

Church Changes Name At Parish Meeting

At their Parish Meeting on Monday night, the Universalists voted upon several significant changes directed toward their growth in numbers and influence. By unanimous vote the name of the church was changed from Church of the Redeemer, Universalist to the simpler name, The Universalist Church of Provincetown. Feeling of the membership was that this name more closely identifies the church with the religious principles it represents, and further that it is already the name by which most people in the community call the church.

Several changes in the constitution and by-laws were recommended by the Board of Trustees who had considered a thorough study of problems in the current policy by their new minister, Miss Violet A. Kochendoerfer. President of the Board of Trustees John Rosenthal appointed a committee of five members to implement these revisions. On the committee are Mrs. Derotea Murchison, Mrs. Inez Snow, Herbert Mayo, Miss Kochendoerfer and Mr. Rosenthal.

An Associate Membership in the Cape Cod Council of Churches was approved by parish members whose desire is to support a number of forwardlooking programs of this interdenominational organization.

A N I N V I T A T I O N

February 14, 1963

Provincetown is an end of land that requires of its inhabitants that they be strong swimmers to new shores.

Its unique geography and population—the mixed blessing of its exceptional atmosphere of tolerance—its seasonal frenzy—its winter isolation—affect us.

Through the drama of tides and seasons—the empty and full harbor and town—Provincetown people are drained and replenished dramatically—daily, weekly, annually.

It takes a tough spirit to live well in Provincetown.

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PROVINCETOWN is a house of meditation for the toughening, universal spirit.

“Love,” its members and friends affirm, “is the Doctrine of this Church; the Quest of Truth is its Sacrament; and Service is its Prayer.” . . . nothing more compromising—nothing less inspiring.

You and your children are invited to meet the Minister, Miss Violet Kochendoerfer, at the Coffee Hour following the Sunday service and Church School, which begin at 11 a.m.

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Minister: The Rev. Violet A. Kochendoerfer
President of Board of Trustees: Mr. John Rosenthal
Chmn., Religious Education: Mrs. Carl Murchison
Chmn., Membership & Promotion: Mrs. Elizabeth F. Cole
Trustees: Mrs. M. C. M Hatch, Mr. Herbert F. Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moffett, Mrs. Ina Snow, Mr. Stanley Snow

Organist: Mrs. Theodore Malcolm

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WHOEVER CAN THROW light on the disappearance from the Universalist Church of several valuable articles will have the everlasting gratitude of its members. Last week, on Wednesday, while the Thrift Shop of the church was open, three pictures which had hung in the upstairs hallway of the church for more than 50 years, disappeared. Presumably, says a statement from the church, they were taken for their antique oval frames. They were the portraits of Sylvia, Elizabeth, and Prince Freeman, who are credited with initiating the founding of the church in 1829. Members of the church are appealing to anyone knowing anything of the whereabouts of the pictures to let them know. Return of the irreplaceable pictures, even without their frames, will be appreciated. A silver casserole dish valued at \$25 is also missing from the Thrift Shop of the church. It is thought to have been taken the following morning, Thursday, when the church was unlocked for a short time. Anyone with a clue to what may have happened to the valuable articles is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Nell Silvey, Provincetown 819. And if the person or persons involved in their removal will only bring them back no questions will be asked.

NEW BEACON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1964

Universalist Minister Resigns From Pulpit

At the annual meeting of the Universalist Church of Provincetown held last Monday, the resignation of Rev. Violet A. Kochendoerfer, the only woman minister on the Cape, was accepted with regrets.

Miss Kochendoerfer, who has served here for nearly two years, said in her message of resignation to the parish, “I have feelings of gratitude to you for having made it possible for me to serve my ministry in so beautiful and colorful a place, to know so many unforgettable people, and for your generous acceptance of me and what I have done.” The resignation takes effect August 1. She expects another church assignment soon, but will remain here through July.

She received her training for the

ministry at the Star King School of the Ministry in Berkeley, California, and this was her first pulpit. Her ordination service was held here.

During her ministry the name of the church was changed from Church of the Redeemer to the Universalist Church of Provincetown.

Also, an intensive campaign was undertaken to win new members to the church, revision of the constitution was adopted by the membership, and the church attracted attention through a weekly newsletter, and a number of special summer services. Also the Sunday coffee hours, following the morning service of worship, was instituted under Miss Kochendoerfer's ministry.

Appointed to a committee to provide ministry for the month of August, and to consider the next step to be taken at an early Fall meeting were Raymond Rice, chairman, Miss Helen Jones and Mrs. Blanche Cordes.

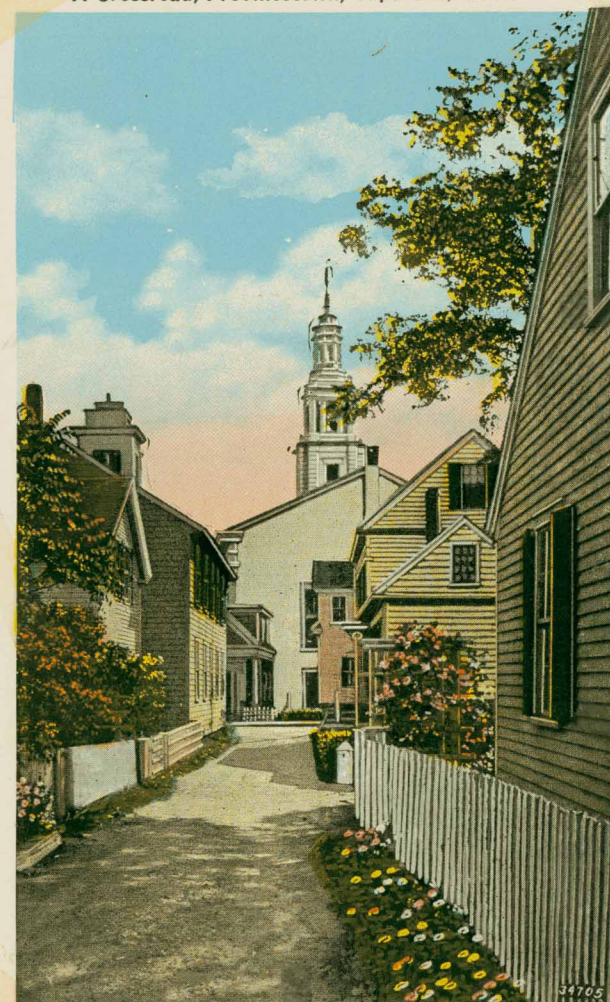
CAPE COD STANDARD-TIMES,
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1965

Hour Glass Timed Sermon

BUZZARDS BAY — In the early days of the Cape a custom began that continued for many years. When a preacher gave his sermon, the sexton would set an hour glass by him which he would solemnly watch, as would the parishioners, until the last grain of sand had carefully and slowly filtered through.

The minister himself kept a close eye on the glass as it was considered in bad taste to end the sermon too early or to talk after the last grain of sand had dropped.

A Crossroad, Provincetown, Cape Cod, Mass.



Universalist Church Tower, designed by Christopher Wren.

From the Rear - 1921