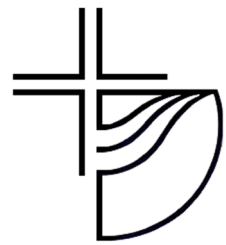


# Montezuma Today



June 2020

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## In-Person, Public Worship Service June 21

*Father's Day at the Ballpark*

Montezuma Church will hold an in-person, public worship service Sunday, June 21, 9:30 a.m., at the Montezuma Braves baseball field. The outdoor service offers the safest way to end the three-month disruption of regular weekly worship services since the Coronavirus pandemic forced a halt to those services in mid-March.

The simple outdoor service will highlight Father's Day in a setting that is both close to the congregation's meeting house and that offers numerous options for seating. Worshipers may find a place on one of the bleacher benches, a dug out, bring a lawn chair, or remain in their car for the service. The baseball PA system will be used for the service so worship will be a community affair. Masks are encouraged when moving around the ballpark to find your seat, but once you are comfortably, and safely distanced, in your seat, the outdoor setting will allow the option of being mask-free. Unfortunately, we cannot offer popcorn or cracker jacks.

In the event of rain, a brief service will be held in the Ruritan pavilion next to the ballpark. Montezuma is moving toward a return to sanctuary services later this summer. These details will be forthcoming.

## 2020 Annual Conference Cancelled

The 2020 Annual Conference scheduled for July 1-5 in Grand Rapids, MI, has been cancelled. All of the business – including Compelling Vision discussions and ballots for elections – is being pushed back to 2021 at the Greensboro, NC, conference. To this point, Montezuma had paid \$629 in registration fees for the conference and will donate approximately half that amount to the conference to support its ongoing expenses.

## Thank You

I want to thank the congregation for the calls, cards, food and prayers I received during my recent biopsy and surgery for kidney cancer. It means so much to have a community of support and love standing with you during times like that. May God bless you until we can be together again.

~ Melvin Burger

## June Special Offering:

Brethren Disaster Ministries

## Brethren Woods Online Summer Camp

While traditional summer camp at Brethren Woods has been canceled due to the pandemic, summer camp is still a go! And it's free! This year's theme is *Watz in the Woods?* Montezuma children and youth are welcome to receive daily summer camping videos beginning the week of June 8. Each day campers will have the option to join in up to one hour of camp related videos – worship, Bible study (short!), prayer, crafts, nature, campfire, even music. Jonas Miller is the camp's nature director and will host videos on outdoor topics each week. Pastor Gabe Dodd will offer regular contributions on prayer practices each day; Pastor David Miller is doing Bible study one week later in the summer. Registration details will come to families via email, but details and registration links can be found at [brethrenwoods.org/dsc/](http://brethrenwoods.org/dsc/). Check it out. This online learning opportunity is a great way for children who are regulars at summer camp to continue the tradition; for those who have not done summer camp at Brethren Woods, here's an opportunity to get a feel for what camp is all about.

Family Camping at Brethren Woods is an option too. The entire family can get away for a few days. See details at [brethrenwoods.org/familycamp](http://brethrenwoods.org/familycamp).

## Reopening & Live-Stream Committees

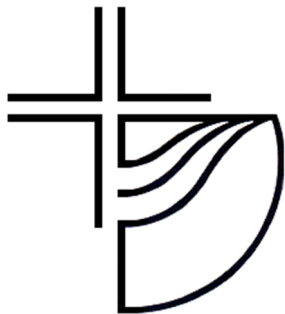
Two new committees appointed by the Executive Committee are addressing specific needs for the congregation related to the coronavirus and beyond. The Reopening Committee is preparing to guide the congregation through its return to sanctuary-based worship services. No date for that service is established at this writing, but we should know something soon. A letter outlining specifics for return to worship will be sent to the congregation before we return to worship. Members of the committee: Stephanie Diehl, Ann Monger, Roger Moyer, Barbara Ross, Pastors David Miller and Gabe Dodd; consulting: John Coaker, Laurie Serrell.

A second committee is working on installing equipment that will make the live streaming of worship available to those with online or smart phone connections. Bids for this work are in hand and the committee is reviewing those. Members of that committee: Dustin Atkins, Linnette Coaker, Ethan Dakin, Ron Shickel, and Pastors Gabe Dodd and David Miller.

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**June Birthdays:**

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

**June Anniversaries:**

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| 1 Jonathan & Bobbi Jo Ross    |
| 9 Bryan & Jaime Embres        |
| 12 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           |

**Our Stewardship for May 2020**

**Regular Offering**

May 3	\$4,590.00	May 17	\$4,030.00	May 31	\$3,275.00
May 10	\$7,505.00	May 24	\$5,693.46		
May total		\$25,093.46			
May average per Sunday		\$5,018.69			

**Special Giving for April 2020**

Backpack Program	\$211.33	Library Carpet Fund	\$200
Brethren Woods	\$2,400	Open Doors	\$100
Building Maint. & Repairs	\$600	Tenderloin Feast	\$350
Give a Girl a Chance	\$20	Youth Cookbooks	\$20

**Graduate Recognition Parade!**

So much is different about 2020. Schools closed early. Many graduates did not receive their big recognition for their accomplishments. Montezuma wants to recognize our graduates and celebrate their successes. We plan a Graduate Recognition Parade for Sunday, June 7. We will meet at the meeting house at 1 p.m. in our cars. Then safely drive to several different homes to show our love and respect for the grads by showing up and making a little noise! A gift will be given to each graduate. When we finish the last visit, it's off to Smiley's Ice Cream in Bridgewater. We hope you join us!