

Minerva First Christian Church

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# **Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp**

For our April Spotlight, we will be collecting Food Donations for Elkhorn Camp. Below is a list of items that will help them as they serve campers this summer:

Rotini Noodles Maple Syrup Mayonnaise Ketchup

Mustard

Sweet Baby Ray's

**BBQ Sauce** 

Ranch Dressing

French Dressing

**Italian Dressing** 

Turkey Gravy Packets

Tea Bags



Mild Salsa
Liquid Smoke
Spaghetti Sauce
10 & 12 oz. Foam
Cups
Dawn Dish Soap

ZipLock Bags

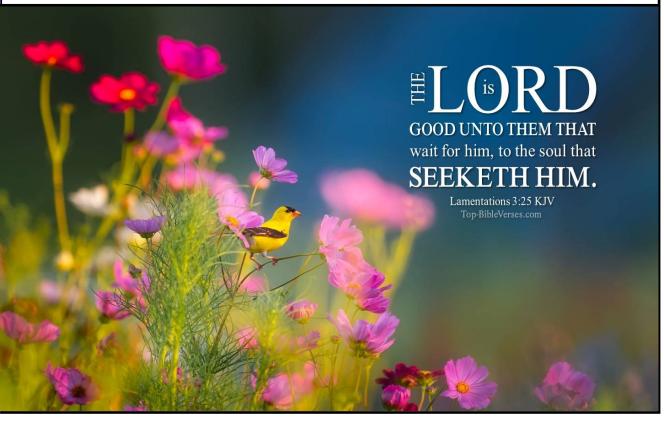
(quart or gallon size)

Dill Pickle Slices (not spears or whole)

#10 Cans of Green Beans

#10 Cans of Fruit





# **CIY SUPERSTART 2024**

Many of you will remember our youth trips to CIY Believe. Believe was always geared towards middle school students and was a short 2 day retreat I myself went when I was in Jr. high with Todd Thomas when he was still our youth minister. In Spring of 2020, our group was registered to go to CIY Believe in Anderson, IN. I was excited to try a new venue, always before we had gone to Cincinnati, but we wanted to try it later in the year and try a new place. That event never happened because, as you remember well, that time of year in 2020 was the onset of COVID. Believe it or not, CIY never brought back Believe.

I still am sad that they have not brought back CIY Believe, however, CIY does have a youth retreat designed for 4th – 6th graders called SuperStart. Our group is registered and preparing to go on April 12th – 13th. Between After School Xperience and FLIP, we have many students in this age group that can go to CIY SuperStart. It is my prayer that we have a group of at least 15 students that come with us. This particular SuperStart is located in Grove City, OH, so it isn't too far away.

SuperStart combines upbeat worship, solid biblical teaching, and lots of fun to put the Gospel on a student's level, so that they hopefully will understand it in a lasting and eternal way. With all that being said, below are three ways that I am requesting that you pray for our group as we set out on April 12th.

### 1. Pray that students will see Jesus for who He really is.

As with any youth event of any sort, the ultimate goal is for a student to realize their need for Jesus and surrender to Him. Pray that walls would fall down, students would understand their own sin, and come running to Jesus for forgiveness and healing. Pray that if there are any issues in the students lives that are weighing them down, that they would feel comfortable unloading that to an adult leader to get the help they need.

# 2. Pray the adult leaders will lead in such a way that reflects Christ to the students.

One of the most powerful ways anyone can come to know Jesus is by looking at and following someone who has done it before them. When you are around a real follower of Jesus, you know it, it exudes from their being, and it aspires you to grow yourself. It is the classic, "Follow me as I follow Christ" adage from the Apostle Paul. Pray that these adults would display the love of Jesus in a contagious way, so that they can't help but want more of what Christ has to offer.

### 3. Pray for our bus driver, John George.

Finally, pray for our safety, and especially pray for John as he drives. John al-

ways does a wonderful job of keeping our students safe as we travel, but he also does a great job of interacting with the kids as well. Pray for him as he drives and leads!

Ultimately, pray for God's will to be done for CIY SuperStart 2024!

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

P.S.

Interested in financially supporting a student to go to SuperStart? We would greatly appreciate it! It costs our CIY Fund \$59 a student to register, but we ask for students to give \$30 for registration so they are more inclined to go. However, if they are unable to come up with \$30 or can only come up with part of it, we still allow them to go, we are more interested in them going and engaging the Gospel than getting their \$30!

However, this does still cost our CIY Fund, so if you'd be interested in making a donation to CIY SuperStart please let me know! Students also need money for 2 fast food meals while they are there, and there is also a CIY Store where they sell t-shirts, hats, etc, which is optional, of course. Many students do need money for this and food though, so if you'd be willing to help with the cost of that, that would be a wonderful blessing as well! Please feel free to text or call me with any questions regarding this any time! My cell number is listed at the back of the Voice, thanks everyone, and God bless!



### **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Thank you . . .** We would like to thank everyone who came to the fundraiser for Kenzie's mission trip. We were so humbled and gratified by the love and support you showed Kenzie and TK with your words of support and encouragement, donations and prayers. This is what being a Church Family looks like and we greatly appreciate all your efforts. Thank you, Mike, Shelly and Kenzie Fountain

# **SHUT INS**

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# **IRCC TULIP TEA**



# **MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**



rived and we are entering our last nine weeks of the year. We had relebrations in March and learned many valuable lessons about the fice that Jesus made for us through His death, burial, and resurrector grateful for having the opportunity to work with our students and ore about Jesus!

We believe that God has a plan for us to continue to reach more families and are planning for more students and families to join us next school year. We held two open houses in March and met with 20 families who were interested in their child attending MACS. Please pray for the school as we plan for next school year. We are planning several projects and looking to hire new staff to help us with the expected growth. Pray that God leads us as we make decisions about the future.

We will be having a McTeacher Night Fundraiser at McDonald's on East Lincoln Way on April 18th 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 MACS. We believe that God is blessing this ministry to be a place where families can feel comfortable sending their child and where their child can grow in all areas of their lives!

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

**Upcoming Events** 

MACS Board Meeting Tuesday, April 16th 5:15 pm McTeacher Night Thursday, April 18th 5 to 8 pm



### **APRIL CALENDAR**

April 5 - Red Cross Blood Mobile 12 - 5 pm

April 7 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm

April 7 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm

April 9 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm

April 9 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm

April 10 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm

April 11 - Board Reports are due to the office

April 12 - CIY Super Start

April 14 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm

April 14 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm

April 15 - General Board Meeting 7:30 pm

April 16 - Home Dept. Meeting 7:00 pm

April 16 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm

April 16 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm

April 17 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm

April 18 - Deacons Pantry 9 - 10:30 am

April 18 - MACS McTeacher Night

@ McDonalds 5 - 8 pm

April 21 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm

April 21 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm

April 23 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm

April 23 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm

April 24 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm

April 28 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm

April 28 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm

April 30 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm

April 30 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm

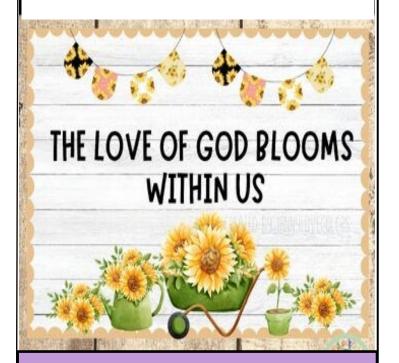
### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

The Ladies Bible Study Group will be taking a break until Fall.

### **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:30 pm.

Please have all reports to the office by Thurs., March 7<sup>th</sup>



### **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, April 18<sup>st</sup>, if you are able to help see Jay Harsh.

PRAYER LIS	ST
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 <sup>c</sup> Cully	
Jean Miller	
Shea Mitchell	
Connie Morris	
Sheila Murray	
Eric Prowe	
Heidi Randall	
John & Sandy Russell	
Gene Schmucker	
Kathy Schmucker	
Gary Schotts	M
Lynette Shatzer	Cla
Kathy Shaw	Ca
Don Shields	Th
Dean Shotwell	Jr.
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Carol Thomas	Ple
Jeremiah Ward	ab
Marge Warrick	da
Carol White	Ī

Richard Wickersham

Les Willison

### **SPECIAL FUND BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 29th**

Vehicle/Bus	\$2,366
Coffee Spot	\$418
Missions	\$7,193
Deacons	\$1,130
Landscaping	\$547
Audio/Visual	\$5,510
Kid's Corner Renovation	\$57,337
HS/MS Trips	\$6,628
Building	\$38,565
YES Ministry	\$10
Minister's Benevolence Fund	\$9,980



# **CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAYS** @ 7 PM

### **ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Mar. 3</u>	<u>Mar. 10</u>	<u>Mar. 17</u>	<u>Mar. 24</u>	<u>Mar. 31</u>
Worship	146	115	139	134	
Bible School	75	67	74	63	

Military: CSM Jesse FEBRURY GIVING: Clark; Special Forces Captain Isaac Graham,; Thomas E. Greathouse, Jr.; Timothy Reed; Warrick Sqt. Kurt about Military updates/corrections.

\$16,900
\$700
\$2,649

### Please let us know YTD as of 2/29/2024

General Fund given for budget	\$275,284
Gen. Fund Budgeted Expenses	\$229,226
General Fund actual expenses	\$244,498

#### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

300 West Lincoln Way Minerva, Ohio 44657

March 26, 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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# **APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

3 Shawn & Christa Archer

31 years

5 Christa Archer

Chip & Kathy Syme 55 years

Boyd Dowell

14 Janet Johnson

16 Betty Hoopes

18 Zach Long Matt Zahn

21 Kim Hoopes

22 Lynn Morgan

24 Roger & Barbara Patterson 43 years

25 Matt & Ashley Zahn 9 vears

26 Kenny & Sandi Unkefer 10 years

27 Mikey Mathis

28 Jay & Debbie Harsh 22 years

29 Kassadee Archer

30 Herb Lowery

### SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Comm. Medita- tion	Jordan Vert	Bruce Doppelheuer	Nate Oberly	Zach Long
Ushers	Kenny Hoopes	Jordan Vert	Mike Fountain	Chip Syme
Deaco- ness	Connie Brewer	Connie Brewer	Connie Brewer	Connie Brewer
Shut-In Teams	Jordan Vert & John Long	Jay Harsh & Bruce Doppelheuer	Bob Palmer & Kenny Hoopes	Nate Oberly & Brad Snyder