

Caton United Methodist Church
News & Happenings
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Issue 1

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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am

Sunday School: 9:20am

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.

We Celebrate 2009 at the Caton United Methodist Church!

1. We offer two different but vital worship services each week that offer a variety of music opportunities through the Praise Band and traditional choir, and in worship experiences.
2. We continue to grow—we celebrate 15 new members this year!
3. We have a new current, up-to-date website! (Thanks Don Haussener)
4. We started a Shepherding program in August this year, to engage not only our visitors, but keep long-time members connected to each other.
5. We have dedicated Sunday School teachers and wonderful students!
6. A prayer garden was completed in the side yard by Nick Dunn for his Eagle Scout Project.
7. The Elementary Youth Group meets twice a month!
8. We shared in ministry with the NCNY Conference and the greater United Methodist Church as we met all our shared giving responsibilities.
9. One of our youth, Jessica Teeter represented Caton UMC on a mission team to Ghana.
10. We sent 16 youth to Casowasco summer camp through the campership program.
11. We sent another team of seven individuals to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY.
12. We began a local mission, aptly named, "Helping Hands~Helping Others." Team members re-roofed houses, built a handicapped ramp, repaired a porch, painted a garage, painted rooms in a house, did yard work, worked in the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, and packed health kits.
13. A new organ was presented in memory of Helen B. Tobey.
14. We supported our personal missionary to Nigeria for 4 months. Pastor Beth had the opportunity to preach, teach and minister with the people in different areas of Nigeria.
15. We continue to support the local Pantry of Angels with the Presho United Methodist Church, through gifts of time, money and food contributions.
16. We support the Salvation Army in Corning: by providing enough food for 75-100 people one Sunday every year, participate in the Christmas Angel program, support the Salvation Army Red Kettle project.
17. Operation Christmas Child – We sent 68 gift boxes to children worldwide.
18. We support UMCOR's efforts by building health kits for disaster relief.
19. Our awesome VBS children collected money to support "Nothing But Net" which provides mosquito nets for children in Africa.
20. Our Church proudly supports blood drives for the American Red Cross three times per year.
21. We encourage small-groups study groups, and Bible study groups throughout the year.
22. This year Caton created a part-time paid staff position to work with the youth, filled by Eric Coons of Web Mills. The Middle and Senior High Youth met on Sunday nights.
23. The prayer ministry remains strong as we pray for members of the congregation and community during our worship services, through the prayer chain and prayer vigils. We have a prayer shawls ministry in which shawls are knitted/crochet and then blessed and given to those who are recovering.
24. Our U.M.W. supports each other, and also many projects that benefit the church.
25. Lay speakers have received training and are offered opportunities to lead worship service.
26. Vacation Bible School is an annual, exciting week every year here at the CUMC.

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In Memory of:

Robert, JoAnne,
& Andy Black

Durwood Hopkins

Darrell Chapin

Durwood Hopkins

Helen L. Tobey

Durwood Hopkins

Linda Riley

Lois Smith

Frank & Emma Mosch

Durwood Hopkins

Pat Robbins

Durwood Hopkins

Dan & Iva Jenkins

Durwood Hopkins

Lois & Phil Crooker

Grace Brungard

Bea & Ross Wilson

Mark Argostsinger

Pat Robbins

Grace Brungard

Doug & Rose Thomas

Durwood Hopkins



Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith

is a 12 week small-group study about basic Christian beliefs. In each two-hour session, we will share a meal, watch a short video/DVD segment, and engage in meaningful discussion. It is a place where you can ask questions about the Christian faith, explore your walk with God, and form or deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and Christian community.

The class we begin on January 31st. Everyone is invited to attend each Sunday night at 6pm. We will begin with a meal together and then study together. Brenda Naylor and Pastor Beth will be leading the study. The chef each week will be Ron BeGell. Sign up today or call the church office to register. (524-6715)



Live B.I.G. is the curriculum that is used in our Sunday School to help children see, hear and live their Belief In God. *Live B.I.G.* is designed to help children learn about the love of God through Jesus so they can live their “Belief in God.” Lessons are provided to go beyond the classroom and engage children with Christian role models and a deeper understanding of Jesus and the impact he can have on their lives. Children come to know and love God and Jesus so that they can answer the question, “How can I live B.I.G.?”

**Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:20 am.
All children are in grades K through 5 are invited!**

Rigatoni Dinner

Sponsored by the Caton UMC Men’s Group

*Includes meatballs, salad, drink & homemade
desserts*

January 23, 2010
4-7 PM

Adults \$6.50
Kids 5-12 yrs. \$3.00
Under 5 Free

To Help Buy A Brick For Casawasco

Note from the Pastor....

As we take some time to ponder the list of celebrations for 2009 we give thanks to God for the many opportunities we have shared in ministry together over the last year. We also look forward to the new year and ask the question, “Where is God leading us in 2010?” What new adventure will we have together? The joy of having a vital, growing church is that we are always on the move. There is a “new thing” happening all the time and I must admit that it is hard to keep everyone informed—so please read your newsletter each month, ask questions and be willing to participate in the opportunities that come your way. So glad we are on the journey together.

Pastor Beth

Note from friends...

Dear Friends,

It is with misgiving and anticipation that I write this letter. Many of you know that I have been on a path for the past 2 years to become a Licensed Local Pastor. Many of you have been a part of the network of Gods encouragers that have validated my belief in his call to Pastoral Ministry.

Some years ago the Master Gardner activated the growth of a seed that he had planted in my heart when I was created. You folks have nurtured that seed with your love, your faith and your prayers. It is now the time when I go forth to bear fruit for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is my great blessing that I go forth in ministry with my companion in Christ, my wife Precious. Wherever we go, you will go with us. Each and every one of you is a part of our ministry. We will continue to be comforted by your prayers, and we will continue to lift your ministry in our prayers. Confident that God is able to complete the good works he has started in you.

The District Superintendent has placed us in the Cameron Mills and Rathbone Church community. They are good loving folks as we have experienced in Caton. We will miss all of you even as we anticipate all that God has yet to reveal. May God be with you till we meet again.

Shalom,

Mort and Patti



Small Group News

"We worship with a crowd. We fellowship in Small Groups" This was taken from the Daily Devotion of Purpose- Driven Life. Some small groups have been meeting and enjoying getting to know each other.

Men have met for breakfast once a month and are planning to do the same for 2010. Winter is a rough time for most of us. If you have a project that is in need of help give Dave Huber (936-8355) a call and maybe some helping hands will be available.

There is a group of women continuing to meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 in the church meeting/conference room. They are discussing the daily devotion from The Upper Room. It's a lively discussion and we want you to join us. Pick up your copy of The Upper Room in the fellowship room. If they are gone check with me (Nancy Huber) at church or leave a message for me or Pastor Beth at the church office and I will get you a copy.

Another Woman's group is forming. We will meet **Sunday January 10 at 5:30** at the church. At that time we will discuss the directions we want to go. There are gals who want to do the "Sisters" series which is a study of the dynamic women of the Bible and how they influence us today. Other suggestions include: breakfast meetings on Sat and/or on Sunday before church and a devotional/breakfast meetings one day a week before work. Come with excitement to brainstorm with us the possibilities.

Remember, the possibilities are endless. We would love to have more leaders, participants and groups. Give me a call, send e-mail or see me at church. Nancy Huber 936-8355, NLHUBER@stny.rr.com . I attend the Prayer and Praise Service and I'm usually talking in the fellowship room between the services. I'd love to talk with you about your ideas.

Nancy Huber

Caton Community Blood Drive

Our next Caton Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday May 10th. You can give the (gift of life) at another Blood Drive in our area up to March 17th and still be eligible to give at the May 10th Caton Community Blood Drive at our Church. One never knows when or who in your family will need this precious gift of life.



Caton United Methodist Women

Our December meeting was held on the 14th we packed baskets for our circle of friends. Many nice items were collected! We told stories about our Christmas's, & how we have celebrated them! We also shared Christmas readings & cookies, & lots of laughter! A fun time was had.

The **Grace UMC** has invited all women of our church for a communion breakfast on Sat, Jan. 16, 2010 at 9:00 am, followed by breakfast in the dining room. A freewill offering will be taken. R.S.V.P. by Friday Jan. 8. New officers will be installed at our next meeting on January 11th by Kim Snyder. All women are invited, the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30. Come join us!

Thanks

Mary Jane Blanchard
733-2982

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We thank all of those that spent their time helping the needy by ringing the Kettle bells on three Saturdays in December. The funds raised help the Salvation Army be able to supply support to those in need through the winter months. A special thanks to our elementary youth and senior youth and their leaders who rang the kettle bells a total of four hours. Ringing of the kettle bells is something our youth will remember all of their lives. In future years when passing a Salvation Army bell ringer they will say "I did that job and it was for a needy cause". Thanks to all who helped in this worthy cause.

January 2010

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3 <u>Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM</u> <u>Traditional Service 10:30 am</u> <u>Sunday School (9:30 AM)</u> <u>Middle/High School Youth (6:30 8:00 PM)</u>	4 <u>Elementary Youth Group (5:30 PM to 7:00 PM)</u> <u>Praise Team (6:00 PM)</u>	5 <u>Choir Practice (7:00 PM)</u>	6 <u>Women's Study Group (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)</u>	7 <u>Prayer & Praise Band Practice (7:00 PM)</u>	8	9
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Food Bank of the Southern Tier Delivery Truck

On Thursday December 17th the Pantry of Angels Southern Tier's truck was at the Presho UMC to deliver food to the needy in our area. This truck full of food items helps with the support of the Pantry of Angels which our Church supports with food items donated by your family. There were over 300 needy folks from our area at the truck to pick up the badly needed food.

The food truck is at the Presho UMC on the third Thursday of each month. Your help would be appreciated in handing out food items to those in need. Just show up at the Presho UMC at noon on the third Thursday of the month or call Kim Snyder at 523 7715.

I CAN HELP With GOD'S WORK

Food Pantry

The hard winter months with the always present cold weather make life more than usually hard for those in need. Not only must they feed their family but they must also pay for some type of heat. The choice becomes very hard, food on the table for the kids and a cold house or a warm house and kids without a dinner meal. Feeding a family even with food stamps is a very hard task. Food stamps will not purchase the other necessities of life such as soaps, and paper products. You can help by bringing just one food item a week to church and placing the item in the shopping cart in the foyer of our church.

Please bring any of the following items to our shopping cart, and they will be taken by Frank and Emma Mosch to the Pantry of Angels at the Presho UMC.

FOOD Items: Any type of canned vegetables, fruits and meats, tuna fish, gravies, spaghetti as well as spaghetti sauces, peanut butter, jellies, and all types of breakfast foods. Your food shelves at home are a good source of any item you can spare.

PAPER PRODUCTS: Paper towels, napkins and toilet paper.

SOAPS: Dish washing soap, laundry detergents, hand soap, tooth paste and shampoos.

Whatever your family can spare will go a long way in helping those in need in this hard time of winter. Should you forget to bring an item to church there is a small basket in the shopping cart for a small donation. \$1 goes a long way in purchasing food in volume as the Pantry of Angels does each month.

If you or someone you know needs help from the Food Pantry of Angels, contact Kim Snyder at the Food Pantry of Angels at 523 7715.

How Can I Help?

Your help is needed to support Frank and Emma Mosch and Butch Snyder in their three times a month trip on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday to take gifts of food items from Wegmans to the Food Pantry of Angels at the Presho UMC. The support includes picking up the food packing boxes in Caton, at about 10AM, taking them to Wegmans and packing them with the gifts of food that Wegmans gives so generously to the pantry. The boxes are placed in a van or pickup, (many times over a van full), then taken to the Presho UMC where the food items are removed from the boxes and placed on tables for the needy to pick up. The boxes are then returned to Caton about 2PM.

If we could get a couple of teams of two folks, this would greatly help take this large load of Christian work off of Frank and Emma. Please let Pastor Beth know if you would be willing to help with this important effort to help those in need.

Red Bird Mission Team

It is time to think about joining the summer mission team to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. The team from Caton United Methodist Church will join with three churches in New Jersey to serve those in need in the mountain area of Kentucky. Anyone who is 14 years old or older can sign up for the trip. The trip will be for one week in July. A deposit of \$100 is needed by March 7th. There will be fund raising events to cover the rest of the cost of this mission work. Talk with Jessica Teeter, Jon Teeter, Amelia Hawbaker, Oliver Hawbaker, Jim Hawbaker or Pastor Beth for more details.

In the Gospel of Matthew we find these words:

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Matthew 35-36

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