The Village of Minooka

Established 1869

THE VILLAGE OF MINOOKA IS FOREVER THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL FOR THE DEDICATION AND BRAVERY OF OUR GREAT NATION'S SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS!

Honoring All Who Serve


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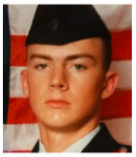

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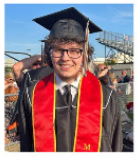

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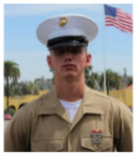

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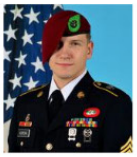

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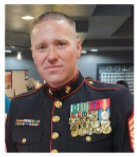

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VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, 11/11/26 IN OBSERVANCE

To Serve You Better

Welcome to Your Newsletter

We'd like to extend a gracious
"Thank You!" to
Recrafted Roofing Company
for the donation to assist the
Chanooka Wish House with roof repairs!

ReCrafted Roofing Company
CHANOOKA WISH FOUNDATION

Mayor's Message



Hi Folks,

The heavier clothes and sweaters are feeling good, a lot of the crops are out of the fields and the Canadian geese have been honking their way south (the ones that leave). My favorite month, October, is in the rear view mirror of another year but my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, is coming up. Your garden tools are cleaned and put away and the snow shovel has been located. Good luck to us all with that. On a positive note from November 1st to baseball spring training is 110 days. Bundle up and check those furnace filters.

Respectfully,
Ric Offerman

Well Deserved Recognition



On September 14, 2025, Logan Green, a Minooka Public Works employee, helped save a 15-year-old boy from the path of a moving barge in Morris, Illinois. After a personal watercraft capsized in the Illinois River, the boy and his mother found themselves in danger as a tugboat pushing a fleet of 11 barges approached at approximately 4 mph. The Village of Minooka recognizes Logan Green's quick thinking and courageous actions in helping save a life during this tragic incident. The Carnegie Hero Medal is given throughout the U.S. and Canada to those who enter extreme danger while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

Help Us Tell OUR TOWN'S STORY

Your memories. Your photographs. Your piece of our history.



We want to hear from you. We are updating the community mural to tell the story of our town- from its earliest beginnings through the generations that followed.

Some of the most important parts of our history are not found in books, but in memories, photographs and the stories passed down through our community. Whether you grew up here, raised a family here, ran a business, attended school or simply have a story to share ***- we would love to hear it.***

Come be part of the vision,

November 7, 12-3:00 p.m.

at Iron and Glass Tap Room and Bottleship,
104 Ridge Road, #102, Minooka

Bring a piece of the story: old photographs, newspaper clippings, memories of businesses, community traditions and events, stories from your family or neighborhood.

You are not joining the committee. This is simply a chance to share your memories and ideas as we explore what might, or might not, belong in the mural's next chapter.

Not every contribution will necessarily appear in the mural, but every story helps us understand our community a little better.

VILLAGE OF MINOOKA

DECEMBER 5th 1:00PM-8:00PM

CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Village of Minooka
Established 1869

LIVE REINDEER,
WREATH MAKING,
LOCAL VENDORS,
MEET SANTA & DROP
OFF LETTERS TO
THE NORTH POLE



DOWNTOWN
MINOOKA AT THE
CORNER WABENA
AND MONDAMIN

CONTACT;
MADDIECOLLINS@MINOOKA.COM
OR CALL 815-467-2151

Minooka Community
High School
invites
Local Veterans
to our

Veterans Day Breakfast & Assembly

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Breakfast @ South Campus 8 - 8:45 a.m.

South Campus
8:51 - 9:41 a.m.
26655 W. Eames Street
Channahon, IL 60410

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Central Campus
10:18 - 11:08 a.m.
301 S. Wabena Avenue
Minooka, IL 60447

RSVP to Anne Seidel at
(815) 521-4108 • aseidel@mchs.net

Public Health
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Grundy County Health Department

GRUNDY COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CAN'T MAKE IT OUT?

Let us come to you.

AT-HOME FLU SHOTS
FOR HOMEBOUND SENIORS

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY?

HAVING TROUBLE GETTING AROUND?

IS LEAVING HOME DIFFICULT?

Let us help you get your flu shot in the comfort of home.

CALL TO CHECK ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE
(815) 941-3404

BY APPOINTMENT FOR QUALIFYING HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS.

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MEDICARE
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

LEARN | ASK | PLAN | FEEL CONFIDENT

Get clear, unbiased information to help you make the best choices for your health care.

DATE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

TIME
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

LOCATION
Grundy County Health Department
1320 Union St., Morris, IL 60450

PRESENTED BY:
SANDY LEITH
SHIP DIRECTOR
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGING

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Medicare eligibility and coverage options
- Medicare – Medicaid dual eligibility
- Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap/MedSup)
- Medicare Advantage Plans (HMO, PPO) and the 2027 Medicare Part D plans
- The importance of reviewing your current plan and comparing it with other plans for the new year
- How to create your personalized Medicare account where you can see important messages

QUESTIONS?
Call 815-941-3404

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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medical reserve corps
Grundy County, Illinois

Public Health
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Medical Reserve Corps
Grundy County, Illinois

"Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy & Prepared Communities"

TRAIN & BUILD SKILLS
MRC volunteers train individually and with other members of the unit to improve their skills, knowledge and abilities.

SUPPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH
Volunteers help improve public health by increasing health literacy, supporting prevention efforts and eliminating health disparities.

BE READY TO RESPOND
In an emergency, local resources are called upon first, sometimes with little or no warning. Join an organized, trained team to strengthen local emergency planning and response.

Your role will depend on your background, interests and skills, as well as the needs of the MRC unit and the community.

INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

(815) 941-3404 Contact@grundyhealth.com

Welcome to
WATER SMART

The Village of Minooka is excited to introduce you to WaterSmart. This free service is part of our commitment to provide you with the best tools to manage your water use and your bill. Log on to WaterSmart to get started today!

VIEW YOUR HOURLY USE

WHAT YOU'LL GET

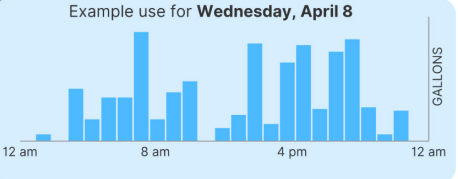
WaterSmart will help you track your water use at macro and micro levels

Near real-time data
View your daily water use. Be alerted to leaks

Billing
See your current bill and your bill history

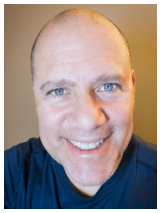
Sign up for alerts
Take control of your water use and avoid surprises

Example use for **Wednesday, April 8**



VIEW YOUR WATER USE

wateruse@minooka.com (815) 467-2151 minookail.watersmart.com



Chaplain's Corner

What About the Groceries?

We are now living in a time where a car can drive vertically up a wall (that's real James Bond stuff!), fly into the air, (that's real Jetson's stuff), and spin in the air (that's real Chicago air show stuff!) and then land safely on the ground! Elon Musk wowed us all. And when he did, these were the questions in my mind:

* Groceries? In a flying, spining-in-mid-air car?? How is that going to work?
* Car seats? Car seats cost a small fortune already. Now they are going to need to be designed by NASA to withstand G-forces and being inverted in a vehicle. I am so buying stock in Graco! (Disclosure: this statement is in no way presented as investment advice or strategy. Please consult with your personal banker or adviser before making any investment decisions. Brought to you by Graco.)
* And what about navigation apps? Here is what we will be constantly hearing as we are spinning: "Re-routing..." "Re-routing..." "Re-routing..." "Re-routing..."

So, here is my word for you today: simplicity. Technology promised simplicity. What we have is anxiety, an epidemic of loneliness and a deep awareness that we are disconnected to others. [Roughly 50% of U.S. adults report experiencing measurable loneliness, with about 20% to 21% feeling lonely daily or a lot of the day, according to recent data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and polling organizations.]

What does simplicity look like? You know it's coming: limit/curtail/eliminate social media. Just try it. Simplicity looks like calling someone to get together to have some vanilla ice cream and just... talk. Simplicity looks like taking a walk and, quite literally, smelling the roses, listening to the leaves crunch beneath your feet, and watching the sun go down, preferably with family or friends.

Simplicity looks like being honest about what you are chasing in life. Career? A relationship? Notoriety, in whatever way you think you can find it? What if we interviewed ourselves and asked: is what you are chasing worth chasing? Will what you are chasing bear the weight of the deep need you have - that we all have - to be loved and to love? Will what you are chasing last?

Holidays are coming. Cars are flying. No one knows what to do with the effect of G-forces on groceries, and many of us are lonely. But, simply put, we all want life... love... connection... and, perhaps most of all, we want acceptance... not for what we do, but because we are human, and we carry some level of shame... and we wonder... do we matter? Can you give that to someone? Are you willing to receive that from someone?

Jesus gave us the most simple way to think about life: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" When you seek to surrender to God, you let go of control (in all of its manifestations) and learn, over time, to not live only for yourself. When you love others as you love yourself, you let go of control (in all of its manifestations) and learn, over time, to not live only for yourself. I call that a win-win. Take that flying car! Happy Christmas and Merry New Year!

9-1-24: PROHIBITED PARKING DURING SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS:



It shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle on any highway, street, or alley within the village when snow shall have accumulated to a depth of two inches (2") or more on such highway, street, or alley. It shall be unlawful to so park from the time of such accumulation until the snow has been removed. In addition to all other remedies, every person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with this section shall be sentenced as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code for each offense. Each occurrence shall constitute a separate offense. Members of the police department are hereby authorized to cause any vehicle parked in violation of this section to be removed from the highway, street, or alley, at the expense of the owner of the vehicle, pursuant to applicable statutes. (Ord. 2011-29, 12-20-2011)



Toys for Tots: 'Tis the season of giving!

The Minooka Police Department is once again proud to be an official Toys for Tots drop-off location!
Help us spread some holiday cheer and make Christmas a little brighter for children in need throughout our community!

Donation Dates: November 9 – December 14
Drop-Off Location: Minooka Police Department
121 E. McEvilly Road, Minooka

We invite everyone to stop by and donate a new, unwrapped toy to help make a child's holiday extra special!

Thank you for helping us spread the spirit of giving this holiday season!

SAVE THE DATE – TRIVIA NIGHT IS COMING!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Get your friends together, put your thinking caps on, and get ready for a night full of laughter, friendly competition, and FUN—all while supporting an amazing cause!

Saturday, February 6, 2027
Ace's Classic Cars Bar & Grill – 502 Twin Rail Dr. Minooka
$280 per team of 8
Dinner and a swag bag included!

CREATIVITY COUNTS!
Come up with a clever team name, dress to impress, and show off your team spirit! There will be prizes up for grabs, so don't be afraid to go ALL OUT! There's more than just trivia!
Amazing Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes
All proceeds benefit the incredible athletes of Special Olympics Illinois!

DON'T WAIT—TABLES ARE LIMITED!
Get your team of 8 together and sign up before all the spots are gone!

Holiday Shopping Safety Reminder!

The holiday season is right around the corner, and with all the excitement of shopping for the perfect gifts, the Minooka Police Department wants to remind everyone to stay safe and shop smart!
Let's work together to make this holiday season safe, happy, and memorable for everyone!

Keep these safety tips in mind:

- Keep shopping bags and valuables out of sight in your vehicle.
- Always lock your car doors, even if you're only stepping away for a minute.
- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Protect your personal and financial information when shopping online.
- Keep an eye out for package deliveries and porch pirates.

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Minooka Police Department!

MINOOKA SCHOOLS





30th Annual
MCHS MADRIGAL DINNER
December 12th @ 6:30pm & 13th @ 1:00pm
Central Campus Cafetorium
Reservation information will be available on the Minooka Community High School Choir Booster Events and the MCHS Activities Facebook on 11/2/2026



Fall Craft Fair & Raffle
Presented by the Minooka Community High School Choir Boosters
TWO DAYS! Saturday & Sunday
MCHS SOUTH CAMPUS
26655 W EAMES ST, CHANNAHON, IL 60410
NOVEMBER 7 & 8 | 9am–3pm

Admission: $3 per person
12 and up
Credit card payments are accepted with a service fee.

FOLLOW US ON
at Minooka Community High School Choir Booster Events

YOU'RE WANTED!
FOR THE WILDEST EVENT IN TOWN SUPPORTING MCHS STUDENTS
ORANGE & BLACK
COUNTRY BASH
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2027 · 6 – 10 PM

- Cocktail Hour w/Appetizers 6-7 PM
- Family Style Dinner 7-8 PM
- Live Auction 8-8:30PM
- Raffle Baskets 6-9:30 PM
(Cash & Credit Cards Accepted)
- Entertainment & Open Bar 6-10 PM

FOUR RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER
REWARD
A FUN NIGHT RAISING MONEY FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATOR GRANTS
Learn more at mchsdist111foundation.org
MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #111 FOUNDATION
FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

THREE RIVERS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

ENGAGE • GROW • INSPIRE

The Library is closed November 26, December 24, 25, & 31 for the holidays. The Library also close early, at 5pm, on November 25 & December 9. Visit the library's events calendar at trpld.org/events to register or view the full range of library programs.

Library Anniversary (All Ages):

Book It Around Chanooka!
New missions appear each week!
Join the fun at https://bit.ly/bookitgame

Library Store:
New designs! Sales support Three Rivers Public Library Foundation.
https://bit.ly/trpldshop

Your Story is Our History:
Share your stories and memories of our library at https://bit.ly/librarystory26

Family Programs:

Sensory Sunday: All Ages
Drop in to play with our bins of engaging sensory toys and meet new friends! ***No registration is required for this in-person, drop-in event.***
Sundays, November 8 & December 6, 2pm at Minooka Branch

Family Read Night- 100 Years of Winnie-the-Pooh: All Ages
The whole family is invited to drop by for this heffalump-sized celebration, including themed games, crafts, and other Tigger-tastic activities! ***No registration is required for this in-person event.***
Tuesday, November 24, 5:30-7pm at Channahon Library

Gingerbread House Decorating: Families
Create sweet holiday memories together at the library with the provided supplies! ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Wednesday, December 9, 3pm at Minooka Branch

Hugo Kringle: Families
Hugo returns to share holiday songs and hilarious stories about growing up with the boy who would become Santa Claus. ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Friday, December 18, 3pm at Channahon Library

Youth Programs:

Hunger Games Trivia: Ages 13-Adult
May the odds be ever in your favor! Test your book knowledge of Panem, the Capitol, & Districts. Prizes and light refreshments will be provided. Who will emerge as the victor? ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Monday, November 9, 6pm at Minooka Branch

Bag Charm Bar: Ages 12+
Meet the trend that's taking over accessories-- bag charms! Have fun customizing your own charms to add personality to any bag. ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Thursday, November 12, 4:30pm at Minooka Branch

Doodle Club: Ages 3-6
Drop in to learn to draw, step-by-step. ***No registration is required for this in-person program.***
Wednesday, November 18, 2pm at Minooka Branch

Smash Bros Tournament: Ages 8+
The tournament is back! Players age 8 through adult are invited to enter this competition to find the ultimate champion. ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Saturday, November 21, 1:30pm at Minooka Branch

Rainbow Loom Bracelet Clinic: Ages 9+
Make vibrant bracelets out of colorful rubber bands. ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Tuesday, December 29, 11am at Channahon Library

Adult Programs:

Organized Kitchen: Adults 18+
Learn to organize the heart of your home and make your kitchen work for you. ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Tuesday, November 10, 6pm at Minooka Branch

Line Dancing: Adults 18+
Desueño Dance Company gets you moving as you learn essential line dancing steps. ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Thursday, November 12, 6pm at Village of Minooka Community Room

History of the Chicago Auto Show: Adults 18+
Enjoy a captivating journey through the history of Chicago's annual automobile exhibition. ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm at Village of Minooka Community Room

Winter Folktales: Adults 18+
Experience the winter folktales of the old world as Terry Lynch returns to bring these stories to life. ***Registration is required for this in-person program.***
Thursday, December 10, 6pm at Village of Minooka Community Room

Gift Wrap Swap: Adults 18+
Donations - Are you sick of the same old bows, boxes, tags, and paper? Let's trade! Donate holiday wrapping items and get early access on the day of the Swap. (décor cannot be donated)
Donations accepted November 23 through December 1, Minooka Branch ONLY
Swap - Shop for new-to-you gift wrap & supplies to refresh your holiday wrapping! (Donor only shopping with early entry ticket starts at 10am) ***No registration is required.***
Saturday, December 5, 11am-2pm at Minooka Branch

NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

THE VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sundays at The Village Christian Church

You're welcome to join us for church at 8965 South Bell Road in Minooka. Service times are at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30am. Kid Village classes will be open for 9:00 & 10:30am services, infant-grade 3. Pulse (grades 4-8) meet during Sunday morning services at 9:00 & 10:30am

100,000 Meal Pack

Serving is key at The Village Christian Church – in fact one of the 3 points to our mission is Life Purpose, and we want to equip you to live out your life purpose and serve others. The Meal Pack is an event where we are partnering with Lifeline Christian Mission to pack 100,000 meals to be sent to hungry families around the world. You can help!

When: Saturday, November 15. There are 3 serving times 9-10:30am, 11am-12:30pm and 1-2:30pm.
Where: The Village Christian Church, 8965 S Bell Road in Minooka.

Kids are encouraged to serve (with a parent). There are sitting jobs, standing jobs, light jobs, heavy jobs. Visit thevillagechristianchurch.com for more information or to sign up!

Christmas At The Village

We are so excited to celebrate Christmas with you and your family this year!
The Christmas Service Schedule is as follows:
Wednesday, December 23, Christmas Eve Eve: 4:00, 5:30 & 7:00 PM
- Kid Village will be open for the 5:30 & 7:00 PM services only.

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 4:00 & 5:30 PM
- Kid Village will be closed for both of these services.

Online Campus Services will be live for each service
- All services will be the same. (Each service includes a flameless candle element)
- This is the 1 time of year that we dress up, but we encourage you to do what works best for you and your family and dress comfortably.

We look forward to seeing you for Christmas!

8965 South Bell Road, Minooka Illinois 60447 | TheVillageChristianChurch | The Village Christian Church | thevillagechristianchurch.com

MISSION BIBLE CHURCH

We are excited to invite you to Mission Bible Church where we believe in being Real with God, Real with Each Other and Real in the World.

Mission Minooka 412 N. Wabena in Minooka
Saturday - 5:00pm Sunday - 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am *(Spanish translation available at this service)*

Mission Morris (meets at Saratoga School) 4040 N. Division St, Morris - Door #16 Sunday 9:30am

missionbible.church | Mission Bible Church | Mission Bible Church | 412 N Wabena Ave, Minooka, IL 60447

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Weekday Mass - Wednesday, Friday 8:30am, Tuesday 6:15pm
Weekday Adoration/Confession - Tuesday 5:20pm – 6:00pm, Thursday 7:35am – 8:15am

Saturday Adoration/Confession - 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Saturday Mass - 5:00pm
Sunday Mass - 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

stmarysminooka.com
303 W. St Mary's Street, Po Box 456, Minooka IL 60447

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Minooka United Methodist Church Is On Ridge Road

Our new building is at 1210 S. Ridge Road, next to the water tower. Worship experiences are Sunday mornings at 9:30AM. All are welcome! Learn more about our welcoming and affirming congregation at www.minookaumc.com

WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP - Wednesdays at 7:00PM

Youth Group for students in 6th-12th grades meets to help students know God loves them and hear God calling them to lead lives of loving service. All our Youth Group leaders complete Safe Gathering training and a background check.

WEEKLY CHAIR YOGA - Tuesdays at 10:00AM

Movement is medicine! Gather for gentle movement and mindfulness in this accessible yoga class, perfect for all ages and fitness levels, especially seniors.
No charge, though a free will offering is accepted..

MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our Grief Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 12:00Noon. It is open to anyone grieving a death. There is no cost and a light lunch is provided. Join us November 12th and December 10th.

MONTHLY SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE

Questions about faith and the meaning of life can sometimes feel overwhelming. The Skeptic's Circle offers a welcoming space for open, honest conversation regarding emotions, doubts, and ideas about faith, God, and life. Meets at Brick & Ivy Coffee Company (27754 Bluegrass Dr, Channahon, IL 60410) November 10th and December 8th at 6:30PM.

MONTHLY SENIOR LUNCHEON

"Forever Young" Senior Luncheon is a free lunch for those 55 years old and older. Held at St. Mary's Parish Center, it is a delightful joint venture between our two congregations. Senior Luncheon is offered November 18th and December 16th. Doors open at 11:30AM. Reservations required by calling our church office: 815-467-2322.

NEW GROUP GATHERING: HAPPY HOUR with GOD

We want all people to know God loves them all, no matter who they are, where they are, or what they've been through. Happy Hour with God is an informal time of praise and prayers with pizza meeting Nov. 6th & Dec. 4th at 5pm at Fat Boyz Pizza and Stuff in Minooka (408 W. Mondamin St. #10).

Praise songs and country music with a religious aspect will get our conversations started. Some pizzas will be provided. Each participant is responsible for purchasing their own beverages and anything else from Fat Boyz' full menu. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, NOV. 18TH, 7:00PM

A combined worship experience of praise, prayers, and fellowship with Minooka UMC, Channahon UMC, and Resurrection Lutheran Church at Channahon United Methodist Church (24751 W Eames St, Channahon, IL 60410). All are welcome! Refreshments following worship.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES

Advent bible studies and all of our worship experiences throughout Advent and Christmas seasons are on the theme, "Until the Dawn: Actions for the Work of Advent." Studies begin Thursday, November 19 at 7:00pm, with sessions meeting Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays throughout the season. All are welcome; no prior bible reading or knowledge needed. Contact our office to sign up: 815-467-2322.

HOLIDAY RESPITE SERVICE: a TIME of LAMENT and HOPE, DEC. 5th

Spend time in the honest silence that feeds your spirit. For some of us this holiday season contains more sorrow, grief, or loneliness than it does joy or festive cheer. The encroaching darkness of winter can exacerbate those feelings. So we take time amidst the celebrations of the season to entreat God in honesty and humility, bringing our questions and our pain. We pray and sing together as we put our hope in Jesus' promise to always be with us. Saturday, December 5th at 6:00pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCES DEC. 24 at 4:00 & 9:00PM

4:00pm service is specially designed for children and families. Both services will include candle lighting and carols; 9:00pm service includes communion available to all.

1210 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, 60447
minookaumc.com | Minooka United Methodist Church

CHRIST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship: 8:30am Morning Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Main Worship Service

4295 Van Dyke Rd., Minooka, IL 60447 | christfirst.church | Christ First Baptist Church

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VILLAGE INFORMATION



The Village of Minooka encourages all residents to visit and participate in the Village Board and Committee meetings. Regular meetings of the Village Board are held the 4th Tuesday of each month. They are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Committee of the Whole meetings also take place at the Village Hall on the Wednesday before the Village Board Meeting. To verify a meeting date, please call the Village Hall at (815) 467-2151.

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RESERVATIONS FOR AUX SABLE SPRINGS PARK
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WILL OPEN ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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November 1, 2026

GAMES
November 15, 2026

PRACTICES
December 1, 2026

To register, visit:
register.communitypass.net/VillageofMinooka



Minooka's First Silo Session Rocks Downtown!

Hosted by the Village of Minooka, the first Silo Session Concert took place October 24, featuring live country music by Buckwild Band and food and drinks from Fatboyz and Iron & Glass.

With the historic grain silos illuminated against the evening sky, attendees gathered with friends and neighbors to enjoy live entertainment in a truly unique setting. Lawn chairs filled the outdoor venue as music brought the community together for a memorable night in downtown Minooka.

The inaugural event offered a fun new way to celebrate local music, food, and community spirit!