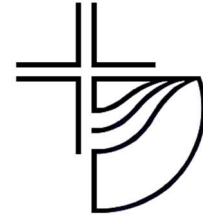


# Montezuma Today



May 2024

*But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.*

-John 14:6

During this Season of Easter, we have celebrated the Risen Savior and rejoiced in the incredible love that precipitated Christ's sacrifice and his resurrection. We have heard Christ's call to obey his command to love one another. In just a couple of weeks, we will move from the season of Easter into the Season of Pentecost—the celebration of the Holy Spirit amongst us. It is only through that Spirit that Christ abides in us and we are able to abide in Christ. It is because of the presence and the power of the Spirit that we are able to serve God and to share his love. "For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Philippians 2:13. Let us be ever aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst and always open to the work of the Spirit in the life of our congregation—for it is then that we can continue the work of Jesus.

In Christ's service,  
Terri

## Vacation Bible School

Montezuma will host VBS in partnership with Dayton Church of the Brethren on June 17-20 at Montezuma from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. each night. A meal is included at 5:30 for the children, their parents, and all the volunteers. The theme is Camp Firelight, where children explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament Bible figures trusted God, faced their fears, and went on to do great things in God's name.

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

Lanterns	Artificial trees
Small tents	One very large tent
Ferns	Backpacks
Anything else that looks like it belongs in a campsite!	

Items can be brought to the church office. Please clearly label your items with your name so they can be returned to you after VBS.

## Brethren Woods

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 [brethrenwoods.org/summercamp](http://brethrenwoods.org/summercamp) to see a schedule of camps and to register. The church will pay half of your child's registration fees.

## CBM Sunday, May 5

Montezuma's spring congregational business meeting is on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am immediately following worship. The meeting will feature commission reports, approval of Nurture commission appointments, and a vote on the approval of Angela Andrews as choir director.

## Brethren Disaster Ministries Trips

Dates for upcoming disaster rebuilding projects are:

- May 26 - June 1
- August 4 - 10: Half group at Dawson Springs
- September 22 - 28: Full group of 15, new location
- October 27 - November 2: Full group, new location

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ed Johnson (308) 325-6083 or Ralph Rohrer (540) 908-8021.

## Graduate Recognition

High school, college and trade school graduates will be recognized during our worship service on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are asking all our graduates to submit a short bio and a picture to the church office by Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Receiving New Members

Montezuma will receive new members on Pentecost Sunday: May 19, 2024. If you are interested in joining Montezuma please contact Pastor Terri. New member classes are scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 16 at 9:00am. If you need an evening class, please contact Pastor Terri.

## Brethren Disaster Auction: May 17-18

This event is an opportunity for many hands to help.

**PLANT BARN:** Starting at 8:00 am Friday, help is needed with setting out the plants. Contact Barbara Moyer if you are able to help on Friday or Saturday. Also, boxes are needed.

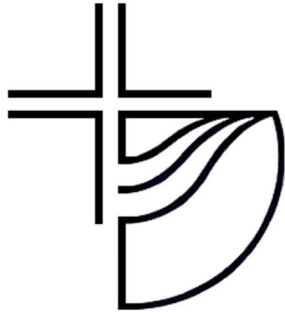
**DOUGHNUTS:** Help is needed early Saturday morning with mixing, rolling, frying, dipping and selling. Contact Becky Daubert to volunteer.

**BBQ CHICKEN:** Help is needed early Saturday morning. Contact Ralph Rohrer to volunteer. Thanks!

## May Outreach Offering: Brethren Disaster Ministries

Inspired by Jesus, Brethren Disaster Ministries focuses on rebuilding homes, caring for children, and providing international relief by engaging our volunteers, supporters, and partners to serve communities recovering from disaster.

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**May Birthdays:**

2	Olivia Shifflett	14	Kenley Rhodes
3	Laurie Carpenter		Jon Shickel
	Austin McNett	15	Terri Luzynski
4	Sheryl Northrop	20	Charlann Johns
6	Clay Knott		Erin Brooks
7	Emily Coaker		Vicki Richard
	Kendal Payne	23	Bobby Shank
8	Betty Chandler		Dena Symons
10	Wesley Kuykendall	24	Cathy Roadcap
	Presley Trent		Corey Wilhelm
11	Mason Knott	25	Aaron Barnhart
	Walter Rhodes		Ashley Knott
12	Randy Glick	27	Rachel Craun
	Brielle Embres	29	Mike Diehl
13	Lindsey Harper		Rhonda Mandeville
	Erika Kinkead	30	Troy Payne
	Marshall Kiser		
	Shannon Airey		

**May Anniversaries:**

1	Steve & Charlann Johns
2	Gene & Wanda Wampler
	Lee & Sandy Kinsey
6	Sam & Mary Jane Cox
10	Mike & Sharon Embres
15	Greg & Rosemary Taylor
16	Eric & Anna Shank
17	Ethan & Sallie Hunter
18	Chad & Jessica Shipe
19	Drew & Lindsey Richard
20	Jorge Fuentes & Laurie Serrell
21	Mike & Laura Healy
24	Craig & Jill Sease
28	Isaac Shank & Jennifer Kimble

**Our Stewardship for April 2024**

<b>Attendance</b>			
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Regular Offering</b>
Apr 7	126	59	\$4,587.00
Apr 14	117	56	\$8,160.05
Apr 21	137	64	\$4,487.00
Apr 28	137	67	\$4,046.00
Apr. average per Sun.	129	62	\$5,320.01
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	126	58	\$5,849.56

<b>Special Giving for April 2024</b>			
2¢ Meal Offering	\$147.02	People Helping People	\$765.05
Capital Improvements	\$100	Playground Improvements	\$250
Deacon Fund	\$10	Youth Breakfast: NYC	\$175
Funeral Expenses	\$700	Youth Cookbooks: NYC	\$10
Kiss the Cow	\$577.68		