



Minetto United Methodist Church

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Pray for our shut-ins:

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Church Office Hours

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– 3:00 P.M., Wed., Thur., Fri.; 315-343-3465, cell
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Michelle Archer, Secretary – 10:00 A.M. – 3:00
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Church Entrance Doors

The Trustees are getting quotes for all three entrance doors and a security system for those needing to get in while our secretary is working. For now, please take the time to double check the door to see if it closed when you use it. Also try to not use the right hand side door. If you do make sure the right hand door closes first and then the left side or they won't lock properly. Thank you for your help in keeping our building secure!

Memorial Plant

A purple rhododendron was bought and planted in the Memorial Garden in the front of the church in memory of Pastor Chuck Forbes. This was one of his favorite plants. A plaque will be placed by the flower in the spring.



Reflection:

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch. —*Henri J.M. Nouwen*

Blood Drive by The American Red Cross

Please sign up to donate blood on Friday, February 21st anytime from noon to 5:00pm. (This is winter break for the schools.) Call the church office (315) 343-3465 or the Red Cross office 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment. Please let anyone you know who might donate all about our blood drive. Let's make it a successful drive since there is a crucial blood shortage right now.



The Top Ten Reasons To Give Blood:



1. You will get juice and cookies
2. It's easy and convenient (only takes about an hour of your time)
3. You will weigh less (one pint less than when you came in)
4. It's something you can spare (yet there is not enough to go around)
5. No one can ask you to do heavy lifting (wear your bandage for as long as you like to be on reprieve after all it is a badge of honor)
6. You will walk a little taller afterward (after all you just helped save someone's life)
7. You will be helping to ensure that blood is there when it's needed (one whole blood donation can yield up to three blood products: red cells, platelets and plasma)
8. You will give a gift that costs nothing, but last a lifetime (blood is something that one person "gives" to another)
9. You will be someone's HERO (You may give a newborn, a child, a mother or father, a sister or brother another chance at life. In fact you can help save up to three lives with just one donation!)
10. **IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!**

Christmas Sale

We had stored many Christmas items left over from last year's sale which we were storing in the basement. We also offered anyone who wanted to donate items to do so for this year Christmas sale. We made \$525.25 which we put in The Operation Christmas Child account to apply to our shipping costs next time. We would like to increase our goal of packed shoeboxes in 2020. Many smaller left over items were given to a group of Hannibal teachers that let students "shop" for gifts for their family at Christmastime. One small tree was given to the Catholic church. A larger tree we saved to replace the outside tree we presently use. We gave the Saint Annes some items for their new apartment in Norwich and used some to decorate the Mowry Lounge and elsewhere around the church. The rest of the left over trees, garland, wreaths, and bulbs were taken to the Salvation Army in Oswego for them to give away to people that were in need of these items. Lastly everything else was taken to The Salvation Army store in Fulton for them to sell. Nothing this year was kept to have a sale next year.

Marilyn Stephens also set up a table during the sale to sell our Heritage Christmas ornaments. She sold quite a few.



February Birthdays

Feb. 2nd Angela Stoutenger
 Feb. 3rd Mary Lou Bjorkman
 Feb. 3rd Jackie Waters
 Feb. 22nd Lee Furlong
 Feb. 22nd Karen Poole
 Feb. 23rd Dan Tryon
 Feb. 28th Wynnette Dohse
 Feb. 28th Sandy Machuga



MY GOD: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sunday: **February 16**. We are also having an **Activity Day on Sunday, February 9, after worship until 3:30 pm**. Any youth in 5th grade and higher is welcome to join in for some fun and a chance to spend time with other youth. Feel free to contact Debbie (Rockhill) Daby (315-343-8301 / ddaby@twcny.rr.com) or Randy Dohse (315-343-6097) with questions or activity ideas.



Nurture, Care & Health Newsletter

Mark your calendars! The next Friendship Brunch will be right after church on March 8th. Please bring a dish to pass. Place settings and drinks will be provided. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will join us!

We are happy to announce that Nurture, Care & Health is sending out monthly birthday cards to our members to celebrate their special day. Birthdays will also be announced monthly during the church service and appear in both the bulletin and the monthly newsletter. This is a new activity for us and if there are any corrections or additions please contact Karen Poole at 315-343-0826 or klbpoole@gmail.com

Nurture, Care & Health members also send out seasonal cards to our shut-ins and prepare Easter and Christmas gifts that are delivered to each of our shut-ins. We would love to invite anyone to join us in these wonderful activities that bring so much joy to our shut-ins. Anyone interested in joining us please contact Karen Poole or Nancy Prarie.

Prayers & Squares will be meeting on February 21, 10am-12am in the Fellowship Hall. You don't sew? No problem! We need people to sort materials, pin quilts, cut out patterns and much more! Everyone is welcome and this is such a beautiful time of fellowship for an extremely important cause. Any questions contact Gloria Bickel at 315-343-5791 or FGBickel36@aol.com

Happy February and Blessings!

Karen Poole, Nancy Prarie, Gloria Bickel



Dog Beds

With the scrapes from Prayers and Squares and Project Linus we make dog/cat beds for the Animal Shelter in Oswego. We have accumulated a lot of batting and scraps that need to be cut into very small pieces to stuff the beds. So after Bible Study (10:30am) on Monday, February 24th and March 2nd if you'd like to help, bring a pair of scissors and a cutting board, if you have one, and we will chop, chop, chop for about an hour and stuff.

All soup lovers are invited to Springside at Seneca Hill on Wednesday, February 12, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. They will find a delicious homemade soup buffet and a dessert. The soups will be roasted red pepper and crab bisque, Italian wedding, cream of broccoli, chicken noodle, and New England clam chowder. The normal price of the buffet is \$7.00, but for this occasion, the cost will be \$5.00 with the donation of a canned food item for local food pantries. Other lunches this season will be on March 11 and April 8. Information and tours will be available for anyone curious about living at Springside.

The church is offering for sale, at new prices, its **Minetto Village Christmas Ornament Series** to raise funds for several building maintenance projects. The available ornaments are: 2013 Minetto United Methodist Church, 2014 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2015 Minetto Bridge over the Oswego River, 2016 Minetto Town Hall, 2017 Minetto Riverside Park, 2018 Minetto Post Office, and 2019 Pastor Chuck Forbes memorial and chancel. Individual ornaments are priced at \$8.00; or two for \$15, three for \$20; four or more for \$6 each. Ornaments may be purchased during office hours (315-343-3465), 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Wednesday through Friday, or on Sunday mornings, or call 315-343-9692 for other arrangements.

At our recent Admin Council meeting, Pastor Saint Ange brought forward the idea of a church directory, specifically arrangements being offered us by [the Lifetouch company](#). Details will follow soon.



Remember to bring your used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys to the collection shed behind the education building and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to do likewise.



Church Calendar Abbreviations

TSched 9:00 AM New Horizons Chorus
 10:30 AM Osteo Exercise
 4:00 PM Sounds of Brass rehearsal
 6:00 PM Cub Scouts
 6:30 PM Concinnity

WSched 9:00 AM New Horizons Band
 6:45 PM Oswego County Youth
 Orchestra

ThSched 10:00 AM Osteo Exercise
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts
 6:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					In One Accord 1:30pm	1
2 Worship/ Communion 10:30am	3 Bible study 9am SPPRC meeting @ 7pm	4 TSched	5 WSched	6 ThSched In One Accord 1:30pm	7	8 District Train- ing Day in Liverpool 9-3:30pm
9 Worship 10:30am MY GOD activ- ity day after worship-3:30	10 Bible study 9am	11 TSched	12 WSched	13 ThSched	14	15 Springside Service
16 Worship 10:30am MY GOD 11:30	17 Presidents Day- Bible study 9am	18 TSched	19 WSched	20 ThSched	21 Prayers & Squares 10-12 Blood Drive 12-5pm	22
23 Worship 10:30am 4:00 PM Free Meal	24 Bible study 9am	25	26 Ash Wednesday Service @ Trini- ty Oswego 7pm WSched	27 ThSched	28	29 Springside Service