

**Caton United Methodist Church  
News & Happenings  
11186 Hendy Hollow Road  
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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am

Sunday School: 9:30am

Traditional Worship: 10:15am

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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**EASTER IS MORE THAN AN EMPTY TOMB!** The empty tomb is an iconic symbol for Easter primarily because: “How do you picture a spiritual being”?

God's resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ of Faith is an unfathomable mystery. Although great artists have tried to portray the living Christ in their paintings, He, who is spiritual, is beyond human description, as is God him/her self!

As I have struggled with “The Resurrection of Jesus by God”, the Biblical insight that is most helpful to me is what I call “The Resurrection of The Disciples”. The Scriptures are clear that the Disciples, after the crucifixion, were frightened and disheartened men. They met behind closed and locked doors (John 20:19). Peter and the others went back to their fishing boats (John 21:3).

As they encountered the Living Christ, however, they became changed and fearless men. Dragged before the authorities and charged to no longer talk about Jesus being the Messiah, Peter responds “We must obey God rather than men” ( Acts 5:29 ). Legend indicates that Peter was ultimately crucified himself. Feeling unworthy to be crucified like his Lord, he requested that he be crucified upside down! Tradition indicates that most, if not all of the twelve disciples were also martyred, (killed for their faith).

For me, that Biblical, and somewhat historical record, is more solid evidence of the Resurrected and Living Christ than the “nothing thereness” of the empty tomb.

Even more important is the assurance that that Living Christ is a spirit that is beside me in my pilgrimage through this mortal life, giving me some of the confident faith and spiritual strength similar to that given to the early disciples. They were ones who were with both the earthly Jesus and the Jesus Christ of Faith.

In this joyous Easter season, may “The Resurrection of The Disciples” and the presence of the Living Christ give you a similar feeling of spiritual strength in your pilgrimage through this temporal earthly life and a confident faith that that same Living Christ will greet and receive you and me into His eternal and heavenly kingdom when this earthly life is over. **GOD BLESS !!**

Interim Pastor, Rev. Fred S. Kelsey

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## Memorials for April

### Given by:

\*David & Jeanette Currei  
\*Geraldine Pratt  
Jan & Brad Hinman  
Eugene Tobey  
Don & Joan Haussener  
Phil & Lois Crooker

### In memory of:

Grace Brungard  
Grace Brungard  
Heidi Vossler  
Durwood Hopkins  
Grace Brungard  
Jason Pipe

\* (corrections on names for givers)

## A note from Pastor Beth

Thank you for all of your prayers and the many cards. I have felt surrounded in love in my days of healing. Some of you know that I will begin chemotherapy in April followed by radiation in late May. I remember times when I was unsure of what the days ahead would be like. It was just ten years ago that I left my teaching job and started to study at Drew Theological School. Shortly after that I joined you here at Caton UMC and I had to get accustomed to hearing "hey pastor" and realize that you were speaking to me. Then I journeyed to Nigeria to meet the people and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Each of these times were a step of faith just as now when I begin this treatment and I remember the verse from Philippians 4: 13, "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*"

Please continue to pray for me.

Pastor Beth

## Ponderings.....From the Lay Leader

The time is almost here: the Upper New York Conference will come into being on July 1, 2010.

On Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, members of Caton United Methodist traveled to a Special district information meeting at the Penn Yan United Methodist Church, where District Superintendent Richard Barton and District Lay Leader Mike Kelly presented coming changes to the new conference, effective July 1. Also presenting was Vicky Putney, current NCNY Director of Ministry Support, Clergy salary and health and benefits administration. She was recently named by Bishop Matthews as Benefits Officer for the new conference.

Action taken so far in establishing the new conference has been minimal, only touching on the basic necessities for the new structure to move forward, as laid out in the Discipline, including deciding on a health insurance carrier for conference staff and clergy, and building and facility insurance.

Perhaps even more important are which areas should the new conference be focusing it's energy? Rev. Barton handed out a list of guiding values and practical concerns, and attendees were asked to rate them from what each person considered the most important, to the least. Ranking was difficult, as choices included: Neighbor Reach, Local Church Ministry, financial concerns for clergy, congregations and the conference and how they are intertwined, and more.

It is an exciting time as United Methodist in New York come together, and we have a fresh new opportunity to step back, look at where we are in our mission as a conference, and think about where we would like to go. New beginnings offer lots of possibilities! If you are curious about what is being discussed, talk to me, or go to the NCNY website at

<http://www.ncnyumc.org/>, which also contains the link to the new Upper New York Conference website (<http://uppernewyork.org>).

**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.

Myrna Hawbaker, Lay Leader

## Finance News



### YTD Income-Expense Report – February 28 2010

Fund	YTD 2010 Income	YTD 2009 Income	Diff	YTD Expense 2010	Diff
General	15,860	15,012	848	21,829	-5,969
Memorial	829	620	209	0	829
Other	4,734	2,060	2,674	2,321	2,413
Total	21,423	17,692	3,731	24,150	-2,727

**The Haiti Relief fund was \$3,276.00.**

Finance Committee

Don Haussener

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### United Methodist Women



United  
Methodist  
Women

goods.

At our March meeting, we had a guest speaker, John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. He told us his life history with the church & his family. He didn't look his age!!!! It was a very informative story. Thank you

Rev. Kelsey.

Connie reported on the Bath enrichment Day! When you signed in you were given a number, & later broke up into groups. The theme was "Think outside the box" Connie's group was "creative fund raising"!

We discussed Caton Community Days! Our UMW will have HOMEMADE baked

There will be a sign up sheet for your donation!

Thank you.

Our next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>; 1:30pm at the church and our president will give us a quiz on the UMW purpose which is:

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of  
Women whose purpose is:

To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

To develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and

To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

COME JOIN US!

Mary Jane Blanchard

## **Red Bird Mission Team**

There are eight team members on the 2010 Red Bird Mission Team. Jon Teeter, Bob Blanchard, Jessica Teeter, Abby Teeter from the Caton UMC along with Elana Sheriff, Kate Heiman, Rachel Speciale, and Andrew Heiman from area churches. The Caton team joins with four teams from New Jersey making a total of over 70 team members to serve at the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. Some teams will repair kitchens, bathrooms, roofs and even build on a room or two in homes. Other team members might work at the school and thrift shop, or repair buildings on the campus. Watch for a fund raiser in May to support our team!

## **Calling all kids to Summer Camp**

It is time to register for summer camp. There are brochures in the community room at the church or you can go on line, [www. Casowasco.org](http://www.Casowasco.org). Pick your favorite camp or try a new adventure this year. The family pays the deposit when you register and the church provides a campership for the balance of the cost. A campership is \$300 per camper. Consider sponsoring a child or youth for a week of camp. Put your gift in an envelope marked "Camperships" and put it in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church. Support the Campership Dinner on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm, as you enjoy a good meal and send kids to camp at the same time.

## **Gardeners needed**

As spring comes upon us, our flower beds need some attention. Get a crew together, enjoy the time and make the church a welcoming place with flowers and plants surrounding it. Check with Emma Mosch (795-5050) to find a place to start.

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Helping Hands, Helping Others  
week of April 19 thru april 24  
This mission was started last year to  
help out the community. We had over sixty  
people  
that helped out. Some of the jobs we did  
were painting, built a ramp, worked at  
the food  
bank of the southern tier, worked on a  
roof. We had people feed the workers each  
night  
after a hard days work.  
We need your help again this year. If you  
are able to help work, even if only one  
day,  
please sign up with Bob or Linda.  
On april 11 and april 24 we are asking  
for donations to help out with the cost  
of  
supplies that we may need to buy. Please  
fill out an envelope or just put your  
donation  
in the special box, anything you can give  
will be appreciated and put to good use.  
Also if you know of someone that needs a  
job done please have them fill out the  
forms.  
Any questions either give us a call or  
email  
Linda Riley - [lriley8@stny.rr.com](mailto:lriley8@stny.rr.com) - phone  
936-7828  
Bob Blanchard - 7332982

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& Wednesday 9-Noon

Monday

Friday 1-4pm



## Elementary Youth News

The Elementary Youth group will begin again in the fall. We wish to thank all the parents and children for joining our group and for all the lessons we learned and for the fun we all had. See you again in the fall.

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

Kim Clark: 607-523-8860  
Kathy Smith: 607-936-4450  
Carol Barner: 607-524-6864

Carol Barner



## Youth Group News

Here is some upcoming information of what we are up to.

On April 4th, there will be no meeting. Have a Happy Easter with your family.

On April 11th, we will be putting on a brunch. On that Sunday morning between the two church services. This is to raise funds for us to go at the end of the month to 4word10. This is a state wide youth retreat at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Please come and support the youth, have a great brunch and visit with everyone at the church.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, there will not be a meeting as it is spring break from school.

April 23-25 is the "4word" retreat.



## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The third annual Earth Day Celebration will be held at Centerway Square on April 22 at 5:30 PM. This inter-faith celebration will focus on being faithful, compassionate, good

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## **Pantry of Angels**

As most of you know, the “Pantry of Angels” is located at the Presho United Methodist Church on Indian Hills Road in Painted Post (about 1/2 mile from the golf course). The pantry was started in 2004 when a few people from Presho UMC thought it was a good idea to serve the residents of Lindley. Later when the Caton UMC asked to be in mission with us we gladly accepted and began serving residents of Caton also.

The pantry is open every Thursday. This is possible in part to generous weekly donations from Wegmans which supplies us with fresh fruit, vegetables and baked goods. On the **1st and 4th Thursday from 4:30 - 5:30** we give out the full selection of food. This includes canned goods, dry goods, the produce and baked goods. On the **2nd and 5th Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30** we give out only the produce and baked goods. **ALMOST ALWAYS on the 3rd Thursday the Mobile Food Pantry comes from 1:00 - 2:30.** If the truck can't come, then we have another day of produce and baked goods.

The pantry director's name is Kelly Wilson. She has many responsibilities but an important one is making sure the Food Bank of the Southern Tier receives the required statistics on time, as we are a member agency of the Food Bank and must follow their guidelines. Butch Snyder is Warehouse Manager. He is responsible for receiving and storing the food, and keeping an inventory regularly. Kim Snyder orders food from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and writes grants when needed. We all help out with fundraisers.

Currently, Caton UMC is making Easter Baskets for the children of the pantry. We are also selling Spring Flower bulbs to raise money for the pantry. If you would like to order some, see the brochure which is in the Community Room.

Following these two projects we will be helping with the Lindley Post Office food drive in May. If you don't have a Lindley address, but would like your food to go to the Pantry of Angels, you may bring it to church that week.

The Pantry of Angels welcomes visits on Thursday from people interested in seeing how the pantry works. Please stop by. Maybe you would like to volunteer!

If you have questions about the pantry feel free to call me, Kim Snyder at 523-7715.

Enjoy the beauty of Spring!  
Kim

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**A** Celebration of the Earth

Centerway Square, Corning  
Thursday, April 22, 2010, 5:30 pm

Hosted by

*Corning's First United Methodist Church*

In cooperation with

*Corning Vicinity Faith Communities*

***Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition***