

Ministers of the First Congregational Society of Weymouth 1835-1920

The white frame church on Old Weymouth Rd was the home of
The Weymouth Community Church from 1920-2018.

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1835 The First Congregational Society of Weymouth was organized January 18 1835 by **Reverend Steven V Barnes** at the home of Lathrop Seymour. Sixteen members were received. Rev Barnes born NY 1788. Came to the Western Reserve as a missionary in 1827 and served at Brunswick and Medina, then to Weymouth February 1835, installed as pastor May 1835, still there Nov 1 1835. Mr Barnes passed half of his time in the corner of Granger Twp where no church was found.

Simeon Woodruff visited the Congregationalists in Weymouth in 1819 and was their minister when they built their church in Medina. He gave the first sermon to the members of the First Congregational Society in Weymouth April 1835. He was born in Litchfield, CT July 26 1782. He attended an academy in Litchfield, graduated from Yale in 1809 and Andover Theological Seminary in 1812. He was ordained as an evangelist April 21 1813 and was appointed to the field of New Connecticut (NE Ohio). He arrived in the Western Reserve as a missionary of the Connecticut Society on July 10, 1813 to establish new churches. The Tallmadge church was built under his direction in 1823 and dedicated Sept 23 1825. Simeon died in Bainbridge Center MI Aug 28 1839. His wife was Mary Granger of Tallmadge died in Ashland in 1853. They had thirteen children.



1836 **Rev Horace Smith** served at Weymouth 6 months, a missionary from Massachusetts, shared with Granger. Born Hadley Mass Oct 15 1798. Graduated from Yale 1818 and Andover Mass seminary 1821. Ordained as an evangelist at Hadley Feb 27 1822. In 1828 he was a missionary to Illinois and the adjacent parts of Missouri from 100 miles south of St Louis to 140 miles north of it. Married Mary D Ward of Hadley Nov 2 1829, and after her death married Caroline O Kellogg of Hinckley. Built in 1831 the 3rd church in the Western Reserve at Richfield replacing a log one; none were in Cleveland then. 1839 preached at Granger, 51 members. Later lived in Richfield and preached in neighboring towns. He died in Richfield Nov 20 1868 age 70.

1836-1839

Rev Jotham Weeks Goodell Born Massachusetts 1809. Attended Phillips Academy, Dartmouth College, Andover Theological Seminary. *Oct 1836-Sept 1839*. His pay for three months was \$167, also served at Granger which did not have a building. Jotham W Goodell, SS Weymouth Medina Presbytery 1839; total number of communicants 60. Also pastor in Chatham 1836 - 1839. Was Granger postmaster to Oct 1 1840. Dedicated Vermillion church 1843. In 1850 migrated west to Oregon Territory which became Washington State. Author of famed "A Winter with the Mormons: The 1852 Letters of Jotham Goodell".



1838-1840

Rev Benson C Baldwin Born CT 1796. See "The influence of the Christian Ministry: A Sermon" delivered at the ordination of Rev Baldwin at the Norwich-Falls Church CT, January 31, 1828. Came to Cuyahoga Falls and Stow 1831. Founded the first church in Akron First Presbyterian on Dec 15 1831. Was in Hudson 1836, then pastor of Medina Presbyterian Church. Died in Medina 1844, buried in Hudson. Grandfather of Wm B Baldwin, *Gazette* editor.

1841-1845

Rev Mr Jonathon Sampson (sic) born about 1803 or 1806 to William and Judith Sampson of Cornwall, Vt. Married Sarah Titus sister, of his brother William's wife Rhoda. They had eight children. Ordained at Westfield, Vt March 1834, left 1836 and came to Ohio. Attended Oberlin College. Lived in York 1840.



1843 Jonathan Sampson or Sampson lived in Granger, preached at Weymouth Presbyterian. 1844 Ransom Lewis sold 12.5 of his 35 acres in Weymouth to Jonathan Sampson. In October 1845 Rev Sampson was in Lafayette, Medina County. Still paid taxes property taxes in Weymouth 1850. He was "never satisfied with following secular employments, and at age 50 removed to Illinois, became a Congregational Minister, and preacher the gospel until he was 75 when he died about 1860".

1846-1847

Rev James Ells Born in 1778 East Glastonbury CT. Missionary to the Native Americans in western NY. Pay at Weymouth \$125 a year, and the church paid his board to Deacon Tiffany and horse keeping and feeding to John Briggs \$6.00. Resigned due to illness. Died May 1856 struck by train in Amherst.

- 1847-1851 **Rev Samuel Penfield** born Feb 10 1821 Harpersfield NY to Ebenezer and Sarah Penfield. Graduated from Oberlin Theological Seminary 1846. Member Phi Delta literary Society at Oberlin. Married Margaret Maria Drake Sept 14 1846 in Oberlin. Ordained at Granger OH July 10 1849. Served at Granger 1848-1850 and Weymouth 1847-1851. Then went to Illinois, South Dakota, Joliet Il, Kansas City MO, Pontiac IL. Daughter Flora Catherine born July 24 1848 died Sept 14 1849 buried Weymouth Cemetery. Daughter Ella Sarah born Weymouth Feb. 2 1851, son Edgar Isaac (1853 – 1923). Rev Penfield died Feb 8 1910 in Pontiac MI.
- 1852-54 **Rev John Lothrop Seymour** son of Joash and Phebe Seymour, married Laura Cynthia "Susan" Allen, born in Ohio Nov 23 1816 to Jared and Laura Allen. In about 1835 he was a teacher at Mackinaw Mission, run by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM). About 1836 he joined Frederick and Elisabeth Ayer, Henry Blatchford and Sabrina Stevens at the Pokegama Mission in Michigan Territory (now Pine Co, Minn.) where he served as "mechanic" for the mission and teacher of Ojibwe students until 1839 when an injury caused him to leave. He married Jane Leavitt, formerly of the Mackinaw Mission, who accompanied him to Pokegama and left with him in 1839. Missionary to the Ojibwa Indians in 1840. He may have been ordained at Mission Institute near Quincy, Ill. where the Seymours went for study. He worked at the Winnebago school at Turkey River, Iowa Territory. After the removal of the Winnebago, the Seymours went east to Manchester, NH, then to Weymouth. He died June 2 1862 age 51 and is buried in Weymouth Cemetery.
- 1854-56 **Rev Charles Eliphalet Bailey.** Paid \$300 for April 1 1856 to April 1 1857 \$300 at Weymouth. Ordained Weymouth March 13 1856. The church rents a house from Edward Perkins for the minister \$25 per year. March 12 1855 use the Weymouth Methodist meeting house while the church was undergoing repairs. Born Westmoreland NY to Nancy and wealthy farmer Eliphalet. While in Weymouth he conceived the idea of founding a Christian colony in the West. Left Ohio March 14 1856 to go West. Ohio fall of 1856 for Grinnell Iowa. Brother James Fordyce Bailey had mill and Underground Railroad Station in Iowa. In Nov 1857 he was preaching in Ontario IL. In Oct 1858 four families from his Ohio Congregational parish, he, brother John Bailey, Horace Burr and H. A. Wolcott founded the town of Benzonia MI and an educational Christian college on the model of Oberlin in 1862. Grand Traverse College became Benzonia College 1891, became Benzonia Academy prep school 1900, closed 1918. He founded Beulah MI near Benzonia in 1880 named for a place in the bible.
- 1856 **Rev Francis H Brown** born East Killingly CT April 1826. Became Methodist preacher age 27, Congregational from 1883. Served the Medina church as a Missionary c 1845-1853. In 1856 Weymouth had 45 communicants, Medina 44. To Clifton, Il 1870, died there 1904.

1856-63

Rev Mr Samuel Cole March 4 1855 Rev Mr S Cole of Mass hired. In 1861 the church had 18 male and 35 female members, adding 10 that year. Samuel Cole born Mexico NY Jan 18 1807 to Samuel and Waita Everts Cole. Attended Oneida Institute and Oberlin. Graduated Oberlin Theological Seminary 1838. Ordained evangelist Oberlin Oct 11, 1839. S Cole of Weymouth wrote letters to Oberlin 1858, 1859. Served as an evangelist some years. Acting pastor in West Tisbury Mass 1851-55, Weymouth 1855-63, West Gloucester Mass 1863-67, Saybrook OH 1867-71, Randolph OH 1872-76, and Kingsville OH until his death. Married Ann Finney born 1817 daughter of Mary Davis and Rev Shadrach Finney of New York City Jan 11, 1844. She died Jan 11, 1877. Daughter Anna, son Finney died before 1877. Died March 15 1877, buried Lului Falls Cemetery, Kingsville, Ashtabula County.

1861-63

Rev Chauncey Northrop Pond Son of Mary J Castle and Henry Nelson "Harry" Pond, brother of Celia and Chester Pond born Hamilton Corners Oct 23 1841. He received an AB in the preparatory department of Oberlin in 1864 and the AM from Oberlin Theological Seminary in 1868. Findlay College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity in 1901. On August 24, 1864, Chauncey Pond married Harriet Permelia Perkins, a student in the Literary Course from 1859 to 1864. They had three children: Jennie Evelyn Pond (1865-1896; AB Oberlin 1888), Henry Tennyson Pond (1867-70), and Percy Martyn Pond (1870-1945; AB Oberlin 1892). Ordained October 1866, he served four years as pastor of his home church in Medina (1866-70). After three years as Financial Secretary for Oberlin Theological Seminary, Pond held pastorates in Berea (1873-75) and Wauseon (1876-77). Ponds' daughter Jennie Pond Atwater was born in Oberlin September 14, 1865, served for four years as a missionary at the Fenzhou station of the American Board and died there. In the Boxer Rebellion, Jennie's husband, the Rev Ernest Atwater (1865-1900), her children Ernestine (b. 1889), Mary (b. 1892), Celia (b. circa 1894), and Bertha (b. 1896), and Ernest's second wife, Elizabeth Graham Atwater were all killed. Pond held the pastorate at Berea Congregational 1862-1894, North Bloomfield 1894-1906. From 1877 to 1880 he edited the periodical 'The Plantation Missionary' for David C. Cook publications in Chicago. On his return to Ohio, he began a long period of service with the American Sunday School Union, holding the posts of Corresponding Secretary and Regional Superintendent. He served as President of the Ohio Conference of Charities and Corrections 1904-05 and as Northern Secretary of the Industrial Missionary Association of Alabama 1895-1907, an organization established to assist blacks in acquiring land. In these various capacities, he traveled, lectured, and contributed numerous articles to newspapers and religious periodicals. Rev Pond died in Oberlin at the age of 79 on June 12, 1920.

- 1863-1864 **Rev John Holway** Born England 1826. Otterbein College 1859, Oberlin Theological Seminary 1862, ordained to the ministry of the Congregational Church in Weymouth May 17 1863, then served in England, Chicago, Missouri, Michigan and Oberlin. Wife Rose Matthews Holway (1839-1871). He died Nov 23, 1914 and is buried in Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin.
- 1864-66 **Rev Albert C Hurd** born Clinton CT May 18 1831. Studied at Clinton Academy and CT Normal School. Taught in Ohio and CT 4 yrs. Studied theology at Baldwin University. Ordained Sept 26 1858. Pastor in OH, CT, and NH. June 1864-June 1866. June 1864 Rev Hurd joined church from the Methodist Episcopal Church at Medina Station. Jan 1866 Rev AC Hurd was a popular lecturer. Lived in Weymouth 1866. Married Sarah Tucker (1835-1911). Died at Boscawen CT Dec 6 1897, buried Clinton CT.
- 1866 **Rev George W Fry** A stock raiser and Civil War veteran who served throughout Ohio. Nancy Jane McElhinney, a teacher born near Londonderry Dec 31 1829, to the US with her parents, educated at Marietta. In 1849 she married Rev George W Fry, Congregational minister. Rev Fry of Ruggles was on the Board of Directors of the Central North Conference of the congregational church at Mount Vernon 1853. The Second Congregational Church of Marietta Township was organized by Rev V. G. Fry in 1859. In 1863 they moved to Richmond County. In 1867 she became insane and was placed in the lunatic asylum at Columbus. Mr Fry went to Lexington in 1873. He died 1879 at Ruggles, Ashland County
- 1866, Jan 1868 **Rev M/William D. Westervelt** (1849-1939) Congregational Missionary to Maui, Hawaii 1889-1891. Pittsburgh *Gazette* 1868: "Congregational Church of Weymouth held a powerful revival which 50-60 attended, fervor is spreading to neighbors".
- April 1867 **Rev T Charles Thomas** Born 1839. In 1876 he left Pleasant Ridge Ohio and moved to Dayton, KY. He left the Presbyterian church at Cincinnati in 1883 and moved to Oleno Ohio, from Oleno to Monroeville in 1886. He died in 1923, buried Newark OH.
- 1867-1869 **Rev Daniel W Marvin/Mervin/Merwin** He was at Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1845 'because they opposed slavery'. Died 1895 in NY age 73. Rev Daniel W Marvin at Weymouth Oct 7 1867 to Oct 5 1869. Appointed to Weymouth for March 1869, not in commission last year says May 1869 church records.
- 1869-71 **Rev Wm H Brinkerhoff** Born 1803; in Pierpoint OH 1868. At Weymouth Oct 13 1870 to Oct 8 1871. Wm Painter attended a Congregational conference and reported that the church was established in 1835, the minister was Wm H Brinkerhoff who was ordained in 1832, there were 27 male and 45 female members, and their monies were \$635. Wife Mary A Brinkerhoff joined

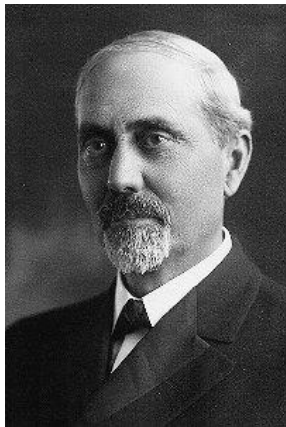
Weymouth church 5/22/1869 from Piedmont Congregational. Rev Brinkerhoff pastor of the Congregational Church at Weymouth died Dec 11 1871 of typhoid fever in Weymouth. Funeral service by Rev Mt Allen of Medina, buried Seneca County.

- 1872 **Rev Gideon Dana** was born c 1805, attended Brown University in 1830 and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, in 1853 organized a Presbyterian Church. Wife Hannah Clark. He was secretary and agent for missions in parts of Ohio and Michigan in 1855. He died suddenly in 1872 while moving his last load of household goods from Oberlin to begin his pastorate after serving only 3 months. "Weymouth mourns deeply the loss of their second minister within 6 months. Mr Dana was an excellent man and well loved. The parsonage bought for him is sadly vacant".
- 1872-1881 **Rev Orrin W White** Born Winstead CT 1821, attended Oberlin College 1842 supporting himself by manual labor and teaching. Graduated in the classical course 1848. Graduated Oberlin Theological seminary 1854. His first pastorate was at Olmsted Falls, then to Strongsville. First wife and child died of thyphus in Strongsville in 1856, he then married Perlina Lucy Pope. Engaged in general farming and missionary work 'to weak and pastorless churches'. Preached temperance meetings at Weymouth 1874. Came from Strongsville every Sabbath to preach. One son Charles S White, adopted son Dr WW White a successful doctor in Ravenna who founded the hospital there, precursor to Cleveland Clinic. 1856-63 pastor of Free Congregational Church of Strongsville. He took an active part in the anti-slavery movement. 1863-66 Cong Church Unionville. He regularly supplied the Congregational Church of Rockport (later Lakewood) for 4 years. Rev Mr White of Strongsville hired 4 months Nov 1 1872 to Feb last 1873, March 1 1873 to March 1 1874, March 1874 to March 1875. In 1873 he moved to Weymouth OH where for 7 years he was pastor. Rev White preached temperance meetings 1874. Rev OW White of Strongsville died 1880 was pastor in Weymouth 7 yrs, still coming from Strongsville every Sabbath to preach. April 23 1880 Rev OW White left, "now the Congregational Church of Weymouth has no pastor" completely broken down in health, he returned to Strongsville and died Aug 26 1880, age 59, buried in Strongsville Cemetery. Welton served as temporary preacher at Congregational Church.
- 1881-84 **Rev GJ Webster** Born England 1844, graduated from Oberlin. Served many churches throughout the West. May 18 1881 Rev George J Webster from Wisconsin accepted a call to serve the Congregational Churches in Weymouth and Brunswick. Oct 11 1881 hired Rev GJ Webster 1881- Oct 1884. Died 1920 in Long Beach, CA.

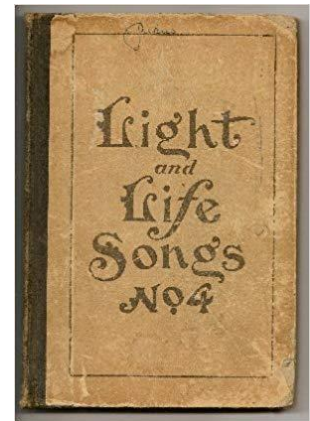
1885 **Rev Edwin W Colloque** rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Medina and ordained there. Was in NY state by 1888. Mrs Mary Orrock Colloque wife of Rev Edwin W died in NYC Dec 1931. She is the sister of Mrs Blake Hendrickson of Medina, member of the DAR, papers in the cornerstone laid in 1884 show her untiring efforts to make possible the new church building at St Paul's.

1887-1888 **Rev N John Close** no information

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Rev William Backus Olmstead Born July 26 1862 in MI, mother's maiden name Chamberlain. 1886 Rev Olmstead of Ridgeville Free Methodist preached at the Weymouth school house. Jan 30 1887 & Rev WB Olmstead and sister Jennie L Olmstead were called as pastor for 6 months, Sept 1 1887 to Sept 1 1888. Jennie L Olmstead 87 signed Jennie Worden's autograph book in Weymouth c 1887. In 1921, he became Missionary Secretary for the China Inland Mission of the Methodist Church. From 1923-24 he and his wife Minnie were engaged on a worldwide trip on behalf of the church, visiting hospitals, schools, leper colonies, and congregations across Japan, China, India and southern Africa. Olmstead also served on the commission that produced the *Free Methodist Hymnal* (Winona Lake, Indiana: The Free Methodist Publishing House, 1910). His other works include: *Autobiography of Rev. Charles H. Sage* (editor) (Chicago, Illinois: Free Methodist Publishing House, 1903). *Light and Life Songs*, with Thoro Harris & William Kirkpatrick (Chicago, Illinois: SKJ Chesbro, 1904). *Handbook for Sunday-School Workers* (Chicago, Illinois: W. B. Rose, 1907). He died Sept 22 1941 in San Francisco.

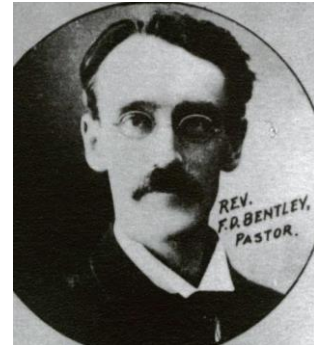


1889-1890 **Rev JH Schreffler** Born Aug 18 1877 to Tacy and Frederick Schreffler in Medina. Married Cynthia Aukerman in Wayne County Sept 14 1870. A preacher in Braceville Ohio age 31 1880, wife Cynthia, children Eva E 8, Henrietta 4, Henry 4 and William 1. Nov 15 1889 to Oct 14 1890 JH Shreffler at Weymouth. In 1892 his name was stricken from the records of the Tuscarawas Classis of the Reformed Church. 1894 Rev Schreffler of West Salem is accused of molesting his 2 daughters and killing one. Eva born Wayne County July 30 1871 died at West Salem 1893. 1916 Schreffler died at Colon MI leaving children Henry of Canton, William of Newark and Mrs Retta Richards of near New London.

1890 **Rev Enoch French Baird** born in PA 1817, teacher and principal until he was ordained at Cumberland Presbyterian School 1873. Pastor at York 23 years and also served Lafayette for 17 of those years. Buried Mallet Creek.

1892-1894 **Rev Edwin M May** born NY 1867, attended Phillips Academy. Graduated from Oberlin Theological Seminary 1894. Ordained at Weymouth July 25 1894. May 1, 1892 Rev EM May hired at Weymouth to May 1894. Edwin M May of Weymouth ordained July 25 1894. Also served at Brunswick. Died 1901 in NY.

1894 **Rev Frank Drew Bentley** born Guersney, England in 1864. Attended Oberlin seminary 1893-97. First pastorates in Lock and Croton, Ohio. He married Edith A Dawkins July 25 1894. Served churches throughout the West at Minnesota, North Dakota and Edmunds, Washington. Left two churches due to ill health. In Feb 1911 his body was found on Fox Island, Sylvan, WA by some boys, lying face downward with a 4-oz bottle of acid.



1895-1896 **Lee James Travis** born 1869 to Anna and Milton Travis. Married Ella Maria Stearns. Daughter Dorothy 1901-1918. June 25 1895 LJ Travis hired from Jefferson Ohio, resigned Nov 1896. 1889, 1900 at Fredericksburg OH. 1902 Ashtabula Co. 1910 Hudson. 1922, 1925 Cortland NY. Died 1929, buried Jefferson, Ashtabula County.

1894-1897 **Rev Orrin Dwight Moon** Born Ohio about 1861, married Lucille Mary 1891 in Rock County, Wisc. Orrin Moon of Farmington, Ill graduated DB Oberlin 1898, In Berea 1900, Doctor of Theology Oberlin 1908. In David City, Nebraska 1910, 1911. Nov 26 1933 Rev Orin D Moon 76 retired Congregational minister died in Congregational Home for the Aged Brooklyn NY.

1897 **Rev Morrell** preached and gave a temperance lecture that evening.

Al Root preaches often while they are between ministers.

Frank H Heydenburd graduated from Oberlin 1897, farewell sermon March 1897.

1897-1899 **Rev Lawrence W Mahn** was born in 1868 to Betsey and Phillip Mahn in Elyria. He graduated from Oberlin in 1898. LW Mahn 1897-1899 one of the few ordained in the Weymouth church, Weymouth was his first pulpit from Nov 18 1899. Rev LW Mahn of Elyria was ordained while he preached at Weymouth and York which were in a single circuit. June and Sept 1901 LN Mahn preached. He was in Elyria in 1933. He died in 1935 and is buried in Oberlin. His wife Pearl Turner Mahn died in 1964.

1900-1901 **Rev Sisag K Life** Rev Life Emurian of Oberlin spoke Jan 7 in place of Rev Mohn (sic). Rev Life was a native of Armenia. In 1899, he called himself SK Emurian Life or SK Life Emurian. In 1901 they are hyphenated, in 1902 he has dropped the Life part. His grave in Virginia reads born May 3 1874, died Nov 20 1968 . Rev Life gave a talk on the Armenian massacre by the Turks 1900. July 1905 Rev Muron (Life) preached.



Rev Life rode a bicycle from Oberlin on the Sundays when he preached. Shown on Remsen Road

1902 **Rev Wm John Williams** preached while a seminary student at Oberlin.

1902 **Rev George Stanley Pope** born Strongsville, Ohio Feb 24 1840 to Orpha and Philander Pope. Drafted into the Civil War while a student, first lieutenant in the 65th OVI; "continued in the army until slavery was abolished." In 1870 he was a teacher in Strongsville. Studied at Oberlin several years, graduated Baldwin University. Business manager of the Jubilee singers. 1866-1875 Strongsville, 1887 in TN, 1885 in MISS, 1894 in NC. 1888 President of Tougolo University Mississippi ten years. 1906 missionary in South Dakota. Died March 17 1918 in Florida. His wife Rebecca whom he married in 1883 was also a missionary.

1903 **Rev Wm John Williams** Tuesday June 4 1901 Rev John Williams ordained at Weymouth a minister of the gospel by Council of Congregational Churches 10:00 standard time, consisting of Ordination Service, ordination Prayer, Charge to the People, Charge to the Pastor. Rev WJ Williams moved here from Oberlin May 23.

1903-1906 **Rev John Herbert Armstrong** Sept 13 1903 the position offered to Rev JH Armstrong. Rev Armstrong moved into EJ Tiernan's house in Weymouth 1904. Aug 1904 pastor Mr JH Armstrong resigned, sold household goods. Halloween 1904 EJ Tiernan had to crawl through a haystack to get to his store, and a spring wagon and load of corn fodder were left at Rev Armstrong's although he would rather have his horse and harness back. Rev John H Armstrong of Ashland attended the 1935 church 100th celebration.

1905-1906 **Rev Levi Judson Donaldson** born on a farm near Mansfield 1843. Served in 20th regiment Co. F. OVI in the Civil War where lost his left leg. Married Margarette Elizabeth Frowe a fellow Oberlin student in 1874. Graduated Oberlin 1870, Oberlin Theological Seminary 1873. Ordained Gustavus OH 1874. Worked in Lodi 1879-1882, Freedom, Oberlin, Florence and Charlestown Ohio. To Florida 1894 for his wife's health. She died in Georgia in 1902. He returned to Medina and

married Bertha Burr Nettleton, widow of Winthrop Nettleton of York, in 1904. Jan 6 1905 Rev Levi J Donaldson of Indiana hired. Jan 21 1906 Rev Donaldson last sermon. He gave up the ministry due to poor health by 1910 and was a realtor and insurance salesman in Medina, also employed at Al Root and raised chickens. Photo in Gazette Nov 26 1909. Died Medina 1916.

- 1906-1908 **Rev Alonzo Early** Born East Palestine 1873. Married Grace Dickson in Sheffield Ohio 1895. PhD Oberlin 1897, divinity degree Oberlin 1903. Congregational minister in Trumbull Co 1900. Jan 26 1906 Rev Alonzo Early first sermon. Pastors got 1-2 months' vacation in summer. Oct 14 1906 Rev Early. Rev Early 1908 \$200. July 7 1908 Rev Early gave notice he would leave the work at York which would also include Weymouth, resigned August 1908. In Medford OK 1910, Congregational minister to 1916. Methodist Episcopal minister 1916-1939. Died Louisiana 1949.
- 1908-1910 **Rev Charles Eli Keller** called to fill the vacancy of Rev Early 1908. Born Jan 3 1874 Bethel or Zanesville OH. Married Ethel Leona Conn April 4 1897. Daughters Fay, Helen, Dola, Leona, Rhea and Margaret. In 1910 he was a minister in Mallet Creek. In 1900 he was a "laundress artist" in Zanesville, in 1920 an artist in Sandusky, in 1930 a shirt salesman in Sandusky. Ethel died in Huron County 1961.
- 1910-1913 **Rev Thomas D Phillips** Born 1849, *ordained 1872. Chardon Congregational 1885-1896 and 1904-1915.* Nov 1912 "Rev Phillips says he can come to preach if we will be one with the Cong Church of Medina. Nov. 13 1912 Rev TD Phillips served as our pastor". Rev Thomas D Phillips of Mallet Creek to Nov 1, 1913 "he came over for \$165, what we could pay". Nov 1 1913 Rev Phillips resigned. Wife Martha, died in Chardon in 1917.
- 1913-1914 **Rev H Samuel Fritsch.** Henry Samuel Fritsch born Dec 9 1878 Cook Co Ill, attended Valparaiso Univ, Chicago Seminary. Ordained 1905, in Wisc 1903-04, Ill 1905-07, Montana 1907-11, A published poet, in 1912 sent letter signed by 88 Ohio county citizens to Ohio State Legislature. Pastor of Medina Congregational Church 1911-1917. *Rev Fritsch of Medina held first service at Weymouth 1913.* "Jan 19 1914 Rev Fritsch gave us a chance to unite with York Church but they haven't secured a pastor". Fritsch left July 1914. In Chicago 1918. Wife Mabel, daughter Helen Mary Thomas buried Cook Co, IL. Rev Fritsch died 1933, buried Jacksonville FL.
- 1913-14 **Rev Thomas D Philips** From church records, "Nov 30 1913 Rev HS Fritsch of Medina Cong agreed to take charge of church here provided he was paid \$1.50 per Sunday and we paid our missionary appointment which is \$.50 per year. Accepted, Fritsch paid \$1.50. July 19 1914 Rev Fritsch quit. We united with the York church but they haven't secured a pastor yet. Oct 26 1913 Rev Phillips having closed a year's work thought it was not best for him to carry on the work longer so he resigned. Taking effect the 1st of Nov 1913".

1914 -1917 **Rev WP Towne** "Mr Towne minister at York will also serve Weymouth Congregational Society. Nov 15, 1914 Rev Towne hired by York and taken up work here. 1915 Called Mr WP Towne of Medina another year. Jan 18 1917 Mr Towne is pastor. Feb 9 1917 Mr Towne of Medina is pastor. Towne switches to evening service, good attendance (70). Rev Town in charge of Congregational Church at Mallet Creek and also Weymouth left suddenly for a church 3 miles W of Bellevue, left both without a minister 1918. 1917 Rev Towne preaches two times a month in York and every other Sunday here. We have asked the Medina congregational Church to supply us in his absence."

1920 Medina County *Gazette* October 7, 1920 p. 1: "Weymouth Congregational Church to be a Community Church. The church at Weymouth, which has been struggling along recently in a precarious sort of way ... has taken on a new lease of life and is going to have a regular pastor, even though not a resident one ... The church, which formerly was congregational, will be entirely undenominational in character, and its services will be such...under Mr Caulk's guidance they will be able to make the church one of a truly community character and one that will meet their every need". Rev RK Caulk of St Paul's Episcopal in Medina served at both church until March 8, 1926.