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Our Purpose

... lead people to meet Jesus, love Jesus, serve Jesus and share Jesus!

Our Strategy

... to create environments where people are encouraged and equipped to pursue intimacy with God, community with those inside the Church, and influence in their world.

Our Vision

...to bring individuals and families into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through Evangelism, Discipleship, Fellowship, Worship and Service.

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Summer at Buena Vista

Family Camp begins June 28th and runs through July 7th. VBS will begin on July 8th and it will end July 12th. This year's theme is SCUBA. The church will be transformed into an underwater adventure for the kids to enjoy. There will a high school guys campout on July 12th & 13th. The youth group will be continuing the "House Parties" this summer. Teen Camp begins on July 15th and ends July 20th. The Church Family Picnic will be on July 28th at 12pm. In August there is D-Camp, and the youth are planning a trip to Seabreeze and a local Missions Trip to Elmira. The official Youth Kickoff weekend is August 31st. Wednesday night Clubhouse and Youth Group begins September 25th. Ladies Retreat at Chambers Camp will be September 27-29. Please be sure to check out the full size calendar in this Newsletter for other important dates.

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“Forgiven”



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Favorite Bible Verse :

“Our God is a Consuming Fire.” –
 Hebrews 12:29

Favorite Quote:

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him
 come and die.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Dis-
 cipleship

“And forgive us our debts,”

– Matthew 6:12a

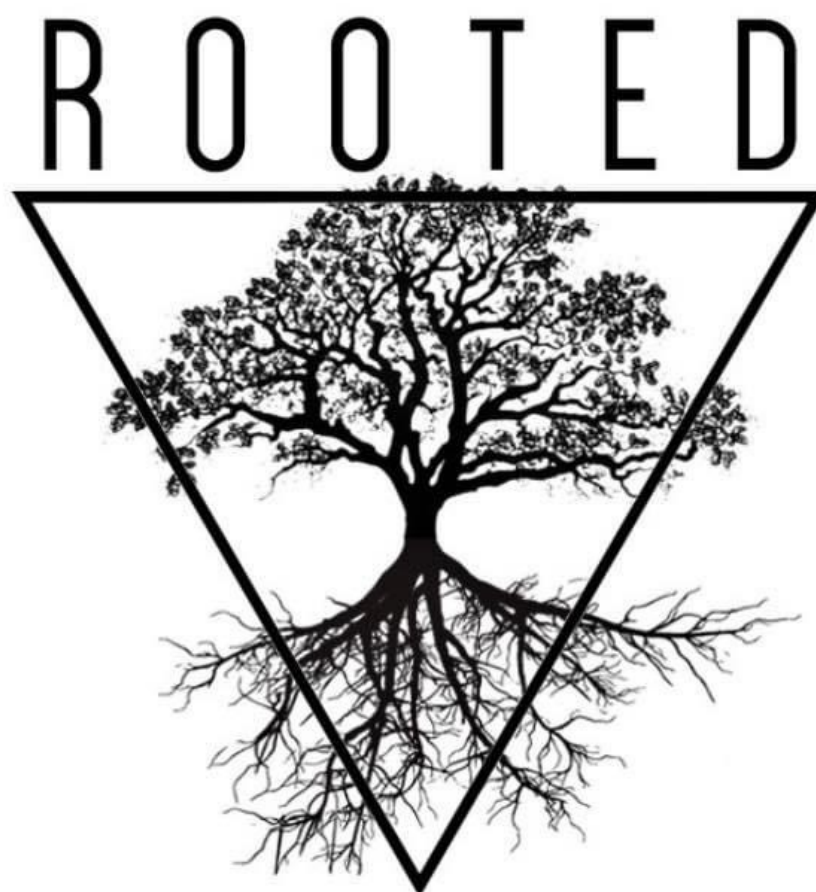
One of the definitions in the dictionary of the word “Guilt” is Self-reproach for supposed inadequacy or wrongdoing. Interestingly almost a third of all the times the word appears in the Bible, it is found in the book of Leviticus. It appears in a string of verses that state someone’s guilt if they commit a certain act, and then often later in the section, a sacrifice is prescribed to remove that guilt. As we read the Old Testament, we see a picture of guilt being removed by a sacrifice. A person does something wrong; they bring their animal to the altar and it is killed for their sins and they are forgiven.

But then we come to Jesus and He dies on the Cross for our sins. By His blood we are forgiven. And in the Lord’s Prayer Jesus teaches us to ask for forgiveness through a simple 5-word prayer, “And forgive us our debts.” So simple, yet so many Christians struggle with “Can it really be that simple? Can I really be forgiven?” No sacrifice. No elaborate prayer or action required, just simply asking Jesus to forgive us.

And I think so many Christians, even after repenting, continue to struggle with guilt. In Revelation 12:10, Satan is called the Accuser of the brethren. He is seen several times in Scripture bring accusations against the people of God. And he is crafty (Genesis 3:1, 2 Corinthians 2:11). One of the ways Satan attacks us is before we sin, he seduces us with soothing words, “It is no big deal. Don’t worry about it. Everyone is doing it.” But then immediately after we sin, he condemns us, saying, “God will never forgive you. You are terrible. Unredeemable.”

I think it saddens Jesus that so many of His children are still carrying around the burden of guilt, even though He has forgiven them. Brother Lawerance in his book, “Practicing the Presence of God” writes, “That we ought, without anxiety, to expect pardon of our sins from the blood of Jesus Christ, only endeavoring to love Him with all our hearts.” We need to be reminded of the amazing grace we find in Jesus. In 1 John 1:9 we have this promise from God’s Word. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” The Early Church Father, John Chrysostom wrote in his Repentance Liturgy from 4th Century, “Have you sinned? Enter into the Church and wipe away your sin. The number of times you fall down in the marketplace equals the number of times you rise up. Likewise, as many times you sin, repent of your sin; do not become discouraged. And if you sin a second time, repent a second time...enter into the Church and repent, because the Church is a hospital, not a court of justice...Tell your sin to solely God, ‘Against you and only you have I sinned, and done evil before you,’ and your sin is forgiven.”

When the voice of guilt continues to whisper in your ear, hold to the truth of Psalm 103:12, As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.” “Seeing their faith, He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” (Luke 5:20).



7th-12th Grade
Sunday Night 6-8pm

**Pastor Peter and
Pastor Nicki Maclauchlan**

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Favorite Bible Verse :

Pete: John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Nicki: 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity"

Favorite Quote:

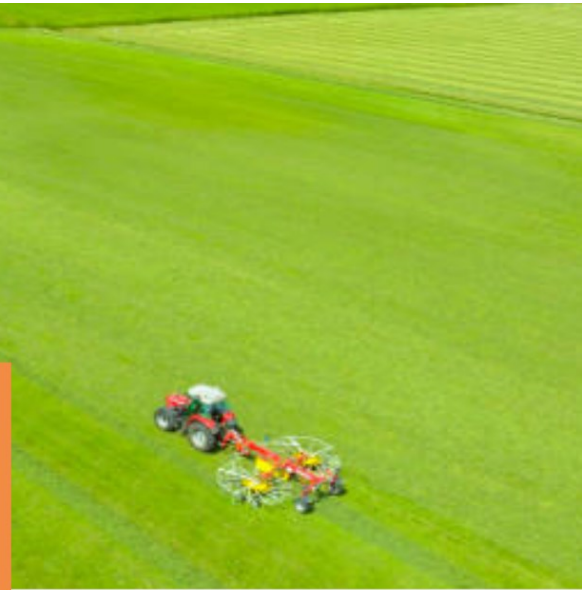
You will likely hear her say "Let's do life together!"



JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

ROOTED YOUTH MINISTRY

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."
Colossians 2.6-7



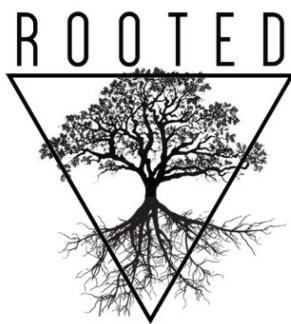
Schools out for the summer! Although spring is a great time to enjoy the warmer days and new life growing all around us, summer can offer some additional time for relaxation, fun, and being together.

Our youth group just completed a 9 week series on Sunday nights called "Faith in Real Life" as we discussed how our faith makes a difference in every area of our life. Some of those specific areas we touched on were: making good decisions, coping with stress and pressure, caring for ourselves well, setting goals for the future, overcoming difficulty and challenges, friendship, dealing with bullying, and resolving conflict. Each of these topics seemed to address relevant issues our students face, while challenging them to let their faith lead them a different way. We'll continue to meet on Sundays throughout the summer, often at different locations!

Just over a month ago, our church celebrated and honored 10 High School graduates and 5 college graduates. Although we're sad to see these graduates phase out of our youth ministry, we're excited for their futures and are looking forward to welcoming several upcoming 7th graders, who will officially join us on Sunday, July 7.

Looking ahead, we have a full summer schedule planned. Below is a graphic of some of the events we'll be enjoying this summer. Please contact Pastor Pete or Pastor Nicki with any questions.

serving with you,
Pastors Pete & Nicki Maclauchlan



ROOTED YOUTH
SUMMER 2024

CONNECT WITH US

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JUNE

16 NO YOUTH (FATHER'S DAY)
22 OUTDOOR MOVIE & BONFIRE @ CHURCH // 8.30-11PM
23 SUNDAY YOUTH @ CHURCH // 6-8PM
30 NO YOUTH

JULY

7 SUNDAY YOUTH @ CHURCH // 6-8PM
(welcome new 7th graders!)
12-13 HS GUYS CAMPOUT @ THE STILSON'S //
14 SUNDAY YOUTH @ CHURCH // 6-8PM
15-20 TEEN CAMP @ CHAMBERS CAMP
21 HOUSE PARTY @ THE BURN'S // 5-8PM
(2571 Back Street, Hornell)
28 HOUSE PARTY @ THE CONKLIN'S // 5-8PM
(6001 Burleson Road, Canisteo)

AUGUST

1 SEABREEZE TRIP (time & cost details TBD)
4 HOUSE PARTY @ THE SHERER'S // 5-8PM
(4787 Oak Hill Road, Cameron)
4-8 DISCIPLESHIP CAMP @ CHAMBERS CAMP
11 BAPTISM & HOUSE PARTY @ THE STILSON'S //
4PM-Baptism | 5-8PM-HouseParty (6580 County Rt 69, Canisteo)
15,16 ELMIRA MISSION TRIP (details TBD)
18 HOUSE PARTY @ THE REINBOLD'S // 5-8PM
(6152 Dublin Road, Canisteo)
25 NO YOUTH
31-1 YOUTH KICKOFF WEEKEND @ CHURCH



ROOTED STUDENT MINISTRIES



Pastor Norma Roberts

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Favorite Bible Verse :

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—

**where does my help
come from ?**

**My help comes from
the LORD,**

**the Maker of heaven and
earth.**

**He will not let your foot
slip—**

**he who watches over you
will not slumber;**

**indeed, he who watch-
es over Israel**

**will neither slumber nor
sleep.**

**The LORD watches
over you—**

**the LORD is your shade
at your right hand;**

**the sun will not harm you
by day,**

nor the moon by night.

***The LORD will keep you
from all harm—***

***he will watch over your
life;***

***the LORD will watch over
your coming and going***

***both now and forever-
more. - Psalm 121***

Children's Ministry

I had the privilege a few weeks ago of helping backstage with the Canisteo-Greenwood Elementary musical *Finding Nemo*. We were waiting backstage with the students before the first performance started while announcements were going on. And then the lights dimmed and the music started. One of the students looked at me wide-eyed with nerves and wonder and said "This is really happening!" I said, "Yes, it certainly is!" She was so excited that all the planning and rehearsal was finally coming to fruition.

This is probably how I will feel at about 8:45 am on Monday, July 8 as we wait for VBS to begin. There is a sense of anticipation and excitement as the decorations are in place, all the leaders are ready, Bible lessons, music, crafts, and snacks are ready to go, and the presence of the Lord is in the sanctuary. The Lord is surely going to work in the lives of the children—and in the lives of the teen and adult leaders.

As we pray and plan for VBS right now, and then for Clubhouse starting on September 25, won't you join us? Could you please pray that God is working in our planning? That God is working in the families and children that will come through the doors? And won't you consider prayerfully how you can be a part of this? Teachers and leaders are always a need, and perhaps you can be a part of this! I would love to hear from you!

Pastor Norma

Missions Report:

On June 8 Men's ministry leader Steve Conklin organized a men's breakfast with Pastor Luis from Impacto Ministry in Guatemala. We were privileged to have Pastor Luis and his wife Dinora and a grandson Sunday June 9.

Pastor Luis spoke in both morning services. We have been supporting Impacto Ministries as part of our global mission financial support. Pastor Luis shared how the Happy Tummies ministry is helping children with nutritional meals and school work while also spiritual food and building a connection with families in a community that lead to establishing a church in those communities.

Starting this fiscal year the LBA raised the tithe from the general fund for missions by one/half a percent to twelve and half percent. The mission committee is looking to support additional missionaries in each of our categories of Wesleyan Global Partners, other global missionaries and Community Missions.

We are adding John Ginnan to our Community Missions. John works with Youth Alive Mission which works in local public schools to provide Christian influence.

Kevin and Cindy Austin of Global Partners, previous missionaries to the Czech Republic are now serving as missionaries on special assignment.

Cindy is working with the European Area Director as an administrative assistant. Kevin is part of the Mobilization Team to connect more churches with Global Partners. You may pick up one of their new prayer cards the mission display in hallway of ed-unit.

Keith Brewster, Mission Director



Sunday School

Listening

Rarely am I at a loss for words. My vocation as an English teacher involves much speech and frequent writing. However, as I sit down to pen my first article as the new Buena Vista Sunday school superintendent, I find myself unsure of what to say. My deep desire is to do right by the Lord and by you, my Buena Vista family. Also, I am following in the distinguished footsteps of Erika Sherer, who served faithfully and humbly in this position for many years. I truly feel the weight of this responsibility. So, what does a person do when she is new? She listens.

My goal over these next few months is to listen for the voice of Christ, to heed the counsel of the pastors and the LBA, and to hear the needs and suggestions of my fellow believers. As I seek to listen, I ask three things from all of you:

1. Please pray for me in this new role and for the Sunday school program in general.
2. Please consider attending Sunday school if you are not currently doing so. There is a wealth of knowledge and community to be found in small groups.
3. Please be listening for God's voice, and those of ministry leaders, if you are asked to serve in the church. Often, our greatest spiritual growth comes during service.

It is with both trepidation and excitement that I begin this journey. Christ bless each one of you, and I thank you in advance for your prayers and assistance.

Listening,

Amy Stephens

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, Oh Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. ~ Psalm 19:14

Buena Vista Wesleyan Church

FOOD PANTRY

We also have Diapers for Infants, Toddlers and Adults

Don't forget!

The 4th Thursday of July, August, and September

2:00-4:00pm



July Birthdays

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|-------------------|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Lily Masterson | 3 | Larry John Campbell | 4 | Bryan Pimm | 5 | Ashlynn McCloskey Korbin Fairman Ruth Troxel | 8 | Kevin Egresi Mackenna Mullen |
| 9 | Harlon Turner | 11 | Karis Burns John Stilson | 12 | Cadence Audinwood | 15 | Danae Wilson | 17 | Erika Sherer Cody Wilson |
| 18 | Nick Mashewske | 20 | Dan Pickering Jake Woodworth | 21 | Jen Turner | 22 | Bill Slayton Emerson Campbell | 24 | Parker Groff Carol Button Faith Sherer |
| 25 | Lori Holevinski Nolan Bennett | 26 | Linda Stewart | 27 | Brooklea Turner | 30 | Rauri Cornell | | |
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August Birthdays

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|----|----------------------------|----|------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|--------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| 2 | Austin Harvey | 3 | Charles Manroe | 4 | John Wilson Phil Wilson | 5 | Jason Smith | 6 | Sophia Holevinski |
| 7 | Evelyn Patterson | 8 | Emmi Maclauchlan Connor Stewart | 10 | Dave Stewart Braedyn Schuck | 12 | Logan Smith | 14 | Mary McCloskey |
| 15 | Menzo Sharp Mavis Sharp | 16 | Adelaide Turner Meredith Turner | 19 | Sadie Magsamen | 20 | Keith Egresi | 21 | Thurlow Smith |
| 23 | Chris Roberts | 24 | Tala Warner | 26 | Ethan Smith | 27 | Kormik Sharp | 31 | Annaliese Reinbold Tyler Woodworth |
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September Birthdays

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|----|----------------|----|-------------------------------|----|---|----|------------------|----|--|
| 1 | Joan Sutfin | 2 | Hunter Haight | 3 | Troy Stewart | 5 | Alyssa Jessup | 8 | Chris Passero |
| 9 | Rick Masterson | 11 | Jessica Mullen Rowyn Sharp | 15 | Gil Blaisdell Rhiana Wilson | 16 | Cindy Peterson | 17 | Ben Audinwood Jason Holevinski Hannah Stewart Aaron Burns |
| 18 | Zoe Audinwood | 19 | Bruce Cornell Bradyn Smith | 20 | Kerstin Robinson | 23 | Pete Maclauchlan | 25 | Carly Turner Whitney Turner |
| 27 | Lisa Groff | 28 | Leroy Mashewske | 29 | Sandy Frey Mindy Best Gerald Loghry | 30 | Ursula Smith | | |
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July, August, and September Anniversaries

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| John and Nancy Weaver 7/10 | Luke and Tasha Mullen 7/10 | Jeremy and Amy Stephens 7/12 |
| Chris and Heather Passero 7/15 | Steve and Chris Conklin 7/16 | Cheryl and Robert Warner 7/22 |
| Pete and Nicki Maclauchlan 7/23 | Doug and Marge Van Hoven 7/24 | Bill and Erika Sherer 7/26 |
| Albert and Marcia Burns 8/4 | Andy and Megan Hubbard 8/6 | Jake and Samantha Woodworth 8/9 |
| Dave and Kathy Stewart 8/11 | Chris and Norma Roberts 8/13 | Wes and Lorna Coots 8/16 |
| Doug and Deb Brokaw 8/28 | Luke and Tiffany Reinbold 8/30 | Keith and Geniese Brewster 9/1 |
| Tony and Laurie Harvey 9/2 | Daniel and Kerstin Robinson 9/8 | Jake and Shiloh Magsamen 9/9 |
| Bill and Terri Stewart 9/12 | Rick and Kristina Masterson 9/17 | Larry and Linda Stewart 9/20 |
| Nelson and Christine Martin 9/20 | | |

July 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|------------------|--|------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| | 1 Family Camp | 2 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm Family Camp | 3 Family Camp | 4 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Family Camp | 5 Family Camp | 6 Family Camp |
| 7 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Youth @ 6:00pm Family Camp | 8 VBS | 9 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm VBS | 10 VBS | 11 Bone Builders @ 9:45am LBA Meeting @ 6:45pm VBS | 12 High School Guys Campout VBS | 13 High School Guys Campout |
| 14 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Youth @ 6:00pm | 15 Teen Camp | 16 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm Teen Camp | 17 Teen Camp | 18 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Young Adults @ Applebee's Teen Camp | 19 Teen Camp | 20 Teen Camp |
| 21 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Youth @ 6:00pm House Party | 22 | 23 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm | 24 | 25 Food Pantry @ 2-4pm | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Church Picnic 12pm Youth @ 6pm House Party | 29 | 30 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm | 31 | | | |

August 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | 1 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Seabreeze Youth | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Youth @ 6:00pm House Party D-Camp | 5 D-Camp | 6 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm D-Camp | 7 D-Camp | 8 Bone Builders @ 9:45am LBA Meeting @ 6:45pm D-Camp | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Youth @ 6:00pm House Party | 12 | 13 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm | 14 | 15 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Young Adults @ Applebee's Elmira Missions Trip Youth | 16 Elmira Missions Trip Youth | 17 |
| 18 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Youth @ 6:00pm | 19 | 20 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm | 21 | 22 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Food Pantry @ 2-4pm | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am No Youth | 26 | 27 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm | 28 | 29 Bone Builders @ 9:45am | 30 | 31 Youth Kick Off |

September 2024

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| 22 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Youth @ 6:00pm | 23 | 24 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm | 25 Clubhouse Begins | 26 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Food Pantry @ 2-4pm | 27 Ladies Retreat | 28 Ladies Retreat |
| 29 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Youth @ 6:00pm Ladies Retreat | 30 | | | | | |

| <u>Our Staff is Here to Serve You!</u> | <u>Primary Services</u> |
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| Senior Pastor Rev. Eric Paashaus | Sunday 8:30 am – 9:30am Early Service with Nursery & Children's Church 9:55am – 10:55am Sunday School with Nursery 11am – 12 noon Late Service with Nursery & Children's Church |
| Youth Pastors Rev. Pete and Rev. Nicki Maclauchlan | |
| Children's Ministry Pastor Rev. Norma Roberts | |
| Care and Visitation Pastor Rev. Daniel Pickering | |
| Office Administrator Cathy Jo Mashewske | |

| Sports | Office Availability |
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| Adult Volleyball Tuesdays 7-9pm Led by Tami Stilson Bone Builders: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-11am Led by Evelyn Patterson & Carla Alsheimer | Pastor Eric Paashaus: Tuesday-Friday Home Phone: 607-698-9911 Pastor Pete & Nicki Maclauchlan: Monday-Thursday Home Phone: 607-698-2396 Pastor Norma Roberts Home Phone: 607-698-2213 Pastor Dan Pickering Home Phone: 607-566-2030 Cathy Jo Mashewske: Tuesday-Friday Home Phone: 315-719-5763 |
| If you would like to write an article for the Church Newsletter for October, November, December please have it to the church office by September 20th | <u>FOOD PANTRY</u> Our Food Pantry will be open. on the following dates and times: July 25, August 22, and September 26 from 2-4pm |