

# Montezuma Today



June 2023

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Col 3:17

Over the last several months, it has been a joy to celebrate the return of some special traditions at Montezuma—the Birthday lunch, the Easter breakfast hosted by the youth, and the Lunch Bunch gatherings. We have also been blessed by steady attendance in worship and an increased attendance in Sunday School. Thanks be to God!

Now June has arrived and the demands and routines of the academic year are almost behind us. Schedules may be more relaxed, and vacations occur, but it is important that we remain faithful to God even as we enjoy the summer. While we may all be away on some Sundays, consider how you can grow your faith even while on vacation:

- Visit a church in your vacation destination.
- Build time into your day for a family devotion; perhaps morning devotions on the beach or evening vespers around a campfire.
- Devote a morning or afternoon to a service project as a family. All communities have needs.
- Spend some time one evening sending postcards to our homebound members to share God's love with them.

God is good all the time! Let us show and share our gratitude to Him whatever the season.

## Hygiene Kits

The Elementary Sunday School class is sponsoring a collection of hygiene supplies to be assembled by the class for Church World Services Hygiene Kits. These kits are a vital response to communities experiencing disasters of all kinds. A marked tub will be stationed inside the parking lot entry doors beginning this Sunday, June 4 and continuing until August 6.

A required list of supplies is below, and can be found online at this website: [www.cwskits.org](http://www.cwskits.org). Thank you for helping in this endeavor and supporting the Sunday School class as they share God's love to others. Contact teachers Karen Fleishman or Stephanie Diehl with any questions or visit our class on Sunday morning!

- 1 hand towel, 15"x28" to 16"x32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber),
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide-tooth comb (must be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth, no pocket combs or picks)
- 1 fingernail or toenail clipper
- 1 bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- 1 toothbrush in the original package
- 10 standard size Band-Aids

Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each kit just prior to its final journey. Cash donations are welcome as well, to offset shipping costs or adding items that are in short supply.

## 2023 Graduate Recognition

Montezuma will recognize our high school and college graduates during worship on Sunday, June 4. Congratulations to the following graduates on their recent achievements.

### High School Graduates

**Cortland Andrews:** Cortland graduates this year from Broadway High School, and from Massanutten Technical Center with a certificate in diesel technology. He graduated in 2022 from MTC with a certificate in carpentry. Cortland plans to attend Blue Ridge Community College this fall in the transfer program. He intends to transfer to Bridgewater College after completing his studies at Blue Ridge.

**Adam Ross:** Adam will be graduating from Spotswood High School. He will be attending Blue Ridge Community College in the Fall, with plans to transfer to either JMU or Bridgewater. Adam plans to pursue a double major in History and Secondary Education. With his love of history, Adam looks forward to becoming a High School History Teacher.

### College Graduates

**Heather Knott:** Heather graduated from Bridgewater College on April 29 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with minors in Applied Chemistry and Crime and Justice. Heather will be attending Marshall University in Huntington, WV this fall to begin the master's program in Forensic Science.

**Ethan Ross:** Ethan graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech on May 13. Ethan has accepted a job offer to work for Valley Engineering in Mt. Crawford. He will start his new job on June 12.

**Kellie Serrell:** Kellie graduated from Blue Ridge Community College on May 15 with an Associate Degree in Applied Science/Emergency Medical Services. Kellie plans to work as a paramedic and care for the people in the community. She plans to further her education in the next five years.

### Advanced Degree Graduate

**Jared Diehl:** Jared has completed a Master's of Food Technology at the University of Georgia. He works on the Innovation & Design Team at Buddy's Kitchen in Burnsville, MN. As a Product Development Lead, Jared designs food products for the convenience store industry. He lives in Apple Valley, MN.

## Vacation Bible School

**Dates:** Mon., June 19 – Thurs., June 22

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:45pm

**Location:** Montezuma Church of the Brethren

**Registration:** [www.montezumacob.org/vbs](http://www.montezumacob.org/vbs), or call the church office: (540) 879-2246

VBS begins each night with supper for children, their families, and VBS volunteers at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. At 6:00, the children will gather in the sanctuary to sing, then break into smaller groups and rotate through the different stations.

If you have anything on the list below that the church can borrow, please bring it to the church office.

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

Anything else that looks like it belongs in a lab!

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**June Birthdays:**

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Clayton Adams      | 16 Ruth Smiley    |
| Rachel Coffman       | 17 Skyler Shank   |
| Drew Shull           | 18 Mike Healy     |
| 2 Fay Airey          | Jonathan Northrop |
| 3 Brandi Harpine     | Samuel Sites      |
| 4 Sandra Huffman     | 20 Troy Knott     |
| 6 Ramona Evans       | Linda Waggy       |
| 7 Bradley Glick      | 21 Liam Harback   |
| Alannah Harback      | Yvonne Miller     |
| Bob Jerome           | Kennedy Brooks    |
| 8 Ernie Havener      | 22 Tammy Hall     |
| J.M. Monger          | Cory Payne        |
| 9 Beth Bazzle        | 24 Mason Payne    |
| Nicolas Huffman      | Lavonne Rusmisel  |
| Matthew Ross         | 25 Hudson McNett  |
| 10 Anderson DePoy    | 27 Tom Ross       |
| 11 Faye McNett       | 28 Bennet Nelson  |
| 12 Mason Black       | 29 Jared Diehl    |
| John Serrell         | Judy Lokey        |
| 13 Robert Black, Jr. | Zoe Smiley        |
| Eric Shank           | 30 Andrea Adams   |
| 14 Gary Payne        | Becky Daubert     |
| 15 Marty Barlow      |                   |

**June Anniversaries:**

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| 1 Jonathan & Bobbi Jo Ross    |
| 9 Bryan & Jaime Embres        |
| 12 Brian & Janelle Weaver     |
| 13 Phil & Ramona Evans        |
| 14 Adam & Katie Richard       |
| 15 David & Kathy Lilly        |
| 16 Melvin & Edith Burger      |
| 17 Aaron & Heather Barnhart   |
| 18 Brent & Monica Burkholder  |
| 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 2023**

<b>Attendance</b>			
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Regular Offering</b>
May 7	110	22	\$5,647.00
May 14	119	38	\$4,257.00
May 21	129	62	\$3,628.00
May 28	112	59	\$7,508.57
May average per Sun.	118	45	\$5,260.14
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	114	46	\$5,401.17

**Special Giving for May 2023**

Brethren Disaster Ministries	\$870	In Memory of Danny Hollen	\$950
Church Sign	\$50	Spring Festival-Ham	\$100
Give a Girl a Chance	\$125	Window Fund in Memory of Danny Hollen	\$150
In Memory of Cathleen Coffman	\$25		

**June Outreach Offering: Brethren Woods**

Brethren Woods provides Christian educational opportunities, facilities, and programs for all ages in an inviting woodland setting. Brethren Woods encourages the formation of Christ-centered living, leadership, and stewardship of creation, leading towards wholeness in the Kingdom of God.

Registration for Brethren Woods is now available. Opportunities include day camp for grades K-8, overnight camp for grades 1-12, and lots of different adventure camps for junior and senior high. Visit their website for a schedule of camps and to register: [brethrenwoods.org/summercamp](http://brethrenwoods.org/summercamp). The church will pay half of your child's registration fees.