

Montezuma Today



April 2022

Love Feast Service: April 14, 7:00 p.m.

By the time we gather on April 14th, 2½ years will have passed since Montezuma's last Love Feast. The deacons are preparing for a traditional Love Feast that also will be more accessible for families with younger children and those who wish to wash hands rather than feet. J.D. Glick and I look forward to celebrating this service of worship with you. The Love Feast serves as a very special way to follow in Jesus' footsteps—footsteps of joyful fellowship, humble service and thanksgiving for the body and blood of Christ who forgives our sins. Please join us for this time to draw near to Christ and to one another. Let's give thanks for the example Jesus set. "...Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end," (John 13:1).

- Ron Wyrick

Stewards Commission Update

Stewards held its first meeting of the year on March 7, 2022. We discussed the coming year and what projects we wanted to work on. We are all excited about the progress of the new windows. We should be seeing some action in the near future on the east window. We also discussed looking in to replacing the carpet in the sanctuary and what to do with the pews. The plan is also to repair the cracks in the parking lot.

The fundraising committee will be meeting soon to discuss another fundraiser to replace the wheelbarrow, which has been fun for everyone. We also will be planning another spring fundraiser.

Judy and Libby ask me to let people know that there are new books in the Library and they are all out for your enjoyment.

On a personal note I would like to remind everyone to not forget our members that are shut in and are in nursing homes. Take the time to send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten. You don't have to wait for a holiday or a special occasion to reach out. Prayer for everyone during this difficult times in our world.

- Calvin Lokey, Stewards Chairperson

VBS & Brethren Woods

Montezuma plans to hold Vacation Bible School July 6-8 at Montezuma Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A meal is included at 5:30 for the children, their parents, and all the volunteers. This year's curriculum is entitled *Passport to Peace*. Children will learn 20 peacemaking strategies, giving them tools they need to follow Jesus' way of peace. *Passport to Peace* invites children to see every person as part of God's family, and every interaction as an opportunity to make peace.

Don't forget that registration for Brethren Woods is now available. Visit this web address to see a schedule of camps and to register: brethrenwoods.org/summercamp. The church will pay half of your child's registration fees.

Disaster Auction

The 2022 Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren Disaster Auction will be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds on May 20-21. More information is available at www.shencob.org/2022-disaster-auction.

National Youth Conference 2022 – “Foundational”

The Church of the Brethren's National Youth Conference 2022 will focus on Colossians 2:5-7 "*For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*" and the theme is "Foundational." The event will be held July 23-28, 2022. National Youth Conference, or "NYC," is a Church of the Brethren tradition that dates back to 1954! Every four years, youth from across the United States (and sometimes beyond) travel to Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado for an incredible weeklong youth conference. The week includes worship twice a day, small groups, workshops, service projects, recreation, hiking in the Rocky Mountains, and more! It is a full week with lots of exciting activities, but there is a good balance of downtime and time for reflection as well. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to build and strengthen their faith and grow in the Spirit.

Montezuma will have 12 youth (Allee Coffman, Hayley Daubert, Julia Eye, Myla Eye, Katie Hiner, Kenzy Hiner, Ashley Knott, Carrie Miller, Walter Rhodes, Adam Ross, Nathan Smith, and Noah Smith) and three advisors (Vince Rhodes, Danelle Ross, and Kellie Serrell) who will be attending NYC. It is wonderful that we have such a large group that will be participating in this church of the Brethren opportunity. Hayley Daubert was selected to serve as a member of the National Youth Cabinet and has been involved in planning the conference. She will be flying to Colorado ahead of the conference and all her expenses will be covered by the denomination.

The rest of Montezuma's group plans to travel to conference via the Shenandoah District's motor coach transportation that will be making stops at Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, the Badlands, Wall Drug, Fort Hays Chuckwagon dinner show, St Louis Arch, and more. The travels will begin on July 19 and end on July 30. The total cost of the trip and conference will be \$1,775 per person for registration, transportation, lodging, and meals. A total of almost \$25,000 is needed to cover all of the costs.

- Stephanie Diehl, Nurture Chairperson

April Outreach Offering: NYC

The youth, parents, and advisors have worked over the past four years to raise funds for this event. The congregation here at Montezuma has been extremely supportive of all the fundraisers and this support is greatly appreciated. The major youth fundraiser – the Youth Auction – has not been able to be held for the past two years but we have still raised most of the funds needed for the event. We are about \$1,000 short of the total amount needed. Plus, we would like to leave at least some funds in the NYC account as seed money for NYC 2026. The Witness Outreach Offering for April will be for National Youth Conference. Any support that you can give is appreciated. Thanks so much for all your support!

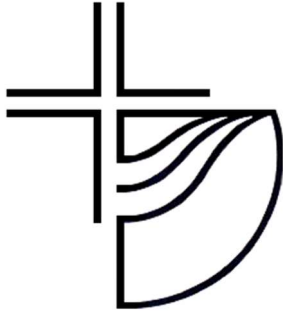
Bridgewater Area Cross Walk

The Bridgewater Area Ministry is bringing back the Good Friday Cross Walk. The event will be held on April 15th, from noon to 1:00pm, beginning at Bridgewater Presbyterian on East College Street.

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April Birthdays:

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| 1 Margaret Waggy | 12 Madison DePoy |
| 2 Danny Hollen | Scott McNett |
| Nancy Keplinger | Leslie Mohler |
| Rebecca Mason | 13 Ronnie Fulton |
| Eric Payne | 14 Matt Young |
| Ron Shickel | 15 Lois Black |
| 3 Heather Knott | John Layman |
| Jerold Sager | 16 Joy Monger |
| 4 Richard Smith | 17 Mary Jackson |
| Kenneth Wenger | 18 Donnie Fulton |
| 6 Tina Knott | Ann Miller |
| Myla Eye | Gary Myers |
| 7 Christopher Floyd | Kristin Nocolai |
| Weldon Good | Doris Riggelman |
| Josh Payne | Averie Shank |
| Holly Wood | 20 Billy Eavers |
| Ann Monger | Clint Harpine |
| 8 Bill Heishman | 21 Jack Layne |
| 9 Rose Miller | Frances Shenk |
| 10 Harold McNett | 22 Kirk Kuster |
| 11 Jackson Williams | 23 Billy Myers |
| Ava Rhodes | 24 Emmalin Barnhart |
| | Ronnie Shirkey |

April Anniversaries:

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| 25 David Miller | 3 Cory & Jennifer Payne |
| Marilyn Miller | David & Vicki Richard |
| 26 Amy Knott | 4 Dwayne & Dawn Kiser |
| Howard Smiley | 8 Wendell & Betty Chandler |
| Joe McNett | Bill & Joyce Jackameit |
| 27 Lynn McNett | 11 Rick & Tina Knott |
| Craig Sease | 14 Norlyn & Betty Miller |
| Missy Vandevander | 16 Charles & Janice Rhodes |
| 28 Diane McNett | 20 Eric & April Payne |
| Josh Richard | 21 John & Linnette Coaker |
| 29 Dwayne Kiser | 22 Bill & Barbara Eavers |
| Adam Richard | 24 Daniel & Naomi Lambert |
| Jerry Shank | Doug & Lisa Tumer |
| Keith Weaver | 25 Charles & Fay Airey |
| Sarah Williams | 26 Bob & Carol Martin |
| Michelle Airey | 30 Howard & Debbie Smiley |
| 30 Kyle Brown | |
| Danny Lilly | |
| Rosemary Taylor | |
| Russell Wenger | |
| Malachi Moyer | |

Our Stewardship for March 2022

	Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Mar 6	101	53	\$7,235.00
Mar 13	68	34	\$7,805.00
Mar 20	96	42	\$10,270.00
Mar 27	100	48	\$3,050.09
Mar. average per Sun.	91	44	\$7,090.02
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.			\$5,513.89

Special Giving for March 2022

Building Repairs	\$500	NYC	\$50
In Memory of Adrian Lambert	\$50	NYC Key Deposits	\$480
In Memory of Adrian Lambert-Windows	\$75	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$470
In Memory of Ann Click-Windows	\$100	Wheelbarrow Window Fund	\$357.08
In Memory of Garold Shull-Windows	\$100	Window Fund	\$915
In Memory of Rebecca Click	\$75	Youth Cookbooks	\$40
In Memory of Rebecca Click-Windows	\$100	Youth Fastnacht Fundraiser	\$60