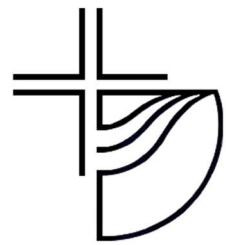


Montezuma Today



July/August 2021

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MCOB Returns to Sanctuary Worship in July

After two months at the ballpark, Montezuma is returning to sanctuary worship beginning Sunday, July 4. By the time we gather, all federal and state coronavirus mandates concerning social gatherings will be expired. We look forward to being in the meeting house and enjoying the comfort and benefits it offers, such as musical instruments, better quality sound, and air conditioning. Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School classes will meet following worship. Children will meet in the Fellowship room; church youth will meet in the sanctuary where they'll have access to projectors; the Agape class plans to gather in the choir room; the Cornerstone class meets downstairs in the board room; finally, the Footsteppers class will gather in the narthex area just beyond the elevator. These classes will begin approximately ten minutes after the end of worship. If other adult classes want to meet, please see Pastor David Miller.

Some things to consider: While most adults are vaccinated, for a variety of reasons some adults are not; children under twelve are not vaccinated either. Most children will be wearing masks when they gather for worship. They do this to protect others and to protect themselves, but it is obvious to children that they are in a different category. For that reason, some adults will be wearing masks in solidarity with children. Everyone is free to make their own decisions about mask wearing at this time. The pew ropes have been removed. Worshipers are free to sit anywhere but we encourage social distancing. Hymn singing will be limited. We still face some uncertainties, but give thanks for where we are concerning the pandemic.

Youth Workcamp July 11-14

Along with several other congregations, Montezuma is sponsoring a youth workcamp in the Harrisonburg area. Following a Sunday evening worship, meal and orientation at Pleasant Valley COB, youth will work with Vine & Fig at their Harrisonburg gardens off of North Main Street and one day at the group's Jubilee Climate Farm in Mt. Clinton. Youth will learn how different plants and gardening practices restore nutrients to the soil and capture harmful CO2 from the atmosphere. Youth will meet and work alongside refugees from Africa and South America and may help with a summer school gardening program in Harrisonburg. Five Montezuma youth are participating.

July/August Witness Offerings

July's outreach offering benefits the Bridgewater Area Food Pantry and People Helping People. Gifts of food such as canned meats, veggies, and fruit, cereal, soup, peanut butter and pasta go directly to the Food Pantry. All cash gifts go to People Helping People, a county-wide and city relief agency that provides utility and rent support to families in our area.

August's focus is Bridge of Hope. The mission statement for Bridge of Hope is to "engage Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness through neighboring relationships that demonstrate Christ's love." At risk or homeless families are connected to community volunteers for support and mentoring.

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 August 3rd.

Apple Butter Jars Needed

If you have any canning jars, or new lids and rings to donate for apple butter, please bring them to church and put them on the bench in the entryway. Pints, quarts, and both regular and wide mouth jars and lids/rings are needed. If you have questions, you can contact Vince Rhodes at 476-0385.

Annual Conference Worship July 4

Montezuma will meet for worship at 9:45 a.m. July 4 instead of the usual 9:30 time. Following brief announcements and an organ/piano duet, worshipers will share in the live stream of Annual Conference's Sunday morning worship. We hope you can join us in person for this special occasion.

Our Stewardship for June 2021

	Attendance	Regular Offering
June 6	129	\$5,667.00
June 13	92	\$5,397.90
June 20	100	\$3,142.00
June 27	85	\$6,396.15
June average per Sunday		\$5,150.76
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday		\$5,538.96

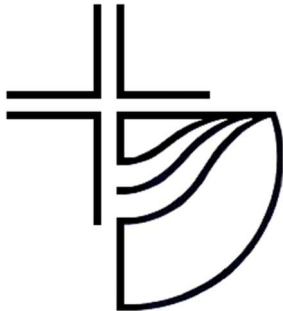
Special Giving for June 2021

Ann Click Mem. Window Fund	\$150	VBS Meals	\$20
Brethren Woods	\$820	Window Fund	\$365
Garold Shull Mem. Window	\$50	Youth Ministry – NYC	\$100
Janet Whetzel Mem. Window	\$50	Youth Cookbooks	\$10
Spring Fundraiser	\$560		

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July Birthdays:

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

August Birthdays:

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