

**Caton United Methodist Church
News & Happenings
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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am

Sunday School: 9:30am

Traditional Worship: 10:15am

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.

A calling...

Not too long ago there was an ad for phone service that used the line, "Can you hear me now?" The people would take all kinds of position to get into hearing range. In the town of Caton, many of you know that cell phone service is limited. In my house I must be sitting or standing by my big picture window in the front to get any reception.

I often wonder if that is what God says to us. "Can you hear me now?" In the book of 1 Samuel, we read about Samuel when God calls to him. The Lord called out, "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel ran to Eli, his mentor, "Here I am!" Eli said that he had not called the boy. So Samuel went back to bed. Once again he heard the call, "Samuel, Samuel." So he went back to Eli, again Eli said that he had not called him. This happened a third time and Eli realized that the Lord was calling Samuel. He told Samuel if there was another call to respond with these words, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." And God spoke to Samuel.

God speaks to us! We sometimes must get in a place that we have reception. With caller ID when our phone rings we can decide if we want to talk that person. The same is true with God. We decide if we will pick up the call. We have to spend time with God if we want to hear the message. Our hearts must be open to hearing God's call. You see, God usually calls us out of our comfort zone—that is God calls us to do something new! As I have explained to some of you, God has called me back to Nigeria. It is not a whim or something that I have thought up—God has called me to be a missionary with the people of Nigeria. God calls us and we have to decide if we will say yes! What is God calling you to do?

Praying for you,

Pastor Beth

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Memorials for April

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

<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Bill & Sande Thomas	Robert Robbins
Frank & Emma Mosch	Lois Moody
Rich & Mary Leonard	Robert Robbins
Arthur & Jennifer Durkin	Robert Robbins
Larry & Susan Prince	Robert Robbins
Rick & Karen Nichols	Robert Robbins
Steuben County Assessors Association	Lois Moody
Brad & Jan Hinman	Robert Robbins

In Honor of Fran Allen's 90th

Joan & Don Haussener, Iva & Dan Jenkins, Pat Robbins, Bob & Shirley Smith, Helen L. Tobey, E. Anne Allen, Pat & Gordon VanEtten, Frank & Emma Mosch, Barbara Hathorn, Marilyn Lewis, Beverly Dates, Durwood Hopkins, Ellen Mason, Christine VanWoert, Connie Powell, and Roy & Cheryl Woodhouse

In Honor of Helen Louise Tobey

Patricia Robbins



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Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon

Friday 1-4pm

Pastor for the Caton UMC from August 3rd through November 30th is announced!

After conferring with the District Superintendent, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and the Church Council it is a pleasure to announce that Rev. Dr. Fred Kelsey will be our supply/interim pastor from August 3 to November 30. Rev. Kelsey grew up in Clyde, New York where his family owned a dairy farm. He and his wife, Linda, currently reside at 203 Upland Run in Horseheads, NY and they have two grown sons. He is a graduate of Cornell University and holds a Masters and DMin from Drew Theological School. He began his ministry in 1963 and retired from full time ministry in 2003.



He has served the following churches:

1993-66 Groton and Locke United Methodist Churches.

1966-71 Horseheads UMC

1971-77 Fayetteville UMC

1977-84 Canandaigua UMC

1984-94 Baldwinsville UMC

1994-2003 Christ Church in Elmira

2004 Interim-Hammondsport

2005 Interim-Avoca UMC

2007-08 Interim-Forest Home UMC--Ithaca

Rev. Kelsey will provide pastoral care, lead worship and preach at the Traditional Service each Sunday and also at Prayer and Praise. He will attend the Church Council meeting, Trustees meeting, SPRC meeting and the Praise Team meetings whenever possible. He has prior commitments on August 16 & 23, 2009 and there will be one other Sunday yet to be determined that he will be away. All other Sundays he will be at Caton UMC.



Red Cross Blood Drive

We thank everyone who helped at the blood drive on April 28, 2009. We met our goal with 43 units collected. Our next Caton Community Blood Drive is:

Monday, July 13th

Please mark our Caton Community Blood Drive date on your calendar. One never knows when someone in your family, a neighbor or a complete stranger will need the gift only YOU can give.

Give Blood!

Bob & Edna Lord

Confirmation

The confirmation students have explored what gifts they have for ministry and how they can use these gifts for the church. They visited Faith Temple Church in Elmira and experienced an African American style of worship and will also worship at Trinity Episcopal Church and walk the Labyrinth. On Sunday, May 31st at the Prayer & Praise service, they will be confirmed. What an awesome day to be confirmed. It is Pentecost Sunday, the day that the Holy Spirit came upon the church. It is known as the "birthday of the church." Join with Alison Clark, Amanda Bathrick, Abby Teeter, Garrett Bunch and Alex Ritter as they are confirmed



Small Group News

We are all very busy. Being a part of a group sounds like an impossible task. What we have found is that once we meet for 4 to 6 weeks we want to take a break and start again. By the time you read this the men will have gathered for breakfast and decided what they want to do next. Some of the action items they proposed from their group study are falling into place. The Sisters plus have also gathered. This is a group of the gals who studied the Sister's Bible study series plus those who gathered to study "the Purpose of Christmas". At this writing their meeting date has not been set but all want to get together again. We have all taken a break for awhile and as one person said last week, "I'm having withdrawal. I need my group spirit." Others have echoed those feelings.

Would you like to join a group? Would you like to start a group of people who have the same interests you do? If you want to brainstorm some fun ideas for groups give me a call. How about a dinner group or a family group of those with young children? Possibilities are endless. Let me know if I can help you with that.

May flowers are beginning to brighten the landscape. Birds will be waking us to the new dawn and children's voices will soon be heard more often as they move outdoors more to play. Let us come to church to thank God for the seasons of our lives. We can enjoy each other and get support from each other. See you in church.

Nancy Huber @ 936-8355

Annual Conference to be held May 28-30, 2009

The annual conference is described by the church's *Book of Discipline* as the "basic unit" of the church. The United States has 63 annual conferences, supervised by 50 bishops. There are 59 annual conferences outside the United States, which are supervised by 18 bishops. An annual conference is comprised of local churches, which are organized into districts. A district is a geographical division with approximately 50 local churches, but this number varies in each annual conference. Each district has a district superintendent who provides leadership within the district and the annual conference. **We are in the North Central New York Conference and our District Superintendent is Rev. Dr. Richard Barton.**

Organizational body—The annual conference has a central office and professional staff that coordinate and conduct ministry and the business of the conference. **Our central office is in Cicero, New York.**

Annual Conference sessions--Each year, all clergy members and an equal number of lay members selected from the local churches attend their conference's Annual Conference session, which may last 3-5 days. The bishop presides over these meetings. **Bishop Marcus Matthews will preside at the North Central New York Annual Conference May 28-30, 2009 held in Liverpool, New York. Myrna Hawbaker is the Lay Member to Conference from Caton UMC. Mort Gridley, Jr will be a member at large (Equalization member). The members will worship, celebrate ministry and do the business of the church together.**



Red Bird Mission Trip

July 18-25 is the week set aside for our Red Bird team to join with three other teams from New Jersey and head to Kentucky. The team members this year are: Jessica Teeter, Rachel Speciale, Jon Teeter, and Jenny Gorham. We currently have two openings, if anyone wants to join the team—see Pastor Beth. The mission teams work on a variety of tasks during the week. Some of the jobs may be to put on roofs, paint at homes and at the school, do basic repairs in surrounding homes, or help at the Community Store. You can check out the Red Bird Mission at www.rbmission.org “Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.” **Support the team with your prayers and financial support. A chicken BBQ is planned for Saturday, May 30!**



Red Bird Mission School Needs Your Help

All that is needed is a small bit of your time and no extra cost or expense. We can help the school through funding offered by Campbell Soups and General Mills. Remove and clip off part of the label on these products that show the bar code and the little student showing “Labels for Education”. Bring the labels to our church foyer and they will find their way to help the Red Bird Mission School with education material costs.

The items listed below are ones you more than likely have in your pantry now so make sure to take the labels off before discarding: Campbell Soups, Prego Pasta Sauces, Franco American gravies, Spaghetti O rings, V8 juice and slash smoothies. Also look on all General Mills cereals and refrigerated dairy products along with frozen food items.

You will truly be doing God’s work by helping those students attending the Red Bird Mission School.

2009 Summer Camps Brochure and Online Registration is available

CCRM—Conference Camps and Retreat Ministry—is excited to announce that the 2009 CCRM Summer Camp Schedule, Brochure and Registration is now available online at <http://www.campsandretreats.org/> You’ll find the program listings and descriptions of what will be offered at Aldersgate and Casowasco this summer. Once the desired program is found, online registration is set up and ready for campers to register for programs. We are excited and ready for campers to register and join us for our 2009 summer camp programming.

Helping Hands~Helping Others



Friday's work crew

number of new folks from our area. Some built a 48 foot ramp, raked lawns, stripped 4 layers of shingles off one side of a roof and installed new sheathing and shingles.

Others repaired a roof on a trailer, installed a new fence for an elderly couple with a dog which can now go outside and run, repaired and replaced spindles on a porch so the woman can allow the kids on the porch without having to be outside with them every minute, installed a new exterior door and so on. Other team members prepared meals, packaged frozen vegetables at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, worked at the Pantry of Angels and put together 31 health kits. The best part is we got to know those who attend our church better, especially the youth. What an awesome week!

Thanks to all who worked, for all who prayed and for those who contributed financially to make this week long mission event a success!

Jessica Teeter shares her thoughts, "I would recommend that others go on a mission trip like Helping Hands~Helping Others because mission trips are probably one of the most rewarding experiences you can ever have. When I go on a mission trip I feel like I usually benefit more than the people I worked for did. I believe that a gift is not a gift if you expect something back. Not many people are humble enough to just let you do something for them out of love, and it's really nice to be able to truly give someone a gift and have it all be in the name of Jesus. I don't know why but truly giving someone something gives you a huge amount of personal satisfaction. Even though I could have been in Myrtle Beach laying in the sun and getting a nice tan, it was nice to get to know my church family a little better while helping others with the few things that I could do. I couldn't believe the thanks that came from the people we helped out. One woman was near tears because we painted some rooms in her house and her shed and even walked her dogs. By helping people out on a mission trip, I forever became a part of their life and they will always remember our group's kindness.

Not that vacations are a bad thing or anything like that, but if I would have been in Myrtle Beach no one would have been likely to remember me after I left and I certainly wouldn't have made a very large impact in many people's lives. That's why everyone should go on a mission trip at some point in their lives because even if you are not the most physically capable or knowledgeable person in the world you can make a lasting impact on someone's life and they will remember your kindness."

Safe Sanctuary Training

Our children and youth are very important to us. At the Caton UMC a Safe Sanctuary policy has been developed to ensure their safety. This policy sets forth requirement for all adults working with children and youth. Sunday School teachers, youth group leaders, Vacation Bible School leaders and others who work with our youth will be trained on safe practices regarding these procedures. **The date for this training is Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 6:30 pm.** Marcia Ritter will lead the training and all adults who work with children and youth need to attend. Call the church office to register.



U.M.W. NOTES

There were 14 present at our April 6th meeting. A mission report was given by Connie Powell and the program by Joan Haussener. Reported that the Spring District Dinner will be on Tuesday, June 2 with registration at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 P,M, It will be held at Club 86 {off Rt. 14} in Geneva, N.Y. Reservations need to be in by May 18th Call Emma Mosch or Joan H. for reservations.

May 9th is Caton Community Day. We will have two tables. We would appreciate any baked goods and good white elephant items. {No shoes or clothes} Please price all items. For suggestions or questions call Emma Mosch at 937-8157. Our next meeting will be on May 11th at 1:30 at the church. Karen Peterson will be speaking about Native Americans.

Finance News



For the first four months of the year, our income into the General Fund was \$32,515. Our total income into all funds was \$40,467. If you would like to see the total report, please go to the Website@ Catonumc.org.

Thanks to all you have continued to support the church.

God Bless

Finance Committee
Don Haussener



With so many in our area losing their jobs as a result of the serious economic down turn, help is imperative in supplying food, soaps and paper products. In the Caton-Lindley area alone there are over 250 families a week that need our help. Many of these families include children and the elderly. You can do so much good by bringing to church just one item a week. When shopping pick up an extra item for the "Pantry of Angels" to distribute. Each week your generosity will help and it takes just a little effort from us. If everyone can bring just one item a week we would have over 112 items in the food shopping cart for that week, or simply drop a dollar in the basket, your support will go a long way in feeding those without jobs at this time.

Our food items are taken to the "Pantry of Angels" in Presho by Frank & Emma Mosch for distribution. Food items needed are: pasta, sauces, soups, canned goods (including meats), tuna fish, gravies, canned vegetables and canned fruits. Paper products are: paper towels, paper napkins and toilet paper. Soap items are: hand soap, dish washing soap, cleaning detergents, shampoos and tooth paste.

The way the food stamp program is structured they cannot purchase soap or paper products with food stamps. When there is very little cash that must cover heating costs and the everyday living costs, any help is very much appreciated.



This year Vacation Bible School will be MONDAY, July 20 through FRIDAY, July 24, 2009! Join us for an extreme adventure camp where we Experience and Discover God Everywhere! CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, children will learn how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith.

Daily E.D.G.E. Pledges:

- God is with me. I will stay close to God.
- God guides me. I will follow.
- God teaches me. I will learn.
- God loves me. I will love God and others.
- God sends me. I will go.

Adults and older youth are needed to develop and lead the centers: bible study, science, crafts, and recreation. Sign up today in the community room or call Marcia Ritter, VBS Director, at 523-6692.

Elementary Youth News

Please Join Us!!

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

MS/HS Youth Group News

The middle school and high school youth started the month of May out with an overnight at the church. It was a great chance to catch up with friends and to plan the summer events. The Youth Group will meet just two times in May due to Mother's Day and Memorial Day which are family days. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MAY 17TH AND 31ST WE WILL MEET, 6:30 TO 8!**



The youth band is starting up again. Musicians and power point techs are needed. Give Miranda Naylor a call at 936-0522 or Jessica Teeter a call at 524-6655 to join.

Adults are needed to help out during the youth group meetings. It is necessary to have at least two adults at each meeting. This provides support for youth when they want to talk through a situation. Also it makes sure there is an adult available in an emergency. Caton UMC Safe Sanctuary policy calls for two adults present whenever any children or youth meet at the church or for an activity. Give Eric Coons a call to sign up for a day or two at 734-0446

Walk A Mile In My Shoes
Suicide Prevention Walk
May 9, 2009 – Eldridge Park

Please help us and walk or support one of our walkers with a donation: Linda Riley, Patti Gridley, Gabi Jankowski, Mort Gridley, Kathy Force, Pastor Beth, Sharon Nutting, Mary Jane Blanchard, Bob Blanchard, Kim Snyder, Martha Harder

Thank you for your support in the education and in our strive to prevent suicide. – We can make a difference! **Because the planned walk is on the same day as Caton Days, we have chosen May 20th Wednesday as our day to walk. We will meet at the Caton UM Church @ 6 PM.**

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New Members

We welcome Patricia Robbins and Hal Barrett into membership at the Caton United Methodist Church. Anyone wishing to become a member of the Caton United Methodist Church should speak with Pastor Beth.

New Website

Take a look at our new website: Catonumc.org. You will find a calendar with all events, pictures of church activities and links to a daily devotional and the United Methodist Church ministries. You can sign up for the monthly newsletter. **Check it out!!**

Chicken BBQ
May 30th
To support the Red Bird Mission Trip