



Minerva First Christian Church

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He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

MARCH 2024

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, March 24th
Palm Sunday — 7:00 pm
Easter Cantata/Drama
"Come Touch the Robe"

Sunday, March 31st
RESURRECTION SUNDAY
Breakfast 7:45 - 9:00 am
Sign Up Sheet at the Information Center

Sunday School - 9:00 am

Sunday Service - 10:15 am



GRACE

I love Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He is one of the greatest Christian writers of all time, dare I say, one of the greatest Christians of all time. He is best known for his affiliation in a failed attempt to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Perhaps his best known book is *The Cost of Discipleship*, which is a great book that I must admit I have not finished... However, my favorite book of his, one that I did finish, is called *Life Together*. This book is all about the Church, what it should look like, and how Christians should treat one another. Bonhoeffer is never afraid to be straight up with his audience, here, let me show you...

"Anybody who has once been horrified by the dreadfulness of his own sin that nailed Jesus to the Cross will no longer be horrified by even the rankest sins of a brother....The most experienced psychologist or observer of human nature knows infinitely less of the human heart than the simplest Christian who lives beneath the Cross of Jesus." (Bonhoeffer 118-119). What does this mean? It means that every Christians should lean heavily towards the side of grace. Because we have seen how messed up we are in comparison to Christ, we understand and have mercy and forgiveness for those who need the most forgiveness.

Before we point fingers, call names, and begin gossiping about the terrible, offensive sin that the latest Christian slip-up has committed, we ought not so quickly forget that it was us in that same boat not so long ago. And I don't know about you, but I didn't need someone to tell me one more time how wrong what I did was (I already knew that and had been convicted of it greatly), I needed someone to tell me they understood where I was at because they had been there before. I needed someone to tell me that because of Jesus, my slate could be wiped clean, again. I needed a fellow Christian to look me in the eye and say, "God's not even close to being done with you yet."

Now that I have been through that myself, several different times actually... Can I now say that I am the person that brings grace to the person hurting, trying so desperately to get out of their sin? Or am I the guy on the sideline, talking about how awful it must be to be that person, going on about how he could fall that far...

Don't forget the story of the woman caught in adultery. The Pharisees were so ready to stone her, and the woman who was caught red-handed stood before the only Person in existence to have the right to throw the stone, but He doesn't, and the men who were so eager to stone her moments before walk away dumbfounded because Jesus called them out. "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.", Jesus says. One by one they drop their rocks, just as guilty as the woman who they came to stone. Church, it's time to drop your rock, pick up your Bible, and lead the charge with forgiveness, love, mercy, and truth.

Thanks and God Bless,
Zach Long

FAMILY MATTERS

We welcome Juliana Logan to the family of God. Juliana came forward and was baptized on Sunday, February 11th. Juliana is a seventh grader at United Local Schools. She makes her home with her family at 11972 Lynchburg Rd., Kensington, OH 44427.

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Galatians 3:26-27

We express our sympathies to Gary Schotts and his family with the passing of his wife, Carol. Carol passed away on Thursday, February 8th. Her service was here at the church on Friday, February 16th. Carol had been a faithful member of MFCC for many years.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26

A Big "Thank You" to all that remembered Don Shields with so many beautiful Christmas and Birthday cards! He was 91 on Sunday, Feb. 18th. He enjoyed each and every one of them. That was so kind of all of you. God Bless, Allie Swank

Thank you for your love and support at this time, The Family of Carol Schotts.

SHUT INS

Mrs. Carol Thomas
c/o Altercare of Alliance
11750 Klinger Ave. NE
Alliance, OH 44601

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

Mrs. Connie Morris
205 Scranton
Minerva, OH 44657

Mrs. Lois Hawkins
c/o Centreville Village
1082 Kensington Rd NE,
Carrollton, OH 44615

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

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

Mr. John Toalston
1125 Whitacre Ave. SE
Minerva, OH 44657



Easter Pancake



Breakfast & Egg Hunt!



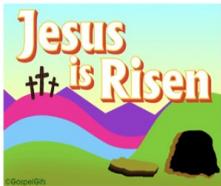
Families Welcome!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

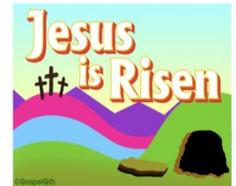
Come celebrate the fact that JESUS IS ALIVE!

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

Minerva First Christian Church



Pancake Breakfast @9am,
Egg Hunt to Follow



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CIY SuperStart!

SuperStart is a retreat designed for 4th-6th graders to get closer to God while having a blast!

April 12th - 13th, 2024
Grove City, OH

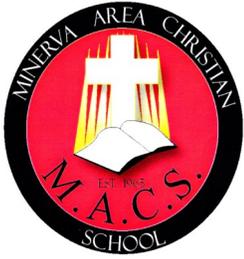
Cost: \$30

Questions? Call or Text Zach Long @
330-417-4834

More Info: ciy.com/superstart

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MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



We are getting closer to Spring time and the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! What an exciting time of year. We have had a wonderful month at MACS in February. We had a great family night of reading under the stars on February 9th and also a family movie night on February 23rd! We also learned about God's amazing love for us and shared it by sending letters to servicemen and women overseas for Valentine's Day! It is great to be able to share God's love with so many people through the various service projects that we do at MACS.

We are also preparing for next school year. Families can now enroll their children into MACS for next school year. We have applications available on our website or in the office. Furthermore, we have two scheduled Open Houses on March 7th and March 16th for families to tour the school and register for next year! Spots are limited so we encourage everyone to register as soon as possible.

We will be having a McTeacher Night Fundraiser at McDonald's on East Lincoln Way on April 17th from 5 pm to 8 pm. A portion of the sales for the evening will be donated to MACS. Come out and support MACS and bring your friends and family! Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

"May integrity and uprightness protect me,
because my hope, LORD, is in you." Psalm 25:21 NIV

Upcoming Events

MACS Open Houses - March 7th and March 16th
MACS February Board Meeting Tuesday, March 19th at 5:15 pm
Easter Break - March 25th - April 1st

MARCH CALENDAR

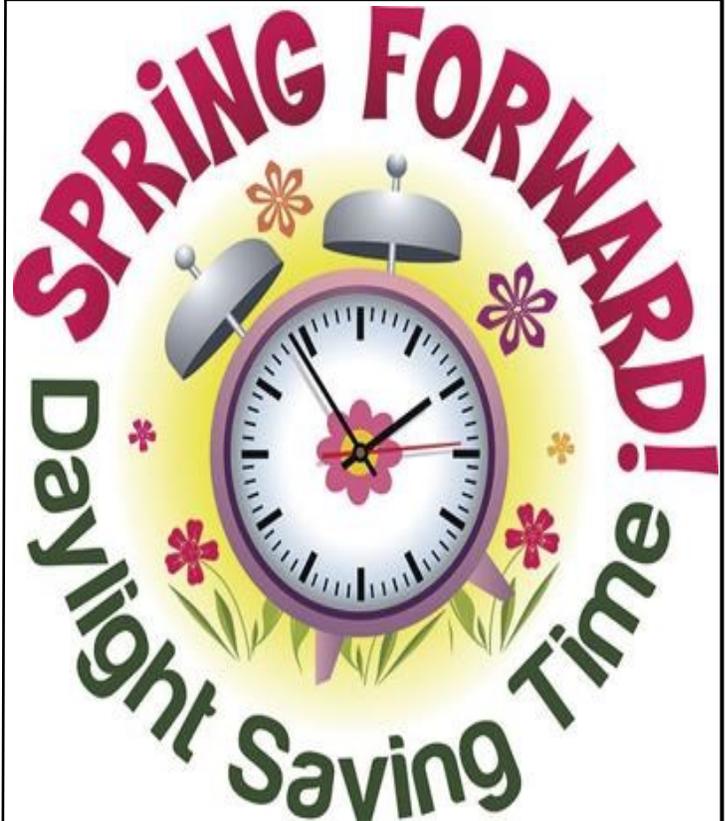
March 5 - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
March 5 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
March 5 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm
March 6 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
March 7 - Board Reports are due to the office
March 7 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
March 7 - MACS Open House 6-7:30 pm
March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 10 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm
March 10 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm
March 11 - 15 - MACS Book Fair
March 11 - General Board Meeting 7:30 pm
March 12 - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
March 12 - Home Dept. Meeting 7:00 pm
March 12 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
March 12 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm
March 13 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
March 14 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
March 16 - MACS Open House 10-11:30 am
March 17 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm
March 17 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm
March 19 - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
March 19 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
March 19 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm
March 20 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
March 21 - Deacons Pantry 9:30 - 10:00 am
March 21 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
March 23 - Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt 9 am
March 24 - Easter Cantata/Drama 7:00 pm
March 25 - April 1 - MACS Spring Break
March 26 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
March 26 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm
March 27 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
March 31 - EASTER - Breakfast 7:45-9:00 am
(sign up sheet at visitor center)

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

March 11th, 2024
7:30 pm.

Please have all reports to the office by
Thurs., March 7th

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH



DEACONS PANTRY



Each month our Deacon's Pantry distributes food and some paper products to 15 - 20 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, March 21st, if you are able to help see Jay Harsh.



PRAYER LIST

Reagan Abner
 Jennifer Allen
 Alice & Gary Archer
 Christa Archer
 Kassadee Archer
 Bill & Linda Becknell
 Doug Bell
 Ellie Bender
 Dorothy Birney
 Arlene Brown
 Shirley Catlett
 Don Clapper
 Lora Crabtree
 Donna Dennis
 Jenny Dowell
 Janet Greathouse
 Mary Jo Hardman
 Lois Hawkins
 Bob Hetherington
 Evelyn Hopkins
 George Horvath
 Lee Iden
 Nancy Kibler
 Leroy Kibler
 Rory & Nancy King
 Mary Long
 Herb & Pat Lowery
 Sondra Lowery
 Nancy Marquis
 Dolores M'Cully
 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
 Don Shields
 Dean Shotwell
 Midge Snyder
 Carol Thomas
 Jeremiah Ward
 Marge Warrick
 Carol White
 Richard Wickersham
 Les Willison

SPECIAL FUND BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 30th

Vehicle/Bus	\$2,366
Coffee Spot	\$380
Missions	\$8,066
Deacons	\$1,013
Landscaping	\$547
Audio/Visual	\$5,510
Kid's Corner Renovation	\$57,337
HS/MS Trips	\$6,628
Building	\$37,865
YES Ministry	\$10
Minister's Benevolence Fund	\$19,842



**CHOIR
PRACTICE
WEDNESDAYS
@ 7 PM**

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Feb. 4</u>	<u>Feb. 11</u>	<u>Feb. 18</u>	<u>Feb. 25</u>
Worship	186	130	126	137
Bible School	61	72	66	70

Military: CSM Jesse Clark; Special Forces Captain Isaac Graham;; Thomas E. Greathouse, Jr.; Timothy Reed; Sgt. Kurt Warrick
Please let us know about Military updates/corrections.

JANUARY GIVING:

General Fund	\$22,869
Building Fund	\$700
Mission Fund	\$3,232

YTD as of 1/30/2024

General Fund given for budget	\$212,722
Gen. Fund Budgeted Expenses	\$200,573
General Fund actual expenses	\$209,167

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

300 West Lincoln Way
 Minerva, Ohio 44657

March 4, 2024

Church

minervafcc@hotmail.com
 Celebration 10:15 am
 Sunday School 9:00 am
 Sunday Evening 5:00 pm

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm
 Monday-Friday
 330-868-4151

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jocelyn Coss	23 Jerry & Judy Hasch 6 years
3 Dorothy Birney 96 yr.	24 Weston Clough
5 Judy Hays-Hasch	25 Butch & Joann Vandegrift 24 years
9 Dolores McCully Carol White	26 Matt Chambers Bill & Kelly Shaw 42 years
15 Marilyn Barley	28 Kathy Shaw
17 Kevin Cogan	30 Teresa Seibert
18 Dan Bergman Pippa Vert	31 John Long
22 Dave Dennis Patty Morgan David Unkefer	

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Comm. Meditation	Jordan Vert	Zach Long	Dave Bush	John Long	John Russell
Ushers	Kenny Hoopes	Jordan Vert	Mike Fountain	Chip Syme	John Bowman
Deaconess	Lisa George	Lisa George	Lisa George	Lisa George	Lisa George
Shut-In Teams	Bob Palmer & Jordan Vert	Kenny Hoopes & Brad Snyder	Nate Oberly & Matt Zahn	Bruce Doppelheuer & Mike Fountain	No Shut-ins today