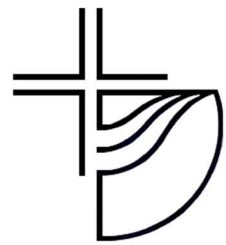


# Montezuma Today



April 2023

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*“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,  
but then they went in, they did not find the body.”*

Luke 24: 2-3

Another school shooting. Another tornado in Mississippi. More preventable deaths. Yet another environmental scare. It can sometimes seem that the news is all bad. We turn on the television, pick up the newspaper, or open the news app on our phone, and we are barraged over and over with one bit of bad news after another. But on Easter Sunday, the news is overwhelmingly good! The tomb is empty! He is risen indeed and that is reason to celebrate! We invite you to join us for all of the special services of Holy Week detailed below. Let us rejoice together in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! Come, and experience the Good News once again!

In Christ's service,  
Terri

## Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held on Monday-Thursday, June 19-22, 2023.

The theme is Changemaker's Lab, where children learn that everyone can make a difference in the world! The Bible stories in this curriculum explore examples of people who experienced and brought about change in the world around them. These people provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, caring for all people, and imagining a new world.

In the meantime, please start looking around in your basements, garages, and storage rooms for items that will be useful in creating our lab such as:

Lab coats	Goggles
Chemistry sets	Cylindrical vases
Beakers	Test tubes
Periodic tables	Plastic tubing
PVC pipes	Rubber insects
Abacus	Microscopes
Science fair poster boards	
Gears & cogs	Pool noodles
Styrofoam balls	20" air filters
Colorful duct tape	Lava lamps
Colored card stock	Abacus

Anything else that looks like it belongs in a laboratory!

## Lunch Bunch

After an extended pause, the Montezuma Lunch Bunch will resume monthly luncheons. All ages are welcome to participate! The first lunch will be on Tuesday, April 18 at 12 noon at Montezuma Hall, 4736 Ottobine Road. This will be a carry-in lunch – please bring food to share and come and enjoy good fellowship.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles

Montezuma will present Bibles to all our 3rd graders this May. If you know a child in 3rd grade who attends Montezuma, please contact the church office.

## Graduate Recognition

Montezuma will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> during worship. If you or someone you know has graduated high school, college, or trade school within the last year, please contact the church office or Stephanie Diehl (nurture chair).

## Holy Week Services

### Palm Sunday: April 2

Come and celebrate our Lord's triumphal arrival with the traditional palm processional.

### Love Feast Maundy Thursday: April 6

The observance of the ordinance of Love Feast is central to our identity as a denomination. Please gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. We will move as a body of believers to the Fellowship Hall for the Love Feast.

### Good Friday: April 7

The ecumenical Cross Walk will begin at noon at Bridgewater Presbyterian Church, 110 E College Street, Bridgewater. Scripture and prayers will be shared as the cross is carried through Bridgewater

### Sunrise Easter Service: April 9

This special service will be at the home of Ron and Donna Lou Shickel, 5664 Ottobine Road, Dayton. Please bring a lawn chair if you are able. (There are some seats available.) The service will begin promptly at 6:45 am as the sunrise is at 6:49 am on Easter. There will be a shuttle service from the Montezuma parking lot beginning at 6:15 am.

### Easter Breakfast--Hosted by MCoB Youth: April 9

The Montezuma Youth invite you to Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 9th from 7:30am to 8:30am at the Montezuma Hall (4736 Ottobine Road, Dayton), following the 6:45am Easter Sunrise service. Come and enjoy Monkey Bread and other tasty breakfast foods. A free will offering will be collected to support youth activities. To help with planning, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the entryway if you think you may attend.

### Easter Worship: April 9

We will celebrate our Risen Savior at 9:30 am in the sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:40 am.

## Disaster Auction: May 19-20

There are many ways that the church family can get involved with this event. Please contact the following people if you would like to get involved: Ralph Rohrer-Chicken Barbeque, Becky Daubert - Doughnuts, Vicki Richard-Plants & Flowers (It is helpful if donated plants are identified with color and type and when transplanting consider doing several weeks ahead so they look their best.) You are also invited to collect change for Coins For Disaster Ministries. Donations of Baked Goods and Theme Baskets (with a value of at least \$25) are needed. The Sow and Grow Program is available to anyone who would take the \$10 given to our church and turn it into a project that could bring in \$20, 50, \$200 etc. Contact Linnette for more information about this. Copies of the Disaster Auction information can be found on the bulletin boards. Find out how YOU can be involved!

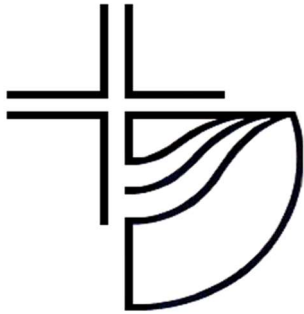
## April Outreach – Give a Girl a Chance

Give a Girl a Chance is New Community Project's program to help girls and women around the world have a decent chance for a decent life. For the girls, this means keeping them in school in places where education is often difficult to obtain. Give a Girl a Chance offers scholarships, shoes, mosquito nets, bicycles - whatever they need to succeed. Women in these countries and many others are often reduced to near-slave labor, the sex trade or work that lacks dignity or opportunity. Through microloans or skills training organized by their partners, NCP helps them have better choices.

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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          | Ada Williams     |
| Ann Monger          | 20 Billy Eavers  |
| 8 Bill Heishman     | Clint Harpine    |
| 9 Rose Miller       | 21 Jack Layne    |
| 10 Harold McNett    | Frances Shenk    |
| 11 Jackson Williams | 22 Kirk Kuster   |
| Ava Rhodes          | 23 Billy Myers   |

**April Anniversaries:**

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 24 Emmalin Barnhart | 3 Cory & Jennifer Payne    |
| Ronnie Shirkey      | David & Vicki Richard      |
| 25 David Miller     | 4 Dwayne & Dawn Kiser      |
| Marilyn Miller      | 8 Wendell & Betty Chandler |
| 26 Amy Knott        | Bill & Joyce Jackameit     |
| Howard Smiley       | 11 Rick & Tina Knott       |
| Joe McNett          | 14 Norlyn & Betty Miller   |
| 27 Lynn McNett      | 16 Charles & Janice Rhodes |
| Craig Sease         | 18 Tom & Terri Luzynski    |
| Missy Vandevander   | 20 Eric & April Payne      |
| 28 Diane McNett     | 22 Bill & Barbara Eavers   |
| Josh Richard        | 24 Daniel & Naomi Lambert  |
| 29 Dwayne Kiser     | Doug & Lisa Tumer          |
| Adam Richard        | 25 Charles & Fay Airey     |
| Jerry Shank         | 26 Bob & Carol Martin      |
| Keith Weaver        | 30 Howard & Debbie Smiley  |
| Sarah Williams      |                            |
| Michelle Airey      |                            |
| 30 Kyle Brown       |                            |
| Danny Lilly         |                            |
| Rosemary Taylor     |                            |
| Russell Wenger      |                            |
| Malachi Moyer       |                            |
| Maeve Brown         |                            |

**Our Stewardship for March 2023**

**Attendance**

	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Regular Offering</b>
March 5	110	51	\$7,198.00
March 12	109	53	\$13,035.28
March 19	109	57	\$4,055.00
March 26	128	61	\$5,142.00
Mar. average per Sun.	114	45	\$7,357.57
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	112	56	\$5,490.90

**Special Giving for March 2023**

Easter Flowers	\$524	Window Fund Memorial Gifts:	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$355	Carl & Lois McNett	\$10,000
Playground Improvements	\$300	Harold McNett	\$100
Window Fund	\$2,560	John Miller	\$100
		Glenna Rhodes	\$100