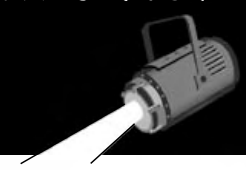


The Spotlight is on . . . Our Churches!



Harrisville, New York

In 1901, the Reverends Flora L. Lyon, Elsie K. Ayres, and Frank and Julia Jones, founded the New Covenant church in Harrisville, NY. The foundation and framework of the church building itself were erected in 1903 on its current location at the corner of Maple and Church streets. The New Covenant movement eventually spread to several neighboring towns and communities under the leadership of Frank and Julia Jones.

Ministers under the New Covenant included Rev. Frank Jones, Rev. Bertha North, assistant pastor George Johnson and Rev. Walter Merritt, just to name a few. Some of the history of the early years of the church has been lost, but the church later become known as “The Holiness Church” instead of the “New Covenant Church.” It wasn’t until 1973 that the church joined the Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York, Inc. under the prompting of Rev. Maurice Hobart, who was pastoring in Harrisville at the time.

In 1975 the church bought a parcel of land from the town of Diana for \$535 to build a parsonage for its minister. Lewis Brothers, Everett La Vancha, and Rev. Paul Case, Sr., who moved to Harrisville in 1975, helped construct a one-story house using materials from two former housing units purchased from Fort Drum. Rev. Paul Case, Sr. and his family were the first to occupy the remodeled “Army barracks.”

Following Rev. Case as ministers were Rev. Kenneth Carter (1982-85), Rev. Ronald Robinson (1985-86), Rev. Fred Hinderliter (1986-90) and Rev. Robert McLean (1990-98). Rev. Jerry Lambeth, the current pastor, moved to Harrisville in April of 2000. Since Rev. Lambeth’s arrival numerous repairs have been done to both the church and parsonage, such as renovated bathrooms and repairs to the parsonage roof. Currently, the church is raising funds to replace the church roof, and the goal for this project has almost been reached!

The Harrisville church has survived for over 100 years, and with God’s grace the church and its doctrine of Holiness will remain a light in the Harrisville community for many years to come!



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