

**Caton United Methodist Church**  
**News & Happenings**  
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Prayer & Praise: 9:00am      Sunday School: 9:30am  
Traditional Worship: 10:30am

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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.

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It used to be that there were only two things you could count on in life, DEATH and TAXES. In today's contemporary modern world, there is a third – CHANGE!! Caton United Methodist Church has had more than its share of change. You now have a temporary Interim Supply Pastor. You also have a change of time during the Sunday morning worship time schedule, shifting the beginning time of the traditional service to 10:30 to help set a more meditative tone for those coming into the traditional service.

I encourage folks to hold in there and not make any precipitous decisions until we have settled into the new schedule for a few weeks. The Church Council has agreed that we will review the new schedule in January when Pastor Beth is back and into routine. To help set that meditative tone, I have been closing the folding doors myself between the fellowship room and the sanctuary at 10:20 to give ten minutes of "quiet time" before traditional corporate worship begins. When the new electronic organ is up and running and we become familiar with it, we can even have some recorded meditative music playing while Cheryl, our organist, is warming up with the choir. Closing the folding doors not only muffles the conversations in the fellowship room but it is also a signal to folks in the fellowship room to lower their voices. (In fact, with the good fall weather, the last two Sundays that I have closed the folding doors, there was hardly anyone in the fellowship room and soon thereafter, it was empty!)

With the construction of the new music department storage room and the easier movement of instruments into it, the sanctuary may be emptied and quiet well before 10:20 for those who wish to meditate before the traditional service begins.

We have also been opening the folding doors during the first hymn in the traditional service so families with young children at that service will know that their children can sit and color, etc. at that table. Pastor Beth and I have made it clear that the change in time is not an excuse for the Prayer and Praise Service to go over their usual time of 9:45 ish. (I even enforced it on myself with a timer bell the Sunday I preached at 9:00!) I have asked the Prayer and Praise Team to be especially sensitive to the closing time for their worship service to set the pattern early on and hold to it. (I have even gently enforced it with a five minute alert as we approached 9:40!) In conversing with various folks involved, we came to the consensus that in the Prayer and Praise service, the students and teachers would be excused at 9:20ish for Sunday School. Parents can pick up their students at 10:00ish. This will give the teachers about forty minutes of class time which is about what students are use to with their attention span in regular school. This will also give a little more time for things to settle down before the time of preparation for folks in the sanctuary for the traditional service of worship. It will also help clear the parking lot and hallways before the traditional service.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "With malice toward none and charity toward all" let us work together in adjusting to these changes for the betterment of the ministry of Caton United Methodist Church and the Kingdom of God for which we exist in the first place. God Bless!!

Rev. Fred S. Kelsey

Interim Supply Pastor



## Greetings from Nigeria...

It is with great pleasure that I share with you this incredible opportunity to serve in Nigeria. First, let me thank all of you at Caton UMC for all your support and prayers in this adventure. Each day, I met new people and share the love of Christ with them. It is good to hear their stories. Today, Sunday, Sept. 20th I worship with a community in Kano, whose church was burned in Christian/Muslim conflicts about twenty years ago.

When they moved to a near by home, it also was burned. Now they worship in the home and must keep everything secure. About 40 people gathered to worship and build themselves up for the week ahead. Yesterday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> I visited a congregation who have started a church building. They have purchased the land, built the block walls and roofed the structure.

They now have raised the money to put in the windows, doors and floor. Their prayer is that they will be in the church building for Christmas. For those of you who contributed to the mission work in Nigeria—you are now part of this church plant. I also had time to meet with the Nursery/Primary School in Kano which the Caton UMW supported with their mission money this last year.

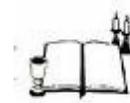
Each week is a new adventure as I live with limited electrical power, most have a generator that is used daily. The roads are in disrepair in most area other than the main highways and people travel at very high speeds. I am glad that I have a driver!!!!

Check out the blog at

[www.nigeriamission.blogspot.com](http://www.nigeriamission.blogspot.com)

Once again, thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve in Nigeria.

Pastor Beth Bouwens



## Ponderings from the Lay Leader

Last month we announced a new sheperding program in an effort to help us all stay connected, in what seems like an ever increasingly fast-paced world. I hope we have gotten the program on it's way, and continue to connect. There are many ways we can stay connected beyond Sunday mornings, too. If there is a small-group that sounds appealing, see Nancy Huber. Rev. Kelsey is tentatively considering this fall, a class on the idea of living a full and meaningful life; if interested, ask him about that. No time for a group? Consider calling Brad Hinman, Trustee Chair, to see what projects could use your help. I know that lawn-mowers are always appreciated; the flower beds could use some weed pullers, and you could stop and do that on your way past the church sometime!

And don't forget, staying connected can go past our Caton border: the Salvation Army dinner was Sunday, Sept. 20th at 4pm at the Salvation Army building on Denison Parkway - servers were greatly appreciated. The Pantry of Angels cart is always ready to accept our donations for those in need, and the need is greater than ever.

Got extra produce from your garden? They gladly accept that too; for fresh items, contact Kim & Butch Snyder or Frank & Emma Mosch. Know a neighbor who can't get out and needs something from the store? Dropping it off to them would be an excellent way to stay connected. And don't forget to say Hi! to all your neighbors in church this Sunday. Better still - sign up to be a greeter at either service, and be sure to see everyone!

Myrna Hawbaker

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**Memorials for September**

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

<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Mort & Patti Gridley	Eddie Phenes (Food Pantry)
Michael & Kathleen Dunn	John Sterling
Ellen Mason Durwood Hopkins	Helen B. Tobey
Dan & Connie Powell	Helen B. Tobey

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For your information, the minutes from the Church Council are now on the Web Site.

Included in the minutes are decisions of the Church Council and various items that the committees are working on. To access go to [catonumc.org](http://catonumc.org). Pull down menu "Info Center" Click 2009 Council then click on the month you want to view.

Joan Haussener  
Church Council Chairperson

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Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon  
Friday Noon-3



## Small Group News

The men of Caton UMC will meet for breakfast Sat. Oct. 17 at 9:00 AM. The plan is to meet at Renee's but that can be changed. If you'd rather go to Central or someplace else call Dave Huber 936-8355 or e-mail him at dhuber@stny.rr.com. There is no planned discussion for this gathering. The men are meeting to enjoy male time and talk about what they would like to do the rest of the year. Any ideas for a place call Dave or Butch (Bob) Thompson.

There will be a ladies group starting soon as well. Still no date or place decided. If you'd like to lead a group let me know. If you have ideas for a group, let me know. These groups can be evening, day, weekday or weekends. E-mail me NLHUBER@stny.rr.com, phone 936-8355 or drop a note in the outer office in a file labeled Nancy Huber. The file is hanging on the wall just before the inside office door and my name is on it.

We all need each other. Let's make an effort this fall, & winter, to get together. We can woodwork, study, exercise, hike, knit, sew, talk or whatever you'd like to do.  
Nancy Huber

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## U.M.W. NOTES

Dates to remember:

- October 4<sup>th</sup>** Laity Recognition and Celebration of lay person(s) will be held at the Watkins Glen Community Center starting at 4P.M. There will be a full course dinner for Caton has selected Emma & Frank Mosch to be recognized at this Laity function. For details call Pres. Emma Mosch at 937-8157.
- October 12<sup>th</sup>** Monthly U.M.W. meeting at the church at 1:30 P.M.
- October 24<sup>th</sup>** Annual Roast Beef Supper with all the trimmings plus homemade pies. Starts at 4:30 P.M – until. \$8.00 for Adults, \$4:00 for 12 and under and pre-school-free. Any Questions call: Pat Robbins at 732-4147.

Iva Jenkins

### **CROP WALK 2009**

*Coming to Painted Post and back*

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 25**

**Begin gathering at 1pm and**

**Picture at 1:25pm and**

**Begin walking at 1:30pm**

**Begin and end at Centerway Square**

**Including a new SHORT ROUTE**

**for those who have trouble with the distance.**

## **Hello Friends!**

On October the 17th, I will be running a 5k in order to raise money for Compassion International. This organization is committed to sponsoring children in need in order to break the cycle of poverty.

This event and this need hold a place in my heart. This cause advocates releasing children from poverty of all sorts; something we sometimes become blind to based on where we live and our own lifestyles. I am really excited for this event (despite the clear lack of training and ability)!!

My goal is to raise \$200 for this cause. Think of what \$200 could do for these kids! If just 20 people sponsor \$10, that's the target!! I have set up a (very safe and secure) website through [firstgiving.com](http://www.firstgiving.com) that allows folks to donate online. The website is:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/oliviahawbaker>

If you feel at all uncomfortable donating online, my address is: 1275 First St  
West Lafayette, IN 47906.

I sincerely appreciate and thank all of you who are willing to give to this cause!

Love and Peace,  
Olivia Jane Hawbaker  
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### **EMPTY BOWLS**

No one wants to go hungry! First United Methodist Church is out to help feed people of the Greater Corning area by hosting an Empty Bowls event on Sunday, October 4, at First UMC. All proceeds will benefit Corning Meals on Wheels. Here is how it works:

People in the congregation have made ceramic bowls of varying sizes. Thanks go out to Lynne Wagner and Christian DeLamielleure and the Ceramic Studio at 171 Cedar Arts.

On October 4 the public is invited to come to Cheney Lounge to purchase one of the Empty Bowls ranging in price from \$5 to \$20. They are then filled with soup for lunch. There will also be sandwiches and beverages to go along with the soup.

The soup dinner will be available from 11:30 to 1:00 PM.



## **Elementary Youth News**

### **Please Join Us!!**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 5:30PM**

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

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## **Caton Community Blood Drive**

Our fall Blood Drive will be held on **Monday October 5th from 1:30 - 6:30PM**. The Red Cross is in need of all types of blood. Our giving - the gift of life - goes to those in accidents, undergoing operations and cancer patients. Blood supplies are short due to slower giving in the summer.

If you can give blood and have not been contacted, give Nancy Johnson a call at 936-4405 to get on the giving list. We always need your gift of soups, cakes, cheese snacks, fruit etc. There is always a need for folks to serve the foods our Blood Drive is so well known for. If you can sign up for an hour or so to serve the food and visit with those who have given your time will be well spent. As always we need help to unload the Red Cross truck when it arrives and reload the truck when the drive is complete.

There will be a signup sheet in the foyer of the Church for all of these critical functions. Please give - Only YOU can give the gift of life - BLOOD



As we go into fall there is more concern for the people in need as they not only must they feed their families but now must purchase fuel to heat their homes.

We can help the 250 families in the Caton - Lindley area that rely on the "Pantry of Angels" with some of the needed food, soap and paper products that are so badly needed. Bring any of the following items to church and place them in the shopping cart in the foyer any Sunday. All items are taken to the "Pantry of Angels" at the Presho United Methodist Church weekly by Frank and Emma Mosch.

**Food items needed are:** canned meats, tuna fish, and gravies, all types of canned vegetables , fruits, pasta and spaghetti as well as spaghetti sauces. All types of breakfast cereals, hot and cold are needed.

**Paper Produces needed are:** paper towels, paper napkins and toilet paper.

**Soap Products needed are:** hand soap, dishwashing soap, laundry detergents, shampoos and tooth paste.

Should you forget to bring an item to church there is a basket in the cart for a small donation. \$1 goes a long way when purchasing food in volume by the "Pantry of Angels".

If you or someone you know is in need of food items, have them contact Kim Snyder at the "Pantry of Angels" at 523 -7715.

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**RT 225 Highway Pickup**

As we get into early October we will be cleaning up the two miles of State Highway our church helps to keep clear of trash.

Our church's efforts in keeping this section of RT 225 helps to keep Caton a cleaner and more beautiful community for all.



**Ronald McDonald Houses**

Ronald McDonald Houses supply hotel type rooms near major specialty Hospitals at 254 locations through the world. These Ronald McDonald Houses supply for a very low cost housing for families visiting a child in a far away specialty Hospital.

The Ronald McDonald Houses are supported by McDonalds Corp., through the public supplying POP CAN TABS. The more pop can tabs received the more funding the Ronald McDonald Houses receive.

Two of our church families have in the past take advantage of the Ronald McDonald Houses while visiting their child in a specialty hospital far from home. YOU can help with the funding of the Ronald McDonald Houses with our spending any funds. When you are ready to recycle you pop cans simply remove the tab on the top of the cans and bring them to the foyer of our church.

These tabs will find their way to McDonalds to help with financial support of the 254 Ronald McDonald Houses.

YOU can make a difference by helping support these Ronald McDonald Houses with the small time of removing your pop can tabs and bringing them to church.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR FELLOW MAN  
IN MANY SMALL WAYS.

Bob and Edna

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Save the Date: November 6, 2009/ Friday, 7-10 PM @ Caton United Methodist Church



**Harvest Coffee House**

**LIVE**



**Gospel, Country and Contemporary Music**



DESSERTS



COFFEE

TEA

**face painting**



Caricatures

Caricatures

