

History of the Unitarian Society of New Haven

- ◆ *Fellowship formed from late 1940s to 1951*
- ◆ *We voted to become a society Nov 11, 1951*
- ◆ *We have had six settled ministers:*

Rev. Lester Clark Lewis

Rev. Wayne Shuttee

Rev. Daniel D. Hotchkiss

Rev. Kathleen McTigue

Rev. Megan Lloyd Joiner

Rev. Lindasusan V. Ulrich

*Dr. Milton
J.E. Senn
A Founding
Member*



Founding Members at Sanctuary Dedication

2003



What's been important:

A free search for truth and inspiration

A sense of community

A liberal religious education

A commitment to social justice

*Early fellowship meeting—Platts,
Alexanders, Grace Mayer-Oakes*



*Founding Meeting
November 11, 1951*



*We met for several years at Larsen College
on the old Quinnipiac College Campus*



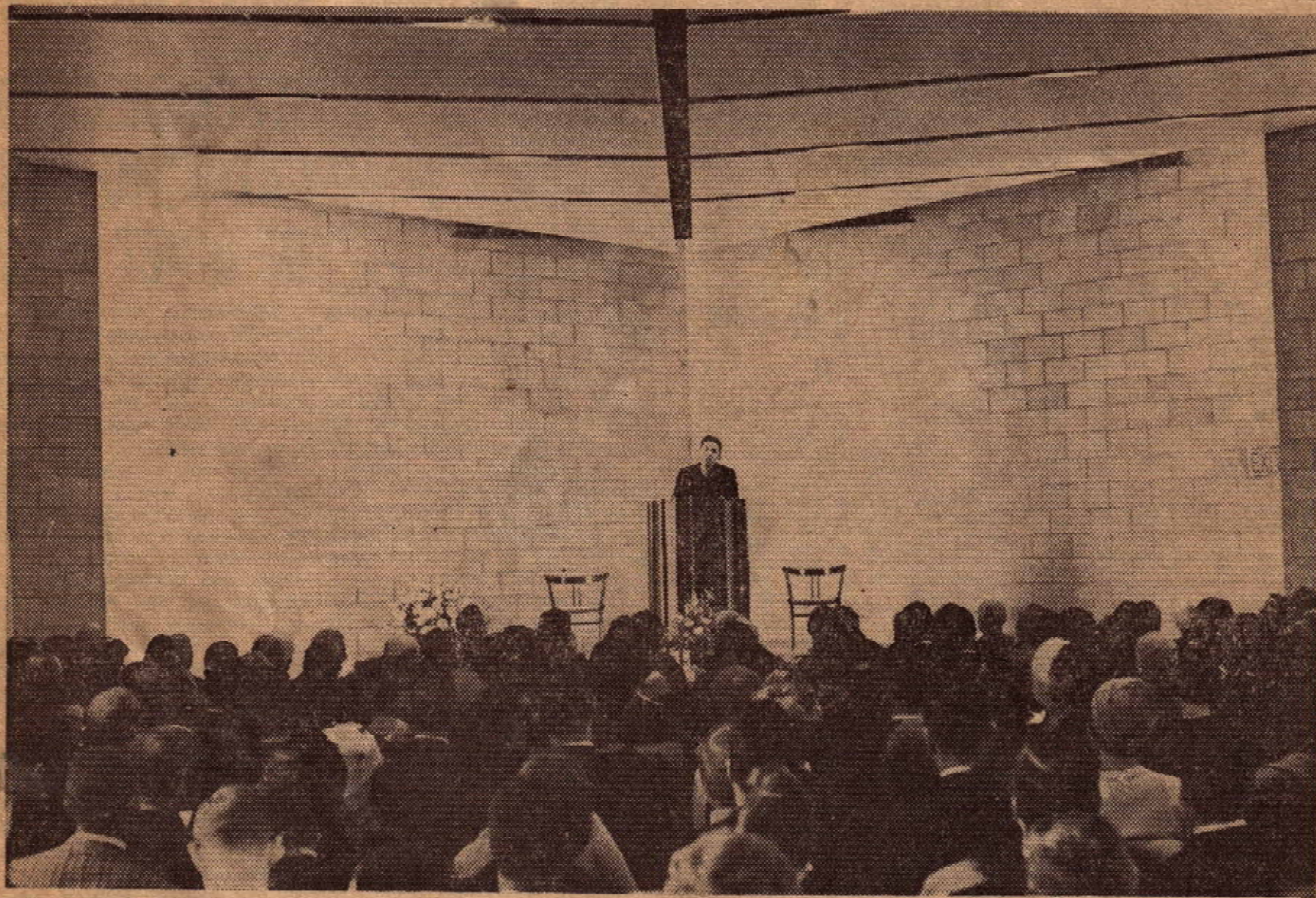
*Groundbreaking for social hall, 1962--Rev. Wayne Shuttee,
John Wolff, President, and Irving "Buzz" Allen, Building
Committee*



Social Hall being built, 1962



First Service Held In Hamden Unitarian Church



The Rev. Wayne Shuttee is shown addressing the over 200 persons Sunday who attended the first service in the new Hamden church of the First Unitarian Society of New Haven. The new church, on the Hartford Turnpike, was constructed at a cost of \$132,000. Formal dedication services will be held upon completion of landscaping work.

Groundbreaking for RE Wing



Groundbreaking RE Wing, 1967



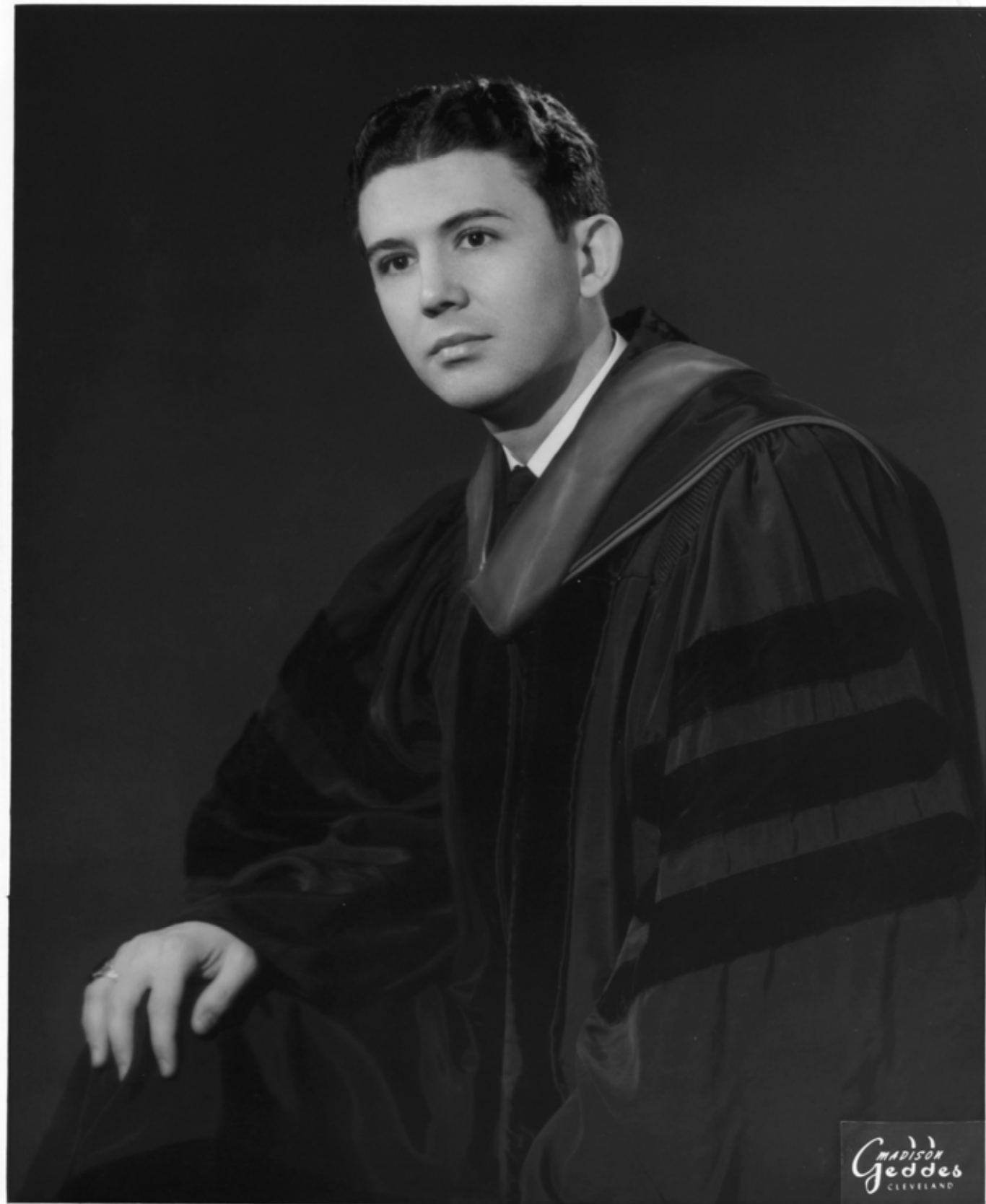
*The Rev
Lester
Clark
Lewis
1952-1954*



*The Rev. Wayne
Shutee*

Minister

1955 to 1985



*The Rev. Daniel
D. Hotchkiss*

Minister

1987-1990





*The Rev. Kathleen
McTigue*

Minister

1991-2012



*The Rev. Megan
Lloyd Joiner*

Minister

2015-2019



The Rev.

Lindasusan

Ulrich

Minister

2020

Organizations and activities:

Women's Association

Manna

Extended Families

Pot Luck Dinners

Charades

Rent Art Gallery

Cabarets

Musical Productions



*Joe Cooper helped with music
at early services.*

Members of USNH Choir 1968



Youth and Adult Choirs



What's changed ?

Many members have come and gone.

We have added to and remodeled the building.

We have more involvement in social justice work.

Our leadership has changed.

Our governance has expanded to reflect our growing size and changing needs.

Resources

Archives back to the founding

Taped cassette interviews

Short histories

50th Anniversary booklet--copies in office

Photographs, VCR tapes (mortgage burning)

Library includes works by members

and former members, books on UUism



*There is but one path that leads to this church;
the path of your own convictions whatever they may be.*