



# BUENA VISTA

## wesleyan church

### 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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## Welcome 2025

The new year is here. What does 2025 have in store for Buena Vista? Our Life Groups will begin on January 12th. The Missions Team have a STM trip planned to Romania. The Youth Group have a STM trip planned for the summer to Kentucky and in April the high school kids will be heading to Indiana for the Fusion Conference. Ladies Ministry have events planned into April. Clubhouse will continue to April 9th and then VBS will begin July 7th. So many exciting things happening in our church. We look forward to seeing you this year. Be on the look out for monthly newsletter starting in April.

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Favorite Bible Verse :  
**“Our God is a Consuming Fire.” –**  
**Hebrews 12:29**

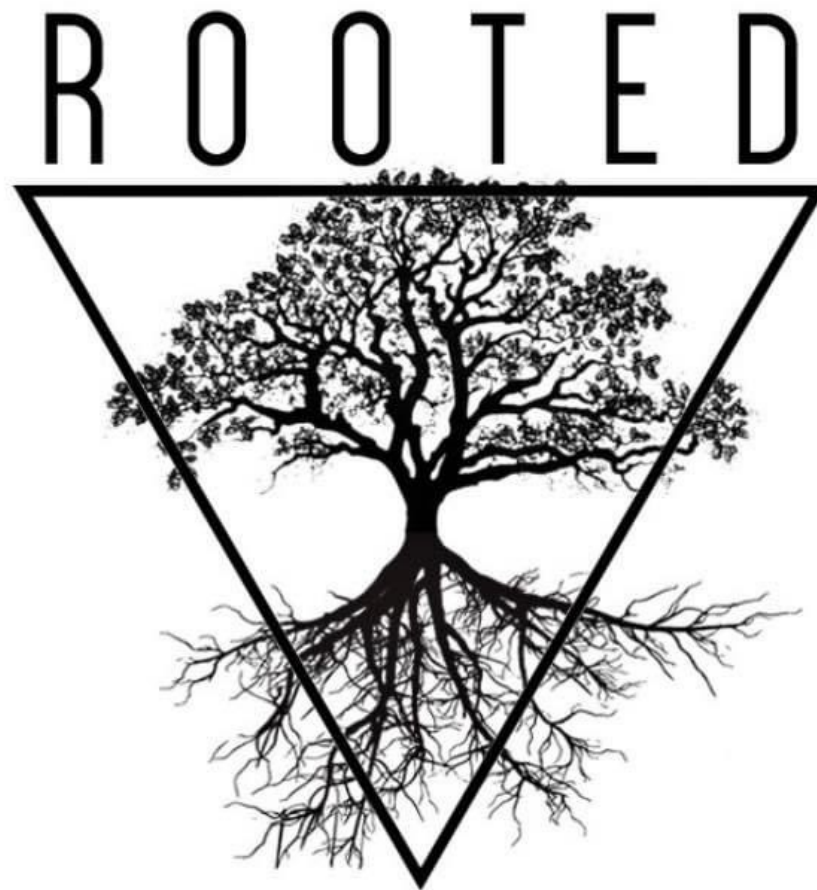
Favorite Quote:  
“When Christ calls a man, he bids him  
come and die.”  
— Deitrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Dis-  
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**“Our One Verse”**

For the past three years I have been leading the study during our Men’s Breakfast at J.C.’s in Hornell every other Wednesday morning, going through the Book of Judges. It seemed like a great book of the Bible for men to study, full of action and heroes. We began by examining the life of Gideon and then moved to Samson. Two easy choices. Both of those Judges are the best known in the Bible and their stories are a “good length”. The story of Gideon is told over 100 verses from Judges 6-8 and Samson’s story is just under that at 96 verses in chapters 14-16. After those two, I began to study some of the lesser-known Judges, like Ehud, Jephthah, and so forth. Each Men’s Breakfast I would ask the group, “Who has heard of this Judge?” And when we looked at Gideon and Samson, pretty much every hand was raised. But then as we continued, I noticed each week, fewer and fewer hands would go up as we got to the more obscure Judges.

Then one Wednesday, I began the study and announced the Judge we would look at. Again, I asked, “Who has heard of this Judge?” And I am not sure any hands went up. That week we looked at Shamgar. And if you don’t know who that is, you aren’t alone. See, what is unique about Shamgar, of all the Judges, is that his entire story is just ONE Bible verse. Judges 3:31, “After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel.” That is, it. Shamgar was a Judge just like Gideon or Samson, he delivered Israel just like Gideon or Samson, but all that is recorded of his story is that one verse. That got me thinking.

And so, my challenge to the men that morning and my challenge, by extension to each of us, is if you or I had just one sentence in the Bible, what would it be? What would be written about our lives, our faith, our service for Jesus? And then maybe, what would we want it to be? And once I have figured that out, what am I doing to accomplish it? As we begin 2025, and a New Year it is always a time to make new resolutions, take stock of our lives. What is the story that God wants to tell through you this year? Shamgar was a man who took what was in his hand, an ox goad, and God used him to deliver his people. What is in your “hand”? Or where has God uniquely placed you to grow His Kingdom? Joseph Parker wrote, “What is a feeble instrument in the hands of one man is a mighty instrument in the hands of another, simply because the spirit of that other burns with holy determination to accomplish the work that has to be done.” Shamgar’s story has been told, his one verse is complete. But the Lord Jesus is still writing your story. What is it going to be in 2025?



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

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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!"



Great memories were made this fall and at our annual Christmas Party. Rooted Youth finished up our teaching series' on "Tearing Down Idols", "Quick Shots" that covered questions about faith and evidence for believing in God and the scriptures, along with an "Unbelievable" series that challenged us to believe without seeing. We enjoyed our annual youth hayride hosted by the Stilsons, and our Youth Fall Harvest Party Competition. We held a couple more youth student leaders' meetings and have had great conversations about leadership characteristics and ideas for future youth group events.



"Destination Unknown" was a fun-filled evening of mystery and organized chaos! The students jumped around to different locations and completed tasks together. Stewart's Family Farm, New Hope, The De-Silvas, The Veteran's Memorial Park, and the Highschool were all visited for this event. A big thank you to Mary Kaye, Dave, Anna, and Kathy for the goodies and time spent feeding them all. We are also thankful for our drivers (John S, Pastor Pete, Andy H, Tarah A, & Jess A) that led the students on the crazy adventure and safely drove them to each destination.

We enjoyed a "Friendsgiving" meal together, thanks to the Stilson crew. Breakfast food, thankfulness, and fellowship together made for a great youth group memory.



We have a lot of events to look forward to in the Spring and Summer. We have our sights on another short-term mission trip to Big Creek Missions in Bear Brant, Kentucky. July 27-Aug 2. This trip creates a unique opportunity to grow through the experience of serving on a team, making a difference for those with real needs, and living out our faith. Each teen will have a choice of working in construction, community service, or children's ministry programming. We have started the process of reserving spots and will soon be asking for financial support. We are expecting a good portion of students to join us and we are grateful for the confidence that our church family will support us again. The need is great and the opportunity is life-changing. We will soon be communicating details about the Winter Retreat, Fusion Youth Conference (and college visit), Ice Skating, a "7-11" Event, another Youth Sunday, and more. We look forward to all that God will do in and through our students, and we are so grateful to be a part of it all. By the time you

read this Newsletter, we expect to be home after the arrival of a new Maclauchlan, and have been so blessed by the love, support, and generosity of our church family. While Nicki will still be somewhat available and will attend when able, we are thankful for your support and appreciate your prayers through her surgical delivery and recovery over the next few months. While she won't be in the office for a few weeks into the new year, we will be sure to share some



baby snuggles in the near future.

Serving with you,

Pastor Pete & Pastor Nicki Maclauchlan



Greetings, Buena Vista family,

It has been a little over six months since I became Sunday school superintendent. I again thank the congregation and the pastors for their trust in me as I find my way in this role. Also, I want to say how much I appreciate all the people who have been willing to teach, and ask you who are reading this to thank your Sunday school teachers for their service. Cathy Jo has been vital to the Buena Vista Sunday school program; she orders our materials as well as keeps me apprised of shipments and delays. Finally, I extend a heartfelt thanks to Erika Sherer for shouldering the role of the children's classes. She has a true heart for early Christian education and always seeks the best curriculum for discipling our future congregants.

Going forward, I encourage each of you to become an active participant in Sunday school. This is another small group experience provided by our church to foster both personal and communal growth. We currently average about 100 people a week in our Sunday school program. Six months from now, I would love to report that 110 or 120 souls are coming to Sunday school each week. If you are not currently attending, I encourage you to start. If you feel called to help with teaching, please see Erika or me. There is a place for you!

As I close, I want to leave you with a verse I recently read in Acts: "...they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). Luke relates the eagerness of the Bereans who diligently studied the Word once they heard the gospel. We should all be like them; Sunday school can help.

For Jesus,

Amy Stephens

## **Missions**

Sunday, September 29th Kevin and Cindy Austin preached the morning messages. The Austin's recently completed their last mission term in the Czech Republic. They now are serving in the USA with Global Partners.

Dr. DuPra will be leading another medical STM to Guatemala the first week in March. We have five individual from Buena Vista going on the team.

We are still planning a trip to Romania in late April or early May. If you are interested in joining the team please contact me or the church office soon.

Keith Brewster; Mission Director

Buena Vista Wesleyan Church

# FOOD PANTRY

We also have Diapers for Adults

Don't forget!  
The 4th Thursday of  
January, February, and March



# Better Together Ladies Ministry January, February, March 6pm-8pm



Need time to relax after the holidays join us on January 10th for our annual spa night. Bring your favorite charcuterie board. You can wear your favorite pj's or comfy clothes to add to your relaxation.



Join us on February 14th and warm your souls with soup and sandwiches. We will be having a book exchange. No need to dress up. Wear something comfy and come enjoy Valentine's Day with the girls. Bring a soup or sandwiches to share.



March 14th is all about color. We will be choosing colors at the February Ladies Night. Please wear the color you choose and bring food that goes with that color.



# Men's Ministry



Movie Night January 25th  
in the Sanctuary

Road trip to  
Harrisburg, PA  
February 1st and  
February 4th



Men's Bowling Night at Maple City  
Bowling in Hornell, NY

**January Birthdays**

2	Marilyn Egresi	5	Lillian Holevinski	7	Etta Wilson	9	Gary Stewart	12	Kari Smith Isaac Gardner Todd Jenner
14	Andrea McMahon Hannah Clements Peg Cornell	15	Jay Dickson	16	Keith Brewster	17	Kathryn Groff	18	Tami Stilson Bryce Schuck
20	Sue Dickson	21	Phyllis Haenisch Levi Mullen Kullen Sharp	24	Marge VanHoven Nathan Randall	25	Helen Margeson Rachel Paashaus	27	Brody Houghtaling Jennifer McInroy
28	Oliver Owen	30	Isabelle Button						

**February Birthdays**

1	Jim Kent	2	Bruce Knoll	3	Mary Kaye DeSilva Lillian Mullen	4	Tasha Mullen	7	Kinsey Kallier
8	Reagan Campbell	10	Grady Campbell	11	Bonnie Smith	12	Chase Reinbold	13	Marie Stewart Ian Bennett Tiffany Reinbold
15	Terah Wilson	16	Kay Padden	18	Marcia Burns	19	Kristen Roloson Ethan George	20	Geniese Brewster
22	Nate Chase John Weaver	23	Dale Mashewske	24	Lori Egresi	25	Bill Sherer Kamala Schuck	28	Lorna Coots Larry Stewart
29	Robert Warner								

<b>March Birthdays</b>
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1	Blake Haight	4	Bella Maclauchlan	5	Evelyn Burns Levi Gardner	6	Dan Hartman Cheryl McMahon Luke Mullen	7	Curt Loghry Daniel Stilson
9	Paisley Clements	10	Paula Miller	18	Steve Conklin Josiah Stilson	19	Megan Hubbard Andrew Paashaus	20	Claire Audinwood Wyatt Magsamen
21	David DeSilva	22	Sharon Margeson	23	Cynthia Norton	26	Kai Carbone	27	Donna Gross
28	Zach Mashewske Bridgett McInroy	29	Jackie Knoll	30	Sophia Robinson Lucille Schuchardt- DeSerio				

## January, February, and March Anniversaries

Tim and Cindy Peterson 1/3	Kevin and Darcy Egresi 1/7	Chuck and Ruth Hill 1/15
Ed and Sandy Frey 1/19	Gary and Jessica Audinwood 2/5	Harry and Bridget McInroy 2/16
Marie and Gerald Stewart 2/19	Jack and Donna Gross 10/11	Dave and Helen Margeson 3/13
Carl and Evelyn Patterson 17	Ken and Gretchen Knoll 3/20	Arlan and Carol Button 3/25
Phil and Sharon Margeson 3/30		

# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Clubhouse  No Youth	2 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	3	4
5 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Rooted Youth @ 6pm	6	7 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	8 Clubhouse @ 6:30pm  Youth @ 6:30pm	9 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  LBA Meeting @ 6:45pm	10 Ladies Spa Night @ 6pm	11 Youth Ice Skating @ 12pm
12 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Rooted Youth @ 6pm	13	14 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	15 Men's Breakfast @ 6am Clubhouse @ 6:30pm Youth @ 6:30pm	16 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Young Adults @ Applebee's	17	18 Crafting Day @ 9am
19 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Rooted Youth @ 6pm	20	21 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	22 Clubhouse @ 6:30pm  Youth @ 6:30pm	23 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Food Pantry @ 2pm	24	25 Men's Movie Night
26 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Rooted Youth @ 6pm	27	28 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	29 Men's Breakfast @ 6am  No Clubhouse  No Youth	30 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	31	

# February 2025

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

						1 Men's Ministry Great American Outdoor Show
2 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Rooted Youth @ 6pm	3	4 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm  Men's Ministry Great American Outdoor Show	5 Clubhouse @ 6:30pm  Youth @ 6:30pm	6 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	7	8
9 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Rooted Youth @ 6pm	10	11 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	12 Men's Breakfast @ 6am  Clubhouse @ 6:30pm  Youth @ 6:30pm	13 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	14 Ladies Ministry @ 6pm	15 Crafting Day @ 9am
16 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Rooted Youth @ 6pm	17	18 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	19 No Clubhouse  No Youth	20 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Young Adults @ Applebee's	21	22
23 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Chili Cook-off Family Event  Rooted Youth @ 6pm	24	25 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	26 Men's Breakfast @ 6am  Clubhouse @ 6:30pm  Youth @ 6:30pm	27 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Food Pantry @ 2pm	28	

# March 2025

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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2 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am Routed Youth @ 6pm	3	4 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	5 Clubhouse @ 6:30pm Youth @ 6:30pm	6 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	7	8
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<b><u>Our Staff is Here to Serve You!</u></b>	<b><u>Primary Services</u></b>
<p align="center"><b>Senior Pastor</b> Rev. Eric Paashaus</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b>    8:30 am – 9:30am    Early Service                      with Nursery &amp; Children’s Church</p> <p>9:55am – 10:55am    Sunday School                      with Nursery</p> <p>11am – 12 noon    Late Service                      with Nursery &amp; Children’s Church</p>
<p align="center"><b>Youth Pastors</b> Rev. Pete and Rev. Nicki Maclauchlan</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Children’s Ministry Pastor</b> Rev. Norma Roberts</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Care and Visitation Pastor</b> Rev. Daniel Pickering</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Office Administrator</b> Cathy Jo Mashewske</p>	

<b>Sports</b>	<b>Office Availability</b>
<p><b>Adult Volleyball</b>                      Tuesdays 7-9pm                      Led by Tami Stilson</p> <p><b>Bone Builders:</b>                      Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 9:45-10:45am                      Led by Evelyn Patterson                      &amp; Carla Alsheimer</p>	<p>Pastor Eric Paashaus: Tuesday-Friday                      Home Phone: 607-698-9911</p> <p>Pastor Pete &amp; Nicki Maclauchlan: Monday-Thursday                      Home Phone: 607-698-2396</p> <p>Pastor Norma Roberts                      Home Phone: 607-698-2213</p> <p>Pastor Dan Pickering                      Home Phone: 607-566-2030</p> <p>Cathy Jo Mashewske: Tuesday-Friday                      Home Phone: 315-719-5763</p>
<p>If you would like to write an article for the Church Newsletter please have it to the church office by March 21st</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>FOOD PANTRY</u></b></p> <p align="center">Our Food Pantry will be open.                      on the following dates and times:                      January 23, February 27, and March 27                      from 2-4pm</p>