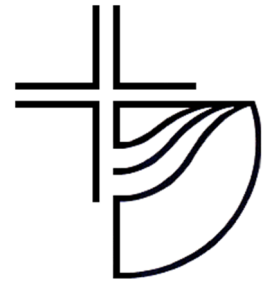


# Montezuma Today

June 2018



## Vacation Bible School: Shipwrecked

Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm



During VBS, children will learn how all of us are rescued by God! Dinner will be served each evening at 5:30pm. Following dinner, students will attend a variety of stations including Bible Discovery, KidVid Cinema, Game Makers, Snack Factory, and Imagination Station. The evening will conclude at 8:30 pm.

VBS is for children who will be 4 years old by September 30<sup>th</sup> through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders. A week of service, bible study, and fellowship is planned for the Jr. High Youth. The Jr. Highs will also meet on Sunday evening, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Registration forms are available at [www.montezumacob.org](http://www.montezumacob.org) and in the church office. Please try to plan to have your registration forms turned in by Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 2018 Graduates

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ethan Ross** – Ethan will be graduating "with honors" Summa Cum Laude from Spotswood High School on June 8, 2018.

**Weston Mandeville** – Weston will be graduating from Turner Ashby High school on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He plans to work locally and attend Blue Ridge Community College in the fall.

**Dustin Atkins** – Dustin graduated from Blue Ridge Community College on May 12, 2018 with an associate's degree. He plans to attend Regent University to pursue a communications degree in cinema/television.

**Jared Diehl** – Jared graduated on May 5, 2018 from Iowa State University with a Bachelor's in Culinary Science. He is working on pursuing a career in product development.

**Gabe Dodd** – Gabe graduated from Eastern Mennonite Seminary on May 6, 2018 with a Masters of Divinity.

## Church Events: June 2018

- 1: MYF: 6:15pm
- 1: Sr. High Drive-in Movie
- 3: Graduation Sunday
- 3: NYC pillow-making and mandatory meeting
- 5: Golden Lunch Bunch – 11:30am
- 11: Montezuma Support Group – 11:30am
- 12: Church Board Meeting – 7pm
- 13: Decorating Committee – 7pm
- 14: Salvation Army Meal
- 15: MYF – 6:15pm
- 24-28: Jr. High week of service for VBS
- 25-28: Vacation Bible School
- 26: Dorcas Circle – 1pm

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# WORSHIP – June 2018

Sunday mornings – 9:10 a.m. Gathering Time,  
9:30 a.m. Worship Hour, 10:40 a.m. Classes

## 3: Graduation Sunday

### Something More Than Clay

*Pastor David*

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

We recognize our graduates this Sunday. Our word to graduates – and everyone – will be to remember our vocations as children of God and Jesus's disciples: we are always, Paul says, "carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our bodies."

\*Adult Choir

*International S.S. Lesson: Justice & Sabbath Laws*

## 10: Stay True to God

*Pastor Gabe*

Acts 8:1-25, Psalm 130

When bad things happen to us, we might be quick to say something along the lines of: "God has a plan." Do we really believe that God wants humankind persecuted or pained in any way? What if we used the early church as an example? They believed that if we stay true to God's direction - no matter what difficulties we face - we will glorify the Lord.

*International S.S. Lesson: Parables of God's Just Kingdom*

## 17: The Living Word of God

*Pastor Gabe*

Acts 8:26-40

The story of the "Ethiopian Believer" might reveal more to us about God than we first realize. At first glance, it's another story about evangelism. With a closer look at the text, we find a story rich in the movement of the Spirit to those who are willing to listen, and God's inclusive love. Indeed, the Bible is not about rules, but about life. It is the living Word of God.

*International S.S. Lesson: Jesus Teaches about Justice*

## 24: Facing Fear

*Pastor David*

Mark 4:35-41

Does it help when someone tells you: Don't be afraid. Do not worry. Trust God? Sometimes it does help. It's helped me. Other times, not as much. Even after a lot of time with Jesus, the disciples are still learning what it means to face their fears with him. We are still learning, too.

\*Handbell Choir

*International S.S. Lesson: Reaping God's Justice*

Peace of my mind:

It is always important to seek peace in our relationships and community life. This is a basic part of discipleship which is hard for all of us to practice.

When discord arises, it is common for us to experience anxiety and anger. Those two things give most of us the jitters and it's common for us to deal with these powerful feelings by passing them along to others: talking about the part of the story we've heard, or have seen with our own eyes; passing the feelings along so that others can share in our frustration. Anxiety and anger travel through our human networks like electricity through the wiring of a house – even if we don't know the details. And that's why the church is as susceptible to discord and frustration as any other human community. We are not immunized against it. The virus never goes away.

The New Testament doesn't pretend otherwise. We find that we're no different from other human beings; nor do we have magic words or techniques by which to heal ourselves. Rather, we are called to keep Christ before us in our struggles. "[I]n humility, regard others as better than yourselves.... Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited" (Phil. 2). In Ephesians 4 we're told: "Be angry, but do not sin." Yes, of course, there are things to get mad about. Just don't let anger be your guide. Words like humility, patience, courage, and loving one another as Jesus loved us are to be our guide.

What does that mean practically? First, talking about our concerns is important. Ignoring a problem doesn't make it better. But when we speak, it's better to avoid general statements or the pretense that we speak for others. Rather, we speak only for ourselves, as in, "This is what I see." Don't pass along second- or third-hand information. Second, respect one another. Speak about one another as you would want to be spoken about. Remember, we don't want to say things about people that we wouldn't say if we were in their presence. Finally, if we don't know enough to realistically imagine ourselves walking in another person's shoes, then we don't know enough. Whereof we cannot speak, thereof we are silent. Jesus did not save us from trouble. He saved us despite our trouble. And that itself makes a difference, does it not?

Peace to you – and to our world. David

## **May Special Offering: Friend-to-Friend**

The Witness Commission asks for the support of the congregation for the Friend-to-Friend project. For the last 4 years we have invited people in our community to attend a time of fellowship before Christmas where they receive a \$50 or \$100 gift card to Sharp Shopper. We do this with the help of the Community Service Board, which invites some of their clients in our immediate areas. As a Witness Commission we have no idea of who or how many will come.

We have some refreshments, a small gift basket of fruit, a gift card and an invitation to worship with us. It is just a time of friendship.

In order to finance this project, the Witness Commission invites you to generously support this opportunity to offer our friendship and be a witness to our community.

Thank you.

## **Salvation Army Recognizes Montezuma**

At the recent volunteer banquet held at EMU, the Salvation Army recognized Montezuma with a plaque. Since June 2006, members of this church have prepared and served 138 home-cooked meal to the clients at the Salvation Army in Harrisonburg on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

Folks at this church donate their time, food and money to prepare the meal at the Hall, and then transport it to the Salvation Army and serve the clients. As the clients enjoy the meal, the servers also eat and talk with the clients. It is a good time to share with the clients and witness the love of Jesus Christ.

A thank you is given to all who have helped. Anyone willing to serve once or twice during the year may contact Brenda Wine or the church office to be added to the schedule. Each month, specific food donations are requested, and money may be given to buy the meat.

Much appreciation is given to all who have contributed in some way!

## **CBM Approves Repairs to Church, other items**

Meeting Sunday, May 6, in its spring business meeting, the congregation approved a \$30,000 project to address water damage to the north and south walls of the church basement. Water damage along these walls has been evident for many years and the church Stewards will contract with Cabin Hill Construction of Shenandoah County to make the repairs. The project will require approximately six-weeks of time and the removal of AC units along the north side of the meeting house. As a result, repairs will be put off until after the summer. The congregation has over \$23,000 in hand for the project, is accepting additional donations, and will use some of the proceeds of the 2018 Heritage festival to pay down the rest.

In other news, the congregation called David Richard and Pastor Gabe Dodd to serve as delegates to the Church of the Brethren's 2018 Annual Conference in Cincinnati. Nurture Commission appointments were approved. Further, the congregation received a written report from the Constitution Revision Committee. That committee plans information and talk-back meetings later in the summer to describe proposed changes to Montezuma's constitution and bylaws. Stay tuned for announcements on those hearings.

## **Summer Music**

Anyone who would like to provide special music for worship during the summer months, June to August, please contact Marsha Shank or Ralph Rohrer.

## **Nursery Schedule**

If you are interested in helping with nursery care during worship September 2018 through August 2019 or you would like your name deleted from the current list, please contact Frances Shenk at 540-879-9257 by August 1<sup>st</sup>. If your name is already on the list, it will remain there unless notified otherwise.

## Staff Notes: Looking Ahead

Please note that the staff will be out of the office on the following dates this summer:

### Pastor David

June 5 – June 20: vacation  
July 4 – July 8: Annual Conference  
July 9 – July 13: Jr. High Work Camp  
July 22 – July 24: Brethren Woods

### Pastor Gabe

July 3 – July 8: Annual Conference  
July 17 – July 28: National Youth Conference  
August 18<sup>th</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup>: vacation

### Linnette

June 19 – June 22: vacation

## Adult Sunday School Classes Support Brethren Woods

Four adult Sunday School classes have recently given from their treasuries to support summer camping at Brethren Woods. The Agape, Footsteppers, and Upward Way classes each contributed to the camp's Adopt-A-Staff program which allows the camp to pay its summer staff a fair wage for their efforts. It also makes Brethren Woods more competitive in hiring the staff they want. The three classes contributed a total of \$750.00 toward that goal. Way to good classes! We look forward to a Sunday worship visit from the summer staff person(s) we support during the summer.

The Upper Room class also contributed money for a full camper scholarship which makes it possible for community children to attend Brethren Woods. We are thankful for that support, too.

It's great when Sunday School classes and fellowship groups reach beyond the local church to support the larger ministry of the church. The Adopt-A-Staff program recurs each summer, as does the community scholarship program.

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## Youth Events: June 2018

### Sr. High Drive-in Movie

Friday, June 1

### Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 3

### NYC Meeting & Pillow-Making

Sunday, June 3

### Junior High VBS Service Week

June 24 – June 28

## Brethren Woods News

**Leadership Needs:** Brethren Woods needs many volunteers to help run the summer camp program. The camp needs counselors most weeks of the summer. They need health managers with RN certification or higher June 10-15, June 17-22 and July 22-27. There are still a few opportunities to serve as a dean. The camp is looking for a paid lifeguard to run the pool for the summer. Kitchen staff also is needed. If you know anyone who could fill these roles, please contact the camp at 540-269-2741. And support the camp in prayer!

## Crossroads Summer Worship

The Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center has scheduled Worship in the Woods each Sunday at 7 p.m. beginning June 17 through August 12 in the amphitheater at the CrossRoads campus at 1921 Heritage Center Way, Harrisonburg. J.D. Glick of Sunrise Church of the Brethren will give the message at the June 17 service with music by Becky Glick and Mike Simpson. Bring a lawn chair and worship in this serene setting. Golf cart service will be available to assist those needing help moving from the parking area to the amphitheater.

## Process team lays out road map for ‘compelling vision’

**T**he **Compelling Vision Process Team met April 17-19** at the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin, Ill. Kayla Alphonse, Kevin Daggett, Rhonda Pittman Gingrich, Brian Messler, Alan Stucky, and Kay Weaver joined with Annual Conference moderator Samuel Sarpiya, moderator-elect Donita Keister, and director Chris Douglas to form the nine-person team.

This group brought a diversity of gifts and perspectives as it worked to lay out a general roadmap for the development of a compelling vision for the Church of the Brethren. Pittman Gingrich was called to be chair, and will work in partnership with the moderator to lead the work of the team going forward.

The team looks forward to beginning the compelling vision journey at this summer’s Annual Conference in Cincinnati, where approximately three hours of business will be devoted to compelling vision conversations. The information gathered will guide additional conversations in many places where Brethren will gather across the denomination this fall and winter. The team is working with the Council of District Executives to provide opportunities in every district for as many Brethren as possible to contribute to the conversations. One of the first opportunities will be



Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford

**The Compelling Vision Process Team: (from left) moderator-elect Donita Keister, Alan Stucky, director Chris Douglas, Brian Messler, Kay Weaver, moderator Samuel Sarpiya, Rhonda Pittman Gingrich (chair), Kevin Daggett, and Kayla Alphonse.**

National Youth Conference, where the team is working in cooperation with NYC leadership to engage youth in conversations about their vision for the church.

What is heard in these conversations will be gathered and shared at Annual Conference 2019, where it is hoped that much of the business time can be devoted to listening to one another and continuing the work of

shaping the compelling vision.

The Compelling Vision Process Team will finish its work in the months following the 2019 Conference, as it works with the Compelling Vision Working Group (formed from members of the denomination’s Leadership Team and Council of District Executives) to eventually articulate the resulting vision to the whole church.

### Personnel notes

**Dan McFadden** has resigned as director of Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) effective Nov. 2. He has worked out of the church’s General Offices in Elgin, Ill., for more than 22 years, since Dec. 1, 1995. With his leadership, BVS has navigated ongoing changes in the church, society, and culture that affect how young adults and adults serve. The move of the Workcamp Ministry to BVS in 2011 gave him leadership of the short- and long-term volunteer programs of the denomination. McFadden has coached, counseled, and supported more than 1,200 BVSers serving in communities across the US and many other countries. By the time his work with BVS ends, he will have supervised the BVS units ranging from Unit 220, winter 1996, through Unit 321, fall 2018. He plans to return to the social work field and join a private counseling practice.

## NYC speech contest winners are announced

**T**he winners of the **National Youth Conference speech Contest** will share their speeches with those attending NYC this summer in Fort Collins, Colo., on July 21-26. The National Youth Cabinet helped in choosing speech contest winners Elise Gage and Taylor Dudley.

Gage, a high school freshman, is a member of Manassas (Va.) Church of the Brethren who enjoys science and hopes to pursue a career as a renewable energy engineer. She also is active in her school's athletics program, is an avid reader, and a creative writer.

Dudley, a rising sophomore at Ferrum College, is a member of Smith Mountain Lake Church of the Brethren in Hardy, Va. She is majoring in social work, which she hopes to pair with animal therapy. She is a collegiate swimmer, and spends her summers working as a camp counselor at Camp Bethel in Fincastle, Va.



*Elise Gage*



*Taylor Dudley*



**The Elgin Heritage Commission Mayor's Award for Preservation for 2018** was awarded to the Church of the Brethren General Offices on May 1, at a ceremony led by Mayor David Kaptain at the historic old Elgin High School gymnasium. Receiving the award on behalf of the Church of the Brethren were general secretary David Steele, Brethren Press publisher Wendy McFadden, Global Mission and Service executive director Jay Wittmeyer, treasurer Brian Bultman, Office of Ministry director Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, and Nancy Miner, office manager for the General Secretary's Office, with retired staff member Howard Royer and News Services director Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford present to document the moment with this photograph.

## Annual Conference 2019 forced to change locations

**The Annual Conference planned for summer 2019** has been forced to change locations, according to director Chris Douglas. Unexpected delays with major renovations at the Town and Country resort in San Diego, Calif., where the Conference was to have been held, have forced this change. "Town and Country canceled our contract," she reported.

Douglas, the Conference officers, and the Program and Arrangements Committee have worked hard to identify an alternate location. Instead of San

Diego, the 2019 Conference will be held at the Koury Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel in Greensboro, N.C. It was "miraculous" that the Greensboro site had the right dates available and could accommodate the Conference on such short notice, Douglas said. Both locations have been used for previous Annual Conferences—San Diego in 2009 and Greensboro in 2016. Greensboro also will be the location for the 2021 Conference.

Douglas emphasizes that the Program and Arrangements Committee

remains committed to seeking western sites for future Conferences.

Dates of the 2019 Conference will remain the same as previously announced: July 3-7.

Although this location change was out of the control of the Annual Conference, Douglas has extended an apology to volunteers who had begun working on the 2019 Conference and to church members across the country who may have begun arrangements to travel to a southern California destination next summer.

## Our Stewardship for May 2018

	Attendance		For Budget
	Worship	Sunday School	
<b>May 6</b>	153	78	\$5,546.10
13	178	95	\$5,558.65
20	160	88	\$6,668.98
27	158	72	\$3,753.00
May average per Sunday	162	83	\$5,380.43
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday	169	81	\$5,236.53

## **Special Giving for May 2018**

Auction BBQ Donation	\$200	NCP "Give a Girl a Chance"	\$375
Backpack Program	\$50	Stanley Evers Memorial	\$400
Basement Wall Project	\$732	Youth Cookbooks	\$34
Disaster Ministries	\$1,655		

## Serving in June

### NURSERY

- 3 Sara Atkins & Dawn Kiser
- 10 Rhonda Mandeville & Roma Holloway
- 17 John & Amy Knott
- 24 Stephanie Diehl & Fonda Harper

### SOUND SYSTEM

- 3 Bill Heishman
- 10 Ron Shickel
- 17 Randy Glick
- 24 Jim Rusmiser

### WORSHIP CENTER

- 3 Dawn Kiser
- 10 Lisa Shickel
- 17 Jill Sease
- 24 Rose Miller

### VALET PARKING

- 3 Ralph Rohrer
- 10 Donnie Jackson
- 17 Jeff Wine
- 24 Melvin Burger

**USHERS:** Roger Moyer, Bob Black, Ben Hall, Jim Rusmiser

## **Salvation Army**

Our church is serving the Salvation Army meal on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on the bulletin insert or see Brenda Wine for a list of who will be preparing and serving this meal.

# June Birthdays & Anniversaries

## June Birthdays:

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Clayton Adams      | 14 Gary Payne     |
| Rachel Coffman       | 15 Marty Barlow   |
| Drew Shull           | 16 John Coffman   |
| 2 Fay Airey          | 17 Walter Coceano |
| 3 Brandi Harpine     | Skyler Shank      |
| LeAnne Kendall       | 18 Mike Healy     |
| 4 Sandra Huffman     | Jonathan Northrop |
| Curt Kendall         | 20 Troy Knott     |
| 6 Ramona Evans       | Linda Waggy       |
| 7 Bradley Glick      | 21 Liam Harback   |
| Alannah Harback      | Yvonne Miller     |
| Bob Jerome           | Kennedy Brooks    |
| 8 Ernie Havener      | 22 Tammy Hall     |
| 9 Beth Bazzle        | Cory Payne        |
| Nicolas Huffman      | 24 Mason Payne    |
| Matthew Ross         | Lavonne Rusmiser  |
| 10 Anderson DePoy    | 26 Ann Click      |
| 11 Faye McNett       | 27 Tom Ross       |
| 12 Mason Black       | 29 Jared Diehl    |
| John Serrell         | Judy Lokey        |
| 13 Robert Black, Jr. | 30 Andrea Adams   |
| Eric Shank           | Becky Daubert     |

## June Anniversaries:

- |                               |
|-------------------------------|
| 1 Jonathan & Bobbi Jo Ross    |
| 2 Chris & Shannon Airey       |
| 12 Ivan & Lillian Howdyshell  |
| John & Marian Layman          |
| Brian & Janelle Weaver        |
| 13 Phil & Ramona Evans        |
| 14 Adam & Katie Richard       |
| 15 David & Kathy Lilly        |
| 16 Melvin & Edith Burger      |
| 17 Aaron & Heather Barnhart   |
| Harold & Faye McNett          |
| 18 Brent & Monica Burkholder  |
| Tom & Ann Miller              |
| 21 Don Poston & Cheryl Martin |
| 24 Bobby & Bonnie Guyer       |
| Charles & Bonnie Miller       |
| 25 Donnie & Mary Jackson      |
| Lynn & Carolyn Mohler         |
| Dean & Holly Wood             |
| 27 Austin & Nikita McNett     |
| 28 Randy & Mary Lou Glick     |
| 29 John & Amy Knott           |

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