

**Caton United Methodist Church
News & Happenings
11186 Hendy Hollow Road
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Issue 3

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Rev. Beth Bouwens, Pastor

Parsonage (607-524-6551)
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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.

*Here is the church, and here is the steeple,
Open the doors, and see all the people.*



Growing up there was an exercise I learned in Sunday School. You lace your fingers and put your hands together with the laced fingers inside. Then you make the steeple pointing the two index fingers up and your thumbs become the door. When you open the door, you see all the people.

One does not often think of a nursery rhyme carrying some pretty profound theology, but when you "open the doors and see all the people," the church building of folded hands disappears, and you see only the people inside. The church is not the building, but the people! The church is "the people of God."

This is so true of the people of Caton. We would not be an effective church if we evaluated our ministry based on our church building or even the number of people in worship. Growing in our faith walk is measured by how we live out our faith in the day to day. This includes how we care for one another and how we are growing as disciples of Christ. Together we are the church!

In the month ahead, while I am recovering from my surgery, it will be more important than ever for everyone to "be the church." We will need to reach out to others and invite people to be involved in the programs and ministries of the Caton UMC. There are times when we just need an invitation to join in an activity. There are more opportunities to share in the leadership of the church. If you need an idea or have an idea talk with Myrna Hawbaker (524-6350). Rev. Fred Kelsey will join us again as he brings his caring spirit, along with his years of experience in ministry and steps in as our pastor during this time. He will provide pastoral care and preach each week at the Traditional Service. Rev. Kelsey can be contacted at 739-3277.

I ask for all your prayers as I recover from surgery. Many of you know that I had a hysterectomy on Feb. 15th and will be out until the end of March. I plan to celebrate Easter Sunday with you all! A friendly phone call or email will be appreciated—although I will not be able to respond to all your calls/mail it will be good to know you are thinking of me. If you want to get on the help or meals schedule, call Stacy Bathrick at 368-0827. All church related questions should be directed to Rev. Kelsey or Myrna Hawbaker, the Lay Leader, for the month of March. See you on Easter Sunday!

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
Let us not give up meeting together... but let us encourage one another!*

Hebrews 10:24-26

Pastor Beth

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Memorials for

Given by:

David & Jeanette Ceirrie
Gordon Pratt
Carol Matusick
Gladys Gridley

In memory of:

Grace Brungard
Grace Brungard
Carl Moody
Carl Moody

Through Lent and on to the Celebration of Easter

Lent is the forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday.

Lent is the season of preparation —through prayer, repentance, giving, and self-denial — we journey toward the Cross of Calvary and then the Celebration of Easter!

Take some time to ponder your life to see where you need to make some changes in order to be closer to Christ and sharing the love of Christ.

Easter Sunday is April 4th! Easter is the day we celebrate that the “tomb is empty.” Jesus has risen from the dead! Join us for the Sunrise Service at 7am at the Elmwood Cemetery, right next to the church. Mort Gridley, Jr. will lead the outdoor service followed with breakfast at the church dining room. Prayer and Praise will be at 9 am with the Caton Praise Band. Brad Hinman will give the message. Pastor Beth will lead worship and preach at the Traditional Service at 10:30. Join us for the day or for one of the services.

Trustees News



A Note From The Board of Trustees

I hope this note finds you all well in this beginning of a new year. The Board of Trustees is here to serve our church and the ministries it is involved in. However, we are always looking for people or groups who would like to do service projects for the church. If your group or organization or just one person would like to help in the maintenance and upkeep here at the church please contact any of the board members. As members of the church, we all share in the responsibility of maintaining our facilities. The Board of Trustees is here to oversee the work, not do all the work. We need your help.

One of the most important types of giving to our church is through people's Wills and Trusts. Throughout the history of this church people have donated to the Caton UMC in their Wills and Trusts. It is very important to the upkeep and function of our church and parsonage. There have been funds given for youth ministries that help send children to church camp each summer. Without this type of giving to the church, our ability to be as active would be less. We are able to maintain a very nice church for our active ministries because of these generous Christians and their desire to give to God even in their death. Many of the funds bear their name and it honors them each time we use their gifts to further God's kingdom. I challenge all of you to think about your Wills and Trusts. What a legacy you could leave behind for the next Christians here in the Caton UMC. The decision is between you and God and is a very private matter that nobody else needs to know about. But I can tell you this, as the Chair of the Trustees, I thank God for those Christians who gave to the Caton UMC so that we can continue an active ministry in this world.

The Board of Trustees will keep an active job list for the church and parsonage on the information board in the fellowship room. Please check it out and see if there is anything you can help us with. We appreciate your help.

God Bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Brad Hinman
Chair of the Board of Trustees



Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon

Friday 1-3pm



Small Group News

It has been suggested that we might want to change the name of these groups of people. What do you think? We could say small group, connect group, family group, or a number of other things. Any ideas let me know.

27 gals have signed up for Secret Sisters. We will begin praying for each other and leaving, or mailing tokens of thoughts to each other. Early May is probably going to be the time for the great celebration and finding out who is keeping secrets from whom.

The Women Upper Room Study group continues to meet on Wednesday and shares scripture, devotional, and our ideas about what it all means. Come join us.

The men continue to meet once a month for breakfast. They have chosen a couple projects they want to do this spring. Many of them will probably be involved in the "Helping Hands Helping Others" project in April.

There is talk of having some group opportunities for support groups for a variety of challenges. Are you dealing with a challenge that you would like support for?

What group would YOU like to see happen at Caton UMC? Let me know: NLHUBER@stny.rr.com or Nancy Huber 936-8355. I will be away for the month of March but I will check my e-mail and phone messages.

Nancy Huber



The Feb. 8th meeting for the United Methodist Women was opened with prayer, by President Connie Powell. Our program "A Call to Prayer & Self Denial" was discussed. It emphasizes the importance the work that the United Methodist Women do, not just the in the U.S. but in many countries. There are numerous opportunities that women of the church can become involved in.

Hands were laid on Pastor Beth as we prayed over a prayer shawl knitted and presented to her by the church. We are so blessed to be connected to such a caring church.

Two women went to the Bath Enrichment day. Thank you Connie & Kim and they will give a report at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be March 8th at 1:30 pm at the church. Rev. Kelsey will present a program on John Wesley. All are welcome!

DAY APART is Saturday, March 13, 2010 9:30am to 2:30pm Dundee UMC
The Rev. Sharon Schmit will present program

"Let's Get Together: Woven Together, God's Tapestry of Life"

It will be a wonderful spiritual time.

Bring own lunch Communion

The book table/resources will be available.

Any questions call Connie Powell at 524-6676

Youth Group News

A lot of stuff to relay to everyone. During this winter, we have been having our own retreats once a month at the church. In January we talked about bullying and the affect of what we say to each other. In February we talked about relationships and how we are to act as Christians. On **February 14th** we went to a concert at “His Tabernacle” in Horseheads. The night started off with the church’s youth praise band doing a couple of songs. Then a couple of men from Buffalo did some rap after which a group of young men did some heavy metal. Too much for me! Finally Curvine came on and he had some great messages through his hip- hop and rap. The youth really got into him, and he was able to connect with everyone in the audience. One of the great messages of the night was great in that there are many ways to express it, but the base of it was always Gods word.

On **March 12th -13th** we will be having a retreat that is our **30 hour famine**, which is a fund raiser based out of “**World Vision**”. The youth will be asking you to sponsor them to go 30 hours without eating. During the overnight, the youth will be learning about youth in 3rd world countries; their environment, what they do and do not have, and their health from not eating. The whole program is provided to us and the youth become a person with a whole persona and they are divided into tribes. There are many games that we will be playing, scripture that we will be looking at and they can choose where the money they raise can be designated for. They will see a difference in what we spend for food and that in 3rd world countries you can feed a child for a \$1 a day.

On **March 21st** we will be putting on the **Seder Meal** again. This is a full Jewish Passover meal that the youth cook and put on for the church. Throughout the dinner there will be a program that the youth put on and it starts off as a Jewish Passover meal (but we follow the scriptures throughout the meal). This year the youth will have microphones so that they will be heard. There will be a sign up sheet by the Newsletters in the community room of the church. Please sign up by the **14th** so I have an idea on how many meals to prepare for. Those that came last year thought it was very meaningful and you will find that there is no other program quite like this one.

Mark your calendars for **April 17th** as we will be doing a fund raiser that will go towards **4WORD**. We will be putting on a brunch at the church so those who come to the early service can come down after their service. Those that attend the latter service can come early to eat and then attend their service. We would appreciate your support which allows us to go to the **conference youth gathering**.

On **April 23rd -25th** there is a **4WORD** gathering in Liverpool.

**A lot of stuff happening and friends are always welcome.
Thank you for your prayers and support!**

Peace - Eric

ecoons@stny.rr.com

734-0446



Helping Hands – Helping Others

The Caton United Methodist Church, and hopefully other churches in our area, will be participating from April 19 through 23rd on basic home repair, painting, repairing roofing and other opportunities. Work will be on homes of those unable for whatever reason to accomplish these repairs on their own. People of all ages, 12-90, and skill levels are needed to accomplish our vision.

You; your family, and friends are invited in the name of Jesus Christ to become a part of this opportunity. Volunteers do not need to commit to every hour of every day but it would be helpful for the success of the mission that you commit to as long a period as possible during the week.

Romans 12:13 (New Living Translation)

**When God's people are in need, be ready to help them.
Always be eager to practice hospitality.**

If you feel called to be a part of Helping Hands Helping Others there is a job for you. Organization, transportation, working, sweeping, cooking, setting up tables for meals, phone calls, prayer, monetary support or if your gift is not listed here I am sure Christ will find a use for any gift you are willing to share. For those who can't make it during the day, there are opportunities in the early evenings and perhaps Saturday.

Work or volunteer applications will be available through the Caton United Methodist Church at 11186 Hendy Hollow Road, Corning, New York, 14830. Office hours are from 9am to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays and Noon to 3 pm on Fridays or leave a message at 607-524-6715. You can also call Bob Blanchard at 607-733-2982 or Linda Riley at 607-936-7828 with questions you may have.

Work request applications will be accepted until March 30th and will be approved or not depending on the work to be done, the skill level available and the number of volunteers. Materials needed will be afforded at no cost to home owner however donations of any amount are welcomed to help support the continuation of this project to others.

After you have read this message please take time to pray on where and how you will become involved. Why not join us as we work during the day followed by supper and the sharing of fellowship and our experiences we have enjoyed each day.

I.H.S.

Bob Blanchard

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Collecting pop tabs is a great way to recycle and raise funds to help children and their families at the same time. We collect them and take them to St. Joseph Hospital and then the tops are taken to a recycling center where they are weighed and the money is sent to the Ronald McDonald House Fund. We have had a few families that have had to use the Ronald McDonald House. Look for the new container for the tabs.

Outreach Team Leader
Linda Riley

**United Methodist Women of
Grace United Methodist Church
191 Bridge Street, Corning**

Will present their annual take-out
Lasagna Dinner

includes tossed salad with dressing
Italian bread and brownie

Tickets - \$7.00 each

Event date and pick up time
March 25, 2010
4:30-6:30 PM

Reserve tickets by March 19th
call the Grace Church office at 936-6145
or Joyce at 936-4886



I would like to thank the following people for all their hard work as they served on the Church Council - Bob Lord, Kathy Force and Mort Gridley, Jr. The Council appreciates all your time spent during your term. I would like to welcome new members Stacy Bathrick, Linda Riley, Candy Thompson, Dave & Nancy Huber, Connie Powell and Steve Ritter. Thank you again

Safe Sanctuary Policy

Starting back in 2008, The Caton United Methodist Church embarked on instituting a **Safe Sanctuary Policy**. Safe sanctuary ensures our ministry will be designed to minimize the possibility of isolation of youth and opportunities for secrecy. This policy helps protect the safety of our children, protects employees and volunteers and protects the assets of our church. It is also a requirement of the **North Central Annual Conference**. In the policy, we are commissioned with conducting an annual review. To date – 41 people have been trained in “Safe Sanctuary”. In the near future, each person will be asked to review a copy of the policy. The “Safe Sanctuary” team thanks everyone for their cooperation and their time.

Please feel free to contact:
Marcia Ritter @ 523-6692 or
E-mail at: nyritterfamily@AOL.com

Nancy Huber @936-8355 or
E-mail at: nlhuber@stny.rr.com



Elementary Youth News

We invite all kindergarteners through 6th through 6th graders to join us!

Please join us!!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call:

Carol Barner: 607-524-6864

Joan Haussener
Church Council Chair

Carol Barner

Kim Clark: 607-523-8860 or
Kathy Smith: 607-936-4450



Online giving to UMCOR's Haiti relief efforts is currently more than \$1 million

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Be There. Be Hope.

UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open minds and hearts to all people.

Generous supporters have contributed more than \$11 million to UMCOR's Haiti recovery plan, as well as the components for more than 350,000 health kits, which are positioned to distribute in Haiti as soon as circumstances allow.

March 14th - A Gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (one of six Special Sunday offerings of The United Methodist Church) advances the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The OGHS offering provides the critical funds for administrative and operational needs of accomplishing disaster relief work around the globe.

EASTER PLANTS

Here is an opportunity for you to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, as you remember or honor a loved one. Easter lilies and other spring flowers provide a wonderful way to celebrate the "new birth" of Easter. Please complete the form below so that the information can be included in the bulletin. The church will be open Saturday, April 3rd from 10 to Noon for flower deliveries.

Name of Donor: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Plants may be removed for your own enjoyment after the Easter Service. If you would like to share your plants with one of our Circle of Friends members, please let us know. Visitors are needed to deliver these plants to our friends.

I will pick up _____ I will not pick up _____ I will help deliver _____

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>Elementary Youth Group</u> (5:30 PM to 7:00 PM) <u>Praise Team</u> (6:00 PM)	2 <u>Choir Practice</u> (6:00 PM)	3 <u>Women's Study Group</u> (10:00 AM)	4 <u>Lenten Service @ South Corning UMC</u> (7:00 PM)	5	6
7 <u>Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM</u> <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am <u>Sunday School</u> (9:30 AM) <u>Beginnings:</u> (5:30 PM) <u>Middle/High School Youth Group</u> (5:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	8 <u>United Methodist Women Meeting</u> (1:30 PM) <u>Praise Team</u> (6:00 PM)	9 <u>Choir Practice</u> (6:00 PM) <u>Church Council Meeting</u> (7:00 PM)	10 <u>Women's Study Group</u> (10:00 AM)	11	12 <u>30 hour Youth Famine</u>	13 <u>United Methodist Women "Day Apart"</u> (9:30 AM)
14 <u>Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM</u> <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am <u>Sunday School</u> (9:30 AM) <u>Beginnings:</u> (5:30 PM) <u>Middle/High School Youth Group</u> (5:30 PM to 7:00 PM)	15 <u>Elementary Youth Group</u> (5:30 PM to 7:00 PM) <u>Praise Team</u> (6:00 PM)	16 <u>Choir Practice</u> (6:00 PM)	17 <u>Women's Study Group</u> (10:00 AM)	18 <u>Lenten Services</u> South Corning UMC (7:00 PM)	19	20 <u>Anti-Poverty Workshop</u> Penn Yan UMC (9:00 AM) <u>Men's Breakfast @ Renee's</u> (9:00 PM)
21 <u>Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM</u> <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am <u>Chrysalis Youth Retreat</u> <u>Sunday School</u> (9:30 AM) <u>Beginnings:</u> (5:30 PM) <u>Middle/High School Youth Group</u> (5:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	22 <u>Praise Team</u> (6:00 PM)	23 <u>Choir Practice</u> (6:00 PM)	24 <u>Women's Study Group</u> (10:00 AM)	25 <u>Lenten Services at South Corning UMC</u> (7:00 PM)	26	27
28 <u>Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM</u> <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am <u>Sunday School</u> (9:30 AM) <u>Beginnings:</u> Christian Faith (5:30 PM) <u>Middle/High School Youth Group</u> (5:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	29 <u>Praise Team</u> (6:00 PM)	30 <u>Choir Practice</u> (6:00 PM)	31 <u>Women's Study Group</u> (10:00 AM)			

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Celebration of Easter

Sunrise Service at 7 AM
followed by breakfast

Prayer and Praise, 9 AM

Traditional Service, 10:30 AM

Chester Gridley is turning 90 on March 11th.
Lets sent him cards or a note to let him know we
are thinking of him. His address is:

Chester W. Gridley
1077 Egret Lake Way
Melbourne, Fl. 32940-6863