

November 30, 1988

To Members and Friends of the Lake Keuka Baptist Church:

Sometime ago, I accepted the responsibility to write a history of our church which this year celebrates one hundred years of worship and service. It has been a challenging and enlightening experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to immerse myself in the history of the church.

As I examined the historical documents I collected from the church and other sources, I recognized numerous obstacles which delayed my progress. For example, in the records available to me, names are occasionally misspelled, important dates are missing, and minutes of church committees are, at times, sketchy or incomplete.

Newspaper clippings about special events are often undated, and the data on which the stories are based is no longer available. Worst of all, many records of past events have been lost or misplaced.

Despite the problems I encountered, I was never discouraged. Instead, as I read through newspaper clippings, minutes, letters, and other documents of historical interest, I was constantly moved by the faithfulness and commitment of the members of the congregations who worshipped throughout the first century. We are the beneficiaries of their zeal and their faith.

On this the anniversary of the Crosby Church, we are reminded that we are only a small part of a continuous stream, and future generations will look back on this centennial congregation and assess what we have done to strengthen our faith and to serve others here and throughout the world.

Our forefathers were people of unwavering faith and a deep sense of commitment to our Lord and to the fellowship of believers of which we are a part. As we move confidently into the second century, let us rededicate ourselves and our lives to the task that was begun by those faithful servants of Christ one hundred years ago.

Bruce Westerdahl, Pastor
Lake Keuka Baptist Church

LAKE KEUKA BAPTIST CHURCH
1888 - 1988

According to the History of Yates County edited by Lewis Cass Aldrich and published by D. Mason and Company in 1892, the first Baptist Church in the Town of Barrington was organized in 1819, almost two decades after the first pioneer located in the town in 1800.

Aldrich also reports that a second Baptist Church was organized in 1819. A meeting house was erected in 1821 in Sunderlin Hollow, near the area now known as Crystal Springs.

The Warsaw Baptist Church was organized in 1838, and for the next fifty years those Baptists living in the vicinity of Crosby on Keuka Lake attended worship services at the meeting house in that community.

The round trip between Crosby and Warsaw for worship services and church meetings was not without its difficulties. Although the distance between the communities is not excessive, the ridge that runs parallel and east of Keuka Lake was difficult terrain for even the best of horses pulling a buggy and a family of devoted church members.

Historical records do not indicate when Reverend A. D. Clark, the minister at the Warsaw Church began travelling to Crosby to minister to the spiritual needs of the lakeside Baptists, but because of his interest and leadership the Crosby Baptist Sunday School was organized in 1884.

Eighty-two persons attended the very first session in the Crosby school house on April 6. Isaac Crosby, grandson of Nathan Crosby who settled in the town of Barrington in 1812, was the first superintendent.

With a nucleus of enthusiastic teachers and an occasional sermon from Reverend Clark, interest in the Sunday School program and in building a house of worship in Crosby increased, and on May 15, 1888, the Lake Keuka Baptist Church was organized.

In a letter to his parents, written on May 16, of that year, William Burt, one of the charter members of the church, indicated there were 47 persons present for that first meeting. That number included the Reverends Sherer from the Second Milo Church, C. M. Bruce from Milo, and James Nobbs who replaced Clark at the Warsaw Church in January of 1888.

Burt also noted the new church sanctuary "is to be built just 100 feet from our house."

The Secretary Pro Tem for the organizational meeting was Charles E. Guile, father of Ruth Guile, who, on the occasion of the church's centennial, was 92 years old. Miss Guile, who lived on Liberty Street in Penn Yan in 1988, remembers attending worship services as a

little girl. She vividly recalled John Walker, who served the Crosby Church from 1891 to 1893 and married Ruth's aunt, Evalina Guile.

On May 30, 1888, the following news article appeared in the Yates County Chronicle:

— A correspondent sends us the following interesting account of the founding of Keuka Baptist Church.

On Tuesday, 15th last, about forty persons met at the house of Mr. Isaac Crosby to organize a Baptist church. Prayer was offered by Rev. Sherer, of 2nd Milo. Rev. J. Nobbs was chosen chairman of the meeting. Thirty-six letters of dismissal from Barrington and six from Milo and six from Penn Yan were received...The articles of faith of the regular Baptist church were read and a rising vote taken adopting them. Then the church covenant was read and adopted the same way; also the laws of 1876 of New York State in reference to church organization were read, and it was agreed to organize under them. Two deacons were chosen by ballot, and Messrs. Crosby and Henry Bullock were duly elected. Mr. Leroy Bellows [sic], (The last name should have been spelled Bellis.) was also elected church clerk for two years, and Rev. James Nobbs as pastor. Remarks appropriate to the occasion were then offered by Revs. Bruce and Sherer and the chairman and the meeting closed with prayer by Brother Deacon Wixson of the Barrington Church. Three candidates came forth to unite with the church by Baptism. The church will be known as the "Lake Keuka Regular Baptist" church. Post office address, Crosby's Landing.

During one of the first meetings of the newly organized church, George Finton and Issac Crosby were authorized to contact an architect to design the house of worship for the congregation.

Philip Wheeler, an architect and builder living in Branchport, was hired to prepare the plans, and at a congregational meeting on June 23, the building committee presented Wheeler's drawing. The original plan, presented to the congregation at that meeting, is on file in the church archives.

On July 4, 1888, the building committee was authorized to proceed with construction. The cost of the new building was not to exceed \$2,000.

In response to Wheeler's plan, Isaac Crosby donated the land and the foundation for the meeting house, and Isaac Hewitt started the building fund with a generous gift of \$500.00. By July 18, a total of \$1874.00 was subscribed or promised for the new church building.

On Wednesday, December 19, 1888, the new church was completed and dedicated, and on December 23 at 11 a.m., the first Sunday morning worship service was held.

The Reverend Nobbs was the first pastor called to preach at the Lake Keuka Church. Church records indicate Nobbs, who served both Warsaw and Lake Keuka at Sunday services, "preached the gospel in the highest sense of the term."

During the first 15 months under Nobbs' leadership, 20 persons were added to the original list of charter members. On May 4, 1889, the congregation of the new church voted to pay their pastor an annual salary of \$250 to compensate him for his services.

On August 3, 1889, the congregation accepted Nobbs' resignation; however, on September 22, his resignation was reconsidered and his salary raised to \$300 plus an offering. Nobbs stayed on.

In 1891, Nobbs resigned again, this time for good, and during the next ninety-seven years, more than forty ministers were called to supply and serve the little church on the Lake. Few stayed more than two years, and only one, Thomas De Gruchy stayed as long as six years. In 1965-1966, the church at Crosby was served by three different ministers.

Records indicate the members of the congregation in the late 1800's and early 1900's devoted a great deal of time each week to the church. Many members regularly attended the Sunday morning services, Sunday School, weekly Christian Endeavor meetings, and meetings of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society and the Ontario-Yates Association. Even without considering the fact that all transportation was on foot or by horse and buggy, it was a considerable commitment of time and energy.

Through one hundred years of service and worship, the women of the Lake Keuka Church have played a significant role. On July 18, 1888, five months before the church building was completed, the women organized, and Mrs. George Finton was elected president.

Early church records do not always indicate the name of the women's organization serving the congregation at the time. In all probability, the women were members of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society until May 22, 1935, when the Ladies Aid emerged. During the church's centennial year, the women serve the congregation and Christians throughout the world as the Women's Circle of the Lake Keuka Baptist Church.

Regardless of the organization's name, the women of the Crosby church have made important contributions to the physical, financial, and spiritual needs of the congregation. On more than one occasion through the years, the women have made generous donations to the church's general budget in order to meet expenses.

For example, church records indicate the women's organizations of the church are totally or partially responsible for major items such as kitchen appliances, the basement ceiling, and a heating plant installed in 1951.

In recent years, the women of the church provided funds for a public address system, carpeting, and foundation planting.

Several reports to the Ontario-Yates Association in the early sixties indicate the Ladies Aid was bearing fifty percent or more of the expenses of the church.

In the early fifties, the women of the Crosby Church took charge of the fellowship suppers, a monthly tradition which continues through the present day.

In February of 1889, the Lake Keuka Baptist Chapter of the People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized by Charles Guile. During the first decade, twenty to thirty members gathered weekly throughout the year to sing, to pray, and to give testimony. The names of Crosby, Guile, and Bullock appear often in the minutes of those meetings.

The hymns sung most frequently at early Christian Endeavor meetings were *Solid Rock*, *Blessed Assurance*, *Work for the Night is Coming*, *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*, and *Rescue the Perishing*.

The Power of Faith, *How a Christian Can Die*, and *What is a Worthy Confession* are just a few of the topics discussed by the membership.

The Lake Keuka Baptist Sunday School program, organized on April 6, 1884, four years before the church itself was founded, was active and well supported until the late forties. More than seventy students met with seven teachers at that first session, and the offering was \$1.45.

Occasionally, during the early years of the church, more than eighty students attended the Sunday School program. 1891 appears to be one of the most successful years for the program with six classes and an average attendance on Sunday mornings in the sixties.

By 1918, the average attendance was still forty-five, but six years later that figure had dropped to just fifteen.

After 1948, the Sunday School program was inactive until 1958 and 1959 when it enjoyed a brief rebirth. Reports to the Ontario-Yates Association also mention a Sunday School program from 1976 through 1979. There are no reports of a Sunday School program after 1979.

During the past century, there have been many special events at the Crosby Church. For example, at the time of the church's sesqui-centennial in 1938, there was a seven-hour afternoon and evening program of music, testimony, worship, and prayer attended by eight ministers who served area churches or had supplied or were called to lead the Crosby congregation.

Among the participants in the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary Service was Mrs. Corey Semans, one of sixty members on the rolls at that time. Mrs. Semans, the former Ida Welch, was one of seven charter members of the church still living in 1938. She was also the mother

of Frances Smith, who in 1988 was associated with the church for seventy-four years, longer than any other active or inactive member.

Prior to the Sesqui-Centennial Service, the church was redecorated on the interior.

On Sunday, October 3, 1954, another special event occurred when approximately one hundred persons attended a homecoming and reconsecration service at the lakeside church. The Reverend Benjamin Disbrow, who had served the church in the mid-forties gave the address. Frank Swann, well known historian in Yates County, served the church as pastor at the time.

The occasion celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the church's founding and marked the culmination of a variety of physical improvements. In the year prior to the reconsecration service, the interior of the church, including the dining room and kitchen, was redecorated, a new rug was placed on the dais in the sanctuary, and the exterior was repaired and painted.

The sexton at the time of the reconsecration service was Fred Crowell who served in that post for thirty years. He was only the second person in the history of the church to hold that position having followed Mr. H. Brandt who was hired in 1889. Crowell and his bride, started housekeeping in 1888 in the log cabin which still stands across from the church on East Lake Road.

There is a new spirit of revival at the Crosby Church as membership and attendance at Sunday services increases and the congregation celebrates their centennial year. Recently, the church has also enjoyed several physical improvements including a new furnace, professional landscaping, and a new coat of paint on the church exterior.

On Sunday, July 17, 1988, more than 130 people filled the church to capacity as members, friends, and honored guests celebrated 100 years of worship and service.

The Reverend Daniel Benedict, the pastor at the First Baptist Church in Geneva, delivered the sermon for the Centennial Celebration. Reverend Benedict served the Crosby Church from 1968 to 1972.

The scripture was read by the Reverend Douglas Passage from a bible which was once owned by the Reverend James Nobbs, the first pastor called to serve the Crosby congregation in 1888. The bible was borrowed from Ronald Peck of Fairport, New York, Nobbs' great-great grandson.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Benjamin Disbrow who had served the church from 1944 to 1946 and participated in the sesqui-centennial anniversary celebration. Bruce Westerdahl, the current pastor, and Dr. Walter Ketchum, the Associate Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of New York State were also involved in the ceremonies.

Special music was presented by Gordon Keach and Burt Prayne of Rochester, New York and by Bruce Westerdahl and Phyllis Bailey, the organist at the church.

Following the worship service, refreshments were served by the members of the Women's Circle who also planned the Centennial Service and other activities celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church.

The last service at the church in 1988 was held on Sunday, December 18. The church building was reconsecrated at that time as the congregation celebrated the birth of our Savior and embarked on a second century of worship and service.

FINAL COMMENT

At the centennial service on July 17, 1988, the Rededication Prayer was offered by Bruce Westerdahl, pastor of the Crosby Church since 1985. The thoughts expressed in that prayer are a fitting conclusion to this summary of the history of the Lake Keuka Baptist Church through the first one hundred years.

Heavenly Father, we are a remembering people, and today we gather here to remember that You have chosen us, and brought us together as a fellowship of believers we call Lake Keuka Baptist Church.

We give You thanks for the work You have done in this church and for Your love and Your faithfulness. When we called Your name, You made your presence known to us. When we prayed You heard us. When we preached Your word and administered Your sacraments, You were in our midst.

You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins. You have sent Your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses.

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we thank You for those who have faithfully served this church and shine as stars in the heavens of Your eternity. We rejoice that we have had the privilege of sharing with them the life of this congregation.

To the task to which those we remember gave of themselves and their means, we now recommit ourselves ____ that their fondest dreams for this church and its mission in the community and the world will not go unrealized.

With one eye looking back, and one eye looking forward, we now rededicate ourselves to the care and redemption of all You have created.

In the name of Him who is our fondest memory and our greatest hope, we recommit our lives.

Amen

HISTORY OF LAKE KEUKA BAPTIST CHURCH
FROM CHURCH RECORDS AND REPORTS TO YATES AND ONTARIO-YATES ASSN.

- 1884 Sunday School organized on April 6 in school house one mile south of present church. Sunday worship service held at 4:30 after SS. The Reverend A. D. Clark from the Barrington Church led services.
- 1888 Church organized and yoked with Barrington Church. Women organized on July 18. Building completed and dedicated on December 19. First Sunday service held on December 23. The Reverend James Nobbs was first pastor. Christian Endeavor organized and Charles Guile elected first president.
- 1891 The Reverend John Walker was ordained. Church hosted the annual meeting of the County Baptist Association for the first time. George Finton and Amos Wortman were appointed "to build a horse block and make needed improvements in the yard."
- 1894 In a special covenant meeting, sixty-four members of the congregation expressed their conviction "that secular labor, Sunday visitation, and voluntary absenting ourselves from public services of the church on the Sabbath are never justifiable but are grievous sins against God and before the church."
- 1896 Pastor Reed gave notice that the second week in February would be observed as a "Week of Prayer."
- 1897 Mrs. Herman Bullock elected president of Missionary Society. Evangelistic services resulted in thirty-six new members and two restored to membership. The Reverend C. L. Bonham was pastor.
- 1898 The church hosted the Yates County Young People's Christian Endeavor Convention and served over 700 people at two meals.
- 1902 The Reverend J. W. Cole was called to serve the church as pastor.
- 1904 The Reverend Frank Peck was called to serve the church as pastor (July 31).
- 1905 A series of gospel meetings was held during four weeks in January. The result of the meetings was twenty-two candidates for baptism.
- 1907 Peck resigned effective October 21. The Reverend I. W. Ripley called on November 24.
- 1908 Church observed twentieth anniversary. Isaac Crosby appointed chairman of the anniversary committee. All members, former members, and former pastors were invited.

- 1909 Ripley resigned March 21.
- 1910 The Reverend John G. Wilson was called, June 19 at an annual salary of \$350.
- 1911 Wilson resigned September 10. The Reverend A. D. Hammond was called on December 17.
- 1913 Hammond resigned on November 22. Total membership of 107 includes twelve charter members.
- 1914 H. L. Bethel supplied until the Reverend C. H. Manning was called on August 2. Leland Gray and ten others baptized in September and October. 102 people on the membership list.
- 1916 Manning resigned on April 9. Two pastors called to serve, and both refused. Call extended to the Reverend C. W. Heminway. Pastor's Advisory Board formed.
- 1917 Church still yoked with Barrington. Heminway ordained December 3 at Barrington. Church rolls revised according to new standards. 117 members listed prior to revision.
- 1918 Heminway granted leave of absence for one year to work in YMCA war camp. The Reverend Carrie Price called to supply in his absence.
- 1919 Heminway resigned because of salary. Salary increased and Heminway remained until November, 1920.
- 1920 The Crosby and Barrington churches separated as a result of the latter's need for a full-time minister. Attempt to yoke with Second Milo rejected.
- 1922-23 The Reverend Dr. Thomas De Gruchy called in January, 1923.
80 (42/38)*
- 1923-24 Anna Gray led active Missionary Society. 64 (37/27)
- 1924-25 New porch built. Piano purchased. Church redecorated inside and out. Membership voted to unite with Barrington. Barrington Church rejected plan. 61 (34/27)
- 1925-26 Area churches claiming members each year. Woman's Missionary Society recognized for their good work. 53 (27/26)
- 1926-27 The young men in the church held weekly prayer services conducted by William Kenyon. Five young people added by baptism. Interest in SS increased. De Gruchy is still pastor. Women were active. Church hosted the Yates Baptist Association in June. 56 (33/23)

* Total members (Resident - Non Resident)

- 1928-29 De Gruchy preached last sermon on January 6, 1929. Two weeks later, on January 19, Dr. De Gruchy passed away NA
- 1929-30 K. N. Conrad of Keuka Park supplied during past year. Vacation Bible School planned for summer '30. SS grew. Bill Kenyon was superintendent. 55 (33/22)
- 1930-31 The Reverend Lafferty called. Church united with Barrington in August of '30. Lafferty resigned in April, 1931. The Reverend Frank Van Etten called on May 31, 1931. 55 (33/22)
- 1931-32 No report available. 56 (32/24)
- 1932-33 Vacation Bible School in August, '32. 56 (32/34)
- 1933-34 The Reverend Raymond Eveland called, July, 1933. Vacation Bible School planned for August, '34. SS attendance doubled. 55 (32/23)
- 1934-35 Larger Parish Plan adopted with reservations. Ministers from throughout the area took turns serving church for a period of one month each. Sunday services scheduled at 2:00 pm. Attendance increases. Ladies Aid Society reorganized on May 22. 56 (36/20)
- 1935-36 Eveland severed connection with the church, October 21, 1935. Mary Underwood running Vacation Bible School. 100 persons attended a special Children's Day Program on May 31. 60 (40/20)
- 1936-37 The Reverend Earl W. Chapin called as supply pastor. Church sponsors Vacation Bible School again. Ladies Aid had 21 members. Fifteen church members described as contributing. 58 (32/26)
- 1937-38 Church celebrated 50th anniversary on May 22nd. Seven charter members still living. Church roof repaired. 55 (31/24)
- 1938-39 Church exterior painted and repaired. Thirty-five attend Bible School. Twenty men built cement wall in church basement on March 22, 1939. 62 (39/23)
- 1939-40 Cement walls and floor completed in basement, November 16, 1939. Ladies Aid helped complete basement dining room. Vacation Bible School active under continued leadership of Mary Underwood. Attendance increased. 64 (44/20)
- 1940-41 Chapin preached final sermon on July 28, 1940. Church raised money to install electric lights in sanctuary. The Reverend Claire C. Conrad called as supply pastor August 18. Resigned January, 1941. The Reverend L. R. Loomis called to supply, January 19, 1941. 63 (44/29)

- 1941-42 Harvey R. Kester of Dundee called to supply. Ladies Aid purchased ceiling materials for basement. Small balance in church treasury. Charter member, Mrs. Herman Bullock passed away, November 20, 1941. 59 (41/18)
- 1942-43 Church appeared to be yoked with Dundee. Average attendance is small. Kester can't make it every weekend. Church discontinued services January through April. Several older members died during the year. 54 (34/20)
- 1943-44 Kester resigned. Benjamin Disbrow is called. Total expenditures for year were \$205. Twenty-four enrolled in Ladies Aid. 53 (33/20)
- 1944-45 Services conducted throughout the year. Only thirteen members contributing to local expenses. 52 (32/20)
- 1945-46 George Hamilton was called. 50 (30/20)
- 1946-47 Church reported substantial working balance. 48 (30/18)
- 1947-48 Treasurer reported substantial operating balance. Report indicated services were renewed on April 25. Suggests services may have been discontinued again during winter months. 46 (20/26)
- 1948-49 Ervin Towner is called in August. Active Ladies Aid group reorganized. Four young people baptized. 47 (20/27)
- 1949-50 Attendance low. Finances good. 37 (20/17)
- 1950-51 New heating plant installed. Weekly attendance light. No new members and no losses. Adequate balance in treasury. May 20. 150 guests attended ordination service for Towner. This may have been the largest crowd to attend a service in the Crosby Church. 37 (20/17)
- 1951-52 Louise R. Heath, Dean of Keuka College called on November 25. Heath brought students from KC to teach SS classes and provide music. Beginning of a long association with KC students. Mentioned often in later reports.
- Running water installed in church. Gas range installed in kitchen. Ladies improved dining room with paint and varnish. Average Sunday attendance - 10. 38 (20/18)
- 1952-53 Dean Heath resigned. SS enjoyed rebirth as a result of teaching by Keuka students. They also provided special music each week. Average attendance - 20. 38 (20/18)
- 1953-54 No regular pastor reported. Frank Swann supplied in the spring. Keuka students still active. Operating funds reported as "substantial." Ladies Aid purchased new hymnals and sponsored redecorating of church interior. 38 (20/18)

- 1954-1955 No regular pastor reported. Frank Swan resigned after Easter. Keuka students still active. Homecoming and Reconsecration Service was well attended. 37 (20/17)
- NOTE: In 1956, the Ontario-Yates Association changed calendar year to January 1 through December 31 cycle.
- 1956 Harold Moore called May 20. Average attendance was 15. Substantial growth reported over '55. 47 (30/17)
- 1957 SS well attended. Keuka students still active. 45 (32/13)
- 1958 Three different pastors this year. Seminary student, Linwood Witmer, called in August. Affiliated with Himrod this year. SS inactive. Ladies group active. 44 (26/18)
- 1959 Still affiliated with Himrod. Bush fire set fire to the church ___ minimal damage. Concrete porch added. Women's group generously supporting church. 47 (24/23)
- 1960 Still yoked with Himrod. Committee prepared new constitution. Active Ladies Aid group contributed substantially to expenses of the church and missionary work. Junior choir with twelve members. 46 (20/26)
- 1961 Average attendance in high twenties ___ fifty in the summer. Still affiliated with Himrod. 50 (34/16)
- 1962 Ladies Aid paying more than fifty percent of the expenses of the church. 52 (35/17)
- 1963 75th anniversary. Celebration planned but no record that it occurred. Attendance dropped to an average in low twenties. Shared pastor with Himrod. Rev. James resigned in May. James Wyatt called in August. Ladies aid bore substantial share of expenses. 52 (35/17)
- 1964 Three new young people entered church in June. A new communion table, donated in memory of Clede Amidon, dedicated in the spring. Floor of the church renovated and the dining room redecorated. 51 (37/14)
- 1965 Average Sunday morning attendance is twelve. Wyatt graduated from seminary and left church at the beginning of summer. New student pastor was Robert Barcus. He also served Himrod. 51 (36/15)
- 1966 Barcus resigned in June. Seminary students supplied each Sunday. Church repainted. Average attendance was twelve. 49 (30/19)
- 1967 Artemus Goodwin was full-time pastor. Church's status was studied and a plan for action presented to the congregation. Active young people's choir. Average attendance was twelve. 47 (28/19)

- 1968 Dan Benedict was called. Church yoked with Second Milo.
Average attendance was twelve. 49 (27/22)
- 1969 Average Sunday attendance was thirty. 45 (27/18)
- 1970 Average Sunday morning attendance was thirty-two. Good
attendance at Fellowship Suppers each month. New lighting
installed in sanctuary and new organ dedicated. Pews
installed from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Penn Yan.
49 (31/18)
- 1971 Paul Swarthout served as interim pastor. 54 (52/2)
- 1972 Douglas Archer was called in May. A Bible study group was
initiated. 47 (45/2)
- 1973 Ladies group met quota for White Cross and Love Gift. No SS.
47 (45/2)
- 1974 Church struggled to remain active. No SS. 49 (31 /18)
- 1975 Herbert Smart called. Ladies Aid group remained active. NA
- 1976 No report 50 (38/12)
- 1977 Sunday School re-established. Several fund raising activities
were successful. Former pastor, Artemus Goodwin, passed away
suddenly. 29 (29/0)
- 1978 Church continued to struggle. Request for help to build the
church. Average attendance at Sunday morning worship was
thirteen. SS attendance was four. 42(34/12)
- 1979 Church exterior painted. Church building closed for three
months in the winter. White Cross quota completed. 40 (24/16)
- 1980 Average attendance on Sunday mornings was twelve. 40 (20/20)
- 1981 No report.
- 1984 The Reverend Louis Hollenbeck, most recent pastor, passed away
on October 10. Memorial service at the church on October 19.
Retired pastors or laymen preached each Sunday. Attendance at
Sunday services between ten and twenty. NA
- 1985 Bruce Westerdahl called to serve as pastor. Public address
system purchased by Women's Circle and installed in September.
Average attendance between ten and twenty. NA
- 1986 Bill Kenyon, the oldest member of the congregation at 88,
passed away. Attendance increasing. NA
- 1987 Margaret Amidon, a member of the church since 1938, passed
away. New furnace installed. Church exterior painted.
Foundation plantings donated by Women's Circle. NA

PASTORS - 1888 TO 1988
LAKE KEUKA BAPTIST CHURCH

1888 - 1891	James Nobbs
1891 - 1893	John Walker
1893 - 1896	M. S. Reed
1896 - 1898	C. L. Bonham
1898 - 1901	D. B. Grant
1902 - 1903	J. W. Cole
1904 - 1907	Frank C. Peck
1907 - 1909	J. W. Ripley
1910 - 1911	John G. Wilson
1911 - 1914	E. D. Hammond
	H. L. Bethel
1914 - 1916	C. H. Manning
1916 - 1917	C. W. Heminway
1918 - 1919	Carrie Price
1919 - 1920	C. W. Heminway
1920 - 1922	G. Frank Johnson
1923 - 1929	Thomas De Gruchy
1929 - 1930	K. N. Conrad
1930 - 1931	_____ Lafferty
1931 - 1933	Frank C. Van Etten
1933 - 1935	Raymond D. Eveland
1935 - 1937	Ministers of the Yates Baptist Larger Parish
1937 - 1940	Earl W. Chapin
1940 - 1941	Claire C. Conrad
1941 - 1943	L. R. Loomis
	Harvey R. Kester
1944 - 1946	Benjamin P. Disbrow
1946 - 1947	George K. Hamilton
1948 - 1951	Ervin A. Towner
1951 - 1952	Louise R. Heath
1953 - 1954	Frank Swan
1955 - 1956	Hugh Winton
1957 - 1958	Harold Moore
1958 - 1961	M. Linwood Whitmer
1961 - 1963	Jack James
1963 - 1965	James Wyatt
1965 - 1966	Robert Barcus
	_____ Gotterborn
1967 - 1968	Artemus Goodwin
1968 - 1972	Daniel Benedict
1972 - 1975	Douglas Archer
1975 - 1980	Herbert Smartt
1980 - 1982	Raymond W. Smith
1982 - 1984	Louis E. Hollenbeck
1985 -	Bruce Westerdahl

LAKE KEUKA BAPTIST CHURCH - CROSBY, NEW YORK
CENTENNIAL SUNDAY - JULY 17, 1988

Organ Prelude Gordon Keech

Welcome Bruce Westerdahl

Call to Worship - Responsive

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

PRAISE THE LORD! GIVE THANKS TO HIM!

For 100 years he has sustained us.

FOR 100 YEARS HE HAS SHOWN US HIS GRACE.

For 100 years he has blessed us.

FOR 100 YEARS HE HAS STIRRED OUR HEARTS.

Praise the Lord for 100 years!

AND PRAISE HIM FOR 100 MORE!

Praise the Lord forevermore!

OH PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD!

*Hymn "Faith of our Fathers"

Invocation The Reverend Benjamin Disbrow

Duet Phyllis Bailey and Bruce Westerdahl

Scripture Romans 12 The Reverend Douglas W. Passage

"Just for Today" Burt Prayne

Sermon The Reverend Dan Benedict

Greetings from The American Baptist Church of New York State

Dr. Walter Ketchum

Prayer of Rededication Bruce Westerdahl

"Breath on Me Breath of God" Burt Prayne

*Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"

Benediction Dr. Walter Ketchum

Postlude Phyllis Bailey

*Congregation standing