

Caton United Methodist Church Messenger

September 2018

A Note From Pastor Chae

Dear CUMC Family,

Wow! Where has 2018 gone?!?! I want to say that this year has flown by because we have had our busiest year yet since I came to CUMC 4+ years ago. The work that God has called us to through mission, ministry, and discipleship continues to grow...and guess what?!?! God is not done with us yet!! The months of September and October are already filled with fun things and important work!

As you look through this newsletter, take notice at some of the upcoming events and ask God how you are being called to get involved. There is a new twist on 'Painting For A Purpose', another BBQ, a bake sale, a time of celebration, and, of course, our ongoing ministries like the mobile food truck and the return of a Sunday-morning-mission-project! Friends, that is just in the month of September!! I am really excited for what we have planned!!

This year CUMC is celebrating a milestone. 185 years of faithful intentional ministry in our community and around the world. We have helped neighbors and friends develop and deepen their relationship with Christ and we have reached around the world with this same love to places like Honduras, Nigeria, Cuba, and many more as we seek to invite people into God's Kingdom. As members of this church, you should be proud of our accomplishments and together we should be eager to see where God is calling us next. The truth is this: none of what we can do would be possible without faithful people like you listening to the constant call of our faithful God.

You will notice that as we have been preparing for this year of celebration many things are changing. Dead trees that threatened to fall have been removed, repair work on the attic and water systems, some much needed painting and repair work to a couple of rooms, the rebuilding of the road sign, refurbishment efforts at the parsonage, and regular maintenance to the church property. Each of these tasks are a part of our stewardship for the properties that God has blessed us with. To all the people who have helped, I give thanks for you and your willingness. For those who are willing to help out, let me know!!

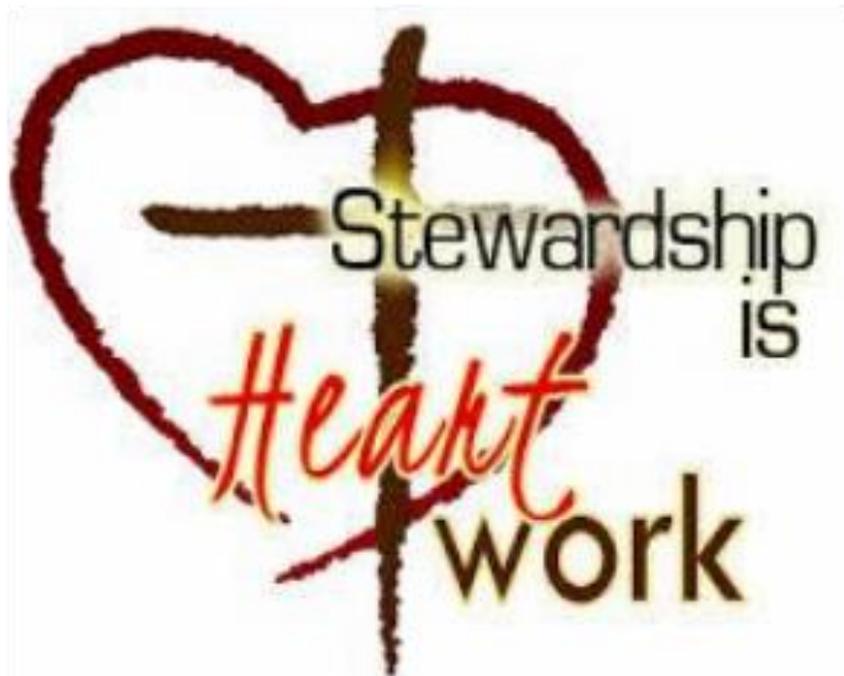
As with the trends of many summer months, I need to draw your attention to some of the tools that we use to measure the health of our faithfulness as a community and the health of the church. This summer we have noticed that our average worship attendance is down by almost 20%. Giving has been almost half of what it has been. Mission and ministry has remained

roughly constant. My prayer is that many of these tools reflect these results because of the season and the downward markers will return to 'normal'.

Finally, I wanted to make you aware that our stewardship campaign will be moved up this year to the month of September. Yes, the financial year will still run Jan-Dec but by moving up the campaign we will have more time to set the budget, make ministry plans, and strive to be the faithful stewards God has called us to be. Our Consecration Sunday—the day we fill out our commitment cards and share in a celebration meal will be Sunday September 30th. I am also excited to announce that our District Superintendent, the Rev. Nancy Adams, will be joining us for worship that day and will share with us God's Word!

In light of this being a month of celebration and a re-commitment to stewardship, I want to close today by asking how God is calling you to invest in God's Kingdom. Begin to pray today for God's discernment in your life. Yes, your investment will include financial implications...but your investment **MUST** be more than just money. Our membership vows remind us of our 5 areas of faithfulness: prayer, presence, gifts, witness, and service. How is God calling you to invest in God's Kingdom? How are you responding?

With you on the journey,
Pastor Chad



Church Family News

September Birthdays

September 5 th	Sophia Woods
September 13 th	Barb Passmore
	Candi Thompson
September 17 th	Sherry Blanchard
September 19 th	Amanda Bathrick
	Michael Dunn
September 27 th	Myrna Hawbaker



September Anniversaries

September 3 rd	Jim and Myrna Hawbaker
September 18 th	Ron and Kathy Begell



Mobile Food Truck

Tuesday – September 4th 4:00 P.M. Lindley-Presho UMC
Come and serve because we believe that nobody should go to bed with an empty belly.

***“FAITHFUL SERVANTS NEVER RETIRE – YOU CAN RETIRE FROM YOUR CAREER, BUT YOU WILL NEVER RETIRE FROM SERVING GOD”
RICK WARREN (UPPER NEW YORK ADVOCATE)***



Bake Sale

Saturday – September 15th 11:00 – 3:00 pm

(Community Room off Sanctuary)

Set Up will be on Friday – September 14th at 10:00 am

Please have all baked goods to the church on September 14th

Regular Meeting

Monday – September 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Drive Thru



Wednesday – September 12th 4:00 p.m. til gone

Cost: \$9.00

Menu: ½ chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll and butter

1st Stop – Pay for the BBQ

2nd Stop – Pick up your food

3^d Stop – Drive Home

Side note: We are preparing an additional 25 meals this time!!

“Pairs Painting For A Purpose”

Save The Date: Friday – October 12th 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

This will be a night of fun, painting, food, and ministry as we grow together, create together, and stamp out oppression!!

Questions see Joni Kehoe or Brenda Swanson

“Talk Saves Lives”

Suicide seems to be a growing concern in our community and around the world. One of the things that we can do to change this trend is to become educated about what to do and how to prevent such a tragedy. CUMC has teamed up with a trainer to educate our community with a presentation to assist in suicide prevention

Friday – September 21st 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

Please make this a priority for you and your loved ones!

Light refreshments will be served

Fall Bible Study Schedule - Mondays

“Unshakable Hope” by Max Lucado

<i>September 24</i>	<i>Chapter 1: God’s Great and Precious Promises</i>
<i>October 1</i>	<i>Chapter 2: Stamped with God’s Image</i>
<i>October 8</i>	<i>Chapter 3: The Devil’s Days Are Numbered</i>
<i>October 15</i>	<i>Chapter 4: An Heir of God</i>
<i>October 22</i>	<i>Chapter 5: Your Prayers Have Power</i>
<i>October 29</i>	<i>Chapter 6: Grace for the Humble</i>
<i>November 5</i>	<i>Chapter 7: God Gets You</i>
<i>November 12</i>	<i>Chapter 8: Christ Is Praying For You</i>
<i>November 19</i>	<i>Chapter 9: No Condemnation</i>
<i>November 26</i>	<i>Chapter 10: This Temporary Tomb</i>
<i>December 3</i>	<i>Chapter 11: Joy Is Soon Coming</i>
<i>December 10</i>	<i>Chapter 12: You Will Have Power</i>
<i>December 17</i>	<i>Chapter 13: Justice Will Prevail</i>
	<i>Chapter 14: Unbreakable Promises, Unshakable Hope</i>

185th Birthday Celebration

On Sunday September 9th, CUMC will be celebrating its 185th Birthday!!

In 1833 Caton welcomed the Methodism to the community and 185 years later it is still strong and making a difference in our community. Our bell rings out as our worship service begins and the church spires reach to the sky with hymns, prayers of joy and concern, but most of all praise to God. Upper New York Conference, Bishop Mark Webb will be joining us for worship and celebration. After worship we will gather for lunch and fellowship. Please come and share in this celebration

Good Things About Being A Good Church Member

*(From some students after taking a confirmation class
Upper New York Advocate Magazine)*

“You get closer to God”

“You feel welcomed and it gives you a sense of community”

*“It is a place where you share the same beliefs and
you feel you belong somewhere”*

“ Your relationship with God continues to grow stronger”

*“It is a place where you communicate with God and
understand what he does for you”*

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00am Praise Band Rehearsal 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	3 Labor Day (Office Closed)	4 4:00pm Mobile Food Truck Lindley Presho UMC	5	6 5:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	7	8
9 185th Celebration 8:00am Praise Band Rehearsal 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Communion 10:30am Celebration Lunch	10 1:00pm UMW 6:00pm Worship Planning	11 12:00 noon Caton Seniors 7:00 pm Leadership Team	12 4:00pm til gone Drive Thru Chicken BBQ Cost: \$9.00	13 5:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	14 10:00am Set Up For UMW Bake Sale	15 11:00am UMW Bake Sale
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30 8:00am Band Rehearsal 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Consecration Sunday 10:30am Fellowship						

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