

Caton United Methodist Church
News & Happenings
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Issue 2

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Parsonage (607-524-6551)
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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am

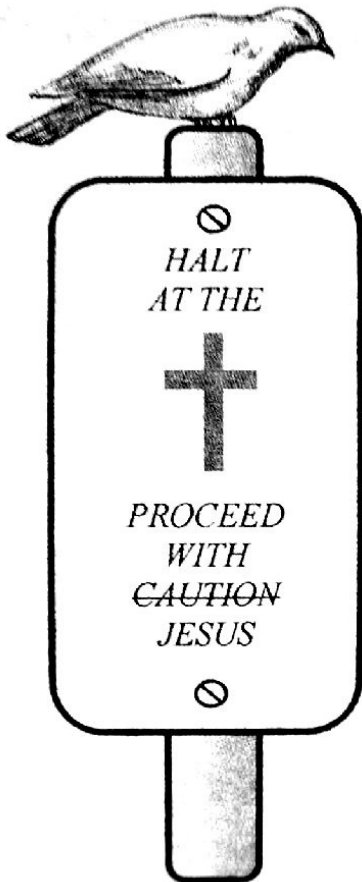
Sunday School: 9:30am

Traditional Worship: 10:30am

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.

Dear Friends,

As we journey to the cross this Lenten season, I wonder how this year will be different than last year. How will we proceed on the route? What we will take on the journey? When I traveled to Nigeria I had three suitcases. The two that I checked in each weighed in at the limit—50 pounds. I was so glad I did not have to lug those weights around the airports.



As we turn our faces toward Jerusalem with Christ, we know the path leads to the cross and this may be a difficult journey. We will not want to carry a heavy load. To lighten our load, we join Jesus to find hope even amidst the challenges. Along the path, we see reflections on issues that still affect us today. These include self-esteem, money/power, relationships, careers/jobs, temptation, suffering and death. How might our life's journey be different if we truly let Jesus be "in the driver's seat"? What would we have to adjust in our carefully laid plans, i.e., roadmap? As we rediscover Jesus along the way, perhaps we also will uncover our "real" selves.

How will you prepare for the journey?

Will you commit to attending church each Sunday?

Will you read the Bible each day?

Will you join a small group or Bible study?

Will you get together to fellowship with others?

Will you pray with your family?

Will you remember those who go to bed hungry?

Will you do something about it?

"Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?" Mark 8:34-37 (The Message)

Praying with you,

Pastor Beth

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Memorials for February

In Memory of:

Given By:

Durwood Hopkins

Mrs. Elizabeth Tiger

Grace Brungard

Frances Allen

Durwood Hopkins

Mark Hopkins

Grace Brungard

Helen L. Tobey

Grace Brungard

Sharon Lofstrom

In Honor of:

Given By:

Rev. Beth Bouwens
60th Birthday

Dave & Nancy Johnson
"Food Pantry"

Families Needed for Habitat Homeowner

Applications are now available for low-income families interested in becoming Habitat for Humanity homeowners in the Corning area. Criteria for selection include a need for a decent and affordable house, the ability to repay a no-profit, no-interest mortgage, and the willingness to partner with Habitat by working 500 hours of "sweat equity." The houses will be built in 2011 in the city of Corning. The application period will close on March 31, 2010. For an application or more information, contact Southeastern Steuben County Habitat for Humanity at 607-936-4444.



(607-524-6715)
Monday & Wednesday
9-Noon

Friday Noon – 3 pm



Shrove Tuesday—February 16th 6 pm

It is time to get together and share dinner. Everyone is invited to a pancake dinner with pancake races. Bring your favorite topping and enjoy the fun!



What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day) is the last day before the period which Christians call Lent. It is traditional on this day to eat pancakes.



Why are Pancakes eaten on Shrove Tuesday?

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.



When is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)?

Shrove Tuesday is celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday and is therefore the final day before the commencement of Lent. Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3rd and March 9th. Information taken from www.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/CUSTOMS/shrove.html



Ash Wednesday and Lenten Service

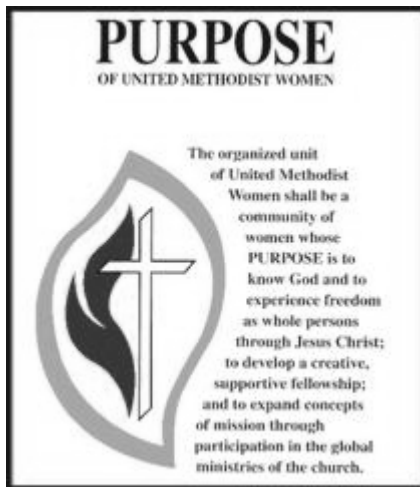
We will gather with folks from other United Methodist Churches in the Corning area for weekly worship. Corning First, Corning Grace, South Corning, Presho, and Caton churches will participate. The first service is Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2010. After Ash Wednesday the services will on Thursday evenings. All services will begin at 7 pm followed with refreshments. Mark your calendars!

Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 at 6 pm

Come and share dinner with your church friends.
Pastor Beth will share pictures and stories from Nigeria.

Bring a dish to pass and your table service.
Beverages will be provided.



We started our first United Methodist Women's meeting of the new year with Kim Snyder installing our new officers:

President:	Connie Powell
V. President:	Shirley Smith
Secretary:	Pat Robbins
Treasurer:	Emma Mosch
Sunshine:	Joan Haussener
Communications:	Mary Jane Blanchard

Thank you Kim

We met our District UMW President, Cindy Ellis, who showed up at the end of our meeting! She said her GPS system took her the wrong way!!!!!!!!!! She enjoyed the ride!!!!!!!!!! **Important date:** Feb: 15th Enrichment Day, Bath Centenary UMC 9:30-3:00 bag lunch. Seven women attended Grace UMC for communion/breakfast. A nice time was had. 37 women in all attended!

The next meeting is Feb 8th at 1:30. Mary Jane Blanchard will do the program called; "A Call to Prayer & Self Denial." Come join us!

All Women are invited to attend these UMW events:

ENRICHMENT DAY:

Monday - February 15, 2010
 9:30am - 2:30pm
 Bath UMC

"Let's Get Together - Outside the Box"

The program will emphasize "Why am I a UMW/What Connects Us?"
 Bath will provide a light lunch for \$5.00 or you can bring your own lunch.
 Child care available

DAY APART

Saturday, March 13, 2010
 9:30am to 2:30pm
 Dundee UMC

The Rev. Sharon Schmit will present program
 "Let's Get Together: Woven Together, God's Tapestry of Life"
 It will be a wonderful spiritual time.
 Bring own lunch
 Communion

The book table/resources will be available at both events.

Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith

It is not too late to join this 12 week study that explores the basic questions of faith. The study begins with a meal, cooked by Ron BeGell, then we watch a video and break into small groups for discussion. This is the schedule for the class—talk with Brenda Naylor (936-0522) or Pastor Beth (524-6551) to get started.

Jan 31 st	So, Is This All There Is?
Feb. 7 th	Who Is Jesus, and Why Should I Care? (Jesus Christ)
Feb. 14 th	Why Am I not Where I Want to Be? (Sin and the Cross)
Feb 21 st	What Happens When I Die? (Death and Resurrection)
Feb 28 th	Can I Trust God? (Providence and Suffering)
Mar 7 th	How Does God Speak to Me? (The Bible)
Mar 14 th	If I don't Feel Lost, Why do I Need to Be Found? (Salvation and Conversion)
Mar 21 st	Can I Start Again? (Forgiveness and Wholeness)
Mar 28 th	How do I speak to God? (Prayer)
Apr 4 th	EASTER SUNDAY—NO CLASS!
Apr 11 th	How Can I make a life and Not Just a Living? (The Good Life)
Apr 18 th	Why Should I Join any Group that Will Have Me as a Member? (Church Membership)
Apr 25 th	Love Feast! (Remembering, Sharing, and Continuing the Journey)

Haiti Relief



Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and the rescue workers who have gathered from around the world. Here are other ways we have stepped up and stepped out to serve:

Give money to be sent to UMCOR—United Methodist Committee on Relief—with 100% used only for Haiti. Administrative costs are covered in other ways. Place an offering in the offering plate on Sunday or mail your contributions to the church office. Clearly mark you donation for Haiti Relief. Online giving is available at www.umc.org

Save the Date: Feb. 20th a community dinner will be held with all the proceeds going to Haiti. Be ready to help—invite all your friends to join with us for dinner.

Health kits can be assembled and brought to the church.

Here is how you build a Health Kit: Place all the following NEW items in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27") No kitchen towels.

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

(NOTE: Toothpaste is purchased in bulk to be added to health kits to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

Because the emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations and strict rules govern product entry into international countries, UMCOR requires that the kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.

A cash donation to help with transportation is essential to this work but not required.

\$1 per kit is requested. **Don't forget to pray!**



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We have been working on having a retreat at the church once a month with a meaningful program, games, movies and food! In January, the theme was on "Bullying and its effects on people." For February, the theme will be on "Relationships, is it love or just friends." In March, we will be doing the "Thirty hour famine" to raise funds for world hunger. I know that life gets crazy and sometimes it is hard to make it to a meeting, which is totally ok. Just don't get out of the habit of coming! It does make it hard for planning purposes though and that makes it hard for those that try to come every week, so please make an effort. Also in February, we will be making valentine cookies for one of the nursing homes along with making place mats. Some of the place mats that the youth have made, the residents have hanging in their rooms. Thank you for your prayers and support for the youth.

Chrysalis—a three day youth retreat

Come and get together with youth around upper New York. Chrysalis is a three day Christian retreat for High School students. Through worship, talks, and small group discussion the participants explore their relationship with Jesus. There is a variety of fellowship times and great food. The next Chrysalis weekend is March 19-21, 2010. Any young adults interested in joining this weekend should see Pastor Beth or Bob Blanchard, 733-2982. Pastor Beth is on the leadership team for this weekend.

New Members Wanted Why Be a United Methodist?

Learn about what United Methodists believe and about becoming a member of the Caton United Methodist Church. Pastor Beth will host a discussion on Sunday, February 21st at 4 pm in the meeting room. This gathering will give us time to get to know one another, to ask questions and meet new friends. Anyone who wants to know more about the United Methodist Church is invited. Call the church office (524-6715) to register or talk to Pastor Beth

Food Pantry

How do you feed a family and keep a home at least partly warm with our a job? Many in our area are without employment this winter due to the slow economy and staff reductions. Food stamps help greatly, however paper products and soaps of all types cannot be purchased with food stamps. YOU can help those in need!!!

Our church and the Presho United Methodist Church support the "Pantry of Angels" located at the Presho UMC. Please bring any of the items listed below to the church foyer and put them in the shopping cart. They will find their way to the "Pantry of the Angels" to help those in dire need.

SOAP ITEMS NEEDED: Hand soap, laundry detergents, dish washing soap, tooth paste and shampoos.

PAPER PRODUCTS NEEDED: Paper towels, napkins and toilet paper.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED: Any type of breakfast food, hot or cold, any type of canned meats, tuna fish, corned beef etc., canned vegetables and fruits, gravies, spaghetti and spaghetti sauces, peanut butter, jelly, jams etc..

Whatever your family can spare will go a long way in helping those out of work this winter. Should you forget to bring an item to church, there is a basket in the shopping cart, \$1 goes a long way in helping the "Pantry of Angels" purchase food times, as they must each month.

You know what your family needs for food, paper products and soaps PLEASE help those in need this winter with what you can spare. If you or someone you know needs help from the "Pantry of Angels", contact Kim Snyder at the "Pantry of Angels" at 523 7715.



Prayers, Prayers, Prayers

The Caton United Methodist Church will expand the prayer chain. Along with our phone chain we will have an e-mail chain. Also, available is a prayer request link on the website: www.catonumc.org

Here's how to start a prayer request:

Phone prayer chain:

Call Lillian Crossley at 524-6110 to place your name on the prayer chain list.

You will then be called when there is a prayer request.

After you receive the message, you call the next person on the list.

If that person is not home, you call the next person on the list.

It is important to keep the chain going so we can be praying for those in need.

Don't forget to pray!

Email prayer chain:

Email Barb Blowers at barbarablowers@verizon.com and/or Mary Jane Blanchard at maryjb721@dishmail.net to be included on the email list.

When a prayer request needs to be sent, you will get an email.

Pray for that person.

If you or someone you know needs prayers, email their name to Barb or Mary Jane.

(Remember to check with the person before you place their name on the list.

The phone chain will also be activated.

Don't forget to pray!

Online at www.catonumc.org

Go to the home page and click on "prayer" found across the top.

Scroll down until you find "submit prayer request" on the left side of the page.

After you enter the details, you will copy the validation code that is provided

Click on submit request.

To find prayer requests: Check the website under prayers and don't forget to pray!

Sunday Bulletin:

Call Iva Jenkins at 524-8429 or Emma Mosch at 795-5050 to place a name on the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin.

If you know someone who needs prayers, you call Lillian Crossley at 524-6110 with the name, e-mail at the addresses above, or go on-line. (Be sure to ask the person before you put their name on the prayer chain.) If you would like to be a prayer link in the prayers, contact one of the people above.

Helping those in Need

What is more important than helping those in real need in these hard economic times?

You can help and do something that will make a difference to those who need our help with food.

Your support is needed to help Frank and Emma Mosch along with Butch Snyder obtain food from Wegmans on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. You only need to show up at 11AM at the back loading door of Wegmans on one of the above Thursdays. Your support would be to help Emma, Frank, and Butch with the sorting and loading of the vast amounts of food - BREADS, VEGETABLES AND FRUITS- (Wegmans gives the "Pantry of Angels" located at the Presho United Methodist Church. If possible after the food is loaded in vans, you could journey to the Presho United Methodist Church to help with the unloading of the food and getting the food setup for the Food Pantry which happens at 4PM that day. Your effort and help to those in need would only be for for a couple of hours a week. What you accomplish will truly be GODS WORK



Church Council

I would like to thank all those you who gave their time once a month to attend our meetings. I know there were times when we went past the two hours but it seems we always had several things to discuss regarding the church business.

God Bless
Joan Haussener
Chair – Church Council



Finance News

We had a successful financial year in 2009 with our total dollar receipts of \$151,047. Our receipts into the general fund were \$109,420. Our 2010 Stewardship Campaign resulted in pledge commitments from 35 members totaling \$61,026.

Our 2010 budget is approximately \$123,000. As you can see, we will need everyone to continue their giving to make 2010 another successful year.

God Bless
Don Haussener
Chair - Finance



Elementary Youth News

We would like to invite all kindergarten through 6th graders to join us. We will be meeting on February 1st from 5:30-7pm to do a fun activity (possible – depending on weather- ice skating, sled ridding or some other fun thing so come dressed for the outside) and then again on February 14th to have another soup luncheon 9:30am to noon at the church to help raise money for camp and all the fun activities that you love to do.

Please Join Us!!

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

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

Carol Barner



Small Group News

By the time you read this the men will have hosted a pasta dinner. The women will have met and brainstormed opportunities for programs. A long list was created. You'll be hearing about those soon.

Wednesday women Upper Room study group is still meeting each Wednesday at 10:00 in the meeting room. This group reads and discusses the devotional for the day so it is never too late to join. Come each week or come once, or come once in awhile. You are welcome.

Beginnings will start the end of January led by Pastor Beth and Brenda Naylor. This class will begin with food, cooked by Ron BeGell, then watch a video and discuss it. It is a great class for those wishing to be more comfortable with the Bible and even for those who want to refresh their thinking.

The women attending the meeting to brainstorm have chosen 2 things we want to do right away. A balloon animal making workshop will be led by Martha Harder. Look for the sign-up sheets and dates in the fellowship room.

The other item to begin now is Secret Sisters. Women who wish to participate will fill out a little information, fold it and place it in the container marked Secret Sister that will be available in the fellowship room. All forms must be submitted by Sunday Jan. 31 or before church Feb.7. On Feb. 7th between the worship services we will draw a name to be our secret sister. We will pray for our sister in Christ, perhaps mail or leave her notes of encouragement, maybe a book we read and no longer want, or a few cookies. Nothing expensive but a small "I'm thinking of you" and praying for you token. We will not reveal who our secret sister is until we gather together the end of April.

Later this year we hope to have women gather together to learn to make greeting cards. We can keep them for ourselves or use them to keep in touch with our college kids, high school kids, and members we don't see often. Watch for details about that.

If you have ideas for ANY small group you would like to have or lead please contact the church office or me, Nancy Huber NLHUBER@stny.rr.com or 936-8355. Watch the bulletins for more updates as they are finalized.

Red Bird Mission Team



Anyone who wants to join the Red Bird Mission Team, application and deposit is needed by March 1st. For the last 6 years the Caton United Methodist Church has joined with 3 churches in New Jersey for a week of service at Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. This year the team will leave Caton on July 17, 2010 and return on July 24th. During the week you will work on homes in the area, sometimes new roofs are needed, bathrooms or kitchens repaired, additions placed

on homes or help prepare buildings at the mission. It is a great week of service. Adults and youth (14 years and older) are invited to join this meaningful, fun-filled, faith-filled experience. Sign up now to be a part of the Red Bird Mission Team. **To register, complete a registration form and return it with a \$140.00 deposit to Pastor Beth as soon as possible, but no later than March 1st.** If finances are a difficulty, please see Pastor Beth

Small White Churches

By Ross Wilson

Palm Sunday, 2004, as I was ruminating about my church association over my life, I observed that I had spent all of it in small whites churches. Here is my tribute to them:



Beech Grove Methodist Church

A rural white church neath beechwood boughs
Baptisms communion and wedding vows
Country people staunch in their belief
Strong in their faith, stoic in their grief.

East Point Methodist Church

A little white church in the midst of farmland
The pews well worn by roughened farm hands
Laughter and joy; home folk feeling safe,
The pride of their fields; the strength of God's grace.

Harfield Lutheran Church

Another white church with graveyard close by
Socials with ice cream and great cakes and pie.
A bride in an aisle, whom I took for my wife,
Who's strengthened and helped me all of my life.

Thonotosassa United Methodist Church

A beautiful church an appropriate white,
Pristine, quite plain, a rural delight.
Filled with God's love so apparent and strong,
A haven for weak, uncertain and strong.

Caton United Methodist Church

And then came Caton, close to our home.
Hendy Creek, Steege, and Cleveland Hill we've roamed.
But that church called us, as we passed.
Finally we stopped; we know it's the last.

Caton United Methodist Church

FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Elementary Youth (5:30 to 7:00 PM) Praise Team (6:00 PM)	2 SPRC, 6:30 pm Choir Practice (7:00 PM)	3 Women's Study Group (10:00 AM)	4 Dish To Pass Dinner , (6 pm) Prayer & Praise Band Practice (7:00 PM)	5	6
7 Prayer & Praise Service (9:00 AM) Traditional Service (10:30 am) Sunday School (9:30 AM) Beginnings Class (5:30pm) Middle/High School Youth Group (6:30 to 8:00 PM)	8 UMW Meeting (1:30 PM) Praise Team (6:00 PM)	9 Choir Practice (7:00 PM)	10 Women's Study Group (10:00 AM)	11 Prayer & Praise Band Practice (7:00 PM)	12	13 Young Couples Dinner
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Chicken and Biscuit Dinner & Dessert
At the Caton United Methodist Church

February 20, 2010

4:30-6:30 pm

\$7.00 Adults

\$4.00 12 and Under

Preschoolers Free

All proceeds go for Haiti Relief