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Last week, Potsdam United Methodist Church and Pastor Heidi Chamberlain were made aware of a new Netflix documentary called, “The Program” related to alleged abuses at the Academy at Ivy Ridge in Ogdensburg, New York.

During the years of 2002-2007, Pastor Heidi was employed by the Academy. During her tenure at Ivy Ridge, she served in different roles including family representative, parent coordinator, and media coordinator.

Church leaders at Potsdam United Methodist Church first learned about the alleged abuses while watching the documentary and were horrified by what was portrayed. Pastor Heidi has made it very clear that she had no knowledge of the alleged abuses.

Potsdam United Methodist Church and Pastor Heidi are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our congregation and our community, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Pastor Heidi is ready to help in any way she can with any official investigation that may arise in response to this tragic situation.

Along with our pastor, and as a community of faith, our hearts break for those harmed by the alleged abuses portrayed in the documentary and we invite us all to surround them with prayers.