

**Caton United Methodist Church  
News & Happenings  
11186 Hendy Hollow Road  
Corning, New York 14830**

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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am      Sunday School: 9:20am  
Traditional Worship: 10:30am

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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.

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One of the pleasant parts of the commute from Horseheads to Caton as your Interim Supply Pastor is the delightful unfolding panorama of color while driving up and down Hendy Creek Road during the fall foliage season. One of the unfolding mysteries about those emerging fall colors is that there have been there all spring, summer and fall. It is only when the dominating green of the chlorophyll begins to diminish that the beautiful yellow, orange and red colors begin to appear giving us that spectacular plethora of color that is a feast for our eyes.

In some ways, our developing faith is like those emerging fall colors. As our bodies begin to diminish in their vitality with slower step and less stamina and sometimes limiting diseases, the dominating concerns of making a livelihood and other major issues of life begin to diminish in their importance, we begin to realize that matters of the spirit become more important. With the eyes of faith we begin to see more color meaning and fulfillment in the simpler dimensions of life, which have always been there but now become more prominent in our thinking as life inexorably moves on. As we move into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, savor the moments with family, the exuberance of children, especially grandchildren, the serenity of a fresh fallen snow and the other simpler inexpensive aspects of our lives and thank God for them for they are both God given -- physical eyes with the gift of sight - in color ! and the eyes of faith, to see life in its deeper dimensions. Enjoy!

God Bless!  
Rev. Fred S. Kelsey,  
Interim Supply Pastor



*Rev. Kelsey is leading a group discussing "Living Fully, Dying Well". This group studies and eats homemade soup prepared by Myrna and dessert prepared by Patti. We study our faith and discuss how we can live fully now and prepare for the next stage in eternity.*



## Greetings from Nigeria...

Three years ago in Korea, I attended The World Methodist Conference where Methodist from around the world had gathered. We worshiped together, shared in Bible Study and fellowshiped together. One of the workshops I attended was on minister exchange programs and that is when I received my call to Nigeria. Someone at the workshop said that the official language in Nigeria is English—and I said to God, I can go to Nigeria. At the end of the meeting, I introduced myself to the woman sitting next to me—She was from Nigeria. For me this confirmed that God was calling me to Nigeria. The woman, Mrs. Betty Oyeshola—is the person who is hosting me in their home in Kaduna. She was instrumental in arranging my first visit to Nigeria in 2008. At that time a minister (Rev. Rukera) from The Wesley Cathedral in Kaduna, Nigeria exchanged pulpits with me for six weeks. When I left Nigeria last year, I knew I would be returning. I was surprised when the opportunity came so quickly. When I talked to my District Superintendent, Rev. Richard Barton about my passion for Nigeria he encouraged me to begin the steps to return. I thank him for his encouragement and I thank the folks at the Caton United Methodist Church for their support on my missionary call to Nigeria for four months. I thank Rev. Fred Kelsey for taking care of the parish during my absence.

*Pastor Beth Bouwens*

(Taken from her blog site: Oct. 06, 2009)

## CONTACT PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

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### Memorials for November

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

<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Reality USA	John Sterling
William & Jo Ann Avery	John Sterling



Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon  
Friday Noon-3



### Finances

Our income into the General Fund for the first three quarters for 2009 was \$73,845. Our total income into all funds was \$114,199.

The General Fund is used to pay all operating expenses. Please continue your support for the remainder of 2009.

#### Finance Committee

For your information, the minutes from the Church Council are now on the Web Site.

Included in the minutes are decisions of the Church Council and various items that the committees are working on. To access go to [catonumc.org](http://catonumc.org). Pull down menu "Info Center"

Click 2009 Council then click on the month you want to view.

Joan Haussener

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our Church will be ringing the Kettle Bells at the following location as we go into the season of Christ's Birthday:

- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 10 - 2PM  
@Centerway Square
- Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 10 - 2PM  
@Painted Post Wal-Mart

There will be signup sheets for these ringing times in the foyer of the Church as we get near the dates. We will set up the time in 1/2 hour segments so no one will be out in the cold too long. If you or a group of friends or club would like a few hours to ring the Kettle bells this can be set up by Bob Lord with the Salvation Army. Please call Bob at 962 5539 if you would like to have more than the above dates to ring the Kettle Bells.

Our youth will also be ringing the Salvation Army

#### **Kettle bells:**

They will be ringing the bells on Saturday **December 19<sup>th</sup>** from 6 - 8PM at Wal-Mart in Painted Post. Stop by and say hello to our youth.



## Small Group News

A group of men met for breakfast at Renee's Sat. Through discussion the men decided on some projects they could be involved in. Their next gathering will be Sat. Nov. 28 at 9:00 at Renee's. Please join them, and get to know the other men in our church family.

Women are now meeting on Wed mornings at 10 to discuss The Upper Room. We share our thoughts about what is written and explore the Bible verses and see how these words, written so many years ago, still fit in our lives today. There is room for more women. Please join us.

Due to many time conflicts the women's evening group is not meeting at this time. They will be gathering soon. Perhaps there will be a study during advent.

Suggested groups for the first of the year are: S.H.A.P.E.---A study to explore our gifts and who we are in God's family, "Fireproof Your Marriage" for those of us who have been married awhile and "I Marriage" for those married less than 20 years.

Any suggestions or comments let me know. See me at church or call Nancy Huber 936-8355 or e-mail NLHUBER@stny.rr.com

See you in church.

Nancy Huber

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U.M.W. NOTES

At our October meeting we finalized plans for our annual church supper. Lillian Crossley had the program and Connie Powell gave a mission talk. Pastor Beth sent her regards via Rev. Kelsey.

We are always in need of prayer shawls and are collecting health kits: The list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board.

The next UMW meeting is set for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. We will have elections of Officers and receive the Thank Offers.

Iva Jenkins

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We are planning a dish to pass luncheon right after church November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 – 10:20 AM to thank Rev. Kelsey for being with us the past 4 months and to say good-by to him.

We will have a reception (cake and such) December 6th during the common time (between services) for welcoming back Pastor Beth.

Kathy Force



## Elementary Youth News

**Please Join Us!!**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 5:30PM**

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

Carol Barner: 607-524-6864

Kim Clark: 607-523-8860 or

Kathy Smith: 607-936-4450

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## Caton Community Blood Drive

The October Blood Drive was a big success collecting 47 units of blood. We would like to say a BIG Thank You to everyone who gave blood, furnished food, worked the café, helped set up and clean up. It was a very long day for us and we appreciate your understanding and patience.

The next drive will be May 3, 2010. Many of you have already pre-signed for this drive. PLEASE plan to give at another drive between now and then. The need is great.

It is wonderful to share God's love and save lives at the same time.

Dave and Nancy Johnson

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## RT 225 Highway Pickup

As we get into early **November** we will be cleaning up the two miles of State Highway our church helps to keep clear of trash.

Our church's efforts in keeping this section of RT 225 helps to keep Caton a cleaner and more beautiful community for all.



## Salvation Army Dinner

The Salvation Army Dinner given by our Church at the Salvation Army Citadel in Corning on Sunday September 20th was attended by approximately 70 of the needy from the area. Each year our Church and other Churches in the area rotate in serving a dinner each and every Sunday of the year to the needy.

This complete sit down dinner could not have been done without the help of the volunteers who made the food items and those who volunteered their time to heat and help serve the food. We thank the youth of our Church who worked so hard making sure all the needy were served and taken care they had plenty of food. Without the help of our youth the dinner could not have been done.

We had some food left over, that was given to the Salvation Army as they have an after-school program for students where the food will go to good use.

Our 2010 Salvation Army dinner is all ready scheduled for Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> your Church is working to help feed those in the area in many ways.



## Ronald McDonald Houses

In October Steuben County had the highest unemployment rate in upstate New York. That fact relates directly to those who are in need as the number of unemployed increases as winter sets in.

The kids must be feed somehow, and the house warmed, a very hard task even with food stamps. We can help by bringing to our church on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (or any Sunday) badly needed food, paper products and soap items. The items that were given out at the Pantry of Angels held at the Presho United Methodist Church on Thursday, 10/15/09, went to approximately 320 family members-- there is great need in our area.

Please bring any of the following items and place them in the foyer of the church, they will find their way to the Pantry of Angels:

**Soap Products:** dishwashing soap, laundry detergents, hand soap, tooth paste and shampoos.

**Paper Products:** toilet paper, paper towels, and paper napkins.

**Food Items:** Any type of canned meat, tuna fish, gravies of all types, canned vegetables, canned fruits, any type of breakfast cereals, pasta and spaghetti as well as spaghetti sauces, peanut butter and jelly of all types.

We know what it takes to feed a family bring what you can to help feed those in real need. Should you forget to bring an item to church there is a basket in the cart for a small donation. \$1 goes a long way when purchasing food in volume as the Pantry of Angels must do. If you or someone you know is in need of food, paper products or soap items have them contact Kim Snyder at the Food Pantry if Angeles at 523 7715.

THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD  
GO I.

Ronald McDonald Houses supply hotel type rooms near major specialty Hospitals at 254 locations through the world. These Ronald McDonald Houses supply for a very low cost housing for families visiting a child in a far away specialty Hospital.

The Ronald McDonald Houses are supported by McDonalds Corp., through the public supplying POP CAN TABS. The more pop can tabs received the more funding the Ronald McDonald Houses receive.

Two of our church families have in the past take advantage of the Ronald McDonald Houses while visiting their child in a specialty hospital far from home. YOU can help with the funding of the Ronald McDonald Houses with our spending any funds. When you are ready to recycle you pop cans simply remove the tab on the top of the cans and bring them to the foyer of our church.

These tabs with find their way to McDonalds to help with financial support of the 254 Ronald McDonald Houses.

YOU can make a difference by helping support these Ronald McDonald Houses with the small time of removing your pop can tabs and bringing them to church.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR FELLOW MAN  
IN MANY SMALL WAYS.

Bob and Edna

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Save the Date: November 6, 2009/ Friday, 7-10 PM @ Caton United Methodist Church

### Harvest Coffee House

Music



**LIVE**  
Gospel, Country and



Contemporary

DESSERTS



COFFEE



TEA

**face painting**



Caricatures

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# Calendar

October 2009 **November 2009** December 2009

Click on an event title below to view more details pertaining to the event or to sign up for an email reminder.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM Traditional Service 10:30 am All Saints Day Sunday School (9:30 AM) Middle School Group (9:30 AM) Middle/High School Youth Group (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	<b>2</b> Elementary Youth Group (Starts Oct. 5th ) (5:30 PM to 7:00 PM) Praise Team (6:00 PM)	<b>3</b> Choir Practice (7:00 PM)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Harvest Coffee House (7:00 PM to 10:00 PM)	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM Traditional Service 10:30 am Veterans Sunday School (9:30 AM) Middle School Group (9:30 AM) Middle/High School Youth Group (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	<b>9</b> UMW Meeting (1:30 PM) Praise Team (6:00 PM)	<b>10</b> Choir Practice (7:00 PM)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Church Council Meeting (7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM Traditional Service 10:30 am Sunday School (9:30 AM) Middle School Group (9:30 AM) Middle/High School Youth Group (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	<b>16</b> Elementary Youth Group (5:30 PM to 7:00 PM) Praise Team (6:00 PM)	<b>17</b> Choir Practice (7:00 PM) Trustees Meeting (7:00 PM)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Prayer & Praise Service, 9:00 AM Traditional Service 10:30 am Sunday School (9:30 AM) Middle School Group (9:30 AM) Middle/High School Youth Group (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)	<b>23</b> Praise Team (6:00 PM)	<b>24</b> Choir Practice (7:00 PM)	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Eve Service (7:00 PM)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Men's Breakfast @ Renee's (9:00 AM)
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