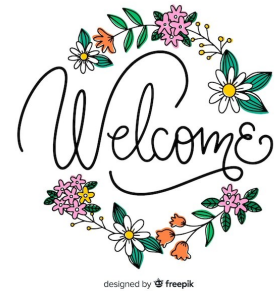


WELCOME DINNER FOR THE SANFORD FAMILY

Sunday, Nov. 10th
immediately following AM service



Bring a covered dish or two to share.
Table Service and drink will be provided.

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed
you, for the glory of God."* Romans 15:7

CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER SUNDAY, NOV. 24TH @ 5 PM

**Turkey - Potatoes - Gravy
will be provided**

**Carry-in dinner
(bring a dish or two to share)**

No carry outs

**Contact Lisa George @ 330-904-4649 to
help or for more information.**

NOVEMBER 2024

FROM THE PREACHER'S PEN

The God who knows

Marriage is hands down one of the greatest blessings that God has given to man and woman. To be able to become best friends with and grow old with that same best friend is an incredible gift. Yet in marriage, the first year is always infamously known as the hardest. Personally, I thought the first two years were some of the most difficult. I honestly at times did not think that Samantha and I would make it to year three. Most of the reason for this I think, is because this is the time when you are really getting to know one another. I do things, which she was not aware of while we were dating, that she can not stand and vice versa. But if you stay with it, that knowledge that you have of your spouse becomes a blessing. You know how that person will respond, what they will order, and essentially what makes them tick.

It is refreshing to have someone who knows how you feel. David says that God has the most intimate knowledge about every single human being. In Psalm 139 he writes You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

Think about this! Even before you speak God knows what you are going to say. He is aware of you whatever you are doing, sitting, standing, He knows it all completely. All of this paints a picture of one who loves you deeply. I remember when my kids were little, watching them perform even the most mundane tasks ie sitting and standing, was a celebration. This is the kind of joy that God takes in you. In the book of Acts, God is given the title of the Heart Knower. He knows everything about you. He knows the anxiety that you carry around, He knows your struggles, the joys and sorrows that fill your heart. He is acquainted with all of your ways, He knows you better than you know yourself. So the next time you wish there was someone who could understand what you are going through, take heart, Jesus can. The Book of Hebrews reminds us, For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

A Stance That is Both Firm & Loving

Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul as he writes to the Church in Ephesus:

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
Ephesians 4:14-16

Ephesians is one of my favorite books of the Bible, Paul is so articulate in his writing. He is both challenging, yet encouraging. It is, in fact, possible to be both... Here in the passage above, we see yet another paradox in his writing. We are to be both firm and loving in how we live our lives for Jesus.

How does this work? How can we be both? Too often Christians forget that Scripture tells us to speak the truth in love. Speak the truth in love. That can be a hard concept to grasp. Usually what ends up happening is people on the one side only hear the speak the truth part. So they live their lives for Christ shouting rudely or making snide comments about how they are right and the other side is wrong. Now, this is true, Jesus is the truth, no doubt about it. His Word is true, but if we are actually trying to honor Scripture, the Bible doesn't say "speak the truth in hate", or "speak the truth in anger", or "speak the truth rudely". It says "speak the truth in love".

Also what happens way too often, especially in the Church today, is people on the other side of this statement only hear one word, "love". So what do they do? They go around living their lives for Christ allowing anyone to say anything. Their ideology begins to be bent towards any wind of teaching that just sounds good, why? Because their love isn't rooted in anything. For love to really be affective, it must be rooted in TRUTH! Thus why Paul tells us to speak the truth in love... The Bible is clear, both are needed. Truth, yes. Love, yes. When people really understand the TRUTH that Jesus died for them because He LOVED them, it is the most powerful thing in the world.

As I write this the outcome of the election has not yet been decided. No matter the outcome, the Lord is the one in firm control. And it is He who calls us to speak the truth in love. Regardless of the results, it is our duty, our calling as Christians to love all, but to speak truth while doing it.

So, do we just bend to every false ideology the world throws at us? Never, we stand firmly on the Word of God. Do we shut out the world, never speaking to anyone again, then? Huddled in our church buildings, discussing how bad things are, never reaching out to anyone because they disagree with us? Never, we stand lovingly on the Word of God. Our nation is divided, Church. You hold the answer to the division: always, only, Jesus. So go out, and SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Zach
BeRomans12
"Together – We Build"

FAMILY MATTERS

We extend our sympathies to . . .

. . . Barbara & Roger Patterson and their family and friends with the passing of Barbara's mother, Florence Jackman. Mrs. Jackman passed away on Oct. 1st. Her services were held on Oct. 7th at the Bartley Funeral Home.

. . . Jerry & Judy Hasch, his daughter Shelley & Wally Toot and their families with the passing of their great grandchild/grandchild, Theo Toot. Theo's parents are Derek & Carolyn Toot. His service was held on Saturday, Oct. 12th.

. . . to Daryl Wickersham and the family and friends of Richard Wickersham. Dick passed away on Friday, Oct. 18th. His service was held on

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
Psalm 139:13-16

We rejoice the baptism of . . . Kyle Lowe. Kyle was baptized on Oct. 3rd with his friends and present. Kyle lives at 716 E. Lincoln Way, Minerva, OH 44657
Praise the Lord for Kyle's decision!

Thank you . . . The family of Florence Jackman would like to thank everyone for all the cards and word of comfort during her recent passing. Thank you also to all who helped in any way with the funeral dinner, You are all such a wonderful blessing.

Thank you . . . to everyone who helped in any way with the Fall Festival. Whether you donated candy, handed out candy, cooked hotdogs and french fries, made cotton candy, registered families, helped with games or the bounce houses, and so many other areas. . . WE APPRECIATE YOU!!! The turn out was amazing and so many were thankful and very appreciative of everything. What a wonderful way to share God's love. Thank you Lord, for this awesome opportunity.



MACS THANKSGIVING ANNUAL FUND DRIVE 2024

November is a month of Thanksgiving. MACS has faithfully served the Minerva community for 59 years impacting the lives of thousands of children and families. We are asking this month for your help in ensuring that we can continue our mission of providing a Christ-centered education for families in the greater Minerva area. Below is the link giving you the ability to choose a slot to donate money to our school. The slots go from 1 to 59 to celebrate the blessing of God allowing us to impact this community for 59 years. Please choose a slot with the amount of money you would like to donate. Thank you for your donation and support of our school. We are so blessed to be a part of this amazing community.

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**5K & 1M race to benefit:
Minerva Area Christian School**

**Register for our Jolly Jingle
Race on Saturday,
December 14th**

Proceeds from the race benefit MACS

<https://form.jotform.com/242963513020145>

you are invited to
**FLIP
MOVIE
NIGHT!**

**PIZZA
DRINKS
CANDY**

BRING YOUR PILLOW AND BLANKET!

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 27TH
6:30-9:00PM**

Minerva First Christian Church
300 W Lincoln Way
Minerva, Oh 44657

The poster is a collage of movie-related items. It features two blue and green "CINEMA" tickets, a film strip, a clapperboard, and a film reel. The text is arranged in a grid-like fashion with various colors and fonts.

This year we will be hosting a
**PANCAKE & SAUSAGE
BREAKFAST**
Along with the Jolly Jingle.
8-11 am
Cost - Donation

*Pancake
Breakfast*





Ladies Fall Pie Social

Women of all Ages

Saturday, Nov. 16th

10:00 am

Please join us for a time of fellowship and to share your favorite fall dessert, that you prepare at home. And to help us assemble a yummy fall mix to share with all our brothers and sisters on Sunday morning as well those of the congregation who cannot join us.

For the Yummy Fall Mix, we need each of you to bring your favorite ingredient ie - popcorn, cereal, pretzels, candy corn, M&M's, chocolate chips, marshmallows, nuts, or anything else you love.

* There is a sign up sheet at the welcome desk, please let us know that you are coming, what you are bringing to share and your fun ingredient for the Yummy Fall Mix.

OUR SHUT-INS

Mrs. Betty McIntosh
16621 Lisbon St. NE
Minerva, OH 44657

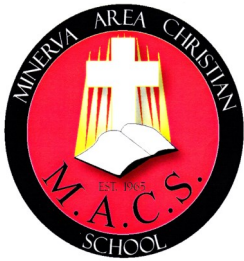
Mr. George Horvath
c/o St. Luke's
4301 Woodale SE Room 114
Minerva, OH 44657

Bill & Linda Becknell
3275 Union Ave. SE
Minerva, OH 44657

Mrs. Connie Morris
c/o Aultman Woodlawn
Room 141
2821 Woodlawn Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44708

Mrs. Dorothy Birney
c/o St. Luke's
4301 Woodale Ave. SE
Room 101
Minerva, OH 44657

MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Our school year is already two months old and we are headed toward the wonderful Holiday Season. MACS has some great events scheduled for our students for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is going to be a great time to be a part of our school community!

This past month, MACS collected goods that were sent to Asheville, North Carolina to help the hurricane victims in that region. Our students donated a full van full of goods. Great work! Thank you to all who donated and thank you to Pastor Sanford and Pastor Zach for dropping off the donations. We also had a fundraiser with Stoller's Pastries. Our students had almost \$3000 in sales! We raised almost \$9000 for our AOK.

For the month of November, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and are asking for donations toward our MACS Fund that directly helps our operating budget for the school. MACS offers some of the lowest tuition in Ohio. In order to keep our tuition low and offer our Christ-centered education to all families, we must bridge the gap between the increasing cost of operating the school and our tuition. Help us fill that Gap by donating to our MACS Fund. Through God's grace, MACS has operated for 59 years in the Minerva community. Our Thanksgiving Drive offers you the opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation of between \$1 and \$59. These donations can be made using this link, <https://form.jotform.com/242893670410154>.

Our Annual Jolly Jingle Race will take place on Saturday, December 14th this year! This year we will be having a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast! You can choose to run in the 5K or 1 mile race. We would love for you to be a part of this wonderful fundraiser. All participants receive a free T-Shirt! Register in the office or online, <https://form.jotform.com/242963513020145>.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:4 -5



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov. 3 - AWANA (grds. K-5) 5 - 7:30 pm
Nov. 3 - Adult Bible Study 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Nov. 3 - Christmas Choir Practice 6:30 pm
Nov. 5 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
Nov. 6 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm
Nov. 6 - FLIP (grds. 4-6) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Nov. 6 - Upper Room
(grds. 6-12) 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Nov. 7 - ASX (grds. 1-5) 3:30-5:00 pm
Nov. 10 - Sanford Welcome Dinner - 11:30 am
Nov. 10 - AWANA (grds. K-5) 5 - 7:30 pm
Nov. 10 - Adult Bible Study 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Nov. 10 - Christmas Choir Practice 6:30 pm
Nov. 11 - General Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Nov. 12 - Home Dept. 7:00 pm
Nov. 12 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Nov. 13 - FLIP (grds. 4-6) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Nov. 13 - Upper Room
(grds. 6-12) 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Nov. 14 - ASX (grds. 1-5) 3:30-5:00 pm
Nov. 16 - Ladies' Pie Social 10:00 am
Nov. 17 - AWANA (grds. K-5) 5 - 7:30 pm
Nov. 10 - Adult Bible Study 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Nov. 17 - Christmas Choir Practice 6:30 pm
Nov. 19 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Nov. 20 - FLIP (grds. 4-6) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Nov. 20 - Upper Room
(grds. 6-12) 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Nov. 21 - Deacons Pantry 9 - 10:30 am
Nov. 21 - ASX (grds. 1-5) 3:30-5:00 pm
Nov. 24 - Cong. Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 pm
Nov. 24 - Christmas Choir Practice 6:30 pm
Nov. 26 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Nov. 27 - Dec. 2 - No School
Nov. 27 - FLIP Movie Night
Dec. 6 - Red Cross Blood Mobile 11 - 5

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**November
General Board Meeting
Monday, Nov. 11th
@ 7:30 pm**

TORRES UPDATE

Thank you for all the prayers for the medical team last week while we were in Ixtepec. 764 people were helped with seeing the doctor, and receiving medicine, foot care, reading glasses and/or bibles. We also had a devotional each morning and prayed with people. No one on the team got sick! We are looking forward to going back in April.

In Christ,
Luis & Chere Torres

DEACONS PANTRY

Each month our Deacon's Pantry distributes food and some paper products to 12 - 15 families. If you are able to pick up a few non-perishable items to donate it would be greatly appreciated. Some of the items we need are: tuna, soups, canned vegetables, fruit, ramen, peanut butter, mac & cheese, pasta & sauce, saltine crackers. Monetary donations are always welcome. We will be making our distribution on Thursday, Nov. 21st, if you are able to help see Jay Harsh.

PRAYER LIST

Reagan Abner
 Jennifer Allen
 Alice Archer
 Christa Archer
 Kassadee Archer
 Bill & Linda Becknell
 Doug Bell
 Dan Bergman
 Dorothy Birney
 Arlene Brown
 Shirley Catlett
 Don Clapper
 Lora Crabtree
 Donna Dennis
 Janet Greathouse
 Mary Jo Hardman
 Larry Hartshorn
 Lois Hawkins
 Todd Hetherington
 Betty Hoopes
 Evelyn Hopkins
 George Horvath
 Marilyn Humphries
 Lee Iden
 Leroy Kibler
 Rory & Nancy King
 Mary Long
 Herb & Pat Lowery
 Sondra Lowery
 Scoo & Dolores
 M^cCully
 Jean Miller
 Shea Mitchell
 Connie Morris
 Sheila Murray
 Eric Prowe
 Heidi Randall
 John & Sandy
 Russell
 Gene Schmucker
 Kathy Schmucker
 Gary Schotts
 Lynette Shatzer
 Kathy Shaw

HELP NEEDED

Minerva Community meals, which serves the Minerva (and the surrounding area), is looking for volunteers to cook lunch time meals for the elderly. We also need drivers to deliver the meals.

This service allows many of them to stay in their homes longer.

Cooks will need about 3 hours per morning for their shift, and drivers will need 1-1½ hours for theirs. Menus are pre-determined, food and recipes are provided. All volunteers work in pairs and are trained to do their respective jobs. Volunteers usually work 1 day per week or 2 days per month, or they can ever be a sub.

Community Meals is similar to Meals on Wheels, but we do not receive any government funding, we charge the clients \$3.00 per meal and we do accept donations. All of our cooks and drivers are volunteers.

All meals are prepared and picked up at the First Presbyterian Church. If interested, call Elizabeth Smith 330-323-4438 to cook or John Greco 330-605-3295 to deliver.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Oct. 6</u>	<u>Oct. 13</u>	<u>Oct. 20</u>	<u>Oct. 27</u>
Worship	134	149	143	147
Bible School	71	65	63	66

Sally Shaw
 Don Shields
 Dean Shotwell
 George Shotwell
 Midge Snyder
 Allie Swank
 Carol Thomas
 Jeremiah Ward
 Marge Warrick
 Eva Wolf

MILITARY

Military: CSM Jesse Clark; Sgt. Kurt Warrick, Staff Sgt. E6 Michael Derrick, Bill Muzz. **Please let us know about Military updates/corrections.**



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

300 West Lincoln Way
 Minerva, Ohio 44657

October 30, 2024

Church

minervafcc@hotmail.com

Celebration 10:15 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Evening 5:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm

Monday-Friday

Minerva First Christian Church

MinervaFCC.com

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Ray Leatherberry | 23 Larry Palmer |
| 5 George Horvath 95 yrs. | 26 Michelle Cogan |
| 9 Chad Vandegrift | 29 Chere Torres |
| 12 John & Debbie Bowman
54 years | 30 Maureen DeSantis |
| 13 Mary Jo Hardman
Chris Sanford | |
| 17 Matt & Kasie Hogue
6 years | |
| 18 Brandon Keen | |
| 19 Mike Fountain | |



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24
Comm. Meditation	Zach Long	Dave Bush	John Long	Jordan Vert
Ushers	Brandon Keen	John George	Bob Palmer	Mike Fountain
Deacons	JoD. Unkefer	JoD. Unkefer	JoD. Unkefer	JoD. Unkefer
Shut-In Teams	Bruce Doppleheuer & Jay Harsh	John Long & Dave Seibert	Zach Long & Jordan Vert	No Communion