

Happy Anniversary

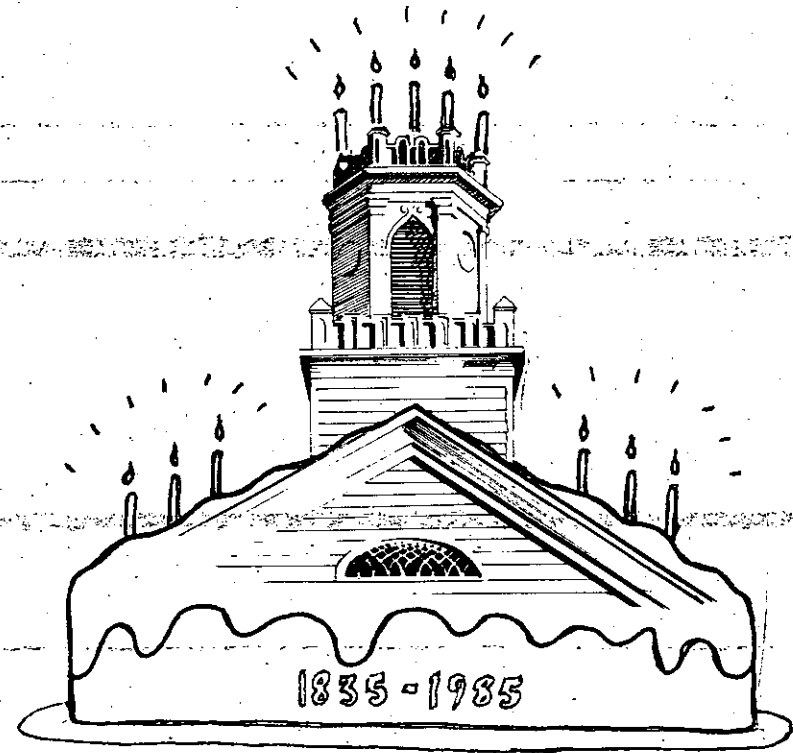
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Minister: Rev. Sara M. Campbell

Organist: Dorothy Morse

**Religious Education
Coordinator:** Sue Penny



The First Universalist Church
Southold

October, 1985

The First Families of the First Universalist Church

Boisseau	Jerome
Case	Overton
Cleveland	Palmer
Cochran	Phillips
Conklin	Shirley
Corwin	Smith
Crowell	Southgate
Dyer	Terry
Goldsmith	Tuthill
Griffing	Van Scoy
Hallock	Wells
Horton	Wickham
Howell	Wines
Jennings	

Present Members descended from first families:

Rensselaer Terry
Alice Louise Miller
James Rich

Members for over 50 years:

Gladys Williams Howell
Dorothy Howell Morse
Elizabeth Terry
Rensselaer Terry
Helen Sayre Young
Roy Wilkinson

Honorary Deacons

Gladys Howell
Alice Louise Miller
Maxwell Miller
Dorothy Morse
Rebecca Terry
Carl Vail
Inez Vail
Grace Welles
Helen Young

Anniversary Events:

October 5: Nostalgia Exhibit and Slide Program

October 6: Nostalgia Exhibit
11:00 a.m. - Family Service
12:00 p.m. - Candlelighting Ceremony
for "birthday cake"

October 13 11:00 a.m. Sunday Service:
Dr. F. Forrester Church,
preaching
4:00 p.m. Concert of Sacred Music
Susan Alexander, Soprano

October 20: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Service:
Dramatic Presentation based
on Journals of Ladies Society

October 26: 4:00 p.m. Reception with
U.U.A. President, Dr. William
F. Schulz

October 27: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Service:
Dr. William F. Schulz,
preaching

Dedication of an Abandoned Church at Southold

[Special Correspondence of the Eagle.]

SOUTHOLD, July 23.

THE EVENT OF YESTERDAY

was the rededication of the Universalist Church, and the people, irrespective of religious belief, made a holiday of the occasion. There were the sympathies of association to cause this. For upwards of fifteen years that portion of the community resting their hopes of heaven upon the Universalist doctrine, had been worshiping among their Protestant brethren of other denominations, and it is a matter of wonder that they had not all become proselytes. The revival of the Universalist form of worship, therefore, about a year ago, created some astonishment, and few could believe that it could be fanned into vigorous life. They not only have increased in numbers within a year sufficiently to warrant them in remodeling the abandoned church, but to call a regular minister, as they propose doing. The church was erected in 1835, and occupied up to about 1862, when it was abandoned, and has since been used as a concert and minstrel hall, and for any purpose for which a person desired it, who could pay the rent. The remodeling of it has cost \$1,500, and when it was dedicated yesterday, but \$50 of debt rested upon it. That was soon subscribed by the large number of persons present.

THE DEDICATORY SERVICES

were performed by the Rev. Dr. Nye of Brooklyn, Rev. Mr. Hooper of Huntington, and Rev. Messrs. Fay and Hopson, of New Jersey. Mr. Hooper read a selection of scripture and offered prayer, and Mr. Nye preached the sermon. Rev. Mr. Hopson prayed at the conclusion of the sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Fay delivered the charge to the Association. The musical part of the exercises was finely rendered. Mr. Hunting presided at the organ, and the vocalists were Mr. Overton, Mr. Terry, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Lowrey and Mr. and Mrs. Addison Conklin. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Fay preached an able sermon. The services are to be continued on Wednesday and Thursday, each of the ministers, excepting Mr. Nye, to preach. Next Sunday the Rev. Mr. Fay will fill the pulpit, and on the succeeding two Sundays the Rev. Dr. Nye will officiate. Mr. Nye is spending the Summer here. He is ensconced in the beautiful home of Mr. Peck. The church is a wooden structure, with a belfry. It has been neatly painted both outside and in, and a new pulpit erected. The choir are located in the north end of the church, at the entrance, on a platform the same height as that of the pulpit. The seating capacity is about two hundred and fifty. The seats are of pine wood, painted and grained, with black walnut trimmings. The windows are long, and a half oval in shape, affording an abundance of light. It is the smallest church in the place. There are three others, Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic, the latter the largest and with the largest congregation.

Brooklyn Eagle, Brooklyn NY, 25 Jul 1878

[slightly abridged]

THE REV. BOIVIN RESIGNS

Congregation Gave Him a Piano, a Bicycle, and Offered a Vacation.

SOUTHOLD, L.I., April 24.—The Rev. Bertram L. Boivin, pastor of the Universalist Church of this place, sent in his resignation this evening. He resigns, much to the regret of the congregation, to leave the ministry and become the private secretary of a wealthy widow whose home is at Erie, Pa. He refuses to make public her name. Frank D. Smith of Peconic, who knows all about the matter, also declines to talk of the case, but he spoke of the widow as Mrs. Betts.

Mr. Boivin came here in June last. He had just graduated from Tufts College. He soon became a favorite in Southold and surrounding villages, and his church has been crowded at every service he conducted.

His congregation gave him a piano. His health became poor, and he was advised to take more exercise, and when his congregation heard this he was given a bicycle. Despite his outdoor exercise he continued to grow weaker, and he was ordered to Florida. He offered to resign, but Southold wanted him to stay, and he was voted a three months' vacation. Mr. Smith was starting for St. Augustine, and the young minister went with him.

It is said that it was through Mr. Smith the young minister met the widow by whom he has been engaged as secretary. It is said Mr. Boivin is to have charge of the widow's estate. She complained that the lawyers to whom she was forced to have recourse to manage her affairs were too greedy.

The minister will begin his duties this week.

New York Times, New York, NY, Wed. 25 Apr 1899

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UNIVERSALISTS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY HELD

Rededication of Southold
Church Appropriately
Recalled.

WORDS OF CHEER AND GREETING

Addresses by Rev. Eugene Z. Conklin,
Rev. William Hector Murray,
Pastor of the Church, and
Mr. Foster L.
Backus.

SOUTHOLD, L. I., July 27.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the rededication of the First Universalist Church, of Southold, was observed with appropriate exercises on Sunday, July 26, 1903.

The church was beautifully decorated with green and white flowers, and at 11 A. M., the building was packed with members of the church and congregation, and visiting friends. The exercises throughout were inspiring and helpful and it will be a day long to be remembered by the Universalist people of Southold and Peconic.

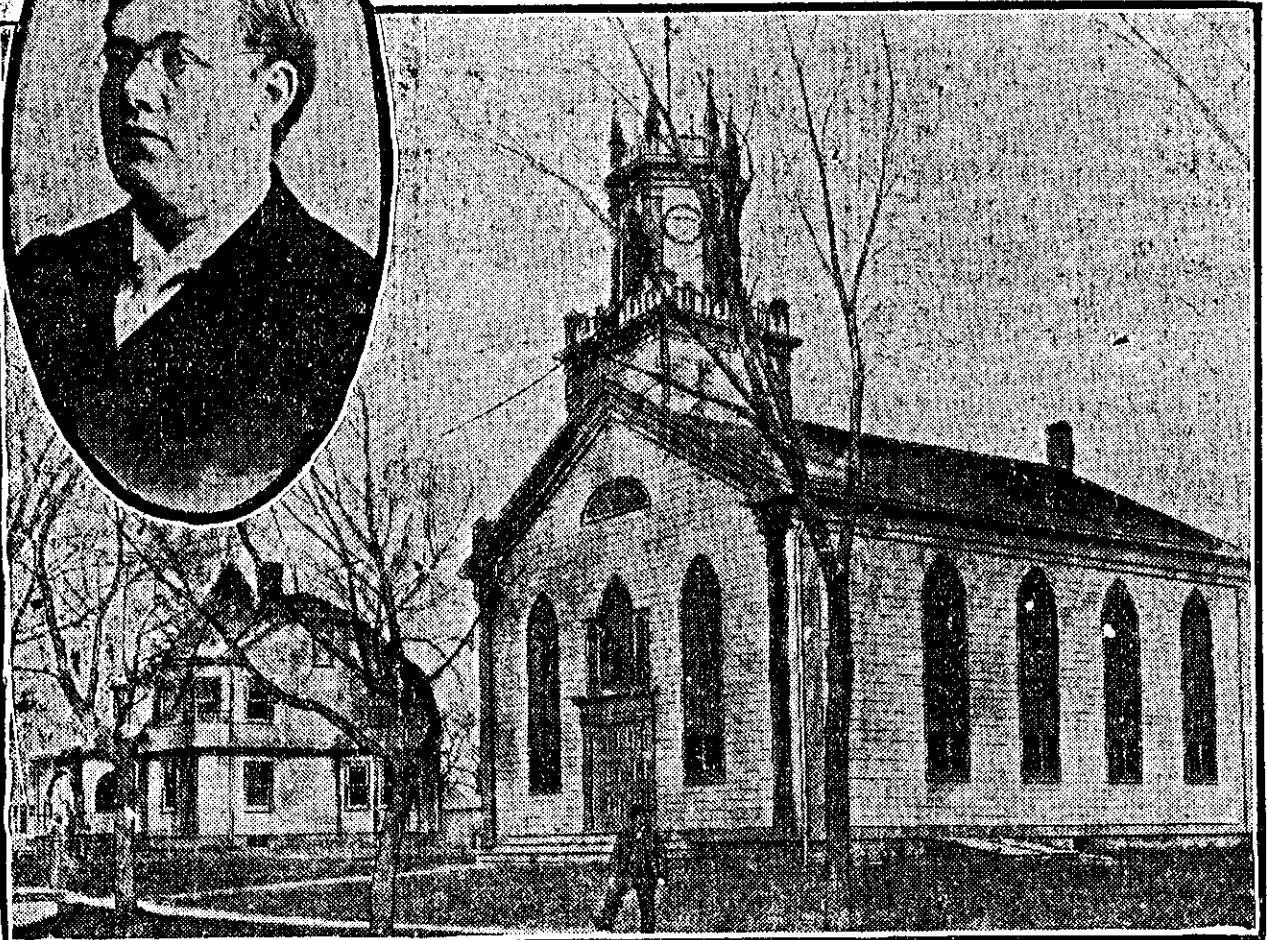
The exercises opened with a voluntary, organ and piano, by Mrs. Frank D. Smith, and Mrs. Joseph C. Case.

The invocation was offered by the Rev. Eu-

Its influence of faith and love, and holds the world secure for liberty and right. By the examples of those who have gone before us, and by the needs and opportunities that await us, we are called to be faithful. Let us be worthy of the past and true to the future.

The sermon was followed by greetings from the New York State Universalist organization, by the Hon. Foster L. Backus, of Brooklyn, the President of the organization. He chose for his text the words of Paul to the Thessalonians, "Salute the Brethren with a Holy Kiss." He said in part:

"The times have changed since Paul uttered those words, as so the State Convention can salute the brethren, and the sisters also, with the most affectionate greeting. The church of to-day would not be much were it not for the women. The mother spirit is shown in our homes. The true mothers do not get their names in the newspapers often. Their work is in the home. I will speak to you as a father who has come to look over the work of his race during the twenty-five years that have passed, and so when a State organization comes to look over the work of the individual church, we must review the work done. Some of the large churches of the city pay their assessments very slowly. It is not so with the Southold church. Before we realize that it is time for dues to come, your church sends in its assessment. What has twenty-five years done for the men of the church? Has it made the wives better and sweeter tempered, and have the children improved? We might ask the same thing of the women. The work of a church is in taking out the weeds and thistles, and making the community better. The church should not be dead. There are people who believe that because other churches have ceased to slander their creator, there is no need of the Universalist Church. Let the members attend the larger churches and enter a broader field of sociability. I believe that if the Universalist church was closed, that as quickly as weeds and thistles could return, there would be the old-time slander against God. We must wake up. I want you to do something. I want you to send a delegate to the next State Convention. Send a woman. We want a delegate from every church. In Brooklyn if a woman is arrested she is arrested by men, taken in a patrol wagon with men, defended by men, and judged by men. It is not so in Boston. There the State employs women to look after those women who are charged with crime. What we want as a Universalist church is to be true to the women, and we want women to look after and attend any woman who may be arrested, because she is a woman. We want good women to attend her until she is acquitted or convicted. Send a woman to the State Convention. I am happy to be with you today. I come not as a minister, but as a



Southold Universalist Church, the Rev. William Hector Murray, Pastor, and the Parsonage.

E. Z. Conklin, of Elgin, Ill., formerly of Southold. Mr. Conklin also led in the responsive reading, Psalm 143.

layman. The great mass of laymen are not studying theology. They are neglected by the church and there is nothing humanity

The First Universalist Church of Southold

Presents

The Maxwell A. Miller Memorial Lecture

Featuring



Mr. Geoffrey Canada

Author and President/CEO of Rheedlen Centers
for Children and Families in New York City

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

7:30 pm

The First Universalist Church of Southold – Main Road

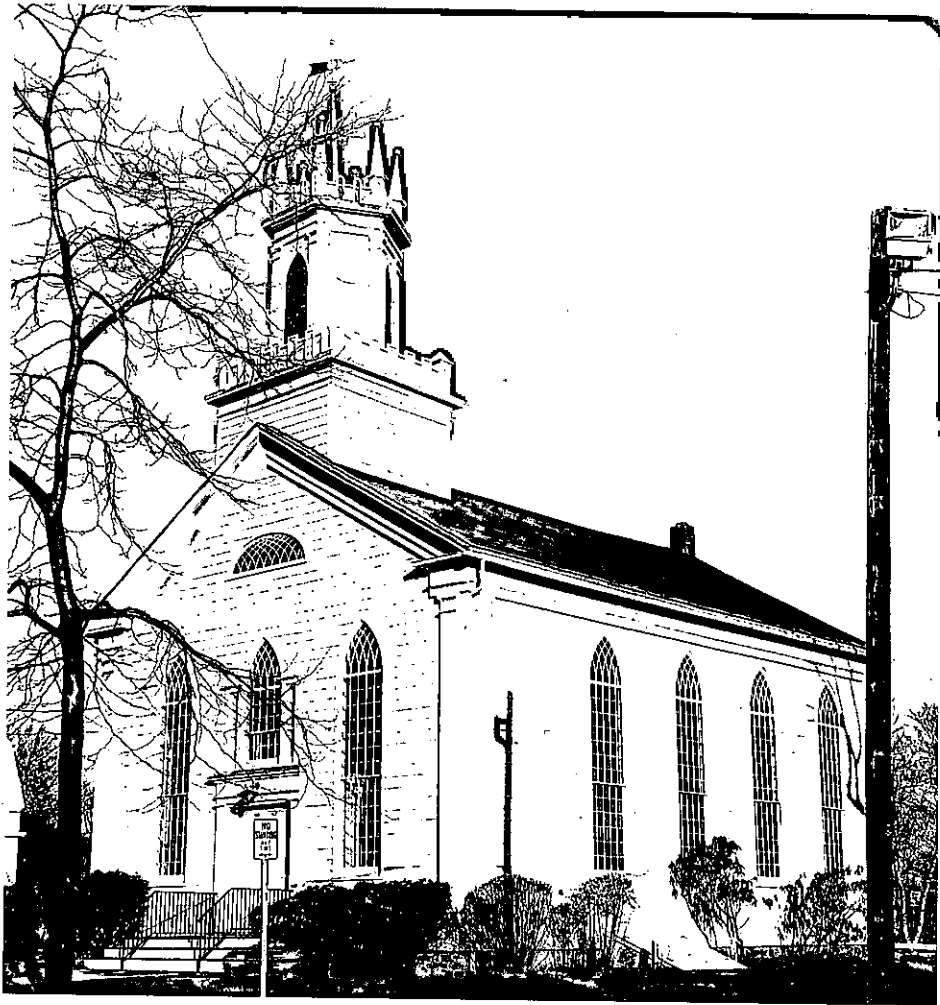
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