



September 2020 Book:

## "The Silver Lake Institute" by Patti Unvericht-Giglio

### ***History of the Institute***

The Silver Lake Institute is one of the few remaining communities in New York State that began as a Methodist camp meeting ground in the mid-1800's. The history of the Institute is unique and interesting. This book not only tells the history of the Institute, it also shares historic photographs from the collection of a family that has been members of the Silver Lake Institute for generations.

Before the Silver Lake Assembly was established, the Genesee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held their camp from 1848 to 1869 in Bergen, New York. During that time, a charter was granted in 1857 by New York State for a new camp to be run a Silver Lake by the Methodist Genesee Campground Association. However, it was not until 1872 that the association purchased fifteen acres along the eastern shore of Silver Lake and established Camp Wesley. As of the June 26, 1887 printing of the Buffalo Morning Express, Camp Wesley broke away from the original association. It, at the time, had grown to have about 60 cottages and was then owned by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

### **The Author**

Patti Giglio is a lover of history and an amateur paranormal historian. She has written several other books under the pen name Patti Unvericht. She lives in Rochester, NY with her husband Steve, two children (Liesl and Karl) and their two dogs. She is a history buff and member of Ogden, Palmyra and Victor history Societies. Patti's passion is in the ghosts, spirits and things that go bump in the night. She is a researcher and investigator for Chasing Shadows Paranormal, a paranormal research team she co-founded. She has written several books that the Seneca Falls Historical Society has to purchase in The Gift Shop. Patti has written the book, Hidden History of the Finger Lakes and Ghost and Haunting's of the Finger Lakes. These are just a few of what she has written.