

# Caton United Methodist Church Messenger

August 2018

## A Note From Pastor Chad

Dear CUMC Family,

*I was talking with Jessica the other day and we were remarking that we are already half way through summer!! I know I probably shouldn't be talking like that!! However, on the topic of summer, usually the Church seems to slow down and change pace for a couple of months but this year CUMC has not lost a lot of steam. We continue to do dinners, a VBS program, mission projects, and some much needed work around the church building. I want to say that I am really thankful for the work that you are doing and for the ways God has called us into mission and ministry.*

*In the last couple of weeks, I have found myself in two situations where I was asked about our purpose. I have said to you many times that you were created by God on purpose for a purpose and our video last Sunday reminded us of that when it said that God doesn't make junk. So somebody posed this question to me: What purpose does the ministry of CUMC fulfill in God's kingdom? If we are created on purpose with a purpose, what is our purpose? Another way to ask that is how is God calling us to contribute to the work of God's Kingdom? How would you answer that?*

*After a short time of reflection, I said this: God's purpose for our church is to bring life to the brokenness of the world. In this season of our ministry together God has called us to acknowledge some of the brokenness that we face everyday and don't always see—the rising poverty level, the drug and abuse problems, the breaking down of the family, human trafficking, the empty bellies of our neighbors, people struck with disaster, and the list goes on.*

*At CUMC, you have been a faithful part of naming and eradicating these issues. Our work with the food pantries, soup kitchen, Potter's Hands Foundation, and other mission projects have affected lives that perhaps we will never meet. That is ok. For the faces that we meet and for those that we never will, God has called us to break barriers as we share God's abundant love and remind the world that they too are created on purpose, with purpose. Keep up the good work!*

*With you on the Journey,  
Pastor Chad*

# *Church Family News*



## *August Birthdays*

<i>August 4</i>	<i>Nicholas Dunn</i>
<i>August 18</i>	<i>Patrick Clark</i>
<i>August 19</i>	<i>Danielle Fritsch</i>
<i>August 26</i>	<i>Saige Woods</i>
<i>August 27</i>	<i>Lori Gridley</i>
<i>August 28</i>	<i>Brian Pass</i>
	<i>Brenda Swanson</i>

## *August Anniversaries*



*August 1     Larry and Sherry Blanchard*



***Calling all CUMC Methodist Women!!!!***

*We will be having a meeting on Monday – August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm to discuss the upcoming bake sale in September. We will need to know what you would like to make for the bake sale.*

*UMW Bake Sale – Friday– September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm  
We will need volunteers to work the sale.*

*September meeting date is Monday – September 10<sup>th</sup>*



***Drive Thru Chicken Bar-B-Que***

*Wednesday – September 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm until gone.*

*Cost: \$9.00*

*Menu: Half a chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans,  
roll and butter, and brownie*

*Drive up – pay for dinner Drive forward – pick your meal up*

*Drive away (No fuss/No muss)*

*Volunteers and donations needed*

*(sign-up sheet on announcement table)*

***Mission Projects***

*Once again – we asked and you delivered  
Thank you for supporting the UMCOR Health Kits*

## **Vacation Bible School- "Splash Lagoon"**

*Was a huge success – we had 11 (eleven) children from varying ages and all had a great time, from the crafts, activities, songs and most of all the basket raft race. Memory verses the children learned were:*

*#1 God said, 'But I will be with you!'*

*#2 God's promise to us is Eternal life*

*#3 For God so loved the world, that he sent his only Son Jesus to die for us and prove God's love*

*#4 God gives Hope*

*As adults we can learn from these as well.*

*Thank you to everyone for all your help, ideas and assistance*

*Keep in mind for next year!!!*

## **Do You Know What Is Happening in 2018? CUMC will be celebrating its 185<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

*In 2008 CUMC church family celebrated their 175<sup>th</sup> birthday. On September 9<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our 185<sup>th</sup> Birthday. On Sunday – September 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop Webb from the Upper New York Conference will be here to worship and celebrate with us.*

*A luncheon celebration will immediately follow worship!!!*

*This is a quote from Guideposts (April 2011)*

*"It is so encouraging to know that Jesus experienced every negative emotion we go through. He also defeated them all, which gives us hope and confidence to do the same."*

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 4:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous	3	4
5 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	6	7	8	9 4:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	10	11
12 8:15am Praise Band Rehearsal 9:30am Worship Communion 10:30am Fellowship	13	14	15	16 4:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	17	18
19 8:15am Praise Band Rehearsal 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	20	21	22	23 4:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	24	25
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