

The Christian Caller
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Website www.fccfredonia.org
 Sunday school: 9:00 AM.
 Worship 10:30 AM.
 God's Praise Warriors Thursday 4:00-5:30 PM.
 Office hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 2:30 PM.
 Secretary: Cheryl Rice

Our Mission Statement

To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.

August 16 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital: Bob Hutton (wound care facility)

Local Concerns: Marilyn Compton, Marvin Gregory, Mardina Gregory, Dorothy Thornton, Mary Smith, Wayne Sircoulomb

Continuing Concerns: Bob Compton, Alvin Robinson, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Jane Ellen Hutton, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, Linda Shue, Doris Regan, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Rose Cummings, Helen Smith, Louise Morrison, Jo Shue, Margaret Shinkle,

Our extended family: The family of Lynnea Cox, Rose & Raymond Rutlinger, Missy Rice, Terri Reed, Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Terry Young, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Jolene Smith, Bill & Judy Ward, Donald Hendry (Lois McBride's brother), Emily Hudson, Alice Douglas, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Rita Renfrow, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad.

Please call the church office(378-4118) with information or updates related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

Serving in the Military with ties to this congregation are: Dylon Voorhies- Marines
 Caleb Black – Marines

Attendance & Financial Report

Sunday	Worship	General Offering
Aug. 06	66	\$ 2197.00
Aug. 13	76	\$ 2286.00



Happy Birthday!

Aug. 16 – Linda Shue
 Liz Jeffers

Aug. 17 – Sherri Wickham
 Bev Sharp

Aug. 20 – Reese Hutton
 Tina Thomas

Aug. 27 – Mary Smith

Aug. 29 – Carol Arnold

Aug. 30 – Marilyn Compton



Happy Anniversary!

Aug. 17 – John & Sherri Wickham

Aug. 20 – Bob & Janice Beckham
 (46 years)

Aug. 23 – Larry & Darlene Parker
 (48 years)

Aug. 30 - Ed & Carolyn Viers
 (48 years)

If your Name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list or is incorrect, please call the office, 378-4118. We want to include you.

If a Christian is not in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day with the Lord's people, it is practically certain that he is not doing anything else that a Christian should be doing. He is not praying, not studying his Bible, not giving, nor witnessing to others.



Called to Serve Aug. – Sept.

Sunday, August 20

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn
 Home Communion: Marvin Gregory
 Deacons: Pat & Jess Reed
 Deaconesses: Delores Kempinger & Marilyn Compton
 Greeter: Phyllis Leckey
 Usher: Doris Claiborne AV. Nancy Burns
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Anita Smith

Sunday, August 27

Table Elders: Bob & Mary Compton
 Home Communion: Ed Viers
 Deacons: Mary Shue & Susan Voorhies
 Deaconesses: Delores Kempinger & Marilyn Compton
 Greeter: Nadine Dishman
 Usher: Louise Kelsey AV. Merlyn Ramsey
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Merlyn Ramsey

Sunday, September 3

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers
 Home Communion: Darin Vaughn
 Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black
 Deaconesses: Claudia Marr & Liz North
 Greeter: Cleda Robinson
 Usher: Delores Kempinger AV. Ron Smith
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Cary Hutton

Don't Forget



Ice cream Social

here at the church, August 27th, 5:00 p.m. Those that have an ice cream freezer that would like to make some to share please do so or if you would like to bring a small cake or a dozen cookies, it would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome to come even if

you bring just yourself. We are sure to have plenty. We might even dedicate the flower bed if the flag pole is up by then.



Correction

Apologies. The information I was given was incorrect. Jo Shue has not moved yet. She expects to move to the address that was published in the next few months.



School supplies are still on sale and Wal-Mart has some especially good bargains. Things you might look for are **glue sticks**. (*Bottles of glue cannot be shipped overseas.*) Other items to look for include pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, rulers, colored pencils, pens, scissors and erasers. If you can find one cheap enough a small calculator also works. Also tee shirts and socks are usually on sale for back to school. These items can be used for Operation Christmas Child or for the Nicaragua Mission Trip.

Homeless Matters...

Thank you to all who have brought bags. We have plenty to keep us busy for a while. When we need more we will let you know. Thanks again.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to welcome Brenda Burner as our newest member. If anyone else is interested in crocheting Prayer Shawls contact Mardina Gregory for yarn and instructions. Her number is 378-2616.

To be almost saved is to be totally lost.



A Message from Pastor Shue

School break is over for the summer. I speak as a grandparent when I say I'm really glad that we survived

another summer. I know I love my grandson, Brendon with all my heart, but as I grow older my patience grows a little thinner. It is time for a little break for him and Mary, and myself. Speaking of young people, I hope each of you will keep a close eye out for them since school is back in session. The little ones don't always use the cross walks and other authorized places to cross the street. Very often they dart out from parked cars and other hidden places. So please watch out for those who should be looking out for you, but sometimes get too excited to think clearly.

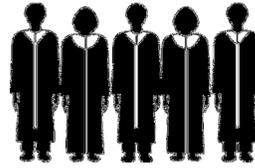
This summer weather-wise has been the nicest that I can recall. The amount of rain that we have received along with the cooler temperatures have made for a really pleasant summer overall. I hope this pattern continues for a few more weeks.

A quick reminder with school supplies still being on sale please pick up extra when you are at the store. We can always use them for the children in our community, or for the shoe box ministry, or for the Nicaragua mission trip. Speaking of the Nicaragua mission trip, it looks like I will be going by myself this year. My daughter Ashley just started a new school in Joplin that she attends Monday – Thursday each week and then works at Labette Hospital Friday through Sunday. She will be doing this for the next nine months. Mary and I will be taking care of Brendon during this time frame so neither of them will be able to go with me to Nicaragua. Please pray for Ashley and Brendon during this time.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

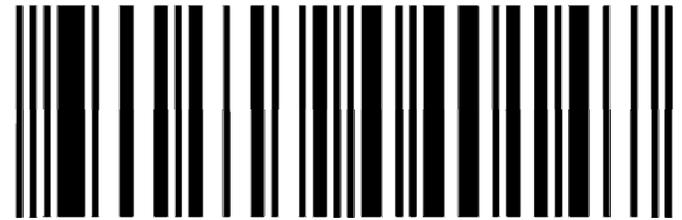
Pastor Claude



Choir Practice...

will resume September 6th at 7:00 p.m. New voices welcome.

Keep Saving



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Best Choice Barcodes. The money goes to help CWF pay for funeral dinners and other projects such as the new floor in the kitchen.

Dear Pastor Shue and all Members of FCC,

I thank you so much for sending me "The Caller." I haven't been in Fredonia in a long time, but I sure do miss my old friends there, especially those of local concerns and continuing concerns. I went to church with most of them.

George passed away a year ago this month. I am now in a care home in Sikeston, Missouri (near Paul's place). I don't have a lot of activity, but they try to keep me busy.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been such a success. Keep it up.

Tell everyone hello for me. I miss them, but think of them and they are in our my prayers.

Zelda Varner

(Zelda's address is 2017 Holloway Dr. ,Poplar Bluff, Mo. 63901 in case you would like to write to her.) I'm sure she would be glad to hear from you.

Shake It Off and Step Up

Once upon a time there was a farmer who had an old mule. The mule fell into a dry well and began to cry loudly. Hearing his mule the farmer came over and assessed the situation. The well was deep and the mule was heavy. He knew it would be difficult if not impossible to lift the mule out.

Because the well was dry and the mule was old, the farmer decided to bury the animal in the well. This way he could solve two problems: put the old mule out of his misery and have his well filled.

He called upon his neighbors and they agreed to help. Shovelful after shovelful began to fall on the old mules back. He became hysterical. Then all of a sudden an idea came to the mule. Each time they would throw a shovelful of dirt on his back he could shake it off and step up. Shovelful after shovelful, the old mule would shake it off and step up. Now, exhausted and dirty, but quite alive, the mule stepped over the top of the well and walked through the crowd.

A great attitude. A great way to approach life. Shake it off and step up. Too often we hold on to what has happened to us.

We hold on to it for a week, a month, or even years. We cannot shake it loose from our memory. It eats away at us and steals our joy, happiness, and peace of mind. The past hurt can create feelings of bitterness, anger, resentment, and revenge.

We keep allowing these emotions to be thrown on our backs and if we do nothing, we will be buried deep in the well. Walls will be built in our relationships. We will avoid each other and the cold war begins.

But, we have a choice: keep inside and embrace the hurt or shake it off and step up. Words that have been said or actions that have been done, let it go. Whatever it is: a rude comment, a past mistake, being ignored, we stew over it. It occupies us all the time.

Too often we nurse hurts, we keep them alive

and go over and over them time and time again; not only stewing from them, but now chewing them over and over until it gets us sick. Often we rehearse hurts, and tell everyone what has happened to us.

The cure is to accept what has happened, try to make sense out of it, learn from it, then shake it off and step up. When you let it go you feel free and you are no longer buried in the well. Once you are on your feet again you can take some action. You will decide where you want to grow in life, the direction you want your life to take. You decide whether you will allow the hurt to make you bitter or a better person. Learn from it and emerge stronger.

That's Life! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity, the adversaries that come along to bury us usually have within them the potential to benefit and bless us.

Remember that Forgiveness- Faith- Prayer- Praise- and Hope... are all excellent ways to "Shake It Off and Step Up" out of the wells in which we find ourselves.

~Joseph Sica

Beware of Sin

It will:

- Take you further than you want to go,**
- Keep you longer than you want to stay,**
- And cost you more than you want to pay.**



On Our Calendar

- Aug. 16 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
- Aug. 19 – 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Aug. 22 – 2:00 -3:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
- Aug. 23 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting
- Aug. 24 -4:00- 6:30 Praise Warriors
- Aug. 25– 6:00 Leaders Class Party
- Aug. 29 – 2:00 -3:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
- Aug. 23 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

*Articles for the Caller may be edited due to length, content, or for clarification.

