

Caton United Methodist Church
News & Happenings
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Church (607-524-6715) Rev. Beth Bouwens, Pastor
Rev. Fred A Kelsey, Interim Supply Pastor (607) 739-3277

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Prayer & Praise: 9:00 AM Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Traditional Worship: 10:15AM
MS/HS Youth: 6:30 PM

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.

From the Interim Pastor's Desk

By the time you folks receive this, my wife and I (Rev. Fred S. Kelsey) will have returned from our niece's wedding in Seattle and a week in the San Juan Islands. I look forward to sharing in ministry with members of the Caton UMC congregation and becoming better acquainted with you folks during the remaining three months as your Interim/Supply Pastor while Pastor Beth is in Nigeria.

The home phone number is 739-3277 (area code 607) , you can call for pastoral concerns and emergencies. I am a night owl so feel free to phone even up to 10:30 pm (I am seldom in bed before eleven!) but preferably not at 6:30 in the morning (I may be awake but you will have to pardon the yawns!) but after 8:00 am is fine.

My initial plan is to be in the Caton UMC parish on Mondays, meeting with Diane at 11:00am ish to do the bulletin, call on folks through the afternoon and meet with the Prayer and Praise Team at 6:00pm. At present, I plan to be at every Sunday worship service through November 30th. I will also be attending Church Council and other meetings and plan to do some calling those afternoons before the meetings. I am always on call to respond to pastoral emergencies and to make hospital calls. Remember, I cannot be your pastor if you do not let me or someone know you are going into the hospital have a pastoral need. Please feel free to call or let me know of other's needs.

Pastor Beth suggested I share a little about myself. They say you can take the boy off the farm but you can't take the farm out of the boy – or grown man! What you see is what you get! I grew up on my parent's dairy and fruit farm in Clyde, New York, graduating from high school in 1955. I graduated from Cornell in 1959. Through my involvement in Wesley Foundation (the Methodist student group on campus where I met my wife Linda) I went on to Drew Seminary in Madison, New Jersey, graduating in 1963. I have served forty consecutive years of full time parish ministry: Groton (3), Horseheads (5), Fayetteville (6), Canandaigua (7), Baldwinsville (10) and Christ's, Elmira (9); retiring in 2003 but serving part time interim pastorates at Hammondsport, Avoca, Forest Home Chapel, Ithaca and now Caton! I look forward to another enriching interim experience at Caton and hope and pray it will be enriching for you folks as well.

God Bless!
Pastor Fred

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Ponderings from the Lay Leader by Myrna Hawbaker

Each month Pastor Beth reminds me of the impending newsletter deadline, so in her absence I have had to think for/remind myself - so far, so good. Four months may be a long time, though....I remember vaguely having the same feeling a year ago, but made two discoveries. First, I learned how many different things Beth takes care of that we take for granted. Secondly, we handled them! Things like mowing the lawn, weeding, sending reminders, etc. More importantly, she keeps us all connected, and continues to do so through her blog, which so far she has been updating weekly and it can be found at <http://www.nigeriamission.blogspot.com/> .

We can also stay connected with each other by saying hello and get acquainted with new folks between services, making sure our most veteran members are doing well, and well, just listening to how folks' weeks are going. Most of us will see physical evidence of this in the form of a postcard as we officially "Shepherd" our flock in Beth's absence (shepherd, not "herd"). It is another thing Beth was doing by herself, and worried about as she prepared for Nigeria. But I know we are empowered by the Holy Spirit and will succeed at being good shepherds!

What an opportunity to be supporting our own missionary! Just as we at Caton UMC have gone out to Kentucky, Mississippi, in Corning and Caton, we now are going across the ocean and touching others' lives in their schools, churches and hearts through Beth. Let us continue to support her through prayer. We could even do this as part of Bishop Matthews' call to join him in prayer every day (some time) between 5 a.m. and 7a.m.



Memorials for September

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

Given By:	In Memory of:
Leonard Wilson Lulu Belle & Dick & Steve & Jody	Gerald Crooker
Frances Allen	Helen B. Tobey John Sterling
Phil & Lois Crooker	Helen B. Tobey John Sterling
Don & Joan Haussener	Helen B. Tobey John Sterling Kenneth Galusha
Dan & Iva Jenkins	Gerald Crooker Helen B. Tobey John Sterling
Frank & Emma Mosch	Helen B. Tobey John Sterling
Eugene Tobey	Helen B. Tobey
Pat Robbins	John Sterling
Douglas & Rose Thomas	Helen B. Tobey Gerald Crooker
Gerald Schichtel	John Sterling
Dean & Posy Congdon	John Sterling
Sue & Charlie Milazzo	John Sterling
Charles & June Stanton	John Sterling
Brenda Card	John Sterling



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Patricia & LeRoy Riley	John Sterling
Sue Caward	John Sterling
Joan Tobey & David Downing	Helen B. Tobey
Linda Six Burdett & Dorothy Chamberlain	John Sterling
Carol & James Huff	John Sterling
Helen L. Tobey	Helen B. Tobey
Cheryl Smith	John Sterling
Arthur Vanderpoel	John Sterling
Lucinda Nash Dudley	Helen B. Tobey

I would like to thank everyone at the church for working so hard to raise money for me and everybody else to go to camp. I had so much fun by swimming, tubing, scuba diving, water skiing and blobbing. I also made a lot of new friends and I even have some of their phone numbers.

I realize I probably would not have experienced either of these joys without the money you all raised. I just wish that all of you could experience the joy I had while at camp. I can honestly say my time at camp was AWESOME beyond all belief. So once again I would like to say, "Thank-you" for putting so much time into raising money so I could go to camp and enjoy all the wonders they had there.

Thank you very much to Pastor Beth and all the people who took part in all of the fundraisers. I will always remember the time I had at camp.

Scott Brim



2009 Financial Report

Our first half income into the general fund, which is used to pay all operating expenses, was \$48,767.00. Our total income for the first half was \$63,672.00. Thanks to all who have supported the church in the first half of the year Please continue your support for the second half so that we may have a successful 2009.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry connects persons who are ill, bereaved or just in need of comfort. The shawls are prayed over as they are knitted or crocheted by several members of the congregation. Anyone who would like to participate in this ministry may contact Emma Mosch for knitting or crocheting instructions. If you know of someone who should receive a prayer shawl, please contact the church office. The prayer shawls are blessed during worship before they presented to our friends in need.*****



Staff Pastor Parish Relations

While Pastor Beth is in Nigeria, I encourage you to let your Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee members hear your voice, concerns and comments. That is what we are for. Your committee members are:

Steve Ritter, Stacy Bathrick, Ron BeGell, Emma Mosch, Hannah Peck, Dave Johnson and myself.

Your sister in Christ

Kathy Force

The Praise team

I am proud to be a part of a small rural church at the Caton UM that supports two services with widely different styles while still worshipping one God. The 10:15am, and beginning September 20th the 10:30am, service is essentially the responsibility of the Pastor who preaches each Sunday, an Organist plus a worship committee that meets about five or six times a year to make plans for Christmas, Easter, Advent, Pentecost, Communion and other special times. What a wonderful gift they give to our church.

The 9:00 am service, called Prayer and Praise, has a worship team with a completely different planning responsibility. The team is made up of eight laity plus the Pastor, who meet every Monday from 6-7:30 pm to finalize the upcoming Sunday and begin planning and scheduling the next few services. At the meetings the Pastor and team work with whoever is giving the message, helps decide what music to play, who will be playing, who is creating the power point presentation and who will cover each part of the service.

Presently we have five people plus the pastor who **give messages**, nine who have committed to **playing or singing** in the praise band and two **creating power point presentations**. As you can see I have left any names out because when you include individuals someone will be forgotten and each is as important as the other.

For those who attend the Prayer and Praise service know, even with all the planning we are still human and make mistakes which is okay as long as we are worshipping our Lord. I believe our church is special because of the willingness to sacrifice time and talents needed to help the family of Jesus Christ grow. Like Jesus in the bible you will notice that even Christ **grew weary** and that is why we are **inviting all who** have the desire to share their God given gifts to join us. **If you have a message that you carry, creative ideas, musical or singing talents, organization skills or just the love of God and are willing to share with others let it be known.**

It is not necessary to commit to every week just a willing Spirit. Interested or questions, talk to Rev. Kelsey or anyone involved in the Prayer and Praise service.

May God bless each of you.



UMW News

The United Methodist Women will be holding their meeting on September 14th at the Caton United Methodist Church @ 1 PM.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER

Every Sunday, year round different churches in the Corning area put on a dinner for those in need at the Salvation Army Citadel on Denison Parkway in Corning. Our church will host this dinner on Sunday, September 20th. We expect to be feeding 75 - 80 of the area people at this dinner. These weekly Sunday dinners are an important function for the Salvation Army as they can help those in need without a great deal of expense.

Our Church youth is past years has served a sit down dinner to those in need. This dinner is a great opportunity for our youth to serve them and to get to know just how much help one dinner is to those who cannot afford a good meal. As we get into September we will have a sign- up sheet in the foyer for food items and for helpers the afternoon of the dinner.

GOD I CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED

World Wide Communion 10-04-09

The worship committee is looking for flags, dolls, costumes from around the world to display at our 2 services. If you have something to share, please notify Shirley Smith or the church office. We will need items at church by 3PM Friday the 2nd of October.



Monday October 5th, the Caton United Methodist Church will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Blood donating will begin at 1:30pm until 6:30pm. It is extremely helpful if donors have an appointment time – you can sign up online @:

Donatebloodnow.org

Then book for Caton UMC by 10/05/09.

Or

Call: 1-800-448-3543

Ask for Caton UMC

What is Needed for a Successful Blood Drive

You can call Nancy Johnson @ 607-936-4405 for information. Youth 16 years of age are also eligible to give help. The supply truck arrives between 11am-11:30am. Four people are needed to help unload and set up.

During the drive, workers are needed to register donors, serve food, and register donors for our next drive.

At the end of the drive several people are needed to tear down and pack the truck, to clean up the café area and put our dining room area back in order.

Which of these areas would you like to help in? Call Nancy to sign up. As a church we provide soup, sandwiches, cookies, cakes, fruit and beverages. We greatly appreciate the support we have received in the past and are looking forward to working with all of you again.

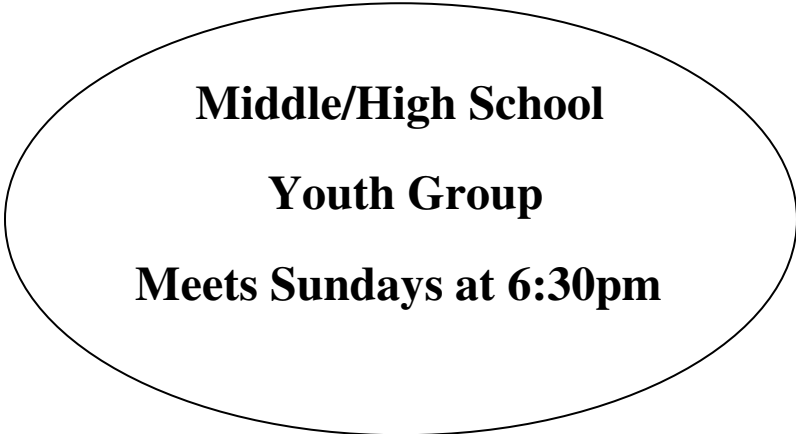
Dave & Nancy Johnson



Sunday School

9:30 every Sunday

Calling all kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade! This is the adventure for you--- experience a new bible study each week. Children see, hear and live their Belief In God. Questions? Contact Marcia Ritter at 523-6692.



Middle/High School

Youth Group

Meets Sundays at 6:30pm

Elementary Youth Group

5:30 to 7:00pm

First & Third Mondays



SMALL GROUP NEWS

The elementary youth will be moving their meeting time from Sunday to Monday nights, the first and third Mondays of every month. We hope to see and want to invite all elementary youth from K to 5th grades to join us.

A quick fellowship, dinner, lesson and lots of fun!!! Any questions or concerns, Please Call:
Carol Barner @ 607-524-6864
Kathy Smith @ 607-936-4450
and/or
Kim Clark @ 607-523-8860

This change starts on **September 21 @ 5:30** at the church. Hope to see you there!

God Bless

Middle School Group gets a new start!
9:30 every Sunday

Be part of making these classes take off. This fall you will meet to explore bible teaching and discussion topics important to you. Kim Snyder is the teacher. Contact Kim at 329-1559

Small groups, community groups, family groups or whatever you wish to call them will begin soon. Opportunities for people to gather in small settings to journey together in faith are endless.

Before Pastor Beth left for Nigeria she and Rev. Kathy Turnbole discussed the desire for a Bible Study. A Disciple I group will begin Wed. Sept. 23 at 5:30 at Grace Methodist Church Lounge. This is a 36 week tour and study of the Bible, led by Rev. Turnbole. The group is traditionally 12 people because Jesus chose 12 disciples. Thank-you Rev. Kathy for agreeing to lead this group. There are 8 people from Caton now registered and a couple from Grace. There may be room for a few more if you are interested. If there is enough interest perhaps a second group could be started.

The men's breakfast group will begin soon. There are also a couple women's groups being planned. Dates, times and themes will be announced as soon as they are set. We would like to have some couples groups, and family groups started. If you are interested in being a facilitator of one of these or have ideas of one you would like to facilitate call the church or Nancy Huber 936-8355. Nancy will help you obtain materials and brainstorm with you about your ideas.

DISCIPLE I

The DISCIPLE Bible Study program is a 34 week study designed to strengthen your faith as you read and discuss the scriptures of the Old and New Testament. This class will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Rev. Kathy Turnbole will be the facilitator and the class will meet at Corning Grace United Methodist Church. Kim Snyder is the contact person from Caton UMC—give her a call to register for this class. (329-1559)



Living Fully~~Dying Well By Bishop Rueben Job

The author writes in the introduction, “Living fully is life’s most rewarding gift. Young or old, rich or poor, at the peak of our performance or at low ebb of our vitality, life remains a precious gift and we may savor its richness throughout our lifetime. Living at home with God in this world and trusting that we will live at home with God in the world to come is not as easy as it may seem in a society that is in denial about the active presence of God in this world and the promise of the world to come.” Our best decisions about life's most important events are seldom made in a time of crisis. *Living Fully, Dying Well* is a book designed to assist us in making careful, wise and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. Rev. Fred Kelsey will lead this 8 week study. Watch for a start date and class schedule. Call the church office to register for this class. (524-6715)

This note is from Rev Rick Sivers at the First United Methodist Church in Corning...

Jerry Wright's Mattress Ministry has seen an explosion of need for cribs and crib mattresses. The demand is out stripping his supply and he requesting your help. If you can be of assistance, please contact Jerry at 607-962-7132. If he is not home, leave a message. The Mattress Ministry has been an outreach program run by Jerry Wright out of First United Methodist Church in Corning for over 30 years. Last year Jerry was a recipient of a Jefferson Award and this year he and his wife were named Volunteers of the Year in Steuben County by ProAction.



To the Church:

Thank you so much for sending me to camp. I did a lot of fun things at camp like bible studies, swimming, ride horses, have camp fires, meeting new people and awesome food. **The Blob:** In case you don't know what the Blob is, it is a big thing in the water that someone jumps onto and that person crawls to the end. Someone else jumps onto it and it sends you flying into the air and then into the water. At first I was so scared to do it but a lot of people convinced me to do it so I did. It was a lot of fun. I had a blast at camp.

Thank you for sending me.
Heather Brim



The long cold winter and the ever increasing cost of food and fuel is a concern for all of us. **STOP** and think for a moment about the more than 200 families in the Caton - Lindley area who are in dire need of food and fuel. **YOU** can help and the cost is very minimal if **EACH** of us does our share to help those in need. If we all would bring just one item of food, or paper products, or soaps as outlined below to Church each Sunday we together would serve the needy well. In the foyer of our Church is a shopping cart just waiting for your gift of just one item, please help to fill the cart. Should you come to Church and forget to bring your item, there is a basket for your cash donation to help those in need. The following items are in real need by those who have a very limited income and must feed and supply heat for large families.

FOOD ITEMS All types of Spaghetti and spaghetti sauces, pasta, canned soups, meats tuna fish gravies as well as canned vegetables and fruits cold and hot cereals. Any type of food product you can bring will find use very quickly.

For a family in need a can of Spam can become the centerpiece of a Sunday Dinner.

Those in need cannot purchase items such as soaps and paper products with food stamps:

SOAPS - **YOU** can help with dish washing detergents, laundry detergents, shampoos and tooth paste. Have **YOU** ever tried to wash your families' dishes without dish detergent?

PAPER PRODUCTS - There is also real need of paper napkins, toilet paper, and paper towels.

IF you know of someone in need, have them call **KIM SNYDER** at the Pantry of Angels at: 523 - 7715.

IF we **ALL** can bring just one item above to Church each week we will serve Gods needs by helping those who are in great need our help. IF you feel God has been good to you and your family, then help those who need **YOUR** help. Please bring one item to the shopping cart each and every week you can do Gods work each week.

Helen B. Tobey Memorial Service

The life and legacy of Helen B. Tobey will be celebrated on Friday evening, September 25 in the sanctuary. A memorial service will be preceded by a time for remembrances, commencing at 6:30 PM. A reception hosted by the United Methodist Church Women will follow.

Many thanks,
Gene

Music Department/Storage Room

During September, we will be constructing a new Music Department Storage Room by partitioning off a part of the current Choir Room. It is estimated that we will need approx. \$ 1,000 to purchase materials for the project. Construction will be done by a group of men headed up by Jarrod Powers, Brad Hinman and myself. This new addition will benefit the entire congregation.

Anyone wishing to donate to this cause can do so by sending a check to the church office designated for the "Music Department Storage Room".

Thank you for your support,
Dave Johnson

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Dates to Remember:

Sept. 13 th	Grandparents Day and Sunday School Restarts
Sept. 19 th	Chicken BBQ
Sept. 20 th	Salvation Army Dinner
Sept. 25 th	Helen B. Tobey Memorial Service (Organ Donated in her name for the church)