

**Caton United Methodist Church
News & Happenings
11186 Hendy Hollow Road
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May 2010

Issue 5

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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am

Sunday School: 9:30am

Traditional Worship: 10:30 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.



Music is God's gift to humanity
The only art of heaven given to earth
The only art of earth we take to Heaven.
Feticicia E. Landon

For our American culture, the month of May will be dominated by the Ms of Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend and for us at Caton United Methodist Church- MUSIC!!!

Music will dominate our traditional worship service on Mother's Day, May 9th, as we dedicate our new organ, given in memory of Helen B. Tobey by her son Eugene Tobey. We will also have the traditional solos by Eugene Tobey and a special organ recital during the sermon time by the noted organist, Donald E. Ingram and accompanist for Eugene Tobey. Please make an extra effort to attend the traditional service that day.

There will be the usual Pray and Praise service at 9 am that morning with our own Jessica Tetter sharing her last falls experience in Africa. Praise service folk may want to also plan to attend the Traditional Service that day with its special emphasis on music – the heart of our Pray & Praise Service, as well as the Traditional Service that day.

Pat Robbins and the United Methodist Women will host a reception after the Traditional Service to greet Eugene and Don as well as each other. Weather permitting, it will be held outside on the lawn near the Memorial Garden completed last fall as an Eagle Scout project by Nicholas Dunn.

Y'all come and bring a family member, neighbor or friend – especially those who enjoy inspiring music – “the only art of heaven given to earth that we take back with us to Heaven!

Interim Pastor, Rev. Fred S. Kelsey

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Memorials for May

Given By:

In Memory of:

Sharon Bowler Costa
Bob & Edna Lord

Vera Roody
Durwood Hopkins
Bob Robbins
Lois Moody
Carl Moody

The **May church council meeting** will be May 18th
at 7 pm not the usual May 13th

A letter from Chester Gridley

Dear Caton United Methodist Church,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my friends at the church for the shower of birthday cards on March 11th. It is even more meaningful since I have been a member of the church since I was 13 years old.

My sincere thanks to all of you.
Chester Gridley

Rev. Fred S. Kelsey will continue to be Interim Pastor until late June while Pastor Beth is convalescing. He is in the parish all day Monday and much of the day on Sundays plus other days as needed for meetings and pastoral calling. He can be reached at his home in Horseheads @ 607-739-3277. He is a night owl so feel free to phone until 10:30 pm, but not before 8:00 am unless it is an emergency.

Ponderings from the Lay Leader

This week as I write this we are celebrating the opportunity to do mission work in our own community with Helping Hands, Helping Others Mission week. Lots of good work has by now been accomplished, and through us our neighbors will see the love of Christ that carries us into this mission. Other important things that happen are getting to share in the joy of physical labor, and the fellowship of a meal and shared experiences at the end of the work day. I was privileged to be able to share in that one day last week, and hope to be able to participate again next time!

The next information session on the new conference of the Upper New York Area, and a wonderful opportunity to meet Bishop Marcus Matthews will be at New Beginnings UMC in Elmira on Sunday afternoon, May 16th, 3- 5:30pm. If you are interested please call me and we will carpool. Encourage you to go.

Calling All Health Kits!

There will be a truck heading from the The Hands of Hope HUB located at First UMC, Cortland, 734 Route 222, Cortland, NY 13045 (present Central Lakes District), on Wednesday, April 28 to Mission Central. Please have any kits you may have ready to Cortland 1st by Tuesday, April 27, to be included in this shipment. Any kits that you have ready, whether they're health kits, birthing, layette, school, whatever, will be taken and included.

*Another shipment should be ready to go by Annual Conference, so please hold onto any remaining health kits and bring them to Annual Conference along with your birthing kits and layette kits. All of the kits together will make a powerful visual statement at Annual Conference (Uniting Conference – OnCenter Syracuse). The UMVIM and Disaster Response coordinators will be bringing their trailers to the conference and then a truck from Mission Central will come to take the kits from us.

Reminder: Please include a cash donation to help with transportation which is essential to this work, but not required ~ \$1 per kit is requested.

***Let's present a boxful at the Annual Conference!** Bring health kit items to church and place in the collection tub in the fellowship room between now and June 1.

Myrna Hawbaker

Dear Church Family,

Spring has arrived and so has the busy times that come with good weather. Many activities are happening in our church. The youth have been busy with a brunch and campership dinner. We have several youth that will be attending Casowasco this summer. If you would like to help sponsor a camper please see me and we will work out the details. The experience and joy of camp is an opportunity that every child deserves to have. Amanda went last year for the first time and her experience was amazing. I invite you to talk with Amanda or any of our youth about what camp means to them.

As I write this Helping Hands Helping Others is about to get underway. If you were unable to help this year I encourage you to keep this week in April in mind for next year. It is a opportunity to mission right here in our area. Thank you Bob and Linda for all the work that you did to make this week happen. Red Bird Mission will be taking place again this year as well. Mark your calendar's for May 22 as they hold a Pig Roast fundraiser.

I am once again filling a calendar to help Beth with meals and a friendly check in from now until June. If you are interested in filling a day please see me at church or call me at 523-8164.

I hope that I am serving you well SPRC chair and please let me know if you have praise or concerns. May God Bless you every day

May God Bless you and your family

Yours truly,

Stacy



We were excited about getting started at this mission. We had new people that were helping out this year. We worked on repairing a porch, working on 2 floors, and

working at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, doing some yard work, painting, and having a lot of fun getting to work and know each other in new ways. Thank you for all of your donations to this mission. We wouldn't be doing this without your help.

Linda Riley



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Women

We opened our meeting in a different way! Our leader, Connie challenged us to a "fill in the words" to our UMW purpose! It was an eye opening experience! Even though some

of us studied for this, it still took some time to put words in the right places. We discussed Caton Community Days again! We have 2 tables, so we will make sure we have room for ALL the **HOMEMADE** baked goods provided by our Great bakers in our church! Look for the sign up sheets on the board. Thank you!

Spring brings an event such as; celebrating time together at the UMW DISTRICT DINNER on May 11, at Club 86 in Geneva. At this dinner we will honor the 2009 (some early 2010) Special Recognition recipients, Five Star Units, Mission Today Units and the Reading Program persons. Our Caton UMW choice is Kathy Force, who is always there when needed! Thank you Kathy! Our next meeting will be a week early, May 3rd, to prepare for Caton Days!



Food Pantry

Many families in the Caton-Lindley area are in need of food items. They can receive food stamps and can only spend them on food items not paper products or soaps. So please help by bringing in one item a week and put it in our grocery cart. The soap items needed are hand soap, dishwashing soap, laundry detergents, shampoos, and tooth paste.

The paper items needed are paper towels, paper napkins, and toilet paper. Food items needed are spaghetti and pasta, spaghetti sauces, canned meats, tuna fish, gravies, all types of canned fruits and vegetables. If you would like to give a donation, there is a basket in the shopping cart. \$1.00 will go along way to purchase food. If you or someone you know is in need have them contact Kim Snyder at the food pantry of angels at 532-7715

Finance News

SECOND MILE GIVING

First, the Finance Committee would like to thank all of those who have supported the church not only this year but in previous years. We are blessed that we have been able to support many missions local and foreign. Due to increase expenses and lower giving into the General Fund, our General Fund checking account balance is approaching zero. To keep the church operational, we need approximately \$9,000/month. Please see the table below to review our income and expenses for the first quarter of 2010.



Also all Committee Chairs are to check with Jim Hawbaker, Treasurer, before spending any money.

YTD Income-Expense Report

We are planning to take an extra offering on **Sunday, May 2** to help replenish this fund. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

God Bless
Finance Committee

FUND	YTD 2010 INCOME	YTD 2009 INCOME	DIFF	YTD EXP 2010	DIFF
General	23,538	24,683	-1,145	35,372	-11,834
Memorial	1,329	1,816	- 487	0	1,329
Other	7,525	3,563	3,962	5,128	2,397
Total	32,392	30,062	2,330	40,500	-8,108



Youth Group News **JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

It was unfortunate that things happened that no one was able to go to 4WORD, but I thought it was awesome that you guys decided to give the proceeds from the breakfast to the Campership fund. There are a couple of things planned for this month and one will be to help in getting a float ready for Caton days.

Coming up this summer, I am going to try having youth group only twice a month. They will be bigger events, but with every ones craziness of summertime we might have better attendance this way. If you have any thoughts about this, please talk to me.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend

Eric Coons

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Small Group News

Fellowship



26 ladies have participated in the Secret Sisters group. We have been praying for one another and encouraging each other with notes and small gifts.

The secrets will be revealed at a celebration brunch Saturday May 1. It has been lots of fun and will probably be repeated in the fall.

The men's group is still meeting for breakfast once a month. All men are invited to gather to eat, chat and get to know each other. Contact Dave Huber or Bob Thompson if you have any questions about this group.

Did you know that Caton United Methodist Church has a lending library? There are books available to borrow on the shelves in the narthex. Some of the books are a part of the series so only the first one is out at this time. The second one will be put out soon. If you want the second one now check with Nonie or me. If you have books you would like to share you may donate them. Nonie Cahue has organized this space for ALL, not just women. Sign out the book in the notebook provided so she will know when to put out the 2nd book if it is a series. Let us know if there is something you'd like happen with this.

Women are meeting every Wednesday morning at 10:00 to study the Upper Room.

Groups are planned for fall and maybe some groups for the summer. If there is one you want to have happen or you want to lead call Nancy Huber 936-8355.

**Gerarium Sale
For Hospice**

Red – White - Pink \$3.25 each

Order before May 6th
Pick up and deliver date May 17th
Make check payable to: STHPC or
 Southern Tier Hospice & Palliative Care

ORDER SHEETS ARE IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM OR CONTACT MARTHA HARDER –
524- 6391

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\$1.00 From each sale goes to Hospice

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**Red Bird Mission
Team
July 17-24**

There are eight team members on the 2010 Red Bird Mission Team. Jon Teeter, Bob Blanchard, Jessica Teeter, Abby Teeter from the Caton UMC along with Elana Sheriff, Kate Heiman, Rachel Speciale, and Andrew Heiman from area churches. The Caton team joins with four teams from New Jersey making a total of over 70 team members to serve at the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. Some teams will repair kitchens, bathrooms, roofs and even build on a room or two in homes. Other team members might work at the school and thrift shop, or repair buildings on the campus. Watch for a fund raiser in May to support our team!

Easter Baskets

Thank you to everyone for donating Easter Baskets and candy for the children who are involved with the Pantry of Angels. Thanks to the Youth Group for doing a wonderful job of putting the baskets together. They looked beautiful! Butch and Kim Snyder said that the baskets were well received by the parents and their children

**Walk a Mile in My Shoes
Suicide Prevention Walk**
Saturday, May 8th @ 11 am
Eldridge Park, Elmira

Please help us and walk or support with your donation. Team Donation forms are in the Fellowship Room or contact Martha Harder – 524-6391.

Thank you for your support in the education with our strive to prevent suicide – we can help make a difference.

YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

One day, a man went to visit a church; he got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near by and the driver said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this statement but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took you place..."

A letter from the South Corning United Methodist Church

To our friends at the Caton United Methodist Church:

This year, 2010, the Lenten offerings for the Caton, Presho, South Corning, Grace United Methodist and the Corning First United Methodist Churches has been designated to go to the five local food pantries. The Corning Community Food Pantry is one of them.

We are pleased to send you a check for \$126.66 in support of your ministry to help feed the hungry in our community. We are grateful for the staff of volunteers who give of themselves to help others.

May God bless your continued service to our community in this ministry.

Sincerely,

**David Javert
Treasure, South Corning UMC**



**BLOOD DRIVE MAY 10TH MONDAY 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM
CATON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHAT GIFT CAN YOU GIVE AND NOT SPEND MONEY ??

YOUR BLOOD AND YOUR TIME!!!
WE NEED YOU TO HELP MAKE THIS DRIVE A SUCCESS.

CATON UMC can be proud of our efforts to help the American Red Cross.
We need **Café** workers, **Food** providers and **MOST** important **DONORS**.

Sign up at church or Call 936-4405

Set up starts around **11:30 AM** and clean up ends **around 8:00PM**

Come join us for a good time of fellowship and

Go home knowing **you have helped** hundreds of people in need.

God's blessing on all of you!
Nancy and Dave Johnson



National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6, 2010. Pennsylvania Avenue United Methodist Church located at 1238 Pennsylvania Ave., Pine City, NY, invites you to come for a quiet time away to pray for our government , leaders, churches, military, education, media and businesses. Our sanctuary will be open from 9:00 am- 4:00 pm for prayer. Prayer guides and light refreshments will be available.

“IF my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

May 2010.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM Traditional Service 10:30 Sunday School (9:30 AM) Middle/High School (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	3 UMW Meeting (1:30 PM) Praise Team (6:00 PM)	4 Choir Practice (6:00 PM)	5 Women's Study Group (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)	6	7	8 Caton Community Days (10:00 AM to 6:00 PM)
9 Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM Traditional Service 10:30 Sunday School (9:30 AM) Middle/High School (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	10 Blood Drive (1:30 PM to 6:30 PM) Praise Team (6:00 PM)	11 Choir Practice (6:00 PM)	12 Women's Study Group (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)	13	14	15
16 Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM Traditional Service 10:30 Sunday School (9:30 AM) Middle/High School (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	17 Praise Team (6:00 PM)	18 Choir Practice (6:00 PM) Church Council Meeting (7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)	19 Women's Study Group (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)	20	21	22 Red Bird Mission Dinner (4:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
23 Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM Traditional Service 10:30 Sunday School (9:30 AM) Middle/High School (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	24 Praise Team (6:00 PM)	25 Choir Practice (6:00 PM)	26 Women's Study Group (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)	27	28	29
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Monday & Wednesday
9-Noon

Friday
1-4pm

Red Bird Mission Fund Raiser

Pig Roast Dinner

May 22
4:00 – 7:00

Caton United Methodist Church

More Details to come...

Plan on coming out to support this worthwhile mission!