

**Caton United Methodist Church
News & Happenings
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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.

Dear Friends,

Caton Community Days was a wonderful gathering of the community. (Thanks to the planning team). The excitement was there! The Caton UMC had one of the floats and we used this opportunity to call people as fishers of "men." It also reminded me that there are many folks in Caton to invite to be part of the ministries of the Caton UMC. Don't forget to invite you neighbors and friends to come to church. Just as Community Days brings the community together, each Sunday we come together as the church. We get together to worship, to see each other, and share God's love.

Being the church, just like planning for Caton Days, takes many people to make it work. Many gifts—one church. Each of us comes to church with gifts to share—we do not all have the same gift. How will you use your gifts? Just like at your home, there is always a "to do list!" You will find the Trustees "to do list" in this newsletter. Did you know that anyone can take a job from the list and do it! There is a need for people to bring snacks, to lead or help out with Vacation Bible School, to give a hand with the youth group, to greet people as they come to church and to give people a call that have missed church. How about leading a small group or teaching a class?

Together we make up the church—everyone's gifts are needed to share the load. If you are not sure about stepping up or are unsure about how to do the job, let me know and I will connect you with someone with experience. We love to share when it comes to using our gifts!

Praying for you,

Pastor Beth



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Memorials for May

The following is a list of memorials given in memory of loved ones from April- May 2009.

<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Sharon Bowler-Costa	Vera Moody
Pat Robbins & Family	Robert Robbins
Don & Joan Haussener	Gerald Crooker
Fran Allen	Gerald Crooker

Some of the folks who participated in the Helping Hands, Helping Others Mission Week, stayed for the evening meal on the night that baked beans were served, and wondered about the recipe, so, just in time for summer picnics, here it is:

“Mission Week Baked Beans”

From Myrna Hawbaker

½ lb. bulk sweet Italian sausage
¼ lb. sliced (thin) pepperoni
½ lb. smoked kielbasa, sliced
½ c. spicy barbeque sauce
1 can of each of the following beans: pork & beans, red kidney, hot chili, [undrained]
1 can of each of the following beans, *drained*: cannellini, butter beans, pinto
1 can (10 ¾ oz.) cond. tomato soup
3 oz. tomato paste
½ c. brown sugar
¼ c. dry onion, opt.
6 slices bacon

Brown and crumble sausage in skillet; drain. Combine all ingredients except bacon in 5 qt. casserole or small roasting pan. Partially cook bacon, and arrange over beans. Bake, uncovered at 325° for 1 and ½ hrs. Makes 16 generous servings.



Laity Ponderings.....

by Lay Leader, Myrna Hawbaker

Our Own Personal Missionary!

I have been asking myself several questions about Pastor Beth's upcoming trip, and would like to share my ponderings with you.

First let's get the definition right from Webster's dictionary - Missionary: "a person sent on a religious mission." And a mission? (n.) 1) a sending out or being sent out to perform a special service

5) the special duty for which one is sent and

6) special task to which one devotes one's life: **a calling.**

Why send a missionary? As his disciples, God calls us to be just that. In Acts 1: 7-8, "He (Jesus) said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." [...read: Caton, Steuben county, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nigeria]

We have been, and continue to be just that. The mission work at Caton U.M.C. continues to be strong – Pantry of Angels, Helping Hands, Helping Others, Mississippi Mission trips, Red Bird Mission, and more.

Why now, and why Nigeria? After discussing this with Pastor Beth, I have a clearer idea. First and foremost, she has been **called** by the Holy Spirit to do this. (be prepared – next Sunday is Pentecost!) She also shared thoughts from another pastor. "How should pastors and leaders spend their time? The first priority is to be engaging the journey for themselves [lead by example]. This means building into our lives the practices which are consistent with a follower of Jesus Christ. [The] Second priority is to shape a church culture in a way that allows for the transformation of people, communities and a world to reflect the present and coming kingdom of God." Also, after visiting Nigeria last year, Pastor Beth has a clear idea of how she wants to accomplish her mission. She hopes to work one day a week at the Wesley Nursery/Primary School, teaching and sharing the gospel with the children; to lead 24-48 hr. retreats for the Women's Fellowships in the area, to work with the youth at the Wesley Cathedral and to preach and teach when invited.

What's in it for the Caton U.M.C.? As Pastor Beth goes to Nigeria, we will all go with her in Spirit. She can be one more arm of our mission work of reaching out to the world outside our doors. She can be the eyes, ears, smile and visible sign of love for all of us who will never make it to Africa. And most importantly, she is a tangible example of what God expects all of us to be – his witness to others. And she will be back to share and spread that energy and love that she soaks up in Nigeria!

And what will we do in her absence? Rev. Fred Kelsey from Horseheads, will feed her flock in Caton. Rev. Kelsey ministered to us on Sunday, May 17th and came to committee meetings this past week to share a bit of himself and to get to know us better. I believe that we are in good hands, God's hands!

Safe Sanctuary Training

Our first training session for Safe Sanctuary is May 31st at 6:30PM. We are working toward making sure that our children are safe within our church and outside activities. A policy and training of all youth workers (Sunday School, VBS, youth groups, etc.) and paid employees was mandated at the 1996 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. We need everyone to attend so that our church will be compliant with this mandate. Please call the church office to register at 524-6715 or see Pastor Beth or Marcia Ritter. If you are someone who would fit in this category but **cannot** or did not attend this meeting please contact Marcia Ritter at 523-6692.

Nigeria Mission Support Requested

Some of you have asked how you might help make the most of my time in Nigeria. While I have set aside funds to cover most of my personal expenses, there is a great need for mission money to help with the many projects operated through the Methodist Church Nigeria. Please support this mission work with your prayers and monetary gifts.

I seek funds to support the many mission opportunities. Some of the needs I found on my first trip to Nigeria include supporting the church related schools. There are limited books and supplies and limited physical building space. In the area of women's ministry, support is needed for a widow's center to provide marketable skills and counseling for the women who have lost their husbands and are now on their own. In Kano, the need is for reliable transportation to reach the rural areas in the northern part of Nigeria. Raising money for a minivan is one of their goals. The Diocese of Kano is a missionary diocese situated in the predominantly Muslim states of Northern Nigeria, where the so-called Sharia laws are lived out. There are many challenges for Christians. Twenty one Preaching Stations have been planted and more are planned. Their plans include: establishing secondary schools, hospitals, and clinics in rural areas to reduce high mortality rates in women and children; establishing vocational training institutes for indigent members and youth, procuring buses and motorcycles for evangelistic outreach and obtaining basic computers, printers and training for their pastors. The needs are great!

As you consider giving financial resources for ministry in Nigeria—please take time to pray.

Pray for their churches and pastors

Pray for the children and youth

Pray for church leaders and teachers

Pray about how you can be involved with this mission outreach

If you wish to be part of the financial support for this mission work, checks should be made out to the Caton United Methodist Church making a note in the memo space "Nigerian Outreach." Thank you for your support.

Pastor Beth

Chicken BBQ

June 20, 2009

To Sponsor Camping Scholarships

Everyone Welcome

4:00-7:00PM

\$7.00 Adults

\$5.00 Kids (12& Under)

Project List for Caton UMC 2009

Build music equipment room
Replace bulbs in the two outside lights
Replace sink/cabinet in kitchen
Paint porch by driveway
Replace molding in women's bathroom
Clean carpet in Sunday school room
Clean carpet in Nursery
Sand and refinish seats of pews
Wash windows inside and out
Weed and bark flower beds
Reorganize church office furniture, safe and phones
Paint entryway by parking lot
Check lights in sanctuary
New flooring in kitchen area
Lights for the new church sign
Remove old church sign
Firewood for parsonage
Repaint Parking lot lines
Check on status of handicap bathroom
Front porch light (install new and rewire)
Speakers for organ
Clean out and organize boiler room
Clean out and organize storage room in basement
Install 7 day thermostat in sanctuary
Install exterior light by Narthex porch
Basement Kitchen Window

Project List for the Parsonage May, 2009

Caulk and Paint chimney
Replace siding where needed
Clean and stain back deck
Repair/Replace bathroom outlet
Repair/Replace upstairs bathroom faucet
Maintain/clean up bank by driveway
Firewood for woodstove
Clean carpets
Clean out gutters
Clean Chimney

Open House: Day at Camp - at Casowasco and Aldersgate

Mark these dates on your calendar! You don't want to miss this - Open House: Day at Camp at Aldersgate and Casowasco!

CASOWASCO: Sunday, June 21st from 2-7 p.m.
ALDERSGATE: Saturday, June 20th from 2-7 p.m.

Whether you are a family who is learning about Aldersgate or Casowasco for the first time or you haven't been back to visit us in awhile, this is the event for you. The staffs let out all the stops and welcome all. Come for some swimming or boating, make a craft, play a game, tour the facilities, and sing in the Chapel or by the lake. Come join us and help Aldersgate celebrate 61 years in ministry and Casowasco celebrate its 63rd year in ministry. The event is **free**. There will also be a Chicken BBQ available: \$9 for adults (13+) and \$6 for children (4-12), children under 4 are free. Please call 315-364-8756 to register for the meal.

Come join us! We hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School



Come along!! Pack up your camping gear and hike on down to Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience + Discover God Everywhere!) This adrenaline-filled, creative

Bible-based program will bring children closer to God when they discover God is with them at all times, in all places, and in all circumstances ready to help them and guide them. They will also come to know Jesus as their friend and Savior who went to the extreme for them. The children will go on Bible treks complete with science activities, Bible adventures, music, crafts, games and snacks. This year's VBS is for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade, runs from July 20th to the 24th starts at 6PM 'til 8:30PM. Currently, there are many opportunities for people who would like to help out. Contact Marcia Ritter for more information or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. So, grab your gear and let's go! Come join the adventure and live on the E.D.G.E., experiencing and discovering God everywhere

RT 225 - HIGHWAY PICK UP

Our church under the guidance of Frank Mosch pick up a two mile section of RT 225 of trash and discarded items. This pick up is done in the spring and fall, to make Caton clean and litter free on our section of RT 225. If you would like to help with this clean up in the future (we pick up starting at 5:00PM on a week day) contact Frank Mosch at 937- 8157.

FOOD PANTRY

250 families in need; yes there are 250 families in the Caton - Lindley area that depend each month upon the Food Pantry of Angels. With unemployment high in our area more and more families need whatever help we can give them in these hard times. The Pantry of Angels is located at the Presho United Methodist Church. ALL food, soaps and paper products collected at our church are taken weekly by Frank and Emma Mosch to the Pantry of Angels.

Food items of all types are needed these include pasta, spaghetti and spaghetti sauces, soups, canned goods of all types including tuna fish, meats, gravies, and canned fruits and vegetables of all types.

They who use food stamps cannot use them to purchase paper products or soaps. They are also in need of hand soap, dish washing soap, laundry detergents, shampoos and tooth paste. Paper products include paper towels, napkins and toilet paper.

Please help those in need with whatever you can give; your gift will go a long way in helping a family in need. If you or someone you know is in need, have them contact Kim Snyder at the Pantry of Angels at 523 7715.

When you sit down for your evening meal to pray, please include those 250 families in the Caton - Lindley area who are in need. These folks are real and need whatever help we can give them.

U.M.W. NOTES

Ten of us gathered on May 11th for our regular meeting. Our program was led by Karen Peterson who spoke on "Native Americans," based on the book written by Rev. Thom White Wolf Fassett.

The School of Christian Mission will be on July 19 - 21st at the Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, NY. Mission studies will be:

1. Food & Faith
2. Native Americans Survival
3. The Beauty & Courage of Sudan

The cost for the three day School is \$150.00 Call Emma Mosch for more information at 937-8157

Our next meeting will be June 10th at 11:30 at Renee's. Please let Emma Mosch know if you plan to go so reservations can be made.



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Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon
Friday 1-4pm



CATON COMMUNITY **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Summer Caton Community Blood drive will be on Monday July 13th. Blood is badly needed in the summer months as there are no school drives and more summer accidents of all types take place. The Red Cross looks to drives such as ours in the summer to keep the blood supplies adequate in the Corning - Elmira area. The Blood you give is used to help cancer patients, with all type of operations and accident victims. If you can give Blood please contact Nancy Johnson at 936 4405; new donors are always welcome.

We also will need help for this drive in supplying the great food items that make the Caton Community Blood Drive so well attended. There is always need for folks to serve the great food to those who have given and just spend some time talking with them while they relax.

Help is appreciated in the unloading of the Red Cross truck which brings the equipment and supplies for the drive. We also help with the loading of the Red Cross truck at the end of the drive.

There will be sign up sheet in the foyer of the church for all of these functions, as we get nearer the drive date. Only you can give the **GIFT OF LIFE – BLOOD**

SALVATION ARMY DINNER

Each Sunday evening year round different churches in the Corning area put of a dinner for the needy at the Salvation Army Citadel on Denison Parkway. This year our Church will be hosting the dinner on Sunday September 20th. In 2008 we served 60 folks who were in need of a good meal but could not afford the food. These dinners are an important function for the Salvation Army as they help those in need each and every Sunday of the year. Our Church youth have served sit down meals for several years. These dinners are a great sharing experience for all involved. Our 2009 Salvation Army dinner will be held on Sunday September 20th and we expect to be feeding over 75 folks in need. As the date draws nearer we will have a sign up sheet in the foyer for food items and help the afternoon of the dinner.

As part of the Prayer and Praise Team for the 9am service I still hear concerns that there are two services. As an older member of the church I can say that I understand. At the time when this idea was born the single service had grown to a point that there was little or no room for growth.

Our Church Mission Statement reads: The Caton U.M. Church is to be a Christ-Centered community, focused on revealing God's love and inviting others to know Jesus Christ."

Keeping that in mind the leaders of our church realized that in order to continue to grow there were two solutions; one was to have two services and the other was to add on to the church. About four years ago a group of every day individuals decided to work on a second service. This team now comprises of a number of people who meet every Monday night to plan the following week's service, Thursday night there are some who meet to practice the music agreed on at the planning session, others write and present a message scheduled for a specific week and yet others take turns creating and running the power point presentation for each service. As you can see it takes a lot of dedication and work in order to have a second service.

All of this is under the leadership of Pastor Beth who realizes that in order to grow we must continually look at different ways of attracting individuals, couples and families of all ages. My challenge to you, whatever age group, family situation or service style you prefer, become involve in our church Mission Statement. Help our Christ centered family grow by showing the love of Christ to everyone you meet every day and invite them to become a part of our church family, the body of Christ.

In His Service
Bob Blanchard



Jr/Sr High Youth Group News **Youth Group News**

We are starting off June with a family picnic at the Caton Park on June 7th at 6pm. Pastor Beth has reserved the pavilion for us. Everyone is to bring a dish to pass. There will be games and a time for parents to talk.

June 14th the youth will be leading the 9am Praise Service. There is a number of the youth that have put together the whole service and will be presenting that to us and God. That night we will have a regular meeting at 6:30. June 21st there is no youth group as it is Father's Day and I think a family time.

June 28th is the Sunday after the High School Graduations and we have a number of seniors graduating this year! From the **Corning Schools** we have: Megan Clark, Holly Frampton, Sarah Hinman, Emily Gridley, Clarissa Gridley, Cody Muth, Greg Blanchard, Chelsea Clark, and Erica Jerzak.

From The **Elmira Schools** we have: Bethany Coons and Julie Dunn.
Congratulations to all of you and let's keep them in our prayers as they start this next phase of their life.

There is a lot happening, please plan on being there.

Peace to you-
Eric

Lawn mower-ers needed

This year we need people to take a week or two to mow the church and parsonage lawns. The church has a riding lawn mower and a push mower. We need folks to operate them. Sign up for a week to mow the lawns. Questions, contact Brad Hinman at 962-7688 or one of the Trustees—Mike Dunn, Dutch Fitzsimmons, Jared Powers, Nancy Johnson, Doris Maxwell, Rich Bathrick, Ross Wilson, or Tim Jenkins.

Red Bird Team



Keep our mission team in your prayers as they prepare for the trip to Beverly Kentucky to support the Red Bird Mission. The Red Bird Mission has been Red Bird Mission and Clinic has been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. The team will work at the Red Bird Mission and also in homes that need repairing. The mission trip is July 18-24th.

New Members

We celebrate the baptism of Ashton Michael Frunzi and Archie Michael Frunzi. We welcome Archie Frunzi into membership at the Caton United Methodist Church. Anyone wishing to become a member of the Caton United Methodist Church should speak with Pastor Beth.



Catonumc.org

Check out the Caton UMC Website:

See what's happening? Check the calendar and see the upcoming events, meetings and any special dates. View photos of the people of the church doing events and get to know your church family. Read up on your church family and what they have to say. The website lets you know of the activities of the youth and worship groups. It keeps you informed as to memorials and personal.

Have a prayer request? Let us know so we can pray for and with you.

Check us out: **www.catonumc.org**

Rev. Rukera visits Caton

Rev. Rukera is coming to visit all of us here in Caton. He will be here June 15 to July 5th. It will be great to renew our friendship. Learn more about Nigeria. Anyone who would like to show him around the area, host him for dinner or lunch let Pastor Beth know.

Corning Vicinity Faith Communities/Southern Tier Interfaith Council

The Corning Vicinity Faith Communities and the Southern Tier Interfaith Council, mostly in the Elmira area are in dialogue about merging together to be more effective in the mission of promoting interfaith dialogue. Each organization has a similar mission: to promote education, understanding and cooperation between different faith groups, without preference or favor to any one denomination or faith; to proactively foster an atmosphere of tolerance, freedom, social justice and peace within our greater community; and to demonstrate where and whenever possible the principle that every human being is imbued with equal Divine worth.

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Just a reminder: as we all enjoy our fellowship with our church family every Sunday in between the two services, think about where the snacks come from. We have a sign up list posted on the bulletin board. Please pick one Sunday to help provide snacks, then write yourselves a note and take it to the store! Snacks can be sweet or savory, soft or crunchy: vegetables, fruit, cookies, cupcakes, etc. I have noticed that cupcakes and muffins are especially good at getting our little ones to smile!