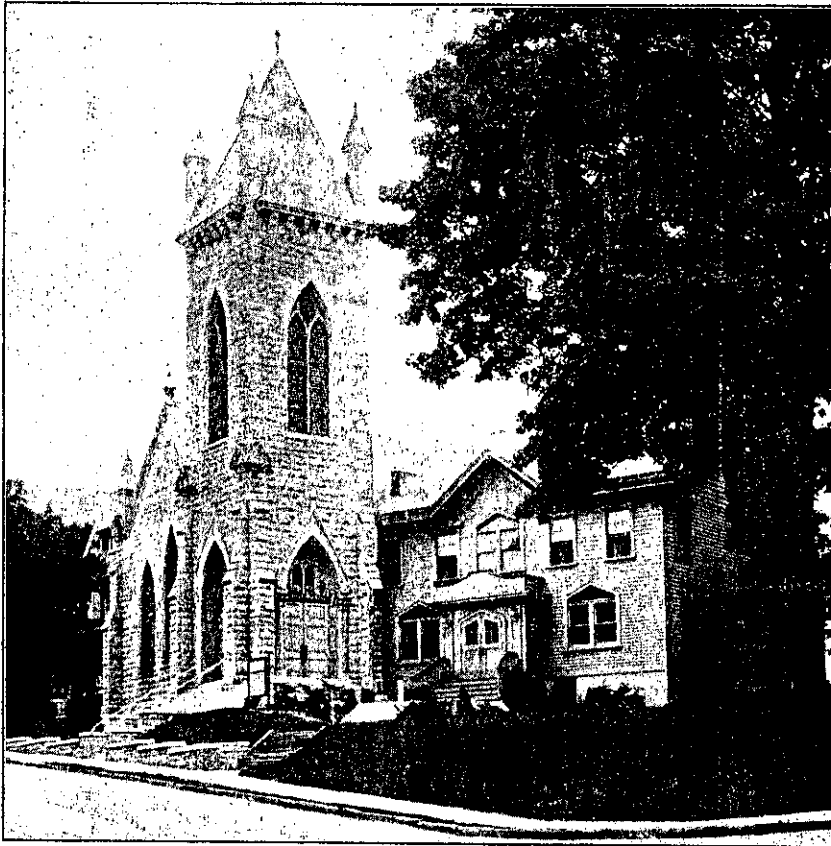
Dear Friend Mrs. Butler,

This certainly must be a fine class, what an unusual name, but such a good one.

Regards to Mr. Butler,

Very truly yours,

Floyd J. Beach



CHRIST CHURCH, UNIVERSALIST
 Middletown, New York

REV. ELBERT W. WHIPPEN, Minister

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*Died June 18, 1929.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

On a Sunday morning in January 1894, a minister of one of Middletown's churches preached a sermon on the doctrine of endless punishment. He alluded to the conduct of a certain young woman, who was at the altar on the previous Thursday evening, attended a dance on Friday night and a theatre on Saturday night. The preacher concluded his harangue by declaring (quote) "You cannot trifle with God and if you persist in it, he will wrap you up in a winding sheet, fill your mouth with clay and hurl your soul in hell."

Reports of this "hellfire and brimstone" preaching appeared in the local press and were copied by New York newspapers. Reading these, a Universalist of Brooklyn decided that Middletown needed the brighter gospel of Universalism — based on the love and fatherhood of God.

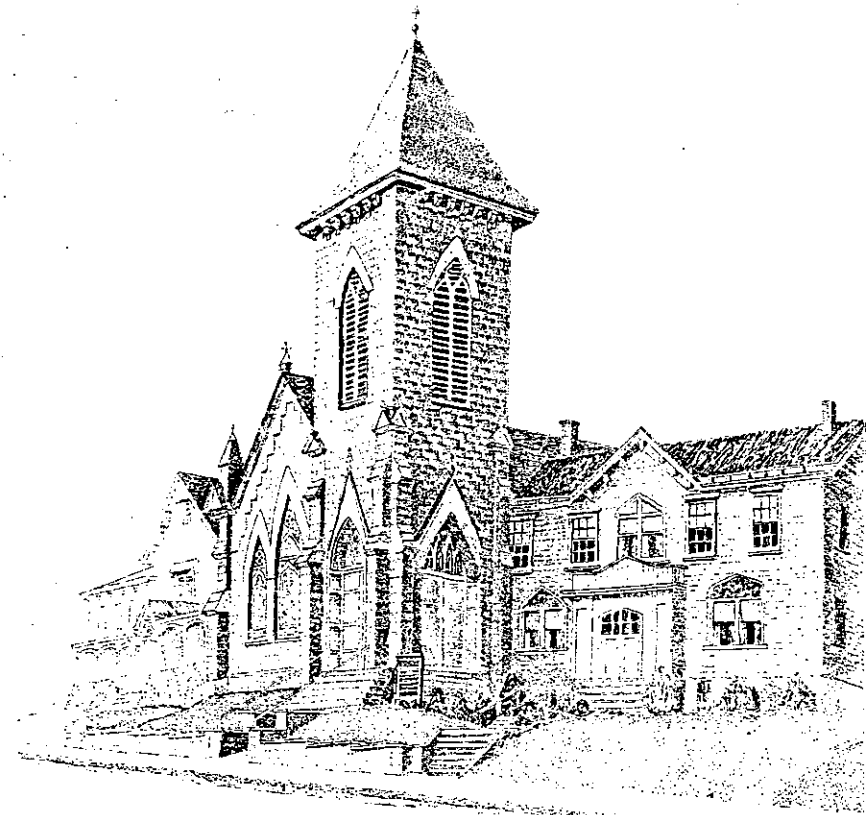
A few weeks later the president of the Universalist Laymen's Society of Brooklyn, desirous of organizing a church, engaged the Assembly Rooms for open meetings. During 1895 services were held, first on Tuesday nights in the Assembly Rooms and later, on Sunday afternoons in Nearing Hall, fifty-six North Street. These services were conducted by various out of town Universalist ministers. After the January 19th, 1896 service those interested in establishing a Universalist society adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected officers.

The first resident minister was intalled at the October 25th, 1896 evening service in the Assembly Rooms. A newspaper account reported that seventy-five families were identified with the new church as well as a Sunday School of sixty-eight scholars.

By November, 1897 enough pledges were secured for the purchase of a building lot at the corner of East Main and Orchard Streets for \$9000. A series of money-making projects, including clam bakes, cake sales, entertainments and fairs followed. In view of the prejudice in the community at that time regarding the infant church, it was surprising that prominent people of all denominations participated in these affairs.

The cornerstone of the church building was laid on October 15, 1900 and the Chapel was dedicated December 29, 1901. The memorial stained glass windows, the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany, are among the most beautiful known to exist today. They are the gifts of the Millen, Clemson and Cross families. The church was then known as Christ Church Universalist.

With the merger of the American-Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America in 1961, the local church changed its name to the Unitarian Universalist Church in Middletown.



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