

**Caton United Methodist Church
News & Happenings
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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am
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.

Being Connected...



As I join with you again in ministry, I am forever grateful for the prayer connection with all of you during my recovery and treatment for cancer. Each day I felt blanketed in prayer. Thanks for being there for me. Thanks to the many people who gave of their time to make sure the ministries of the church remained strong. When we work together—we are a strong witness for Christ.

We as United Methodists are connected to a greater church than just here in Caton. Whenever we begin to think that it's all about me or even us in our own little corner of the kingdom, we lose sight of what God intends for the church. We are called to share one another's joys and the burdens, to be a part of the great family of God with brothers and sisters around the world. As United Methodists, we are in ministry with Christians in Europe, Asia, Africa, Central and South America, and of course the United States. We are connected to the Christians in Nigeria as I saw firsthand vibrant and joyful Christians sharing the gospel with those on the margins of society. When a new pastor starts a ministry in a small African village and new people are coming to Jesus, we are part of that ministry. When we serve our neighbors during "Helping Hands" we joined with people around the globe helping one another and making a difference for Jesus.

There is something about knowing that I am part of a greater ministry and a world-wide church that strengthens my faith, because we are living out the gospel as a church that embraces the blessings of all of God's people—warts and all! Through the structure of the Annual Conference and the greater church we are equipped to do ministry week in and week out with the resources, the people, and the prayer that we need.

It is a blessing to know that we are not alone—not only is God with us, but so are God's people. Because we are not in mission by ourselves or only with the Caton United Methodist Church, our connection allows us to have a greater mission impact in the lives of people, here in the US and around the world.

(Adapted from an article from Rev. Steven G. Bechtold)

In Christ,

Pastor Beth

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Making a comeback...

I celebrate that I have finished my chemotherapy and radiation! Thanks you for all your thoughts, prayers and cards showing your support. I am excited about getting back to work and at the same time know that I must take it easy as my body continues to gain strength. One person put it this way, "You need to recharge your batteries. Most of my high energy time will be used in preparing for Sunday worship. I have re-learned some lessons as I was recovering. One is to take time to smell the roses and count your blessings. Another one is to take the time to do to the things that count and let the other things go. During July and August, I am once again available to provide pastoral care, so give me a call.

Pastor Beth

A message from Rev. Fred S. Kelsey

I want to thank the Caton UMC folk for your many cards and kind remarks. The Bible Puzzle Book Stacy Bathrick presented to me on your behalf will help us deal with the monotony crossing the Nevada desert on our way to San Francisco. I especially appreciate the personal signatures and remarks individuals were able to write on the inside covers. Whenever I open the book, I will be able to think of Caton folks individually as I re-look at your names and comments. The envelope with fifty dollars in it will be in a safe separate place in case we spot something special we would not otherwise purchase.

It was a privilege to share in ministry as your Interim Supply Pastor (again). It is nice to be needed and wanted although all of us would have preferred different circumstances for the need. As in the fall, I found it fulfilling sharing with so many of you in ministry in a vital and mission oriented church. You will continue to be in my prayers. God Bless!

In Methodist Christian Fellowship,
Rev. Fred S. Kelsey



Small Group News

The end has come to the “Upper Room” studies and due to the summer months being so full of activity and vacations, we will not be having any small group meetings for now. We will keep you informed as the new studies are formed. Please stay safe and keep God in your mind and heart as you take the time to enjoy what He has provided.

Nancy Huber

Tuesday night prayers @ 8 pm

Starting in July each Tuesday night we will meet at the church to pray for the missions of the church, the members and friends of the church, the community, the nation and the world. We will use this time to give God thanks and to discern God’s directions for the church. Everyone is invited to join us as often as you can. This is an ongoing, ever evolving group. See you Tuesdays at 8 pm.

An Eagle Scout in our midst

Nick Dunn was presented with his Eagle Scout Award at the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 43 on June 6, 2010. Nick completed his Eagle Project at the Caton United Methodist Church. He designed and created a Prayer Garden for the church. As part of his project, Nick designed and presented his ideas to the Board of Trustees to secure their approval. The prayer garden is dedicated to Nick’s grandfather, Bob Robbins. Congratulations, Nick on this achievement.



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Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon
Friday Noon-3 PM

Something to think about...

This reading comes from the Upper Room, a daily devotional available in the community room each month and also available from a link on our webpage at www.catonumc.org It is written by Shirley Brosius (Pennsylvania)

Blooming Christians

Today's Scripture

Encourage one another and build each other up ... warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone ... always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

-1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14, 15 (NIV)

EACH spring a rhododendron bush in my backyard is covered in frilly pink flowers. Not all the buds open at the same time, however. For a while, fully unfurled and half-opened blossoms share space with tight, green buds that give no hint of opening. But I know that warmed by sun, nourished by soil, and refreshed by rain, those green buds will bloom in due time.

Christians also bloom at different times. Some serve visibly and eagerly in the church as deacons, teachers and leaders or with the hungry and homeless in the community. Others, like half-opened flowers, reluctantly agree to help on committees. Then there are those whose growth is less obvious to us. Like unopened buds, they need the warmth of fellowship, the nourishment of God's word, and the refreshment of love in order to bloom.

We cannot hurry the spiritual growth of others any more than I can force my rhododendron to bloom. But we may provide a climate for growth by inviting people into our homes, by discussing current issues from a biblical viewpoint, and by letting the love of God flow through us to meet their needs.

Disciple I and II

This fall we will offer two Disciple classes. Disciple I will be at the Caton UMC lead by Pastor Beth. Disciple II will be at Grace UMC and will be lead by Rev. Kathy Turnbole. Now is the time to think about making a commitment to study the Bible in a sequential, disciplined way.

Disciple I-- BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY is the foundation of the DISCIPLE Bible Study program. DISCIPLE assumes that the bible is the key to renewal in the church. It recognizes the human-divine nature of the Bible: The actual texts of Scripture were written by human beings like ourselves in their cultural settings, under the divine inspiration of God. Equal time is given to both the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God. It aims at transformation, not just information, and calls on persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's Word, and to be changed by God's Word. This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and is based on careful study and preparation. During the course of thirty-four weeks, we will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem.



Disciple II—INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD encourages persons to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it. This thirty-two-week study selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Depth study of Scripture will be the work both of individual members and of the group in its weekly meeting. Equal attention is given to both the Old and New Testament with concentration on four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts (eight lessons on each book). Disciple I is a pre-requisite for taking Disciple II.



A New District~ ~A New Conference

The Caton United Methodist Church is one of the local churches that make up a district. We have been part of the Finger Lakes District with Rev. Dick Barton has the District Superintendent (DS). The districts were redistricted and starting July 1st we are part of the Mountain View District, along with 72 other churches. Our new District Superintendent is Rev. Dr. Cathy Hall Stengel. She and her husband, Rev. Matt Stengel, will be living in Corning and the District Office will be right next to Corning First UMC on First Street.

A new Conference was formed! On June 19th with about 1500 United Methodists gathered from upstate New York we officially became a new conference. Formally, we were the North Central New York Annual Conference and now we are the Upper New York Annual Conference. Bishop Marcus Matthews will continue to be the bishop for the new conference.



Red Bird Mission

The Red Bird Mission team leaves on July 17th and will return on July 24th.

Webb Mills UMC supports Caton UMC Campership Fund

A big thank you to the people at the Webb Mills United Methodist Church. Each year they have a chicken BBQ and give the proceeds to a mission in the area. This year they share with the Caton UMC with \$500 to support our Campership Fund. Our youth group has youth from Webb Mills UMC and we share Eric Coons, the Youth Group Coordinator who is a member at Webb Mills UMC.

Off to Camp...

This year there are 12 students from Caton UMC going to Casowasco, one of the six camps in our new Conference. Casowasco is on Route 34 just north of Moravia, NY on the shores of Owasco Lake. Our campers come back from camp with excitement and a boost in the faith. This year we send: Alison Clark, Logan Bunch, Ryan Bunch, Emily Gridley, Amanda Bathrick, Garrett Bunch, Alex Ritter, Josh Naylor, Matt Clark, Alex Clark, Daniel Burnside and Taylor Burnside. Thanks to all who contributed to the Campership Fund.

Finance News

YTD Income Report – First Half 2010

Fund	YTD 2010 Income	YTD 2009 Income	Diff
General	52,997	48,767	4,230
Memorial	3,389	2,576	813
Other	19,944	12,330	7,614
Total	76,330	63,673	12,657

The table above shows the 2010 Income, we are ahead of last year in the general fund.

This was due to the second mile giving of \$1,545 and disability payments of \$2,380 for a total of \$3,925 for the year.

The first half expenses were not available when the newsletter went to press but will be published next time.

Again thanks for your continuous support and remember to keep paying your pledges during the summer months.

God Bless
Finance Committee
Don Haussener



Pantry of Angels

The staff and volunteers of Pantry of Angels want to thank everyone who purchased Spring flower bulbs from us. We raised about \$250! I hope you are enjoying the blooms by now.

Currently, Pantry of Angels new grant writer, Violet Benjamin, is writing grants for our HPNAP and TEFAP grants as well as our OS/CE grant. Let me try to explain what these are. **Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, and Operational Support/Capital Equipment.** These grants are available to us because we are a member agency of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. The TEFAP grant allows us to get food for free. The HPNAP grant gives us a very big discount price; otherwise we would pay wholesale prices. The OS/CE grant allows us to apply for utility money, transportation costs and equipment costs. These are available from the United States Department of Agriculture. We will know if we receive these grants sometime in July.

Another way you can support the Pantry of Angels is to buy our large grocery bags with the Pantry Of Angels name on them. They are dark green, have a reinforced bottom, are made from recycled material and hold a large amount of food. You can stop using paper or plastic bags if you carry these to the store with you. As a fund raiser, we sell them for \$5.00 a piece, I know this sounds like a hefty price but the bags are earth friendly, specially made for us and will let other shoppers know that you support the Pantry of Angels, a not-for-profit organization that serves the less fortunate. So, please consider buying a few. You may ask Kim or Butch Snyder for them. They can be used to carry other items as well such as beach towels and picnic supplies.

Again, thank you all for your support of the food pantry. If you would like to volunteer, please call me. Why not lend a helping hand!

Serving others in Christ,
Kim Snyder
329-1559

July 2010

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Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God! At Galactic Blast you will become cadets on the starship Galactic Praise as we learn more about our incredible, awesome God! After the high-energy opening on the starship Galactic Praise, you will spacewalk to the Good News Galaxy. Through Bible stories there, you will witness how our mighty God is at work in the world. You will also expand what you've learned by participating in a variety of other activities: art projects at Cosmic Crafts, exploring science at the Orbital Observatory, recreational activities at Rocket Rec, and eat tasty snacks at the Astro Bistro! There will be a new and exciting mission every evening! You can meet Galileo the Gorilla and dance to cool space tunes! Our journey begins each evening July 11th through July 15th, from 6PM to 8:30PM.

August 2010

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SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School July 11-15th

Red Bird Mission Team July 17-24th



Edith Winfield at “The Farmers’ Museum “with the Senior Citizens on June 24, 2010.