

Caton United Methodist Church Messenger

July 2017

A Note From Pastor Chad

Dear CUMC Family!

It is a joy to be writing to you once again!! As I write this, I am just a few days away from beginning my fourth year of ministry with you at CUMC! I cannot believe how the time has flown!! But the good news is that God has been working in us and through us and great things are happening!!

For the past few weeks I have been talking with some clergy colleagues of mine and I have noticed an argument surface that usually rears its ugly head at Memorial Day and Fourth of July...the question at hand is: What is the Church's role in the celebration of these patriotic holidays? I have found that every time this question surfaces there are multiple responses. Here is how I respond to such an issue:

The role of the Church is to worship God for who God is and who God is calling us to be. Because of God we have hope. Because of God our brokenness can be made whole. Because of God humanity has the power to overcome oppression, evil, injustice, and anything else that the world might throw at us. Under no circumstances should anything that the church does come before the worship of the God who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

On holidays such as Memorial Day and Fourth of July we celebrate God's call upon the lives of the many men and women who have stood up to the injustices of the world so that we might fully live into the life God has called us to. God created a world for us that was perfect and everything we knew was good...and then humanity has made some choices that have revealed the 'dark side' of our current reality. Without God's call upon these men and women, our world today would be consumed by power struggles, oppression, and a dim outlook.

As you enter into the world on this month of Independence, worship God for all God has done for us and give honor to those who have followed God's call upon their lives so that we might know freedom, liberty, and justice throughout our human life. Never put anything before your God, but never lose sight of those who make our journey possible.

Many Blessings!
Pastor Chad

Church Family News

Congratulations Graduates!

To all the High School graduates your church family is sending you best wishes on your graduation. The next chapter of your life will be exciting and challenging. Always remember you are not alone – God is and will always be at your side!



<i>July 1st</i>	<i>Taylor Burnside Micah Sayers</i>
<i>July 2nd</i>	<i>Bob Blanchard</i>
<i>July 8th</i>	<i>Kay Pavlick</i>
<i>July 11th</i>	<i>Jim Gridley</i>
<i>July 12th</i>	<i>Alison Clark</i>
<i>July 14th</i>	<i>Matthew Clark</i>
<i>July 21st</i>	<i>Maryjane Blanchard</i>
<i>July 27th</i>	<i>Shirley Smith</i>
<i>July 30th</i>	<i>Tom Windows</i>

July 11th *Andy and Jen Webber*

July 26th *Pastor Chad and Jessica Sayers*



**“It is the tragedy of the world that no man knows.
What he doesn’t know and the less man knows,
the more, sure he is that he knows everything”
Author Unknown**

Fund Raiser
Drive Thru Chicken Bar-B-Q

Wednesday – July 19th

4:30 pm Until Gone

Cost: \$9.00

Menu: Half a chicken/ salt potatoes/ baked beans/ rolls/ brownie

What is a drive thru chicken Bar-B-Q?

Just like McDonald's

First stop – Pay your money

Second stop – pick up your dinner

On Your Way

(Follow-up Note: On Wednesday June 7th the Drive Thru Chicken Bar-B-Q was sold out in half an hour. Can you guess who the chicken lady was at the bottom of the driveway? You are right, Lindy Riley – our Leadership Team President.)

Camp Scholarships

CUMC, once again, will again be supporting kids who wish to attend one of our church sponsored camps. Parents will enroll students into the camp of their choice and pay the \$75.00 registration fee. Once your child is enrolled, please submit your bill to the church and the church will pay up to \$350.00 on your tuition, per child.

These scholarships are made possible through the generous donations of people who realize the power of camp!

**“Reputation is what a person thinks you are
Character is what God knows you to be”**



Family Fun Night

Saturday – July 22nd 6:30 – 9:00 pm
S'mores and drinks provided by the church
Bring a lawn chair
Come and enjoy fun, laughter, singing and most
of all sharing quality time with your church
family and friends

United Methodist Women (UMW)

I'm a United Methodist Women member. So too, are approximately 800,000 other people (men and women) in the world. All pastors and clergy are, also, members of UMW. Caton United Methodist Church has a long history of women serving through UMW. As UMW members, we focus on being a supportive, creative community for women as we learn about God and engage in mission projects locally, nationally and globally. UMW members serve in their communities and around the world to make life better for others. We listen to people in our churches and neighborhoods as well as each other. Being a part of UMW means having the opportunity to change the world, as well as ourselves, through spiritual growth, education, service and advocacy.

This year our theme is "A Call to Community". Following this theme, our Bible study for the next month is "Covenant Living With God and Community". This is based on the scripture from Jeremiah 31: 31-34. God calls us to live in covenant with God and each other. This is not always easy but is necessary for living life and ensuring an abundant life for all. If you would like to study this please contact me and I will give you the paperwork.

We can discuss it July 10th.

The Caton UMW meets the 2nd Monday of the month from September – June at 1:00 pm at the church. We have a program/ activity and/ or a speaker at each meeting. We would love to have you join us. Please take time this summer to speak to one of our members and share your ideas for being in community with each other. Please share with us your ideas for Mission Projects. We look forward to seeing and talking with you soon.

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With the summer season quickly approaching, it is sometimes difficult to ensure that your tithe check reaches the church. We want to remind you that online giving is available using your Realm account or through the church website. Online giving allows you to give you tithe or offering using a credit card, debit card or electronic check. This can be a one time event or you are also able to set up a schedule for ‘automatic giving’.

To use online giving, sign on to your Realm account and click on the giving tab on the left. Next, press the ‘Give’ button on the upper left of the screen. After pressing the ‘Give’ button, the ‘Give Now’ screen will appear. Fill out the required information and when complete, press the ‘Give’ button at the lower left of the screen and the transaction will be processed.

To use Online giving from the website, go to www.catonumc.org. Find the ‘Announcements’ box on the right and click on the link for Online giving. This will bring up the page for ‘Give to the Caton United Methodist Church’. To use this method, you must have a valid E-mail address. At this point, you may sign into your Realm account or process your giving as a Guest.

If you have any questions, please contact
Don Haussener at 607-524-6784 or Brenda Swanson at 607-524-6715

Do You Know What Happens in 2018?

CUMC turns 185 years old!!

This Church of Ours

It overlooks the town, this church of ours.

It blushes with gold and russet in the fall

And stands doubly tall, like a sentry, as the winter snows swirl around and about.

At Christmas it swells with pride!

It sings, and laughs, and tolls its bell

A small humble building made majestic as it people celebrate His birthday.

It overlooks the town, this church of ours.

It frowns; it smiles; it weeps and it sorrows.

With open arms it greets a new generation.

It comforts us in sadness and offers peace and friendship.

It beckons us from the hill.

It overlooks the town, this church of ours.

It watches our children grow.

It bids "God Speed" as families come and go.

It sighs at our indifferences.

It wraps it's arms around the little ones who come eager to learn about their friend, Jesus.

It stands a little taller as it's people fill the pews and sing praises

It overlooks the town, this church of ours.

It reaches toward the heavens and peers at us through the tree-tops

May it ever stand tall and straight

A never failing tower of strength for all, near and far.

Dorothy Cornell

(Dorothy was an active member of

Caton United Methodist Church while residing in Caton)

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:15am Praise Band Rehearsal Bring 9:30am Worship Communion 10:30am Fellowship	3 No Worship Planning	4 	5	6 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	7	8
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