

[Webster, Monroe Co.]

The First Universalist Church of Webster

The First Universalist Church of Webster is situated in Webster village. This church was first legally organized in 1843, although meetings had been held in different places many years previous by a Rev. Mr. [Liscomb] Knapp, and other preachers. At organization, the church consisted of nineteen members, viz.: Ebenezer Cook, Reuben Cobb, Timothy Thompson, Nathaniel Knight, Franklin Robb, John Robb, Dr. Dunham, Benjamin Farr, Ebenezer Dayton, their wives, and Carlos Dunham. The present church edifice was erected in 1844. It is a cobble-stone structure, is valued at four thousand dollars, will seat two hundred persons, and was dedicated November, 1845, by the Rev. L. L. Spaulding, who became its first pastor. The following-named were preachers in the order of their charge: Revs. L. L. Spaulding, Charles Hammond, H. L. Haywood, C.[Charles] A. Skinner, J. J. Austin, W. M. Tompkins, L. F. Porter, T.[Thomas] J. Whitcomb, Herbert Whitney, and Rev. Mr. Kimmel, the present pastor. There is a membership of thirty-seven. A Sunday-school was organized a number of years ago, but was reorganized in 1870, with forty pupils. James Thompson was chosen superintendent. The present number of pupils is sixty, and there is a library of one hundred volumes.

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