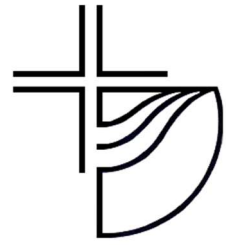


# Montezuma Today



April 2024

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*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

- John 14:6

It was such a joy to gather together on Easter morning to rejoice in the promise of new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many of us marveled at a beautiful sunrise together early in the morning and then nourished our bodies with delicious food prepared by our youth. At our morning worship, the pews were full, the music was amazing, and the Spirit of the Lord was in our midst! We were blessed! But Easter is not over; the resurrection is too powerful and life-changing to limit the celebration to just one day. In our church calendar, the season of Easter continues until Pentecost Sunday, which is May 19th this year. As we worship through the Sundays of Easter, we will continue to give thanks for the abundant and eternal life made possible through Jesus our Lord and Savior. We will acknowledge the limitless love of God that brought Jesus to us and we will consider how our lives should reflect that love. Come and continue to celebrate Easter with us!

In Christ's service,  
Terri

## Brethren Woods Spring Festival

Brethren Woods Spring Festival will be on Saturday, April 27th from 7:30am to 2:00pm. Festivities include a pancake breakfast, yard sale and auction, kiss the cow contest, dunk the Dunkard, hike-a-thon, bake sale and ice cream, and plenty of food to eat! There will also be a bounce house and other fun activities for the kids. Please see the poster on the bulletin board by the restrooms for more details.

## Kiss the Cow Contest

We have already raised the \$100 required by Brethren Woods to see Pastor Terri kiss a cow at the Brethren Woods Spring Festival. Pastor Terri says this should be \$1,000! Can we do it? To make a donation towards that, please make your check out to the church, and write "kiss the cow" on the memo line.

## Vacation Bible School

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." - Psalm 56:3

VBS will be held on Monday-Thursday, June 17-20, 2024, 5:30-8:15pm, at Montezuma.

The theme is Camp Firelight. Camp Firelight invites children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Wendy Rhodes or Linnette Smith.

## Receiving of New Members

We are always delighted to welcome new members into our church family at Montezuma. Several people have requested to join our congregation and we will receive new members on Pentecost Sunday—May 19, 2024.

Those who have already expressed interest in becoming members of Montezuma would be doing so by way of transfer of membership. In that instance, new member classes are not required. However, if there is interest in learning more about the history of the Church of the Brethren and the beliefs and practices of the church, new member classes will be offered prior to May 19th.

If you are interested in joining Montezuma and/or attending new member classes, please contact Pastor Terri.

## Disaster Auction: May 17-18

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: Marsha Shank, Ralph Rohrer-Chicken Barbeque and Becky Daubert – Doughnuts. 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!

## Graduate Recognition

Montezuma will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</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 Brad Smith (nurture chair).

## April Outreach: People Helping People

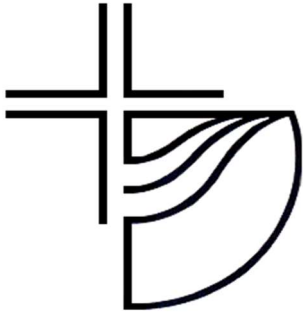
People Helping People provides utility assistance for residents of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. They also help with other basic needs such as medicine, eyeglasses, and items to maintain employment.

## Beaver Creek Cemetery Interments

- March 3: Anna Fern (Kesner) Miller  
August 27, 1945 – February 28, 2024
- March 12: Charles William Miller  
July 10, 1932 – March 8, 2024
- March 14: Robbie Lee Click  
June 24, 1970 – March 10, 2024

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**April Birthdays:**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Margaret Waggy    | 13 Ronnie Fulton    |
| 2 Nancy Keplinger   | 15 Lois Black       |
| Rebecca Mason       | John Layman         |
| Eric Payne          | 16 Joy Monger       |
| Ron Shickel         | 17 Mary Jackson     |
| 3 Heather Knott     | 18 Donnie Fulton    |
| Jerold Sager        | Ann Miller          |
| 4 Kenneth Wenger    | Gary Myers          |
| 6 Myla Eye          | Doris Riggleman     |
| 7 Weldon Good       | Averie Shank        |
| Josh Payne          | Ada Williams        |
| Holly Wood          | 20 Billy Eavers     |
| Ann Monger          | Clint Harpine       |
| 8 Bill Heishman     | 21 Frances Shenk    |
| 11 Jackson Williams | 22 Kirk Kuster      |
| Ava Rhodes          | 23 Billy Myers      |
| 12 Madison DePoy    | 24 Emmalin Barnhart |
| Scott McNett        | 25 Marilyn Miller   |
| Leslie Mohler       |                     |

**April Anniversaries:**

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 26 Amy Knott      | 3 Cory & Jennifer Payne    |
| Howard Smiley     | David & Vicki Richard      |
| Joe McNett        | 4 Dwayne & Dawn Kiser      |
| 27 Lynn McNett    | 8 Wendell & Betty Chandler |
| Craig Sease       | 14 Norlyn & Betty Miller   |
| Missy Vandevander | 16 Charles & Janice Rhodes |
| 28 Diane McNett   | 18 Tom & Terri Luzynski    |
| Josh Richard      | 20 Eric & April Payne      |
| 29 Dwayne Kiser   | 22 Bill & Barbara Eavers   |
| Adam Richard      | 24 Doug & Lisa Tumer       |
| Keith Weaver      | 25 Charles & Fay Airey     |
| Sarah Williams    | 30 Howard & Debbie Smiley  |
| 30 Kyle Brown     |                            |
| Danny Lilly       |                            |
| Rosemary Taylor   |                            |
| Malachi Moyer     |                            |
| Maeve Brown       |                            |

**Our Stewardship for March 2024**

**Attendance**

	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
March 3	136	79	\$9,772.50
March 10	108	51	\$4,451.00
March 17	130	73	\$4,146.00
March 24	137	55	\$4,456.00
March 31	211	42	\$4,294.25
Mar. average per Sun.	144	60	\$5,423.95
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	126	55	\$5,802.05

**Special Giving for March 2024**

2c Meal Offering	\$67.66	Kiss the Cow Contest	\$550
Church Capital Improvements	\$500	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$485
Easter Flowers	\$77	Playground Improvements	\$200
Gideons	\$100	Tenderloin Meal	\$145
In Memory of John Brill	\$75	Weekday Religious Education	\$5
In Memory of John Brill:		Youth Breakfast/NYC	\$736
Building Fund	\$460		