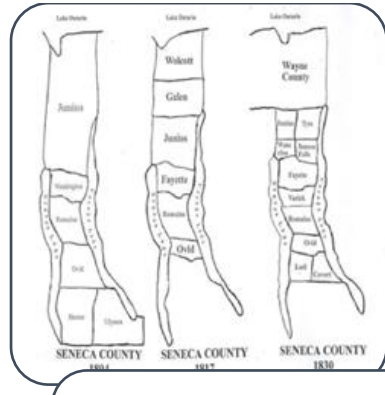


August 10, 1807 Rev. Jediah Chapman forms the First Presbyterian Church of Junius. 17 people became the charter members. Services held at Col. Sayre Barn.

August 24, 1808 Rev. John Stuart was the first chosen and installed pastor in Sayre's barn. Pastor from, 1808-1812

Rev. Charles Mosher, 1814-1815  
Rev. Shipley Wells, 1815-1816

1817 Col. Wilhelmus Mynderse (member) donated land of current site and a new church building. Sept 4, 1817 building is dedicated and first service is held.



Rev. William Bacon, 1819-1822  
Rev. A.G. Orton, 1823-1835

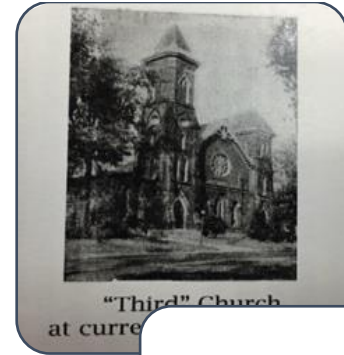
1829 Legislature create four townships out of Junius: Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Tyre, and Junius. Church renamed The First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls.

The Second Great Awakening and the particular burned-over district were centered here. There was religious diversity in the region including Pennsylvania Germans; Italians (Catholics); Quakers, and the creation of the Mormon church. The diversity was not just religious but included social change (anti-slavery, women's rights, and temperance).

Rev. William Gray, 1836-1838  
Rev. Aaron Judson, 1838-1839  
Rev. P.L. Vail, 1840-1843



"Second" Church  
at current location 1842



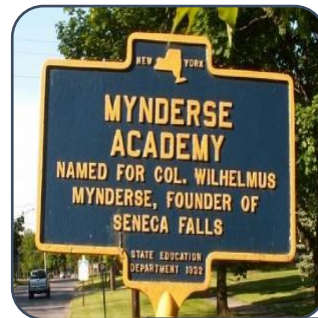
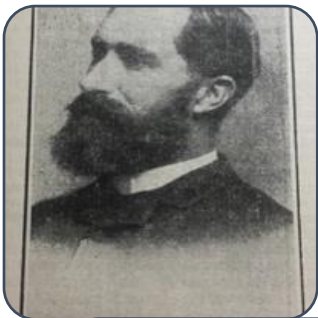
"Third" Church  
at current location 1871

1842  
Second building erected on current site. Brick building replaces wooden building. Wooden church building moved to State Street. "Wooden church building moved to State St for as a Concert Hall and now is apartments and a barber shop. It is the oldest building in Seneca Falls.

Rev. H.P. Bogue, 1843-1848  
Rev. Alexander McCall, 1849-1851  
Rev. Charles Ray, 1855-1856  
Rev. William Jennings, 1857-1862  
Rev. A.D. Eddy D.D., 1862-1864  
Rev. Josephus D. Krum D.D., 1865-1879 (pictured)

1843  
Trial of Rhoda Bement

1871  
Congregation decides to build a new church building. Building completed in 1873



Rev. Lewis H. Maorey, 1880-1888

Rev. Edwin H. Dickson, 1889-1897

In 1886, Mynderse Academy was built for a cost of \$30,000. The original school, the Seneca Falls Academy, was completed in 1833. The academy was named for Wilhelmus Mynderse, a partner in the Bayard Co, and one of the founding fathers of Seneca Falls.

1898  
New organ installed at the cost of \$3500.



Rev. H. Grant Person,  
1898-1907

A meeting was called at Concert Hall "to complete an organization and to elect seven Trustees, for the management of the proposed Library. Let there be a full attendance. It is a matter in which all are equally interested." 1904 gift of Hannah E. and Wilhelmus, 1906 as Mynderse Library

1907  
Manse on State Street completed.

Rev. William Schell,  
1907-1913



Rev. Deane Edwards,  
1913-1918  
Rev. Robert D. Merril,  
1919-1937  
(pictured)

On April 12, 1917, Antonio Varacalli drowned while successfully rescuing a young woman from the Seneca-Cayuga Branch of the Barge Canal a young woman who was apparently trying to commit suicide. The woman, Ruth Dunham, her family were members of this congregation.

1923  
During the 75th Anniversary of Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, the first Equal Rights Amendment, was proclaimed by Alice Paul from the church pulpit.

Rev. Robert Youngs,  
1938-1941



Rev. Samuel J. Holt,  
1941-1958

April 1946  
"The Barn" aka as Eastman Hall was the carriage house for the church. At this time it a place for Mynderse student fun night. It was a single brick structure with the west addition added in the early 1950's. The classroom section was built in 1966. Willis Lay (church member) was the General Contractor his son, Marvin (church member) also worked on this project.

January 1953  
Priestly Doane elected the first female Ruling Elder.

1958  
The present organ is installed at the cost of \$32,000. The Schantz organ is comprised of 1200 pipes of which 305 are not under expression

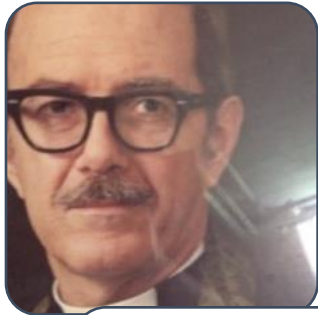


Rev. Kenneth Holmstrump,  
1958-1963

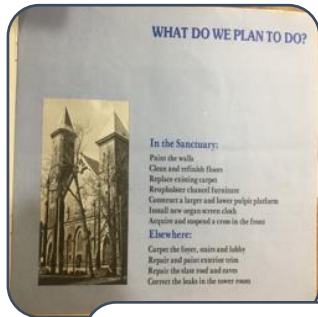
1961  
Discussions begin to build Presbyterian College in Seneca Falls, later to be called Eisenhower College. 1965 church donates \$100,000 towards college. Nov. 5, 1967 first cornerstone is laid. Sept. 1, 1968 first class is held. College closes in 1982 and re-opens as New York Chiropractic College in 1991. It is now named the Northeast College of Health Sciences.

Oct 21-23, 1961  
Pre-Assembly site for The World Council of Churches.

Rev. Leroy Hertzog,  
1964-1971



Rev. William Knox,  
1972-1981



1977 Church Renovation  
Changes made in the chancel area, repositioning of church pews, and carpet was added.



Rev. Dr. Peter Crego,  
1982-2007



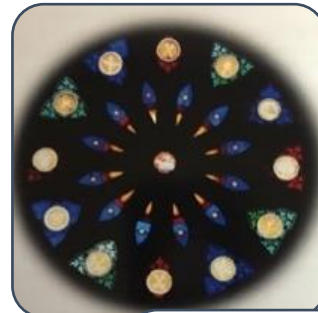
1983  
Women's Peace Encampment opens in Romulus to protest the nuclear storage at the Depot. Member, Shirley DeHority was a leader in this event and the church participated in solidarity.



Nov. 30, 1987  
Congregation becomes a Presbyterian Peacemaking Congregation



1996  
Elevator installed in the church.



2003  
Stained glass is refurbished.



2003  
New town library is built, head engineer, Ed Chase and Sam Dickieson, members of the church.



2007  
Became a  
Covenant Network  
Congregation.



Feb. 2008  
Rev. Peter Crego  
is named Pastor  
Emeritus, following  
his retirement in  
2007.



Jan 2, 2011  
The church calls  
first female pastor.  
Rev. Leah Ntuala



October 2, 2011  
Pulpit dedication,  
commemorating  
1923 ERA event.



Sept. 23, 2013  
The Session voted to  
overturn the 1843 censure of  
Rhoda Bement. Rhoda  
Bement's excommunication  
was rescinded and her  
descendants notified of the  
Session's action.



January 2017  
Church is host site for the  
Women March.  
Over 10,000 people attend.  
NY State Thruway is closed  
due to the amount of traffic.



June 2019  
Church puts solar panels on  
Eastman Hall and manse to  
have 100% coverage on all of  
the church properties.



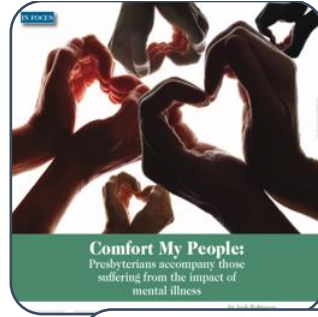
2019-2023  
Church renovations on all  
properties.  
Manse finished the attic and  
became a passive energy  
home. Eastman Hall  
switched to LED, heat  
pumps, mini-splits, and new  
windows. Church building  
received a new fire system  
and steeple repairs.



Sept 29, 2019  
Dedication of Alice Paul  
bust by artist  
Victoria Guerina .



March 14, 2020  
Church closes in person  
services due to Covid 19,  
until June 2021.  
Church members built a  
butterfly scuplture  
together in honor of the  
lives lost.

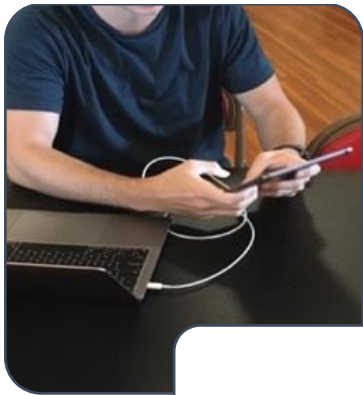


**Comfort My People:**  
Presbyterians accompany those  
suffering from the impact of  
mental illness

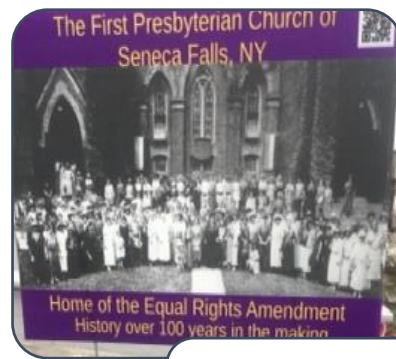
July 2022  
Church recieves \$10,000  
grant to address Mental  
Health. The church  
partnered with Seneca  
County schools to train  
coaches in all the school  
districts in Youth Mentalh  
Health First Aid and  
Trauum Informed Care.



October 2022  
Church becomes a  
Matthew 25 Congregation



June 10, 2023  
Church begins Fix-It  
Cafe and other mission  
classes.



July 21, 2023  
100th Anniversary of ERA  
Declarartion