

Caton United Methodist Church Messenger

June 2017

A Note From Pastor Chad

Dear CUMC Family,

It is a joy to be writing to you this month. I am encouraged and energized by the movement that has been happening here in Caton. It is apparent that the Holy Spirit is alive and well amongst our community and I pray that it continues to pour out beyond our walls. As believers, we know that all people need to know Christ, experience Christ, and share in the new life or 'resurrection life' that Christ came to earth to bring. We have said that the message Christ gave to His disciples, and that was passed to you and me, is that Salvation is found in Jesus Christ alone. How do we bring this message outside our walls?

One of the most apparent ways that we come to know Christ is through His love. Here is a reading from Mark 12:28-34a:

“28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’²⁹ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”³¹The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.³² Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”,³³ and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbor as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’”

The Pharisees continually challenged Christ out of their own pride and stubbornness. All throughout the gospels we hear their stories and we see that Jesus was persistent both with His message and His efforts to set them straight. By the end of this passage Jesus told one of the Pharisees—“you almost got it!...” Sometimes I think that we are much like this Pharisee—‘we almost got it’. As I stepped away this last weekend I found myself in a different place—a place where Christ was not welcomed among all the people—a place that longed for something more—a place that needed Jesus. My heart broke and my mind was so confused—the message is clear, the promise and hope that Jesus has will fill the voids... where did we miss the mark? If Jesus could convince the Old Testament/New Testament Pharisees regarding the Kingdom of God, what do we need to convince the modern day Pharisees that Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth and the Life?

The Answer: Love. The rules are simple. The work is tough. The fruit is abundant. Everywhere that we go and in everything that we do, it is our job to show our love both to God and to each other. This is not an easy task—it requires more than a change—it requires a transformation of the mind, body, heart and soul. If we are committed to Christ, then we need to give Him all that we have and allow Him to shape us into the people who we have been called to be.

My prayer for you is that your love will work to make you a model of the Christian life. As we work to move outside our walls, carry this love with you so that people will know that you are Christian, not by your words, but by your action. The world is a hurting place in need of restoration—let us begin by healing our community with faith, hope, and love so that all might experience the ‘resurrection life’ that is freely given through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Chad

Church Family News

*We want to welcome Lilianna to the Webber Family on Thursday – May 18th.
Mother and daughter are home and doing well.
Another of God's children will be blessing our church family.*



June 8th
June 12th
June 17th
June 18th
June 20th
June 28th

Michael (Alex) Clark
Jessica Sayers
Nancy Huber
Ron BeGell
Evelyn Gridley
Don Haussener
Elaine Stewart

June 17th Mike and Kathy Dunn

June 18th Bob (Twaz) and Candi Thompson



Chicken and Biscuit Dinner held on Saturday – April 29th served 55 Adults and 3 children.

Food was excellent and plentiful. Thank you to all that volunteered their time and service.

We raised \$585.05

Mission Projects



Road Clean Up

On Sunday – April 30th – 2 miles of Caton Road was spruced up by sixteen (16) CUMC family members.

What a definite difference, 16 pairs of hands can make.

Thank you to all that helped.

Potter's Hands Foundation



On Sunday – May 21st, Lettie Mayer from Potter's Hands Foundation gave the message on

Human Trafficking. Lettie's message was more than making us aware of human trafficking around the world. She made us aware that this occurs in our own backyard. Potter's Hands has a home that was built from God's Love and Grace to free women from trafficking. The house was built from donations of materials and time. It will house up to twenty (20) women. The women housed here agree to stay for at least a year and go through an intensive program of faith and love. During the message, our own Joni Kehoe, painted a beautiful picture of a butterfly flying out of chained hands.

Thank You Lettie and Joni for bringing God's work to our community.



CUMC CAN GARDEN

On April 30th we introduce our can garden. Our fellowship room was converted into an indoor garden, filled with dirt, garden stakes, and yes, even weeds. From May 7th until May 28th our goal was to collect 300 cans of vegetables for the Pantry of Angels. Cans of beans, carrots, corn, mixed vegetables, peas and tomatoes were placed in the proper rows. It truly looked like a garden a plenty.

On May 28th Ron BeGell blessed our can garden meeting our goal of 300 cans. Once again we have stepped up to the plate and supported our mission projects.

CUMC SPRING BLOOD DRIVE **UPDATE!**

On May 8th we received 38 units of blood. This will help 114 person who require blood. I want to thank all of those that donated blood. I, also, want to thank those that helped at the registration table, preparing the food, serving the food and with cleanup. I can't thank you enough for all your support cover the last several years that I have served as Coordinator for the Blood Drive. Your continued support has helped so many persons who needed blood. You will still see me around at the October Blood Drive to assist Kathy. She will need the same support and help that you have given me to continue to have successful blood drives at our church.

*Thank You Again
Joan Haussener*

Next Blood Drive: Monday – October 2, 2017

Fund Raiser *Drive Thru Chicken Bar-B-Q*

Wednesday - June 7th

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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

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!

Wood Splitting Party

There is a pile of wood that needs to be split and stacked.

So we are having a wood splitting party on

Saturday – June 10th starting at 8:00am.

The only thing you need to bring are your gloves, muscles and lots of fun and laughter.

Do You Know What Happens in 2018?

CUMC turns 185 years old!!

(Beginning with this newsletter we will be telling part of the story of CUMC)

In 1833, Thomas Wheat, a local preacher formed the first class which was held in the East Hill school (later known as the Red School House). In 1838 the meetings were transferred to the North School House (located on the corner of Salter Steele's/ Harold Crooker farm). The preacher at that time was Chandler Wheeler, who resided in Corning, and preached on Wednesday evenings once in two weeks. At that time we were known as the 2nd Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the town of Painted Post. At this time a Building Committee was formed to find an appropriate site for a chapel in the town of Caton. In January 1839, the committee decided to have the chapel erected on the west of the Presbyterian House on the land of Levi Tobey. The committee then contracted James Lawry to build the chapel for \$700.00. Lawry furnished all materials except the shingles and hewn timber. Levi Tobey agreed to get the timber. In 1840 the chapel held the first service of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The chapel was not dedicated until 1842.

The Caton appointment, at first, belonged to the Painted Post circuit. This circuit embraced the towns of Corning, Campbell, Caton, Erwin, Hornby and Lindley. There were eleven (11) regular preaching places, extending along the route of the Erie Railroad from Addison to Elmira and as far south as Lawrenceville, Pa. In 1839, the Painted Post circuit was divided, making the Addison and Corning circuits. The latter included the towns of Painted Post and Caton. In 1849 Caton became a station by itself.

In 1867, the trustees decided to build a new church. The church was dedicated to the worship of God January 16th, 1868 during the pastorate of Rev. H. Harpst.

According to the Centennial Book of 1933 the first building burned.

In March 1899 the following article was copied from the Elmira District Herald (loaned from Albert and Florence Gridley). "News From the Churches" – Caton lieth on the border land, between the Central, NY and the Genesee conference. It is a goodly land and floweth with milk and honey. And the good people of Caton hereby extend to the brethren of the District a cordial invitation to come and hold their last District conference in 1900 and feast on yellow legged chickens, drink the milk and taste the honey.

The first parsonage was built in 1867 and stood on the same site until 1978. On April 8, 1978 the old parsonage was burned under the supervision of the Caton Fire Department. All furnishings were sold. Construction of a new parsonage was completed and Pastor Melanie Cole and family moved in on July 8, 1978.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal Office Closed Annual Conference	2 Annual Conference	3 Annual Conference Pastor Chad's Ordination
4 Pentecost 8:15am Praise Band Rehearsal 8:30am Children's Sunday School 9:30am Worship Communion 10:30am Fellowship	5 5:00pm Worship Planning	6 4:00pm Mobile Food Truck Lindley Presho UMC	7	8 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	9	10 8:00am Wood Splitting Party
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