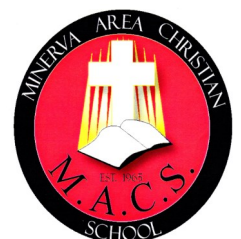


## July Mission Spotlight — MACS School Supplies

This month we will be collecting school supplies for the students at MACS. Below is a list of needed supplies, please note some are a specific brand. Items may be placed on the Missions Table outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you!

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 24 Count CRAYOLA Crayons              | Tissues  |
| 8-10 Count CRAYOLA Broad line Markers | Paper Towels   |
| CRAYOLA fine tip Markers              | Gallon size ZIPLOCK Baggies                          |
| Thin EXPO Whiteboard Markers          | Sandwich size ZIPLOCK Baggies                        |
| Dry Erase Markers/Erasers             | 1 Subject spiral notebook                            |
| 12 Count CRAYOLA Colored Pencils      | Paper folders  |
| 10-12 count Black ink Pens            | Plastic/vinyl folders                                |
| 10-12 count Blue ink Pens             | Plastic folders with pockets and 3 prongs inside     |
| 6 count red ink Pens                  | Baby Wipes   |
| 6 count mechanical pencils            | CLOROX wipes   |
| Notecards                             | Plastic sleeves for 3-ring Binder                    |
| Highlighters                          | 3 ring binder with clear plastic pocket on the front |
| 8 Count CRAYOLA Watercolor Paint      | Spiral notebooks                                     |
| Bottles of ELMERS School Glue         | Spiral notebook journal                              |
| ELMERS Glue Sticks                    | 100 Count Index Cards                                |
| Fisker Scissors                       | 3 Subject Spiral notebooks                           |
| #2 Pencils                            | Protractor   |
| Pencil Box                            |  |
| 4 oz. PLAYDOH                         |  |
| Pink Eraser                           |  |
| WIDE Rule Loose leaf Paper            |  |

**July 2024**



# THE MOVE to MIX

***Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6***

***But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33***

In my last article for June, I asked for prayer for 3 major events for our youth throughout the summer. One of those big events was CIY MOVE. CIY holds a special place in my heart because it is where Jesus changed my life. We were registered to take a group of 12 (including adults) to CIY MOVE this year at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. Although I reached out to many students who could go, I just kept hitting a wall.

Nothing that I said or did seemed to help. It was like the more I tried to talk any student into going, the more I received reasons they couldn't go. The more I tried to talk it up, the more they turned me down. I was beyond frustrated, and I felt like CIY was just not going to happen. If I am being honest, I was leaning on my own understanding. I was trying so hard to figure out a solution to my problem. I had not given it to God. Which, I felt guilty for. Here I am always preaching and teaching to not lean on your own understanding, that when we trust in ourselves instead of God, we fail. Looks like I forgot to practice what I preach.

I was holding out hope for a few students that had given me a "maybe", to say they were going to CIY MOVE. I prayed and prayed that they would go, but I realize now it was not God's will. Finally, they reached out and said they would not be able to go, and my level of frustration hit its peak. I didn't know what to do. We had 12 spots with 2 deposits already down, we would lose all that money!

It was at that moment that I had almost given up hope, and then the Holy Spirit gave me an idea. What if we switched to CIY MIX? CIY MIX is a 4 day event for middle schoolers (6th-8th grade). Right now, our youth has a lot of students involved that are in this age group, especially kids just going into 6th grade from After School Xperience. Surely I could get a group of 9 of these kids to go on this trip, right?

But there were a lot of questions that went through my mind. With it being so short notice, would parents be willing to send their kids? Was there a week of MIX available that the dates worked for our schedule? Would the venue be close enough? Would CIY even allow a switch like this to happen? I realize now though, God was at work.

## MOVE to MIX (con't.)

There was a week of MIX that registration was still open for during the SAME WEEK that we were registered for MOVE. This venue was in Marion, Indiana. Even closer than Wheaton! Time and place were taken care of. Now all that was left was if CIY would approve the switch, and if the students would be willing to come.

I reached out to Joel, a friend of mine and contact at CIY, he told me he would look into switching our spots from MOVE to MIX, but that CIY did not typically allow that to happen. I didn't get my hopes up. I put it in God's hands. Joel said he would check into it, so I tried my best to just leave it go in my mind. Maybe God just didn't want us to take a trip to CIY this year. I was trying my best to prepare for that news. But that news never came.

I received a text from Joel a few days later that to his surprise, the switch was approved! We were on for CIY MIX 2024! My frustration turned to motivation, I couldn't wait to start asking kids if they wanted to go! Believe it or not, it wasn't 3 days before we had all 9 of those spots filled, plus one! When God is in the midst of something, things just happen! He is good!

Not only that, but the day after receiving that text from Joel, you all were so gracious at the CIY Brunch that we raised in total that day \$1,434 along with several committing to full scholarships for students to go to MIX!!! I could not believe it! That was a record day, by far!

Church, I say all that to say this, God is faithful. His plan is not our plan, and if we trust Him, if we put Him first, if we don't lean on our understanding, He will MOVE. The MOVE might be to MIX, but HE will MOVE. Many times He will MOVE in ways we do not understand in the moment. NEVERTHELESS, He is MOVING.

Now, I once again need your prayers. At this moment we have 10 students and 4 adults heading to CIY MIX from July 8th-12th in Marion, Indiana. Pray these students encounter Jesus in amazing ways. I believe they are supposed to be there, events were orchestrated in such a way that they could be! Pray that hearts would be opened, and they would know they are loved. Pray that they would choose to follow Jesus for the rest of their lives. Pray that God would MOVE at MIX.

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



## Update from Kenzie Fountain's Mission Trip

CRU has two programs in Gatlinburg that provide international students in college or students who are newly graduated with an opportunity to work in America over the summer. These students are either in danger in their home country or their home country does not provide fair wages or working conditions for them. This provides them with a safe place to stay and an ability to make money to pay off any debt they may have. Most students send money back home to help their families make ends meet as well.

I recently met one young woman from Jamaica who is here to create a better life for her 10 year old son back home. She sends portions of her paycheck home each pay period.

A lot of the countries that send students here are either a part of or very close to the 10/40 window. Their time here in America could be their only and last opportunity to receive the gospel in a place where they do not have to fear for their lives.

We don't acknowledge that we are missionaries to the students. We only aim to become their friends. Most of the students come here all alone, with no car, very little English, and no one to talk to.

Every Sunday night from 10-12, when most tourist shops close, we host a get together called "Gatlinburg United" it is "A time to get to know other college students and experience new cultures." We go out and walk with or pick up our international friends and take them to a small church located directly behind the "strip: (the tourist hot spot in Gatlinburg where many of the work). Here we play games. We have instruments around to teach each other songs from our cultures and childhoods. We also prepare a small meal for each student.

We are only a listening ear for the students if that is all that they want. Even if they deny the gospel, God still loves them and yearns for them to come home!

We have on particular game called "snapshot" this game looks like a regular deck of cards, but each card contains images that evoke specific emotions. We can use these cards to be simple and play matching cards, or even normal euchre. But we can use these cards to share our testimonies and to talk with each other about what our relationships with our creator looks like. Using these cards, the conversation often quickly turns from light and surface level, to what our deepest fears and any current hurt might look like.

We have witnessed 2 people pray to receive Christ in the past 10 days. Thank you for your support and partnership in sharing the gospel.

## JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO SEE THE PLAY "RUTH"

Do you enjoy great fellowship, good food and a wonderful play?

Then if you are 55 and over please join us on July 27<sup>th</sup> as we join Perry Christian Church and travel to Sugarcreek, Ohio to the Ohio Star Theater to see the production of Ruth.

The price of the ticket is \$62.50 and this includes a meal and the play.

We will leave our Church parking lot at around 9:15 and then to Perry.

Lunch is at 11:30 and will be served buffet style. The play is at 1:00 pm.

We have limited seating so get your reservations in as quickly as possible, to secure your spot.

Please contact Sandy Doppelheuer at 330-7058-9371 so we can get a head count.

## HOME DEPARTMENT

## DEACONS PANTRY

### SUMMER PICNIC

TUESDAY,  
JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

@ Joan Henninger's  
218 Edgewood Dr.,  
Minerva

3:00 - 5:30 - Swim &  
Social  
5:30 - Dinner

Please bring a dish  
to share.  
Table service  
provided.

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, July 18<sup>th</sup>, if you are able to help see Jay Harsh.



# FAMILY MATTERS

**We welcome . . .** Jeremiah Ward to the Family of God. Jeremiah made his decision to be baptized. Jeremiah was baptized by John Long on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He makes his home with his family at 894 Robertsville Ave.. SE, Paris, OH 44669

## **We express our sympathies**

. . . to Todd & Jon Hetherington and their family with the passing of their Father, Bob Hetherington. Bob passed away on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. His service was held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

. . . to Lora Crabtree and her family with the passing of her son, Shilo Brown. Shilo passed away on Monday, June 10. His service was held on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you . . .** Hi good people! Received your cards. Tell everybody I said "Hello!" God bless you all! John Toalston

**Thank you.** . . to everyone who helped with VBS in any way! With your help we were able to share God with so many children in our community and beyond. Thank you!!

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13

## SHUT INS

Mr. Richard Wickersham  
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Minerva, OH 44657

Mr. Dan Bergman  
423 N. Market St.  
Minerva, OH 44657

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

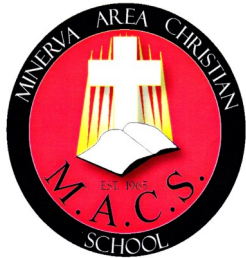
Mrs. Eva Wolf  
515 Valley Street  
Minerva, OH 44657

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





# MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Summer is in full swing at MACS. Our staff is taking a break and preparing for next school year. We are excited about this fall and look forward to meeting new families. We do have our STEM Camp coming up later this month on July 24th through 26th. This event is open to anyone in the community with children in preschool through 8th grade. More information regarding the stem camp can be found on our website, [minervafcc.com/stem-program](http://minervafcc.com/stem-program).

We still have several open positions available for next school year to join our team. We are looking for teachers at both the preschool and K-8 level. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them contact the office or email [cstoffer@minervaareachristianschool.org](mailto:cstoffer@minervaareachristianschool.org).

This month, we are asking for your help in donating school supplies for our students for next year. We are in need of pencils, crayons, scissors, etc. A list can be found in the office of supplies. We appreciate any help you can provide in helping our students with having supplies for the upcoming school year!

We wish our students and staff a wonderful summer break and we look forward to school starting back up in fall! The future is bright at MACS and with God's guidance, we will continue to make a difference in our community.

"The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon.  
It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer  
and winter." Psalm 74:16-17



## MACS STEM Camp



**July 24 - 26th**  
**Preschool - 8th Grade**

register at [minervafcc.com/stem-program](http://minervafcc.com/stem-program)

## JULY CALENDAR

July 2 - 24/7 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm  
July 8 - 11 - CIY Mix (Jr. & Sr. High)  
July 8 - General Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
July 9 - Scholarship Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm  
July 16 - Home Dept. Picnic  
@ Joan Henninger's  
Swim & social @ 3 Dinner @ 5:30  
July 16 - 24/7 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm  
July 18 - Deacons Pantry 9 - 10:30 am  
July 20 - MACS Work Day  
July 23 - 24/7 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm  
July 24 - 26 - MACS STEM Camp  
July 27 - Sr. Trip "RUTH" @ Star Theater  
July 30 - 24/7 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING

July Board Meeting  
Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> @  
7:30 pm

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Scholarship Committee  
meeting  
Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

AGOD BLESS  
*America*

## TORRES UPDATE

We are thankful for your continued prayers and financial support. After 90° temperatures since the beginning of April we finally got some rain and lower temperatures last week. Here is some of what has happened in the past 3 months:

- ♦ April 14<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the church in Alseseca celebrated with 2 other churches and a meal. Luis preaches most Sundays.
- ♦ April 18<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - Medical team from Tennessee in Mexico. 858 people were seen in Ixtepec, Puebla. The services offered were: medical consult, reading glasses, foot-washing, P.T., pharmacy and spiritual counseling with Bibles in Spanish and the native language Totonac given.
- ♦ May 12<sup>th</sup> - church in Alseseca celebrated Mother's Day with a meal.
- ♦ June 16<sup>th</sup> - church in Alseseca celebrated Father's Day with a meal and games.

Continuing to serve Christ in Mexico, Luis & Chere Torres



## 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  
Betty Hoopes  
Evelyn Hopkins  
George Horvath  
Marilyn Humphries  
Lee Iden  
Nancy Kibler  
Leroy Kibler  
Rory & Nancy King  
Mary Long  
Herb & Pat Lowery  
Sondra Lowery  
Scoo & Dolores McCully  
Jean Miller  
Shea Mitchell  
Connie Morris  
Sheila Murray  
Eric Prowe  
Heidi Randall  
John & Sandy Russell  
Sally Shaw  
Gene Schmucker  
Kathy Schmucker  
Gary Schotts  
Lynette Shatzer  
Kathy Shaw  
Sally Shaw  
Don Shields  
Dean Shotwell

Midge Snyder  
Allie Swank  
Carol Thomas  
Jeremiah Ward  
Marge Warrick  
Richard Wickersham  
Les Willison  
Eva Wolf

***Military:*** CSM Jesse Clark; Sgt. Kurt Warrick  
**Please let us know about Military updates/corrections.**

## ELECTION RESULTS

**Elder** Dave Bush  
Jordan Vert

**Trustee**  
Jordan Vert  
Bill Shaw

**Deacon**  
Mike Fountain  
Brad Snyder

**Deaconess**  
Julie Brown  
Mary Ann Dowell  
Barb Dunlevy  
Kathy Syme

**Financial Secretary**  
Kasie Hogue

**Historian**  
Sandy Doppelheuer

**Usher**  
John Bowman  
Bill Shaw  
Chip Syme  
Brandon Keen  
Mike Fountain  
John George  
Bob Palmer

**Home Dept.**  
Carolyn French  
Lisa George  
Kim Hoopes  
Kathy Syme

**Sunday School Supt.**  
Jill Long

**Asist. Sunday School Supt.**  
Lynette Shatzer

## ATTENDANCE

	<u>June 2</u>	<u>June 9</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>June 23</u>	<u>June 30</u>
Worship	133	158	134	153	123
Bible School	63	71	64	62	47

## FINANCIALS

Financial Information  
Available upon  
request

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

300 West Lincoln Way  
 Minerva, Ohio 44657

July 2, 2024

**Church**

minervafcc@hotmail.com

Celebration 10:15 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Evening 5:00 pm

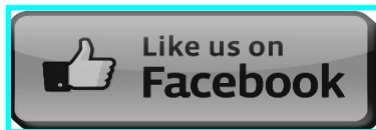
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm

Monday-Friday

330-868-4151

Minerva First Christian Church

[MinervaFCC.com](http://MinervaFCC.com)

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|--|--|
| <p>1 Carol George<br/>Dave &amp; Terri Bush<br/>46 years</p> <p>3 Roseanna Throckmorton</p> <p>5 Barbara Norton</p> <p>6 Brad Snyder</p> <p>7 Shawn Archer</p> <p>9 Case Oberly</p> <p>12 Howard Snyder</p> <p>13 Ruby Guy<br/>Herb &amp; Pat Lowery<br/>68 years</p> <p>14 Ginny Stryffeler<br/>Mike &amp; Lani Lowery<br/>34 years</p> | <p>16 Donna Dennis<br/>Luis &amp; Chere Torres<br/>41 years</p> <p>20 Nathan Brown<br/>Vickie Grindstaff</p> <p>22 Dan &amp; Flora Bergman<br/>47 years</p> <p>24 Bill Shaw</p> <p>25 Alexis Oberly</p> <p>28 Isabelle Brown</p> <p>31 Caleb Snyder<br/>Brent &amp; Julie Brown<br/>20 years</p> |
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## SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<b>Comm. Meditation</b>	John Russell	Bruce Doppelheuer	Nate Oberly	Zach Long
<b>Ushers</b>	Chip Syme	John Bowman	Bill Shaw	Brandon Keen
<b>Deaconess</b>	Shirley Catlett	Shirley Catlett	Shirley Catlett	Shirley Catlett
<b>Shut-In Teams</b>	Bruce Doppelheuer & Jay Harsh	Jordan Vert & Mike Fountain	Bob Palmer & Dave Seibert	Nate Oberly & Kenny Hoopes