

Caton United Methodist Church Messenger

November 2017

A Note From Pastor Chase

Dear CUMC Family,

Friends, what a busy month this has been! It is such a blessing to serve among you and to see what you are accomplishing for God's Kingdom. In the last month and a half we have supported 2 children as they prepared for the new school year, we have been doing a little hands on mission work, we hosted the fall dinner to raise ministry money, we have packed 15...YES 15 cleaning buckets, and all of this just scratches the surface of what you have been doing! What an amazing testimony! Keep up the great work!!

By now, you should be well on your way into reading *The Story*. I pray that this journey has been a blessing to you and that you are gleaning information as you are drawing nearer to Christ. This has been quite the challenge but I am hearing good results from those of you who have spoken to me about this process.

Today as I write, I want to give you a little hint into where we are going with this reading. For years, and for some of us it has been decades, we have been reading scripture in little bits here and there. The goal of *The Story* is for us to gain a big-picture overview of God's Word. One theme that I hope you have been noticing is God's desire to get us (you and me) back to 'the garden'. In the beginning God created Adam and Eve in perfect perfection...for the rest of the book, God is trying to help us overcome our brokenness and get us back into that perfect perfection.

My goal today is to help us understand this process in a 'Wesleyan' format. The big church word for this return to perfection is Sanctification. Sanctification is the process of righting our brokenness as we become more like Christ. Friends, this is not out of our reach...in fact this is God's plan. I want to share with you these out-of-order words from one of my devotionals last week:

"Sanctification makes me one with Jesus Christ, and in Him one with God, and it is accomplished only through the magnificent atonement of Christ. Never confuse the effect with the cause. The effect in me is obedience, service, and prayer, and is the outcome of inexpressible thanks and adoration for the miraculous sanctification that has been brought about in me because of the atonement through the Cross of Christ.

Sanctification is not a question of whether God is willing to sanctify me— is it my will? Am I willing to let God do in me everything that has been made possible through the atonement of the Cross of Christ? Am I willing to let Jesus become sanctification to me, and to let His life be exhibited in my human flesh? (see 1 Corinthians 1:30)... Receive Jesus Christ to become sanctification for you by absolute, unquestioning faith, and the great miracle of the atonement of Jesus will become real in you.

All that Jesus made possible becomes mine through the free and loving gift of God on the basis of what Christ accomplished on the cross.(That is grace!!) And my attitude as a saved and sanctified soul is that of profound, humble holiness (there is no such thing as proud holiness). It is a holiness based on agonizing repentance, a sense of inexpressible shame and degradation, and also on the amazing realization that the love of God demonstrated itself to me while I cared nothing about Him (see Romans 5:8). He completed everything for my salvation and sanctification. No wonder Paul said that nothing “shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39). *My Utmost for His Highest, Oct 20th*

So friends, here it is. The ever-higher goal of perfection is bought for, paid for, assigned to us, and ready for us to receive. The question is...are we willing to fully surrender ourselves to the work of Christ so that we too can be a new creation? I'm trying too!

With you in this journey,
Pastor Chad

Church Family News



November 2nd
November 9th
November 18th
November 19th
November 22nd

Robert Smith
Robin Wilson
Emma Mosch
Connie Powell
Mort Gridley, Sr

November 4th
November 23rd
November 25th

Pat and Kim Clark
Robert and Shirley Smith
Mick and Kay Pavlick



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Meeting was held on Monday – October 2nd with 6 attending.
Emma Mosch reported that CUMC UMW has completed the five (5) channels of mission giving and will be awarded the Five (5) Star Unit Award. The UMW purpose is to help empower and improve the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world.

Congratulations to the Caton UMC on receiving this award

*Next meeting is Monday – November 5th at 1:00 pm
We would like to encourage all women of our church family to join us.*



Painting For A Purpose

On Saturday – October 14th thirteen (13) women participated in “Painting For A Purpose” with proceeds donated to Potter’s Hands.

Between the registration fees, and donations we were able to donate \$725.00 to Potter’s Hands.

Lettie Mayer and Joni Kehoe spear headed the event and did an excellent job. The paintings were wonderful and even though they were same design, they were very different.

Thank you to all of those who attended and donated.

We are looking to host another “Painting For A Purpose” sometime in April. This is open to everyone – so as soon as a date is locked in we will let you know. So come and join us for a few hours of fun and creativity.

Sunday Snacks

We are looking for someone to be in charge of the snacks on Sunday. What does this entail? Basically, being sure snacks are available each Sunday. This does not mean you provide the snacks but even making phone calls to see if someone could provide a snack. Check to be sure juices are available (coffee is always made and available). Some clean up after fellowship (about a half hour after church). If you are interested please see Brenda.

Church Building

Throughout the week, our church is used to house several groups. Therefore, it is important that the church is presentable to all groups and persons using it.

The following rules need to be adhered to:

- 1. Please be sure tables are clean and nothing is left on them*
- 2. Please clean up and put away all items that belong to your group*
- 3. Be sure tables are put back as they were when your group came*
- 4. If the door is unlocked please do not lock it*
- 5. If something is on left on the doors of the church and it is not for you, please do not bring it inside the church (on Mondays the bulletin is left on the door for Pathways to print – if it is brought into the church the bulletin will not get printed)*

Reminder if you want to use the church facilities or certain items the church has, there is a special form that needs to be completed and signed. These can be found in the church secretary's office or see Brenda.

Living Nativity

Christmas is two months away but Christmas Sparkle is a little closer. CUMC will be hosting the Living Nativity on December 2nd at Christmas Sparkle at the Radisson. Each shift is approximately 20 minutes and requires 5-6 persons. It is quite an experience. Please consider volunteering to be one of living nativity characters. Thank you to Sandy Ginnan for her expertise in sewing because we have new costumes that she made last year for this event.

*Faith is like electricity.
You can't see it, but you can see the light.*



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 your 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 Is Happening in 2018? CUMC will be celebrating its 185th Birthday

In 2008, the Prayer and Praise band moved from the fellowship hall to the sanctuary. At that time there were two (2) services. Prayer and Praise at 9:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and the traditional worship service at 10:15 a.m. Since then we have combined the two services and meet at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 8:30 a.m.

In 2004, after a lapse of two years the United Methodist Women held their first meeting on March 23, 2004. At that time there were 13 members (3 from Lindly Presho UMC). Mission projects were supported and they sponsor the annual Harvest Dinner. At Christmas, baskets are provided to the shut-ins and Thanksgiving food for those in need.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mobile Food Truck 4:00 pm Lindley-Presho UMC	2	3 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	4	5
6 8:00am Praise Band Rehearsal 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Turkeys & Toothbrushes	7 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Worship Planning 7:00pm Bible Study	8 12:00 noon Caton Srs 7:00pm Leadership Team	9	10 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	11	12
13 8:00am Praise Band Rehearsal 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Blessing Turkeys and Toothbrushes 10:30am Fellowship	14 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Worship Planning 7:00pm Bible Study	15	16	17 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	18	19
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