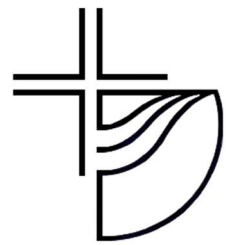


Montezuma Today

April 2025

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“Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen.”

- Luke 24:5b

We have nearly completed our journey through Lent and the time is drawing near for us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We know the age-old story of the brutal crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection on the third day after his death. We rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus is ALIVE! Yet, we sometimes still seem to look for him only in the “dead” of the past. Of course, we see Jesus in the words of scripture, in the stories of his life, and in the example he set during his ministry here, but Jesus is still ALIVE. We must also look for him amongst the living now—in the beauty of his earth, in the faces of those created in his image, and in the acts of love that happen only because of our relationship with him. We invite you to come and see Jesus with us as we worship together at all of the special services of Holy Week. The Risen Savior is still in our midst!

In Christ’s service,
Terri

Holy Week Services

There will be several opportunities for us to worship together during Holy Week:

Palm/Passion Sunday (April 13)

By the traditional palm processional, we will celebrate Christ’s entry into Jerusalem and then move to a more solemn time of remembering the suffering he endured for us.

Love Feast Maundy Thursday (April 17)

The observance of the ordinance of Love Feast is central to our identity as a denomination. It is a time to re-enact the example of service that Christ demonstrated and to experience the presence of his spirit. Please gather at the Hall at 6:30 pm.

Good Friday (April 18)

The ecumenical Cross Walk will begin at noon on Good Friday, at Bridgewater Presbyterian. The cross will be carried through Bridgewater and scripture and prayers will be shared as a remembrance of the day of Christ’s death

Sunrise Easter Service (April 20)

This early morning celebration of the Resurrection of Christ will be at the home of Joyce Rhodes, (4952 Thomas Spring Road, just up the hill from the church). The service will begin promptly at 6:15am so that we can enjoy the sunrise together on Easter. There will be a shuttle service from the Montezuma parking lot beginning at 6:00 am.

Holy Week Services

Easter Breakfast

The MCoB Youth will once again serve breakfast at the Montezuma Hall from 7:00am to 8:30am on Easter. Donations for the youth National Youth Conference account will be accepted.

Easter Worship

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

Brethren Woods Spring Festival

Brethren Woods Spring Festival will be on Saturday, April 26th 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.

Disaster Auction: May 16-17

Montezuma will be actively involved in the Shenandoah District Disaster Auction. Our church family will be working in the plant barn, preparing barbeque chicken and donuts, and volunteers are needed. Contact Barbara Moyers, Becky Daubert, Ralph Rohrer or Marsha Shank for more information. Also, donations for the bake sale, arts and crafts, and theme baskets are appreciated. Please check out the information posted on the bulletin board to find out specifics on donations and events. Come to the fairgrounds and bring your friends!

Graduate Recognition: June 1

Montezuma will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 1st during worship. If you or someone you know has graduated high school, college, or trade school within the last year, please let the Nurture Commission know so we can include all graduates. Members of that commission are Diana Havener (chair), Ramona Evans, Danelle Ross, Dwyann Stovall, and Dustin Atkins.

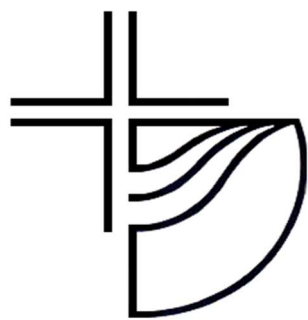
Vacation Bible School

The Montezuma-Dayton joint VBS will be held on Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, 2025, 5:30-8:15pm, at Dayton Church of the Brethren.

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

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April Birthdays:

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| 1 | Margaret Waggy | 12 | Madison DePoy |
| 2 | Rebecca Mason | | Scott McNett |
| | Eric Payne | | Leslie Mohler |
| | Ron Shickel | 13 | Ronnie Fulton |
| | Sylvie Shank | 15 | Lois Black |
| 3 | Heather Knott | | John Layman |
| | Jerold Sager | 16 | Joy Monger |
| | Frankie Bowman | 17 | Mary Jackson |
| 4 | Kenneth Wenger | 18 | Donnie Fulton |
| 6 | Myla Eye | | Ann Miller |
| 7 | Weldon Good | | Gary Myers |
| | Josh Payne | | Doris Rigglesman |
| | Holly Wood | | Averie Shank |
| | Ann Monger | | Ada Williams |
| 8 | Bill Heishman | 20 | Billy Eavers |
| 10 | Emily Fleishman | | Clint Harpine |
| 11 | Jackson Williams | 21 | Frances Shenk |
| | Ava Rhodes | 22 | Kirk Kuster |
| | | 23 | Billy Myers |

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| 24 | Emmalin Barnhart |
| | Worth Monger |
| 25 | Marilyn Miller |
| 26 | Amy Knott |
| | Howard Smiley |
| | Joe McNett |
| 27 | Lynn McNett |
| | Craig Sease |
| | Missy Vandevander |
| 28 | Diane McNett |
| | Josh Richard |
| 29 | Dwayne Kiser |
| | Adam Richard |
| | Keith Weaver |
| | Sarah Williams |
| 30 | Kyle Brown |
| | Danny Lilly |
| | Rosemary Taylor |
| | Malachi Moyer |
| | Maeve Brown |

April Anniversaries:

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| 3 | Cory & Jennifer Payne |
| | David & Vicki Richard |
| 4 | Dwayne & Dawn Kiser |
| 8 | Wendell & Betty Chandler |
| 14 | Norlyn & Betty Miller |
| 16 | Charles & Janice Rhodes |
| 18 | Tom & Terri Luzynski |
| 20 | Eric & April Payne |
| 22 | Brice & Kelly Nelson |
| 24 | Doug & Lisa Tumer |
| 25 | Charles & Fay Airey |
| 30 | Howard & Debbie Smiley |

Our Stewardship for March 2025

| | Attendance | | |
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| | Worship | Sunday School | Regular Offering |
| March 2 | 122 | 69 | \$8,525.00 |
| March 9 | 113 | 56 | \$4,002.00 |
| March 16 | 139 | 67 | \$4,086.00 |
| March 23 | 131 | 69 | \$7,051.56 |
| March 30 | 136 | 59 | \$5,204.06 |
| Mar. average per Sun. | 128 | 64 | \$5,773.72 |
| Last 12 mos. average per Sun. | 132 | 62 | \$6,046.22 |

| Special Giving for March 2025 | | | |
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| 2¢ Meal Offering | \$136.17 | One Great Hour of Sharing | \$490.00 |
| Easter Lilies | \$588.50 | Playground Improvements | \$200.00 |
| Gideons | \$100.00 | Salvation Army | \$140.00 |
| In Memory of Dennis Hill | \$200.00 | Tenderloin Meal | \$537.00 |
| In Memory of Edna Shickel | \$300.00 | Youth Cookbooks/NYC | \$20.00 |