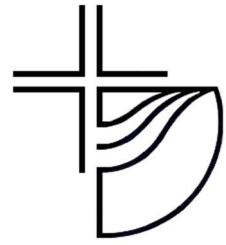


Montezuma Today



March 2023

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*For God so loved the world, that he gave
his only Son, that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

It seems that the Advent/Christmas season just ended, and now we are in the midst of Lent. The two seasons are, of course, inextricably linked. Both Advent and Lent call us to intentional worship of Jesus in spirit and in truth. Both are seasons of great expectation, and both have aspects of preparation and repentance. However, Advent has a more joyful expectation about it than does Lent. Advent is predominantly about preparation while Lent is more about repentance. Lent is a penitential journey as we make ready for Christ to die on the cross for us. During Advent, we add new light to our Advent wreath as the arrival of the baby Jesus draws closer. During Lent, we will see the light on our Lenten cross diminish as we move closer to the crucifixion of Christ. But ultimately, Lent leads us to the Resurrection—the greatest joy of all. For it is through and because of the death and subsequent Resurrection of Christ that we receive the offer of life everlasting. Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we journey together through this season of Lent, let us be intentional about examining our hearts, repenting from any sin, and drawing ever closer to Jesus so that the joy of the Resurrection may fill us completely come Easter morning!

In Christ's service,
Terri

March Outreach – One Great Hour of Sharing

Gifts given through One Great Hour of Sharing empower ministries like the Church of the Brethren's Brethren Volunteer Service, Discipleship Ministries, Office of Global Mission, Brethren Disaster Ministries, the Global Food Initiative, and many others.

WRE Concert: April 1

The Rockingham County Weekly Religious Education students will present their spring choral concert, "The Lord's Prayer", on Saturday, April 1st at 4:00pm. The concert will be held at Eastern Mennonite University Commons, 1307 Park Road, Harrisonburg. Everyone is invited to attend.

Holy Week Services

There will be several opportunities for us to gather as a body of believers for worship during Holy Week:

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, likely at Bridgewater Presbyterian. This information will be updated through the weekly email once plans are finalized.

Sunrise Easter Service (April 9) – This special service will be at the home of Ron and Donna Lou Shickel, 5664 Ottobine Road in 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 – Back by popular request, the MCoB Youth will serve breakfast at the Montezuma Hall from 7:30 am to 8:30 am on Easter. Donations for the youth will be accepted.

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

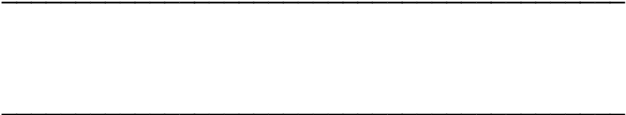
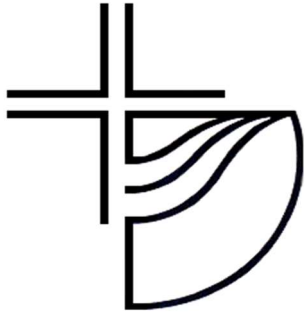
Disaster Auction: May 19-20

There are many ways that the church family can get involved with this event. Ralph Rohrer is in charge of the CHICKEN BARBEQUE and anyone willing to help can contact him. Vicki Richard is in charge of the PLANTS AND FLOWERS. Volunteer help is always appreciated along with donated plants. It is helpful if the plants are identified with color and type and when transplanting consider doing several weeks ahead so they look their best. COINS FOR DISASTER MINISTRIES is something that is very popular so start collecting your change in a jar that can then be donated. THEME BASKETS (with a value of at least \$25) are something that a Sunday School class or individual could put together. There is also a need for BAKE SALE ITEMS. THE SOW AND GROW PROGRAM is available to anyone who would take the \$10.00 given to our church and then turn it into a project that could bring in \$20, 50, \$200 etc. This would be a great family project. 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!

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March Birthdays:

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| 1 Donna Brunk | 14 Susan Kinkead | 27 Brent Burkholder |
| Orva Showalter | 16 Josh Kinkead | Shirley Dameron |
| Amanda Trent | Carol Lena Miller | Chloe Eye |
| 2 Andrew Skelton | 18 Carol Martin | Fred Shank |
| 3 Claire Williams | 20 Avery Andrews | 28 Alanah Brashears |
| 4 Alexander Shank | Eleanor Payne | Paula Brown |
| 5 Julia Rohrer | Tanner Shifflett | Scott Yelverton |
| Jared Smith | Jeff Wine | 29 Anne Marie Depoy |
| 6 Noah Sites | 21 Pansy Auville | |
| 8 Sue Miller | 22 Charles Airey | |
| Owen Strawderman | John Coaker | |
| 11 Paige Eavers | Judy Hill | |
| 12 Lori Good | 23 Vincent Cash | |
| 13 Shevonne Fulton | 24 Sadie Wilhelm | |
| Lindsey Richard | 26 David Mason | |
| | Vince Rhodes | |

March Anniversaries:

- 2 Gordon & Wanda Driver
- 9 Bobby & Elaine Shank
- 28 David & Wilamena Harback

Our Stewardship for February 2023

Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Feb. 5	107	43	\$7,086.08
Feb. 12	112	69	\$4,346.00
Feb. 19	122	50	\$12,157.00
Feb. 26	136	56	\$3,612.00
Feb. average per Sun.	119	55	\$6,800.17
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	111	44	\$5,468.60

Special Giving for February 2023

Backpack Program	\$65	In Memory of Rebecca Click	\$50
CWS Blanket Fund	\$100	Window Fund	\$3,520
Gideons	\$1,815	Window Fund in Memory of Harold McNett	\$200