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Prayer & Praise: 9:00 am

Traditional Worship: 10:15 am

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,



I have been thinking about the many ways we are different. The words from my Church History professor, Dr. Terry Todd, have been echoing in my head these last few weeks. Professor Todd would say “things were *different*—not right or wrong—*just different*.” So much of the time we measure what is different from our habits, our culture, and our way of doing things as either wrong or bad. In reality, they are *just different*. For example, the foods that are eaten in Nigeria are different from the foods eaten in the US. This does not make the foods good or bad—*just different!*

Some people like to worship in the traditional setting and others like to worship in more informal ways, like our Prayer & Praise. Neither is right or wrong—*just different!* Pastors come in all kinds, shapes and styles— not right or wrong—*just different!* Denominations—United Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Catholic, Episcopalian, etc, have certain ways of celebrating communion and baptism along with other traditions that are different—not right or wrong—*just different!* Rev. Rukera has been with us for three weeks, I have found that we do some things very differently—not right or wrong—*just different!*

In our differences we find variety which enriches our lives. We think in boarder terms with new possibilities. When we respect our differences, we use our energy to make something happen or to create something new rather than trying to have people do it our way. As we celebrate our differences—not right or wrong—*just different*—we become a richer, more vital church for Jesus Christ.

Blessings Always,

Pastor Beth

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Memorials for June

The following is a list of memorials given in memory of loved ones for June 2009.

Given By:	In Memory of:
Leonard Wilson	Gerald Crooker
Richard & Marcia Cowles	Gerald Crooker
Frank & Emma Mosch	Gerald Crooker
Phil & Lois Crooker	Robert Robbins
Diane Furch	Gerald Crooker
Thomas & Marilyn Sprunck	Gerald Crooker
Phil & Lois Crooker	Gerald Crooker



(607-524-6715)

Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon

Friday 1-4pm



Do you have a passion for history? A need to keep records of what's happening.
Then we need you!!!

Our church is in need of a church historian. If interested, please contact Pastor Beth or Kathy Force.

Safe Sanctuary



We love our children and are concerned for their safety. The 1996 General Conference of the United Methodist Church mandated that each church have a policy and training for children/youth workers and employees to ensure the safety of the children in their charge. Caton UMC began this process with Pastor Betty Bement by installing windows in the classroom doors. Many steps toward the final policy and training have taken place between then and now.

Pastor Beth, Nancy Huber and Marcia Ritter attended a full day workshop a year ago to learn what a safe sanctuary is, why it is needed, and how to write a policy. After meetings, discussions and guidance from our conference Safe Sanctuary leaders a policy was written. That policy was presented to Church Council and approved at the Caton UMC Church Conference in October of 2008. Marcia Ritter went to more training to become a trainer so she can lead us, and other churches in the training of people who wish to work with children and youth.

25 people attended the first training May 31 at Caton UMC. Marcia explained the reasons, and gave statistics showing the need for such a process. The people who wished to work with the children and youth at Caton completed the required paperwork that will be kept in a Confidential Personnel file at the church.

We pray that we will never have an incident at Caton UMC. We need to have a policy to follow if one does occur. It will protect not only the children but also the adults working with them. Being a Safe Sanctuary will deter those who might come here wishing to harm our children.

If you want to work with children/youth at Caton UMC please attend a training session. If you want to discuss the policy or learn more about it please call Pastor Beth 524-6715 or Marcia Ritter 523-6692.

Canoe and Kayak Trip

Everyone is invited on **July 12th** to join in the fun. We will either take a ride down the Chemung River (depending on the water level) or go to Lake Cowanesque. Talk with Martha Harder at 524-6391 for more information.

Traditional Worship Service Changes to 10:30

Many of you have noticed that there are days when we have a crunch in our parking lot and community room between the two Sunday services. By adjusting the time—just 15 minutes—we hope to free up space and also give people time to prepare for the traditional worship service. So, beginning **September 20th** the Traditional Service will start at 10:30 am.

Rev Rukera at the Caton UMC

On June 15th the Caton UMC community gathered to welcome Rev. Rukera for his short visit with us. He had a very busy schedule during his visit. He preached at the Tyrone UMC. He made home visits and hospital calls with Pastor Beth. He joined with the Presho UMC and Corning Grace in their Strawberry Festivals and shared in our Chicken BBQ. It is unfortunate that due to unforeseen circumstances he had to return to Nigeria early.

Sending Forth

On August 3rd we will commission Pastor Beth for her mission trip to Nigeria. She will lead worship on that day and we can send her off with our love, prayers, and support. She will be our missionary in Nigeria from August through November, 2009. Plan to attend the worship service of your choice on that day. Pastor's note: Thank you for supporting me in this "call" to missions. It is a great privilege to have the congregation behind me as I embark on this mission. I will miss all of you, but know that you are in good hands with Rev. Fred Kelsey. Check out my activities on the web at my blog:

www.nigeriamission.blogspot.com

Bible Presented to our 2nd Graders

On June 14th Bibles were presented to our children who had completed the second grade. This is the time that many of the children can read for themselves and we want to have a Bible in their hands. Bibles were present to Natalie Powers, Dylan Robinson, Logan Bunch, Damon Smith, and Joseph Skelly. Will you join with them in reading through the book of Mark this summer? Sixteen short chapters and you will read about Jesus with his disciples, how he healed and taught the people regarding the Kingdom of God. Take the challenge!!

New Members Welcomed

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31st we joined with Amanda Bathrick, Garrett Bunch, Allison Clark, Alex Ritter and Abigail Teeter as they confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ. We welcomed into membership Amanda Bathrick, Garrett Bunch, Allison Clark, Alex Ritter and Roxanne Whiting, Amanda and Thomas Bunch, and Michelle Fitzsimmons.

On Sunday, June 28, 2009 we welcomed into membership Carolyn Robinson, Stephanie Risley, Kim and Wendell (Butch) Snyder.

When you see each of them, please extend a warm welcome!



Red Bird Team is off to Kentucky

July 18th is the day that our team sets off for Kentucky. Please pray for the team as they serve at the Red Bird Mission from July 18th through July 25th. Pray for safe travels and that lives will be touched in the serving on the mission team and on those who receive.



Graduates Honored

We celebrate graduation from high school with Greg Blanchard, Megan Clark, Chelsea Clark, Julie Dunn, Emily Gridley, Clarissa Gridley, Sarah Hinman, Erica Jerzak, Cody Muth, Keith Sproule, Ryan Snyder, Cassy Schoener, and Tyler Cary. Congratulations to Mike Dunn a graduate from Empire College and Travis Haussener, a graduate from Penn State.



Casowasco Campers

What a privilege it is to have 14 children and youth from the Caton UMC attend Casowasco this summer. Casowasco is a place of great fun, spiritual growing and making new friends. Our campers always bring back energy to the church. Please pray for each child and send a note to Casowasco to let them know you are thinking about them. The Casowasco mailing address is 158 Casowasco Drive, Moravia, NY 13118.

These are our campers:

The week of June 28th

Alex Ritter

The week of July 5th

Monique Brimmer (You can't do that at Camp—on the road)

The week of July 12th

Garrett Bunch (Extreme Living)

The week of July 19th

Scott Brim, Matt Clark (Beach Bums)

Ali Clark, Amanda Bathrick (That's Artrageous)

Heather Brim (Boots & Saddles)

The week of Aug 2nd

Zach Barner, Damon Smith, Dalton Smith, Alex Clark, Meghan Ritter (Aqua Blast), CJ Brim (Club Casowasco)

Praying with Bishop Matthews

Bishop Matthews sends out a call for all United Methodist to join him in prayer every morning between 5 and 7 am. Praying together at the same time—even if we are not in the same physical space is a powerful way to seek direction for the church. In the weeks ahead as the NCNY Conference becomes a new conference uniting with Western NY and parts of Troy and Wyoming Conferences we seek God's guidance and transformation.

Pastoral Coverage

In August we will make the transitions to our interim pastor, Rev. Fred Kelsey. He will preach and lead worship on August 9 & 30th. He will be on vacation August 12th through the 25th. During his vacation time, if you should need pastoral assistance, please call the church office at 524-6715 or call Myrna Hawbaker, Lay Leader at 524-6350 or call Joan Haussener at 524-6784. They will have the names of pastors on call to assist you.

Beginning August 25th, Rev. Kelsey will be available to meet your needs. His phone number is 739-3277.



Bible Studies

It seems like a long ways off—but it is time to think about the Bible Studies for fall. Some people have mentioned doing a Disciple I class. This is a 34 week study of the Old and New Testament. If it has been awhile since you have completed it may be a good idea to take it again. As we grow in our faith, we need to read the Bible over and over again. Also small groups will be starting up—if you have an idea for a group or would like to join a group—contact Nancy Huber at 936-8355. Anyone thinking of leading a class, please see Pastor Beth soon!

CATON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 13th. Give at this mid- summer July 13th drive if you can. Blood supplies are very short in the summer months as schools are out where Blood Drives are held and folks are away on vacation. The need for Blood increases in the summer with more accidents of all type taking place with nice weather and travel.

If you can give contact Nancy Johnson at 936 4405, new donors are welcome always. We will be in need at this drive to help in supplying the great food items that makes the Caton Community Blood Drive outstanding in the area. There is need for folks to serve the great foods to those who have given and just fellowship with them. We need those who can help with the unloading and loading after the drive of the Red Cross truck. It takes a great deal of equipment from the Red Cross to make our Blood Drives function.

There is a sign- up sheets in the foyer

of our Church for all of these functions.



Can You Help ?

Want a snack, just go to the cabinet or refrigerator and (you) have a snack between meals or in the evening. 250 families in the Caton - Lindley area have no snacking foods and depend upon food stamps and your gifts of food, paper products and soaps to get by week to week. If you sincerely want to help these families with a little food, simply bring one item to church each Sunday. Should each of those who attend church on an average Sunday bring just one item we would have 112 items to pass on to those in need.

The cost of one item is not expensive compared to the help it will give the 250 families in need. Give up the chips, crackers, cookies and soda for one week a month to help those who are struggling to feed their children and themselves. We can all help with supplying food items and not feel guilty of not feeding our children as those in need feel.

Those in need who can receive food stamps can only spend them on food items not, paper products or soaps. How would you handle taking care of a family with children without dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, tooth paste, or shampoo? It is not easy to survive today without paper towels, paper napkins and toilet paper.

Food items needed are spaghetti and pasta, spaghetti sauces, canned meats, tuna fish, gravies, all type of canned fruits and vegetables. Bring your one item a week into church and place it in the shopping cart. Should you forget to bring a item to church, there is a basket in the cart for a small donation of cash. \$1 will go a long way to purchase food by the Pantry of the Angels.

All food, paper product and soap items are taken weekly by Frank and Emma Mosch to the Pantry of Angels at the Presho United Methodist Church. Your gift will be used in a week or so after you place it in the shopping cart. If you or someone you know is in need have them contact Kim Snyder at the Pantry if Angels at 523 7715. Give to the 250 families with children in need in our area who have no full cabinet to feed the children this evening.

RT 225 HIGHWAY PICKUP

The spring pick up of the 2 miles of State Highway RT 225 that our church picks up has been completed by Frank and Emma Mosch and a crew of helpers. Our next highway pick up of this section of RT225 will be done in late September. Our Church's efforts in keeping this section of RT 225 help to keep Caton a cleaner and more beautiful community.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER

Every Sunday, year round different churches in the Corning area put on a dinner for those in need at the Salvation Army Citadel on Denison Parkway in Corning. Our church will host this dinner on Sunday, September 20th. We expect to be feeding 75 - 80 of the area people at this dinner. These weekly Sunday dinners are an important function for the Salvation Army as they can help those in need without a great deal of expense.

Our Church youth is past years has served a sit down dinner to those in need. This dinner is a great opportunity for our youth to serve them and to get to know just how much help one dinner is to those who cannot afford a good meal. As we get into September we will have a sign- up sheet in the foyer for food items and for helpers the afternoon of the dinner.

GOD I CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED

Vacation Bible School



It's almost time for Vacation Bible School!! We are busy gearing up and getting ready to begin an exciting *extreme* adventure at Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere!). Through VBS, children will come to know Jesus is always with them and how He went to the extreme for them. They will meet camp director Blaze and a very silly fox named Sparx, the camp mascot. Camping themed activities include music, crafts, recreation, science, snacks and Bible-based skits.

All children from Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to attend. We will be starting the adventure Monday, July 20th at 6PM to 8:30PM and run every evening through Friday, July 24th.

We still have a few opportunities for adults and teens to help at VBS. We have a need for 2 people to prepare snacks, someone to help with Discovery time (science), a few helpers for Bible story time, and crew leaders. If you are interested in taking part in this adventure, contact Marcia Ritter @ 523-6692.



JR/SR HIGH YOUTH

Earlier in June, we had a picnic over at the Caton Park with good food and sharing with a mean game of kick-ball. You'll have to check out the pictures.

One of the things that the youth have talked about is meeting over the summer. I know that we will be missing some at different times, but we will be meeting. We will be doing a number of things over the summer with some field trips, fundraising, bonfires and an end of summer send off trip.

Mark your calendars for the last weekend of summer, as I am putting together a youth group trip to the Adirondacks. I am still putting things together for this, but if we wait till September we would lose a large number of the youth because of sports activities. I am looking for a location for the youth to put on a car wash. If anyone has knowledge of a good site that would allow us to put one on, please contact me.

I will need help with transportation, food, and people to just be there and talk with the youth, if you are interested in doing any of these things please get in touch with me. Otherwise I might be tapping you on the shoulder. Pray for our youth.

Peace to you
-Eric

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Christ Centered Recovery Program Available at Penna. Ave. UMC

The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the eight recovery principles found in the Beatitudes and Christ-centered 12 Steps. This experience allows us to be changed. We open the door by sharing our experiences, victories, and hopes with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our life's problems.

By working the Christ-centered steps and applying their Biblical principles found in the Beatitudes, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy, and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God and others.

As we progress through the principles and the steps, we discover our personal, loving, and forgiving Higher Power- Jesus Christ.

Celebrate Recovery is offered Thursdays, 6:15-9:00 PM at Pennsylvania Avenue United Methodist Church, 1238 Pennsylvania Avenue, Pine City. A light supper is served at 6:15 PM. Childcare is available. Call (607)733-4485 for more information