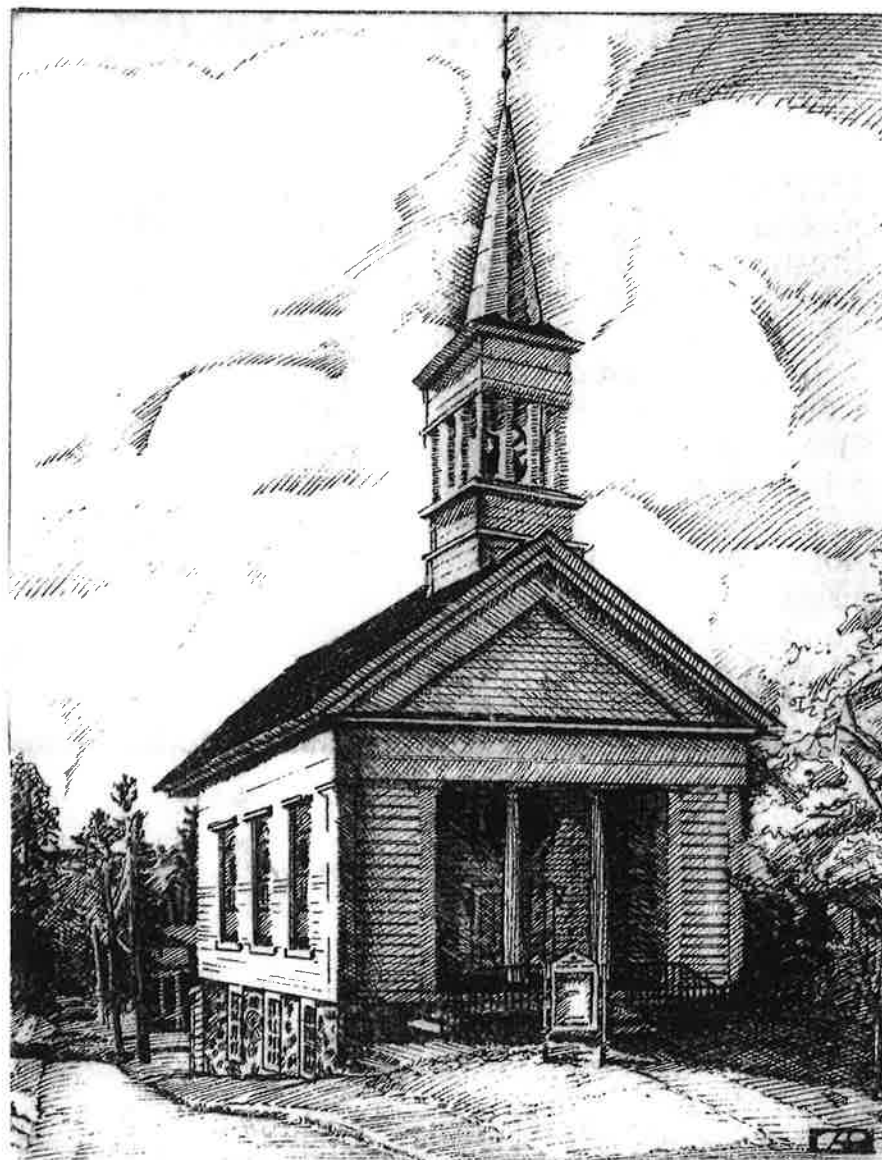


Otisville - Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church  
Centennial Year – 1955



PRESS RELEASE

## Otisville Church Names Centennial Committee

OTISVILLE — Sub-committees were named at a meeting of the centennial committee of the First Presbyterian Church, last week at the home of Glenn Patterson, chairman of the committee for the 100th anniversary celebration, the centennial will be observed the week of Sept. 11.

Committee chairmen chosen included the Rev. L. B. Smith, program speakers; Mrs. Shirley Sausville and Mrs. Harriet Francisco, preparation of church journal and advertising; Archie House, honor roll; Mrs. Laura Patterson, invitations; Mrs. Elizabeth Shand and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holley, collection and display of church historical objects; Mrs. Myra Newkirk, history; Mrs. Carrie Writer and Mrs. Florence Walker, Sept. 14 dinner committee; William Walker, seating; and Mrs. Edna Crandall, publicity.

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The Centennial was celebrated over two Sundays in September 1955

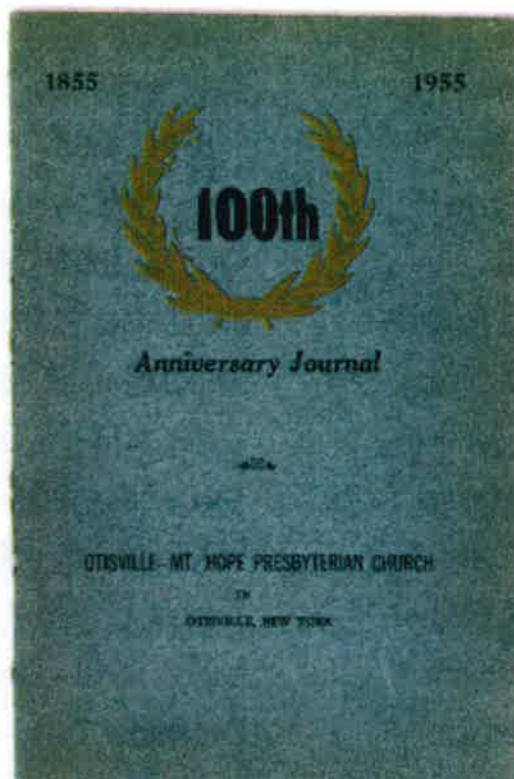
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# Otisville - Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church Church Pastors 1855 - 1955

Rev. Moses H Wilder *	March 13, 1858 – May 2, 1859
Rev. William W. Page *	May 1859
Rev. William R. S. Betts	December 1862 – April 1865
Mr. F. W. Farries *	May 1865- April 1868
Rev. F. W. Farries **	May 19, 1868 – Feb. 1, 1871
Rev. Robert Craig	May 1, 1871 – March 31, 1884
Rev. J. Service	Oct. 15, 1884 – March 1892
Rev. Sylvanus R. Queen	September 1, 1892 – July 1, 1895
Rev. Robert J. Diven	September 19, 1896- July 25, 1898
Rev. F. E. Taylor *	October 1898 – September 1903
Rev. Jacob Klaasse	September 1904 – May 1906
Rev. John S. Laing	November 17, 1907 – April 30, 1914
Rev. Luther B. Plumer	August 1, 1914 – September 16, 1917
Rev. J. Lewis Evans *	May 8, 1918 – December 1, 1919
Rev. Grant Sension *	December 1919 – May 1920
Rev. Edward Musselman	November 1, 1920 – March 16, 1923
Rev. Henry G. Stammer	July 1, 1920 - November 30, 1924
Rev. John S. Laing	December 1, 1924 – May 31, 1941
Rev. Merrill R. Nelson	October 30, 1941 – Jue21, 1942
Rev. Victor Alfsen	October 4, 1942 – August 15, 1943
Rev. Merrill R. Nelson	January 16, 1944 – October 7, 1945
Rev. David R. Kennedy	February 12, 1947 – March 3, 1951
Rev. Lary B. Small	November 1, 1953 – May 31, 1957

\*stated supply

\*\*ordained & installed 5.19.1868



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Cover of the Centennial Booklet

## GREETINGS

This Historical Booklet has been prepared to commemorate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the Otisville-Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, formerly known as the First Presbyterian Church of Otisville, New York. It has a twofold purpose:

First, as a souvenir to those who are already familiar with the colorful history of the church. Secondly, as a source of information to those who have been affiliated with the church for some time but have never had an opportunity to find out more about it.

Much of the success of this journal is due to the friendly co-operation of business and professional people who have taken advertising space, and to Friendly Boosters. You can help them and the church by showing your appreciation.

Space does not permit us to mention individually all those who have had a hand in the preparation of the Journal. However, we particularly want to thank Mrs. Shirley Sausville, and Mrs. Harriet Francisco, Co-chairmen of the Journal Committee, for their untiring efforts to make the journal a success.

LARY BAKER SMALL

100th Anniversary Journal 1955  
Otisville-Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church  
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(From the *100th Anniversary Journal*)

## ***A history of the Church's first 100 years***

by Myra Newkirk

At a point where Otisville now stands, a village was commenced at an early date, which for many years was known as Deerpark Four Corners. It was the chief place of business for the surrounding region. A Presbyterian Church was erected at about the center of Plains Cemetery in 1791. This church flourished until 1822 when the population of the settlement was drawn to Mt. Hope by the construction of a turnpike there.

The village of Mt. Hope at this time became the second largest town in this region, and the people there who had once been connected with the Deerpark Four Corners Presbyterian Church came together and started a new society. A portion of the members of the old church could not agree to the change and withdrew from the congregation.

A new church was erected in Mt. Hope in 1833. The Deerpark Church was allowed to go out of existence and the building went to decay. What remained of this old church was torn down, and the timbers were used to construct a barn on the farm of Joseph Mitchell.

In 1845 the New York and Erie Railroad was extended to the village of Otisville, which for a time became its terminus. The consequent growth of the village rendered it desirable that provision should be made for the spiritual wants of the people. Measures were taken to establish here, again, the stated ministrations of the Gospel.

An Otisville society connected with the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized and a place of worship was erected in 1848. Several of the families once connected with the Deerpark Church (but separated from it because of its removal to Mt. Hope) united with the Methodist Church. But in the summer of 1854 some of these people who had left the Presbyterian Church began again to turn their attention to the church of their fathers.

These seven heroic women and one brave man met together and on the 8th day of April 1855 formed the First Presbyterian Church of Otisville:

Mrs. Pamela Cook, wife of Avery Cook  
Mrs. Sara Ann Dodge, wife of A. S. Dodge  
Mrs. Keseah Dunning, wife of B. W. Dunning  
Mrs. Sophie Gerow, wife of William Gerow  
Mrs. Frances Loomis, wife of Ephriam Loomis  
Mrs. Esther McBride, wife of James McBride  
Mrs. Charlotte Beyea, •wife of Daniel Beyea  
and B. W. Dunning

Thus was fulfilled the Prophecy of Isaiah, fourth chapter, first verse, which says, "Seven women shall take hold of one man."

This group interested others in the enterprise and a building was started where the church now stands. Land for the structure was donated by Ephriam Loomis. A high hill had to be taken down, and the building was completed in 1856. The first preacher in the new church was Rev. T. D. Wood. The first pastor to be installed was the Rev. William Betts in 1862.

At about this time, previous to the building of the first schoolhouse, the District School, as it was called, was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church for three years. Among the students who attended there were Joel Northrup, Joe Fields, John Fields, John Carwithin, and Horton Easton.

The Rev. Betts served the church until 1865. He was followed by the Revs. Farries, Craig, Service, Queen, Diven, Taylor, and Klasse.

In 1899 the project of the union with the Mt. Hope Church was begun. At that time it was voted that Otisville pay two-thirds of the pastor's salary and Mt. Hope one-third and each receive his services in the proportion. At that time the minister's salary was \$600.

In 1905 the finances of the church were very low. Two woman (Grace Boyd and Lulu Northup) were given authority to canvas the congregation for funds to meet the financial needs of the church. Their efforts were successful. In 1907 the Rev. John S. Laing became the pastor and it was soon decided to carry on without the financial aid of the Mt. Hope Church.

By 1910 there was a membership of 111 and a Sunday School that numbered 112. In 1914 the Christian Endeavor Society had 70 members.

In the year 1914 Rev. Mr. Laing asked to be released from his labors in Otisville. After that came a succession of supplies and pastors among whom were Revs. Luther Plumer, Lewis Evans, and Grant Sension. In 1920 Rev. Edward Musselman took up the task. He remained three years. Then in 1924, Rev. Mr. Laing returned as pastor and continued to serve for seventeen years. In 1924 a kitchen was added to the church and since then has been well furnished with modern equipment and conveniences.

In 1932 the First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Hope consolidated with the First Presbyterian Church of Otisville. Since then it is known as the Otisville-Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church. The old edifice at Mt. Hope was sold to the Otisville Grange in 1934. In 1941 Rev. Laing's wish to retire was granted.

During the following summer the pulpit was supplied by various persons. In the fall of 1941 the Rev. Merrill R. Nelson took over the pastoral duties. He remained for only one year and was succeeded by Rev. Victor Alfsen. After a short stay he, also left to take up mission work in Alaska. At this time Rev. Mr. Nelson returned and an arrangement was made with The Howells Congregational Church whereby they would share the services of our pastor. Mr. Nelson remained for one and one-half years and then departed for Minnesota to work in the Home Mission Field. At this time the title of Pastor Emeritus was centered on Rev. John S. Laing in appreciation of his long and faithful service in the Church.

In 1946 came the Rev. David R. Kennedy. He remained until 1951, serving our church and Howells Congregational, as well.

After the departure of Mr. Kennedy an agreement was made to have union services with the Otisville Methodist Church, alternating the services in the two churches. Rev. Robert Bowering, the Methodist pastor, cooperated willingly until 1952 when he was transferred by the Methodist Conference to another field.

In 1953 the Rev. Lary B. Small was appointed as acting pastor of the Otisville-Mt. Hope Church by Hudson Presbytery. He has conducted the spiritual life of the church efficiently and with marked success. All organizations of the church are flourishing and its membership is increasing.

Indeed, our church has progressed a long way in the past one hundred years, and with the help of Almighty God and the continued determination and faith of us all, we believe it will continue to be an inspiration and help to the community for many years to come.



Rev. John Laing and  
Rev. Lary Small at the  
Centennial Celebration,

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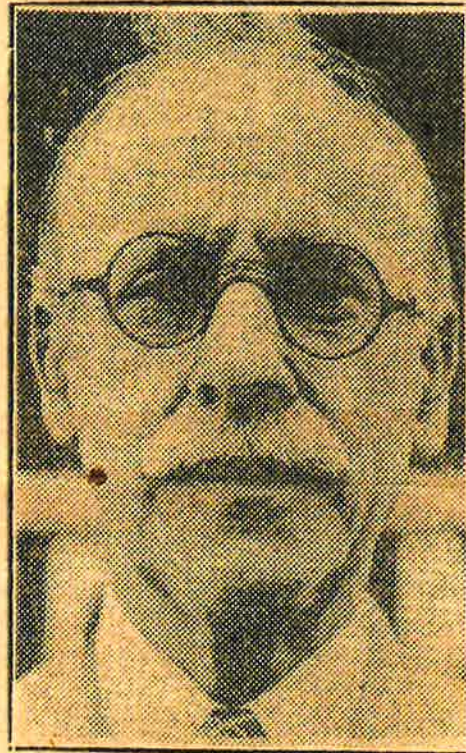
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### ***Pastor Returns***



**REV. JOHN S. LAING**

The Rev. John S. Laing, pastor emeritus of the Otisville-Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, now 92 and a resident of Bradenton, Fla., has returned to the church for tomorrow's centennial celebration. Mr. Laing was pastor from 1907 to 1914 and 1924 to 1941.

## Otisville Church Memorials Are Dedicated Sunday

The Otisville - Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church had at the 11 o'clock Sunday morning service a dedication ceremony. A new communion table was dedicated in honor of all those who served in the late war as a memorial from the church subscribers, a cross in memory of Anthony George, by his wife, Eva George, and the Baptismal Font given by Ray Glass in memory of his wife, both deceased having passed away within the past year. Mr. Glass is now a Port Jervis resident with business affiliations in New York.

The pastor, the Rev. Larry B. Small, conducted the ceremonies with responses by the congregation.

Mr. Small in making a plea leading up to the coming 100th anniversary of the church, that the regular attendance at church services be doubted by then. With every member bringing in another this can be done. Also the pastor asks if it is too much to ask of anyone to spend one hour a week at the church for worship when we all have so many blessings bestowed on us week in and out.

Rev. Laing, Now 92, Returns to Otisville  
For Centennial of Presbyterian Church

Dr. DAN PATRICK

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In preparation for the attack, the station had been repaired and destroyed, and all the village huts were burned in the night.

**Consolidation in 1932**  
Originally known as the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, it was built as a church devoted to Spurgeon Loomis, one of the early abolitionists of the community. It welcomed the ladies from the Freedmen's Aid Society in 1861 until 1891, when it was affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, N. Y. Ave.

The Methodist Church of Ocean  
has suspended its services as the  
first of only 12 July the regular  
church members in Norfolk, as  
the Rev. Samuel Bevington, for 1  
year, the pastor of the Methodist  
Church in Atlantic City, will read the

It was a long time before I was able to  
get the letter and the paper and  
the little book which I had written  
in the last few days of my life.

The 19th-century church was built as the pastor the Rev. L. M. Wood presided and is named in his honor. Mrs. J. M. Wood was pastor of the First Presbyterian church in the Third Ward during the

Since his arrival in the United States, the Council elected as a temporary agent to IGC and has received most of the support of the UN.

The strength of the door surrounding the whole system of the building is an integral part. It was used by Nelson.

June 12 Feb 1966. Moderate rain. 40 and 50 mph. The rain, the clouds and the wind, the ground, as well as the air.

with each on the front of a building a group on the roof top chairs like you used to have. Movement started going on. There are a beautiful sunset on

**Recently Listed**  
The church has prepared a...

most Jewish, a Jewish woman  
writing the world, following  
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Louis M. Marquette, whether  
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of the California Presbyter-  
ian Church of Boston, will deliver a  
sermon.

Church, designed by Mr. M.  
Newell, located at 11111  
one of the most modern and

and the community was known as the  
First Church of Christ and the  
Latter-day Saints.

With the coming of the New Year  
and the New Year's Eve  
celebrations at the Metropolitan

First Pastor in 1867

Finally, the First Presbyterian Church of Quakke was founded in 1881. The founders according to Mrs. Newell, are Mrs. Fox

Mack, Mrs. Sara Ann Thompson,  
 Edward Downing, Mrs. Maria C.  
 W. Mrs. Elizabeth Lamm,  
 Walter McKee, Mrs. Charles  
 W. and S. W. Thompson.

A bill was introduced on last night by Mr. Loomis, and the art building was discussed in the first paper and the first

The church's finances were sound in a near audit when some financial crisis in 1987

The second advertisement appeared about 1900 in the

without any more than 500 lbs. in the church.

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The Rev. Larry R. Jewell of the Ottawa-St. Hope Presbyterian Church which celebrates its 100th anniversary with special services this Sunday and next. Former pastors and parishioners as well as friends of the church will attend. Reception will follow the services on both Sundays.

The Old Bethel, Maine Presbyterian Church, seen a photograph by Herbert W. Sauer about 1905. The early picture shows church in its original condition.

**Otisville Church  
Honors Members  
For Long Service**

Special recognition for long service to the church was made to some of its elder communicants at a buffet dinner following the final centennial service of the Otisville-Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

American Beauty roses were presented as a token of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Holley, for the longest continuous active membership of both husband and wife — nearly 60 years each; to Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Rockwell, who for 55 years have regularly prepared the Communion service, and to Mr. Rockwell as the oldest living Elder; to Mrs. Grace House for 35 years' service as church organist; and to Mrs. Laura Patterson, who at the age of 70 is still serving as church treasurer, member of the board of trustees, and teacher in the Sunday School.

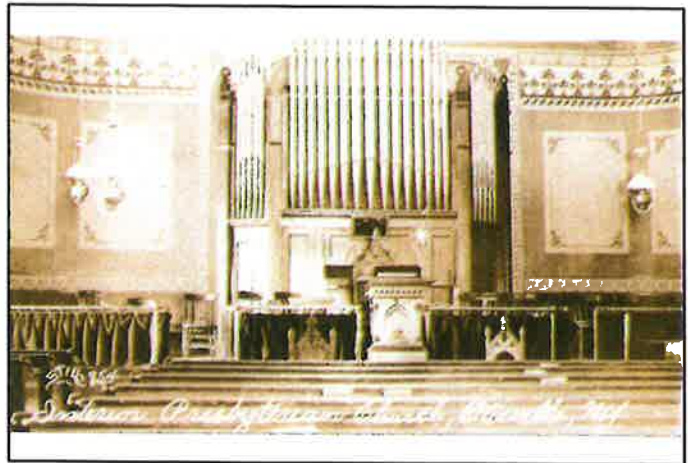
Honorable mention was made among others of Glenn Patterson, general chairman of the 100th anniversary committee; Mrs. Shirley Souville and Mrs. Harriet Francisco, co-chairmen of the anniversary souvenir journal; and Mrs. Frank Witter and Mrs. Ronald Walker, who were responsible for the anniversary dinner which followed the service and for the luncheon the previous Sunday.

**Pastor Receives Gift**

The Rev. Lary B. Small, pastor, was presented a piece of luggage by the congregation in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the centennial.

The church was filled to overflowing with residents and homecoming members from as far as Ohio, Florida and California. The Rev. David E. MacInnes, executive of the Synod of New York Presbytery, delivered the sermon.

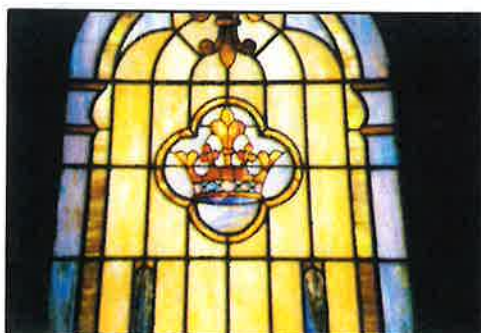
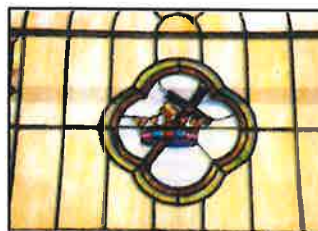
A synopsis of the church's history and his own ministry was given at the dinner by the Rev. John S. Laing, who at the age of 92 traveled from Florida to be present. The Women's Association of the church prepared and served the dinner. The centennial closed with the singing of songs and hymns.



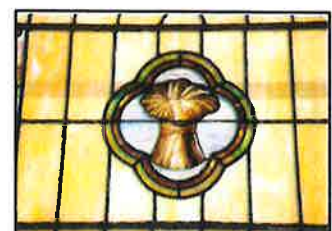
Interior of Otisville Presbyterian c. 1900



View from across Main Street Note the two entry doors.  
The sanctuary had a balcony.



Before electricity, the original windows were clear glass.





This photo was taken from the top of a railroad car.

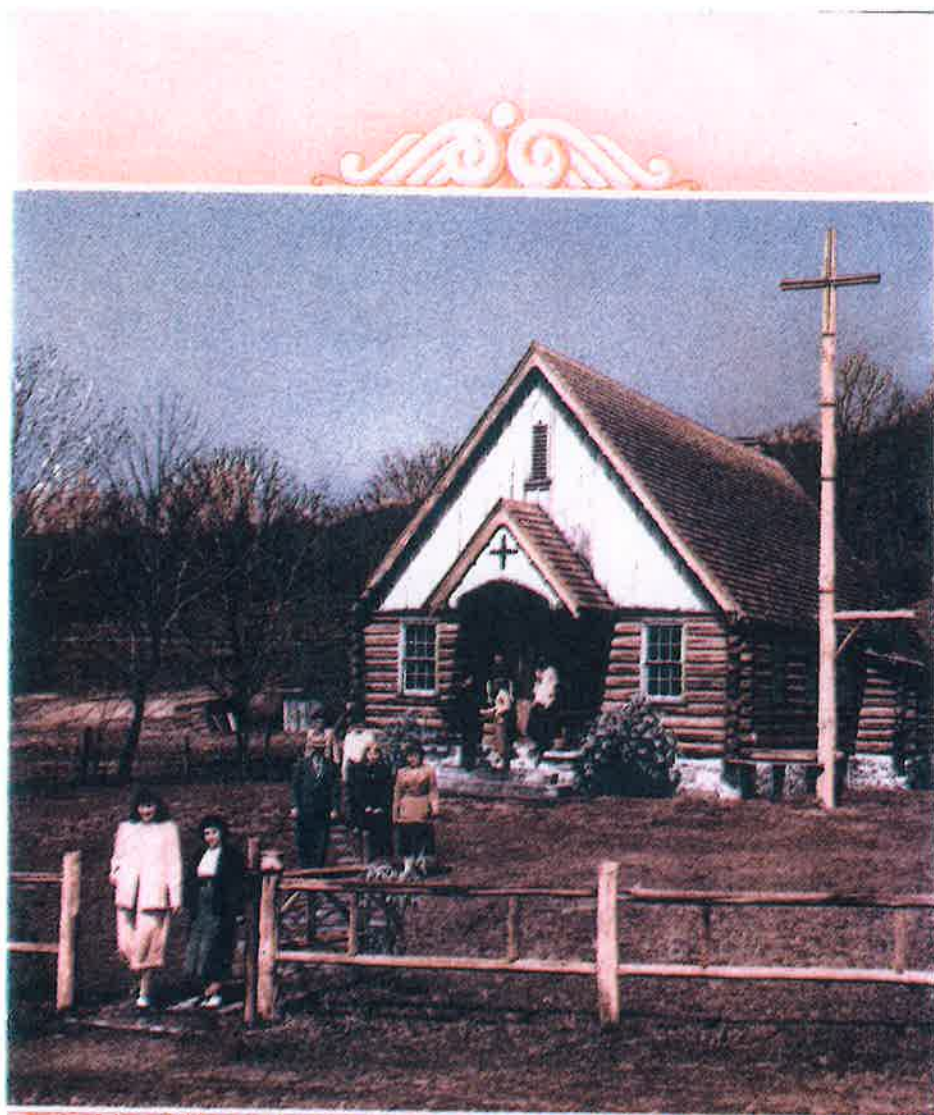


The church was built on property donated by Ephraim Loomis. The building was completed in 1856. Loomis' barn in the photo was destroyed by a fire and rebuilt. This barn collapsed under heavy snow after the Church Centennial.

BELOW: a locomotive derailment just above the church's Main St. parking lot

Carriages could drop off worshippers at the door.





*The Church Is Everywhere*

From Church Bulletin, September 11, 1955

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE  
OTISVILLE - MT. HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 11, 1955, 11 A. M.

GUEST OF HONOR

Rev. John S. Laing, Pastor 1907 - 1914;  
1924 - 1941

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Organ Prelude	"Holy Hour"	Rand
Call to Worship, Invocation, Lord's Prayer		
Hymn 11	"Come, Ye That Love the Lord"	
Responsive Reading 524		
Gloria Patri		
Scripture Reading	Rev. Robert Bowering	
Prayer	Rev. John S. Laing	
Choral Response		
Anthem	"Lift up Your Heads"	Emerson
Offertory	"Quietude"	Mallard
Doxology		
Hymn 424	"Now Thank We All Our God"	
Sermon	The Rev. David R. Kennedy	
	Pastor 1946 - 1951	
Hymn 219	"Faith of Our Fathers"	
Benediction (Congregation Seated)		
Choral Amen		
Organ Postlude	"Exalt His Name"	Cooke

Following the service, reception  
down-stairs.

### NOTICES

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Memorial flowers have been given today as follows:

In memory of Louise Corwin, by her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Butzgy.

In memory of Mrs. E. L. Walker, and Mrs. Kenneth Walker, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yoe-  
mans.

In memory of Mrs. E. L. Walker, by her husband and family.

The Pulpit Scarf and Bible Markers being used for the first time today, have been given by Edna and Fred Grandall, Cpl. Harold L. Benton, and Ramon Benton, in memory of Harold L. Benton Sr., and Richard J. Benton.

Following the service today, all are invited downstairs for an hour of fellowship and a bite to eat.

The second Centennial Service will be held next Sunday at 11 A. M. The preacher will be Rev. David R. MacInnes, Executive of the Synod of New York. A buffet luncheon will be served downstairs after the service. We hope you will come back next Sunday.

## Our Dwelling Place

SOMEWHERE we must come to rest. Our fearful and feverish spirits, buffeted and bewildered, must find a home. Sidney Lanier, in *From the Marshes of Glynn*, declares:

As the marsh-hen secretly builds on the watery sod,  
Behold I will build me a nest on the greatness of God. . . .

In the early part of the last century a young man wandered at sunset one day among the Massachusetts hills, lonely and fearful of the future. He had just left home to find work in his chosen profession. Suddenly against the crimson sky he sees a lonely bird, winging its solitary way southward. He watches it till it is gone. But the moment is not gone. For William Cullen Bryant this instant became a guidepost for life. If an unseen power would guide a lonely bird, it most certainly would lead him too. You recall these lines from *To a Waterfowl*:

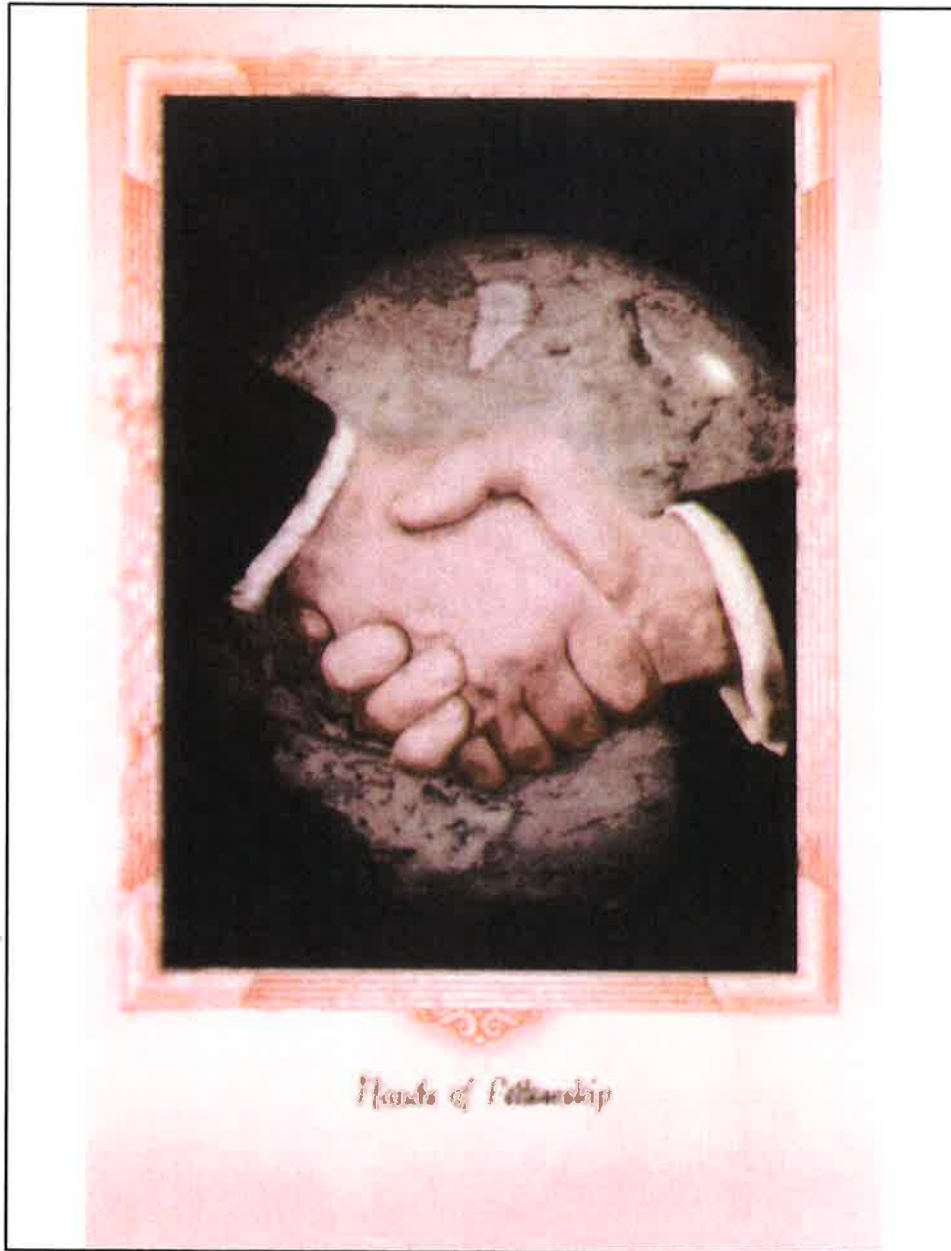
He who, from zone to zone,  
Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,  
In the long way that I must tread alone  
Will lead my steps aright.

Centuries ago the Psalmist in the ninetyeth Psalm reassured himself and his people, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

Every Sabbath millions of people wend their way to a village church, a wayside chapel, a soaring temple, to hear the words of eternal life and to meet Him who is the Living Word. They go to find rest for their souls, a home for their spirits, an abiding dwelling place.

We come to Him who reassures us, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest."

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OFISVILLE - MT. HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Sunday, September 18, 1955, 11 A. M.

Rev. Lary Baker Small                      Minister  
Mrs. Grace House                          Organist

Organ Prelude    Andante Religioso    Stultz  
Call to Worship, Invocation, Lord's Prayer  
Hymn 47    "Our God, Our Help"  
Responsive Reading 531  
Gloria Patri  
Scripture Reading                      Rev. John S. Leing  
Prayer                                      Mr. Leing  
Choral Response  
Anthem - I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes                      Lane  
Offertory    Be Thou My Stay                      Clark  
Doxology  
Hymn 57    "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
Sermon    The Rev. David S. MacInnes  
                    Executive of the Synod of New York  
Anthem    The Lord is Good                      Dale  
Hymn 140    "The Church's One Foundation"  
Benediction                      (Congregation Seated)  
Choral Amen  
Organ Postlude    Sacred Memories                      Haysar

Buffet dinner and social hour downstairs  
after the service, to which all are invited

Many of the floral pieces today have been given in memory of loved ones departed, or in honor of loved ones still living. They are as follows:

By the Patterson children, in memory of their father, Horace Patterson, and in honor of their mother, Laura Patterson \*\*\* By Clifford and Amelia Parsells, in honor of their mother, Lulu Parsells \*\*\* By Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bronner, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bronner Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cross \*\*\* By Mrs. Fred Newkirk and family, in memory of Mrs. Newkirk's husband, Mr. Fred Newkirk \*\*\* By Mr. and Mrs. Archie House, in memory of Mr. House's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William House \*\*\* By Mr. Broje Osterdahl and Mrs. Doris Osterdahl Runnalls, in memory of Mrs. Osterdahl, wife and mother, and Carl Osterdahl, son and brother \*\*\* By Frank J. and Carrie V. Writer, in memory of Mr. Writer's parents, Benjamin H. and Ella K. Writer \*\*\* By Mrs. Laura Francisco and family, in memory of Mrs. Francisco's husband, Mr. Mial Francisco \*\*\* By Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Walker, in memory of Mrs. Walker's parents, George and Anna Miller \*\*\* By Mrs. Jean Mitchell and Mrs. Jean Doty, in memory of Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. John S. Laing and husband, Mr. Andrew Mitchell.

The bouquet of red roses have been given by the Women's Association, in honor of all the older members of the church

## *The Restored Fellowship*

THE WHOLE world is a scene of broken fellowships. Men are created in the image of God, to live in fellowship with each other as children of God. But the family is badly broken. Nation is pitted against nation, race against race, class against class, and even creed against creed. Man, whose most basic distinction lies in his being a member of the class of mankind, tends to exaggerate subordinate distinctions and to forget that he is a man.

To restore or heal the broken fellowships of the world is the urgent need of the hour.

There are people who believe fear can do it. If nations and people are afraid enough of each other they ought to behave. And a race in armaments is on! Let us be realistic enough to concede that this may be a cause for peace, for even in a home children may cooperate in the tasks of the household because they fear punishment from their father. Nations may cooperate in the work of the family of nations because they fear the strength of one member. But at best fear only holds in check; it never cements. Fear only breeds resentments, suspicions and at last a reckless bravado, which at any moment may set the world afire.

Our Christian faith enters with a revolutionary idea for man's communal life on earth. Men can get together, but only in God. In His sight, we are all of equal and eternal worth. This He confirmed when He gave His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to pay on the Cross the same high price for every one. If we have life with God, through Jesus, then the inescapable corollary is that we must seek to restore a fellowship with one another. This is no option which we may reject if we choose; this is the task. And to this task we bring a new and radical appraisal of all men, and in Him a love for all men. In this newness a fellowship can be restored.

## Centennial Celebration in the news

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Pastors gather after Anniversary service:

L - R: Rev. John Laing, Rev. Robert Bowering and Rev. Lary Small



Mrs. Grace House, organist



Hostesses: L. (unknown) and Mrs. Lary Small on right.

## Pastors through the years



Rev. Victor Alfsen and family, October 1942 - October 1945

Rev. Paul Boger and family,  
April 1967 to April 1971



Rev. Jacob Klaasse and his family  
served in Otisville from September 1904  
- May 1906





Rev. David Kennedy & family  
February 1947 - March 1951



Rev. Jim Stuckey at wedding ceremony  
gives the blessing



Rev. Lary Small,  
November 1953 - May 1957  
Pastor during the 100th Anniversary.



Rev. Merrill Nelson  
January 1944 to October 1945

