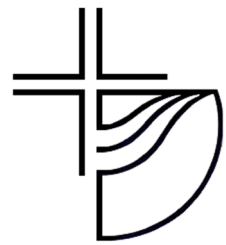


# Montezuma Today



July/August 2020

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## Church returns to Sanctuary worship July 5

Montezuma will hold its first sanctuary worship service on Sunday, July 5, at 9:30 a.m. This service follows two outdoor services at the Montezuma Braves ballpark June 21 and 28. A letter outlining principles and practices for the sanctuary service was mailed and emailed to the congregation in June.

While indoor services require greater care during this time of coronavirus pandemic, Montezuma is taking steps to be as safe as possible. We encourage everyone to wear a mask; to observe social distancing whether walking or seated; to use the automatic hand sanitizers provided in the meeting house; and to participate only if you are feeling healthy and well on the day of the service. The service will be shorter than a regular service and will not include singing – there will, however, be an opportunity to hear live instrumental music, including an organ/piano duet July 5. In lieu of offering plates, there will be an offering box; in place of bulletins, announcements and elements of worship will be projected. Ushers will make it possible for participants to enter the building without opening doors. Most inside doors that you need will be open. Ushers will direct participants to safe seating placement.

These are trying times. And yet these are not the first such times. Overall, we are able to do many important things, including worship and remaining connected with one another. Patience, flexibility, and hope are watchwords for us. Sanctuary services are a step in the right direction but if changes are needed, we will make them. Attendance at these services are a personal choice. We respect the decisions you make.

## Youth Events

**July 10:** SNL Drive-in Movie at Harrisonburg First COB. 8:00 pm, movie starts at dusk (around 9:00 pm).

**July 17:** Service Project at Bridgewater Community Garden. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**August 7:** River Tubing (tentative date) at the Craun's.

More info on these events can be found on the church website.

## Summer Special Offerings

July's special offering benefits the Bridgewater Area Food Pantry. Cash gifts are directed to People Helping People, a county-wide and city relief agency that works from a database to support those seeking assistance. Food gifts go directly to the Bridgewater Pantry. Food stuffs will be collected during July and transported to the pantry. Needed food items include canned meat, canned fruit, cereal, canned soup, peanut butter and pastas.

In August the congregation is supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Harrisonburg and Rockingham. This organization matches volunteer adult mentors with children who need positive adult role models.

## Messenger Renewal

To renew your Messenger subscription please send in your portion of the Messenger payment of \$7.25 (half the subscription rate of \$14.50) made payable to Montezuma COB. SPECIAL – First time subscriber's rate of \$7.25 (if this is your first time to subscribe, your half of the subscription will only be \$3.63). The deadline to start or renew your subscription is July 19.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for your love and support during the years our father was at BRC and then VMRC. Your cards, visits and prayers kept us uplifted during the final weeks of John Clayton's life. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and condolences, cards and calls since his passing February 7th. Even though he did not remember names, he loved coming to church, singing the hymns, and especially the cookie celebrations when he got to speak with so many of you! We all have been richly blessed during our years of attending Montezuma and especially during this time of loss -- his loss was made easier because of such caring!

With love and appreciation, Neva, Dena and Joe

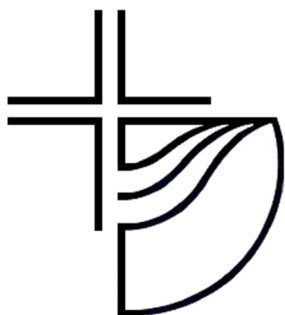
### Our Stewardship for June 2020

Attendance		Regular Offering	
June 7		\$4,805.00	
June 14		\$3,055.00	
June 21	157	\$9,672.73	
June 28	116	\$5,773.00	
June average per Sunday		\$5,826.43	
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday		\$5,615.98	
Special Giving for April 2020			
Backpack Program	\$25	Messenger Renewals	\$7.25
Brethren Woods	\$200	Youth Cookbooks	\$56
Disaster Ministries	\$150		

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### July Birthdays:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Dawn Kiser      | 17 Andy Ringgold   |
| Cindy McNett      | 18 Cathy Coceano   |
| Helen Shaw        | Kody Payne         |
| 2 Janet Whetzel   | Brent Sayre        |
| 6 Jenifer Hiner   | 19 Sallie Hunter   |
| 7 Gabe Dodd       | Reese Ostlund      |
| Cathy Snider      | Chad Brooks        |
| 8 Susan Butzler   | 22 David Lilly     |
| 9 Dusty Moyer     | 23 Ralph Pettit    |
| 10 Gene Golladay  | Nancy Shickel      |
| 11 Amanda Huffman | 26 Cameron Brown   |
| Donnie McNett     | Dennis Hill        |
| Zeb Miller        | 27 Ray Shank       |
| 12 David Richard  | 30 Jennifer Kiser  |
| 13 Grant Ostlund  | Corinne Rhodes     |
| Chris Payne       | Ashlyn Smiley      |
| Julie Smith       | 31 Corinne Crumley |
| 14 Amy Brown      | Gloria Heishman    |
| Aaron Will        | Barbara Moyer      |
|                   | Marshall Smiley    |

### August Birthdays:

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Christopher Lilly | 15 Allison Prawdzik |
| Troy Ostlund        | Logan Wilhelm       |
| Sam Rhodes          | 16 Roma Holloway    |
| 2 David Kuykendall  | Bob Martin          |
| 3 Pam Dodd          | Lindsay Monger      |
| Blake Eavers        | 17 Laura Healy      |
| Bobby Guyer         | Jason Payne         |
| Kellie Serrell      | Derek Smiley        |
| Blake Brashears     | Gene Wampler        |
| 4 Scott Airey       | 18 Heather Barnhart |
| William Monger      | Jaxson DePoy        |
| 5 Lane Bazzle       | Colby Pettit        |
| 6 Gail Miller       | 19 Fonda Auville    |
| 7 Roger Moyer       | Jonathan Ross       |
| Glenn Patterson     | Susan Shull         |
| 8 Lynn Mohler       | Robbie Symons       |
| Diamond Patterson   | 20 Eddie Black      |
| Kathy Riley         | 22 Preston Miller   |
| Dick Ryan           | Joyce Rhodes        |
| 9 Wanda Driver      | 23 Orva Lambert     |
| 11 Brittany Evans   | Lyza Will           |
| Bobbi Jo Ross       | 24 Heidi Mason      |
| 12 D.J. Moats       | Elaine Shank        |
| Zach Sease          | 25 Ken McNett       |
| 13 Dennis Evans     | Joyce Sheffer       |
| 15 Mark Butzler     | Abe Evans           |
| Jo Ellen Evers      |                     |

### July Anniversaries:

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|-----------------------------|
| 1 David & Dawn Mason        |
| Gary & Missy Vandevander    |
| 2 David & Sheila Skelton    |
| 7 Adam & Autumn Pequignot   |
| Jordan & Katya Sites        |
| 8 Brad & Yvonne Miller      |
| 9 Bobby & Sarah Williams    |
| Derek & Maria Smiley        |
| 10 Fred & Susan Kinkead     |
| Bob & Kathleen Michael      |
| 11 Drew & Susan Shull       |
| 14 Gary & Eleanor Payne     |
| 15 Andrew & Lorissa Skelton |
| 16 Marshall & Krista Smiley |
| 17 Elvert & Lois Black      |
| Dusty & Rachel Moyer        |
| 21 Ethan & Morgan Dakin     |
| Aaron & Katelyn Will        |
| 23 Vince & Wendy Rhodes     |

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| 26 Jim Glick      |
| Chad Shipe        |
| 27 Glenna Harper  |
| 28 Carrie Miller  |
| Donna Lou Shickel |
| 29 Susan Wrenn    |
| 30 Joyce Perry    |
| 31 Jimmy Mason    |
| Sharon Weaver     |

### August Anniversaries:

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|---------------------------|
| 1 Roy & Barbara Keller    |
| Ken & Joy Monger          |
| 3 Ernie & Diana Havener   |
| 5 Craig & Shari Payne     |
| 6 Mike & Stephanie Diehl  |
| 7 Eric & Annie Wilhelm    |
| 10 Calvin & Judy Lokey    |
| 12 Eddie & Nellie Black   |
| 13 Tom & Barbara Ross     |
| 15 Robby & Londia Dean    |
| Bill & Gloria Heishman    |
| 18 Gabe & Pam Dodd        |
| 25 Ben & Tammy Hall       |
| 28 Norman & Glenna Harper |