

**Caton United Methodist Church  
News & Happenings  
11186 Hendy Hollow Road  
Corning, New York 14830**

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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am

Sunday School: 9:30am

Traditional Worship: 10:15am

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Our mission at the Caton United Methodist Church is to be a Christ-centered community,  
focused on revealing God's love and inviting others to know Jesus Christ.

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Dear Friends,

As I walk the hills of Caton, all around me are signs of winter: The brown grass, piles of curled leaves, and trees without leaves. I search for signs of spring. Are there flowers popping up? Where are the robins and the geese? Where is the warmer weather and the warm sun?

I liken coming to Easter much like the coming of spring. New life, rebirth, transformation cannot happen in our lives without our letting go of that which holds us back. In the waiting for Easter to arrive, we continue to turn to the Light! Just as a plant will turn to the light, we turn to the light of Christ. In John chapter 3 verse 27 says "Those who love truth come to the light, SO THAT it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done IN GOD."

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning as a sign of "New Life." On the cross, Jesus has set us free to celebrate in the light! Jesus gives our lives purpose. We rejoice in all that God has done for us. Join us on Easter Sunday (April 12) as we celebrate New Life through Jesus Christ.

Praying for you,

**Pastor Beth**

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### Memorials for March

The following is a list of memorials given in memory of loved ones from Feb. & March 2009.

<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Doris Antes	Lola Smith
Fran Allen	Lois Moody
Don & Joan Haussener	Bob Robbins
Fran Allen	“
Frank & Emma Mosch	“
Eunice Roe	Lois Moody
Linda Riley	Bob Robbins
Beverly Dates/Shirley,	“
Dave, Butch and Joe Riley	“
Thomas & Rev. Betty Bement	“
Ronald & Karen Jankowski	“
Helen Tobey	“
Helen Tobey	Lois Moody
Shirley & John Mucci	Bob Robbins
Joseph, Sr. & Shirley Durkin	“
Iva & Dan Jenkins	“
John & Phyllis Sterling	“
John & Phyllis Sterling	Lois Moody
Arnot Ogden Lab.	Bob Robbins
Delores Cleveland	“
Corning Inc. Specialty	Lois Moody
Materials Development	“
Robert & Shirley Smith	“
Robert & Shirley Smith	Bob Robbins
James & Myrna Hawbaker	“
Caton Senior Citizens	Lois Moody
Phyllis & Vaughn Shepard	Bob Robbins
Bea & Ross Wilson	Bob Robbins
	(for general fund)
Mort & Patti Gridley	Bob Robbins
	(for Youth Group)
Jan & Ted Crooker- in honor of:	
	Lois Crooker
	(for Food Pantry)



## Church Leadership for 2009

### A Note From The Lay Leader

On Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, three members of Caton United Methodist traveled to a district day at the Cortland United Methodist Church. That morning we worshipped together with fellow Methodists and had a chance to meet Bishop Matthews. Following worship, members of the new Conference transition team spoke to the work of building the new Conference of the Upper New York Area, which will come into being on July 1, 2010.

The team described the process to date, which involves a seemingly endless list of details to be addressed. There was an extensive period devoted to question-and-answer time, where laity and clergy from across the district were encouraged to participate.

Described as a working document, the Vision and Purpose Statement for the New Conference was introduced.

**Vision** (desired outcome): To live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places.

**Purpose** (what we do): Our purpose is :  
*Growing* our relationship with God,  
- *Being* the body of Christ within the world,  
- *Living* in accordance with the example of Jesus Christ by:

- Engaging, equipping, and empowering local churches, to be in ministry with, and to our Global Neighborhood.
- Encouraging and developing leadership within the laity, and clergy that is diverse and engaged with the vision of Christ and;
- Building relationships with our neighbors, particularly with those who have been disenfranchised by mainstream society.

To find more information about the New New York Conference, check out these websites:

- 1) [www.newconferences.info](http://www.newconferences.info) : talks about the vision and work in the three areas and six conferences involved.
- 2) [www.uppernewyork.org](http://www.uppernewyork.org): dedicated to the new conference in the upper New York area.

Myrna Hawbaker, Lay Leader



## Small Group News

Small groups are alive and well at Caton UMC. Glen Beck, FOX News, says we all need each other to survive the stress of our times. He suggests we all gather to support each other's values and principles. What better way to do that than within the Christian family.

Men will be meeting in April for breakfast. Some women plan to meet to learn about making balloon animals. A secret pal group is being planned. Come to church for worship and fellowship. Hear what is happening and suggest some groups you would like to have.

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## Confirmation Class

Amanda Bathrick, Alison Clark, Garret Bunch, Alex Ritter, and Abby Teeter along with Micah Coons, Jacob Coons, Angie Frampton and Nick Frampton from the Webb Mills UMC have made a commitment to explore their faith walk and learn more about the United Methodist Church. Each person has chosen a mentor to help them on the journey. Pastor Beth and Pastor Richard Elliott are teaching the class. Please keep all of the students and the teachers in prayer.

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## Shepherding the People at the Caton UMC

With busy schedules and many things to do, families sometimes become disconnected. This happens in our church family also. We get busy sharing in the worship services or in one of the ministries and before we know it we have lost touch with a family here and a family there. We miss people we don't see on a regular basis and we forget to tell them. One of the ways to stay connected is a shepherding program. We will have 10-12 shepherds who will check in with four families each month to get to know them better and to see how they are doing. Also, when guests come to the church we will connect the family with a shepherd to welcome them and answer questions about the many activities and ministries of the church. This is a great way to reach out in Christian love right here in our community. If you would like to be a shepherd, let Pastor Beth know.

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## Evening with the Bishop

**Bishop Marcus Matthews invites all the laity of the Finger Lakes District—that is YOU—to meet with him.** April 25, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Penn Yan United Methodist Church has been reserved for this gathering. Here is the schedule for the evening:

6:00 – 6:15 p.m.	Time for Gathering
6:15 – 6:20 p.m.	Bishop Welcome Laity
6:20 – 6:30 p.m.	D.S. Welcome and announcements
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Devotions led by District Lay Leader and D.S.
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	Time with Bishop Closing prayer by Bishop Matthews

## **Open House: Day at Camp - at Casowasco and Aldersgate**

Mark these dates on your calendar! You don't want to miss this - Open House: Day at Camp at Aldersgate and Casowasco!

**CASOWASCO: Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-7 p.m.**

**ALDERSGATE: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-7 p.m.**

Whether you are a family who is learning about Aldersgate or Casowasco for the first time or you haven't been back to visit us in awhile, this is the event for you. The staffs let out all the stops and welcome all. Come for some swimming or boating, make a craft, play a game, tour the facilities, and sing in the Chapel or by the lake. Come join us and help Aldersgate celebrate 61 years in ministry and Casowasco celebrate its 63<sup>rd</sup> year in ministry. The event is **free**. There will also be a Chicken BBQ available: \$9 for adults (13+) and \$6 for children (4-12), children under 4 are free. Please call 315-364-8756 to register for the meal.

Come join us! We hope to see you there!

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### **Do you want to get involved in Local Mission?**

#### **Helping Hands~Helping Others April 13-18<sup>th</sup>**

It is not too late to join the team for the week long local mission event. Here is an opportunity to help others in a variety of ways. Some team members will work on home repairs—painting, dry walling, roofing, etc. Others team members will help at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier or the Pantry of Angels. We continue to explore the possibility of working with Habitat For Humanity. After a day of working—the workers will join together to share about their project and have dinner. People are needed to prepare and serve dinner each night. Complete a team member application today to let us know in what ways you will join the team.

See Bob Blanchard for more information

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### **Caton UMC sends Pastor Beth to Nigeria**

I am very excited about the opportunity to return to Nigeria. Most of you who have heard me speak about my 2008 Nigerian experience are not surprised that I feel called back to be in ministry with the people in Kaduna and other places in Northern Nigeria. I so appreciate the opportunity to represent the Caton UMC as your missionary during my study leave from August to November of 2009. While the program for my visit is not complete at this time. My hope is that I will work with the children in the Wesley Nursery and Primary School, lead retreats for women's groups, and teach Bible studies and preach whenever possible.

Rev. Dr. Oche J. Job, the Archbishop of the North in The Methodist Church Nigeria has made it possible to work in an orphanage in Benue State. The leaders here in Caton along with a part-time pastor will provide pastoral care and lead worship services during this time. It is not a pastoral exchange program. Give me a call, I would be happy to talk with you about this call into missions. Thank you for your prayers and support.



## How can I help this school??

All that is needed is a small bit of your time and no extra cost or expense. We can help the school through funding offered by Campbell Soups and General Mills. Remove and clip off part of the label on these products that show the bar code and the little student showing "Labels for Education". Bring the labels to our church foyer and they will find their way to help the Red Bird Mission School with education material costs.

The items listed below are ones you more than likely have in your pantry now so make sure to take the labels off before discarding: Campbell Soups, Prego Pasta Sauces, Franco American gravies, Spaghetti O rings, V8 juice and slash smoothies. Also look on all General Mills cereals and refrigerated dairy products along with frozen food items.

You will truly be doing God's work by helping those students attending the Red Bird Mission School.

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## U.M.W. NOTES



On Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 11 women met at the church. A mission report by Connie Powell was given and the program was presented by Emma Mosch. On April 27<sup>th</sup> a mission study will be held at Avoca U.M.C, from 9:30 to 2:30 P.M. Plans were finalized for the Ham and Cabbage dinner.

May 9<sup>th</sup> at Caton Community Day, we will have tables for baked goods and GOOD "white elephant" items. Any questions please call Emma Mosch at 937-8157.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 6th at the church.

Iva Jenkins

## Electric Roaster

The electric roaster from the kitchen has not been returned.

If you have the roaster, would you kindly return as we need it for the dinners

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## Finance News



Revenue in the general fund for the first two months of the year was \$15,012.00. Total revenue into all funds was \$17,692.00. We paid 100% of our Shared Ministry for the NCNY Conference for 2008. The church can feel very proud that we were able to meet our commitment.

A huge thanks to all.

God Bless

Finance Committee

Don Haussener



There are over 250 families in the Lindley - Caton area that need our help with food, soaps and paper goods each and every week. As times become harder there are more folks who need help. You can help simply by bringing one item a week to church with you.

Our average attendance at church in the month of January was 112 folks. Think what a help 112 food items would be to those without. Our shopping cart is looking for whatever you can bring.

The key to helping our areas needy is consistency with the food, soap and paper product items we can supply to the "Panty of Angels", located at the Presho United Methodist Church. To help with this effort, start to look for "MR. Shopping Cart" on the walk into church awaiting your gift to the people who need your assistance. If you should come to church without a gift (It is hard for us to always remember to bring an item) there is a basket in MR Shopping Cart where \$1 would go a long way in helping those in need.

Food items needed are all types of pasta, spaghetti and spaghetti sauces, soups, canned goods of all types, including meats, tuna fish, gravies, canned vegetables and fruits. Paper products needed are paper towels, paper napkins and toilet paper. Soap items needed are hand soap, dish washing soap, cleaning detergents, laundry detergents, shampoos and tooth paste.

They cannot purchase paper products or soap item with Food Stamps, this makes a hard choice for many with very little cash, these needed items or fuel for heating the home. Please help with whatever gift you can afford. Whatever you bring will find its way to the needy in a very short time.

If you or someone you know is in need, have them contact Kim Snyder at the Pantry of Angels at 523 - 7715

## **THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD GO I**

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### **Elementary Youth News**

The Elementary Youth Group will be meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at 6 PM to 9 PM for pizza, movies and games. We will also meet on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM to 1 pm for community clean up. Please dress according to weather!

#### **Please Join Us!!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call:

Carol Barner: 607-524-6864

or

Kathy Smith: 607-936-4450



## New Date for the Red Cross Blood Drive

Due to a mandatory training event for the Red Cross employees, it is necessary for us to change the scheduled Blood Drive on May 5<sup>th</sup>. **The new date is Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.** Nancy and Dave Johnson will contact you to reschedule your appointment. You can give blood at any other area blood drive up to March 12. If you give Double Reds at any other blood drive this winter, you will not be eligible to give at our April 28<sup>th</sup> drive. The Blood collected at our drives is used in all typed of needs; including cancer patients, operations, as well as accident victims.

We will need help:

Of those who give so generously of their food items and goodies as well as their time that makes the blood drive happen.

At 11:30AM to help the Red Cross with the unloading of the many items needed to operate the drive.

With loading of the Red Cross truck at 6PM as the drive is complete.

Without your help and effort there would not be a Caton Community Blood drive. Thanks for whatever you can do to help the drive happen.

Other Caton Community Blood Drives are:

Summer Drive- Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Fall Drive- Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Please mark our Caton Community Blood Drive dates on your calendar. One never knows when someone in your family, a neighbor or a complete stranger will need the gift only YOU can give.

BLOOD!!!!!!

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Save the Dates:

April 18<sup>th</sup> 4pm-6:30pm

The youth will be having a spaghetti supper. Funds will be used to benefit camperships for the youth.

April 25,2009

The men's group is planning a breakfast on Saturday; site will be announced later depending on interest. Contact Dave Johnson, Dave Huber or Don Haussener if interested in attending.



(607-524-6715)

Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon

Friday 1-4pm



## **Jr/Sr High Youth Group News**

“Meal in the Upper Room”

On Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the youth will be putting on a “Jewish Passover Meal”. We will gather in the sanctuary between 5-5:30pm. At 5:30 there will be a quiet time to prepare you for the service. Afterwards the youth will take you through the evening following the scriptures. You will go through the events just like one of the disciples hearing the words of Christ as told to us in the scriptures. Reservations are needed.

Thank you for supporting the youth and this is their gift to you.

God Bless.  
Eric Coons



## **Salvation Army Dinner**

Each year our church and many other churches in the Corning area, along with several public service clubs and a few families, put on a dinner for the needy each Sunday afternoon at the Salvation Army Citadel on Dennison Parkway. In 2008 we served over 60 folks who were in need of a good meal but could not afford to make such meals. These dinners are an important function for the Salvation Army as they can have dinners each Sunday without a great cost to them. Our Church Youth Groups have served a sit down meal to those in need, this dinner has been a great sharing experience for all involved.

Our 2009 Salvation Army dinner will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2009.



## **Ronald McDonald Houses**

Throughout the world there are more than 254 hospitals that have Ronald McDonald Houses located near them. These Ronald McDonald Houses supply for a very small cost housing for the families of a child that is in a specialty hospital in a far away city. Two of our church families have in the past taken advantage of the Ronald McDonald houses when their child was in a far away hospital.

The Ronald McDonald houses are supported by McDonald's dependent upon how many POP CAN TABS are turned into McDonalds over a year's time. You can help, it will not cost you a dime of extra \$ and the job is easy. Just save your pop can tabs before you return your cans to the store. Bring the tabs to the foyer of our church and they will find their way to McDonalds. Your effort to save pop can tabs will insure that the Ronald McDonald houses will be available when families need the use of a Ronald Mc Donald House.

Bob & Edna Lord

## Have You Sharpened Your Axe?

A young man approached the foreman of a logging crew and asked for a job. "That depends," replied the foreman. "Let's see you fell this tree." The young man stepped forward and skillfully felled a great tree. Impressed, the foreman exclaimed, "You can start Monday."

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday rolled by. Thursday afternoon the foreman approached the young man and said, "You can pick up your paycheck on the way out today."

Startled, the young man replied, "I thought you paid on Friday."

"Normally we do," said the foreman. "But we're letting you go today because you've fallen behind. Our daily felling charts show that you've dropped from first place on Monday to last place today."

"But I'm a hard worker," the young man objected. "I arrive first, leave last and even have worked through my coffee breaks!"

The foreman, sensing the young man's integrity, thought for a minute and then asked, "Have you been sharpening your axe?"

The young man replied, "No sir, I've been working too hard to take time for that!"

Our lives are like that. We sometimes get so busy that we don't take time to "sharpen the ax." In today's world, it seems that everyone is busier than ever but less happy than ever. Why is that? Could it be that we have forgotten how to stay sharp?

There's nothing wrong with activity and hard work. But God doesn't want us to get so busy that we neglect the truly important things in life, like taking time to pray, to read and study scripture or to listen to "the still small voice of God."

We all need time to relax, to think and meditate, to learn and grow. If we don't take time to sharpen the axe, we will become dull and lose our effectiveness.

Take time today to sharpen your axe!

..... David Langerfeld - The Daily Encourager (dlangerfeld@HarrisburgBaptist.org) by way of "Christian Voices" (www.ChristianVoicesWorldwide.com)

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## ***EASTER PLANTS***

*Here is an opportunity for you to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, as you remember or honor a loved one. Easter lilies and other spring flowers provide a wonderful way to celebrate the "new birth" of Easter. Please complete the form below so that the information can be included in the bulletin. The church will be open Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 to Noon for flower deliveries.*

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Plants may be removed for your own enjoyment after the Easter Service. If you would like to share your plants with one of our Circle of Friends members, please let us know. Visitors are needed to deliver these plants to our friends.*

*I will pick up \_\_\_\_\_ I will not pick up \_\_\_\_\_ I will help deliver \_\_\_\_\_*

**Please mail this completed form to the Caton UMC or place it in the offering on Sunday**

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**Easter Sunday**

*April 12, 2009*

**Sunrise Service**

7:00 AM

Elmwood Cemetery

Breakfast following the service  
in the church dining room

**Prayer and Praise**

9:00 AM

*“Hope: The Risen Christ goes before us”*

**Easter Morning Celebration**

10:15 AM

*“I have seen the Lord”*