

Montezuma Today



May 2025

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Psalm 122:1

It is always a great joy to see our pews full on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! There is something special about joining our voices with those of more than 200 others to praise and worship our Savior. It is important to remember that Easter is not just a day; it is a way of life. We are people of the Resurrection, and every day should be about offering our praise and worship to God for the sacrifice he made through Jesus his Son. Coming together to the house of the Lord is a privilege and a blessing. In the weeks and months to come, may we all take advantage of every opportunity to worship together. As we read in Psalm 95:2, “Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”

In Christ’s service,
Terri

May Outreach Offering: Brethren Disaster Ministries

Brethren Disaster Ministries, a part of the General Board Church of the Brethren program, restarts hope for the most vulnerable disaster-stricken communities by engaging volunteers to repair and rebuild damaged homes.

Congregational Business Meeting Sunday, May 4

Montezuma’s spring congregational business meeting is on Sunday, May 4th at 10:30am immediately following worship. The meeting will feature commission reports and approval of Nurture commission appointments.

Salvation Army Meal

We will be providing a meal for the Salvation Army on May 8th. If you are able to volunteer time or food, please contact John Serrell.

Spring Fundraiser

Our annual Spring fundraiser will be held on May 10th. We will need volunteers for that Friday and Saturday. If you are able to help, or donate bake sale items, there are sign-up sheets in the foyer. All help is welcomed and appreciated.

Brethren 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. Come to the fairgrounds and bring your friends!

New Member Classes

We will be receiving new members by baptism and by letter of transfer on June 8, 2025. If you wish to join Montezuma and have not yet notified Pastor Terri, please do so as soon as possible.

Graduate Recognition

High school, college and trade school graduates will be recognized during our worship service on Sunday, June 1st. We are asking all our graduates to submit a short bio and a picture to the church office by Monday, May 26th.

Solo Gathering

“After my husband passed away, I found myself lonely and wanting to be part of social gatherings. I appreciated my friend groups who planned things and invited me to attend events. This got me thinking that we should have something at Montezuma for folks who are alone.”

-Libby Kiser

Calling all singles at Montezuma, who would enjoy a gathering for a meal and fellowship. Our first meal and game night will be on Friday, June 13, 2025 at the Montezuma Hall at 5:30. The meal will be provided and monetary donations will be welcome.

Please RSVP to Libby Kiser (540) 810-1613 or Libby1978@aol.com

Vacation Bible School

Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, based on Joshua 1:9 – “The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Montezuma and Dayton Church of the Brethren invite all children ages 3 through (completed) 5th grade to attend Vacation Bible School at Dayton Church of the Brethren! VBS will be held on Monday-Thursday, July 28-31 from 5:30pm-8:15 each evening. There will also be service project opportunities for our youth. Registration will be available later this month.

If you would like to help with VBS, please talk to Emily Fleishman or Linnette Smith.

Brethren Disaster Ministries Trips

The next Brethren Disaster Ministries trips will be the weeks of:

- May 25 – Montezuma Week
- August 10
- September 21
- October 19

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

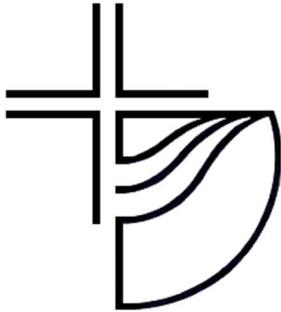
Brethren Woods

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 to see a schedule of camps and to register. The church will pay half of your child’s registration fees.

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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
5	Brock Dennett		Erin Brooks
6	Clay Knott		Vicki Richard
7	Emily Coaker	23	Bobby Shank
	Kendal Payne		Dena Symons
8	Betty Chandler	24	Cathy Roadcap
10	Wesley Kuykendall		Corey Wilhelm
	Presley Trent	25	Aaron Barnhart
11	Mason Knott		Ashley Knott
	Walter Rhodes	27	Rachel Craun
12	Randy Glick	29	Mike Diehl
	Brielle Embres		Rhonda Mandeville
13	Lindsey Harper	30	Troy Payne
	Erika Kinkead		Eli Gray
	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 2025

Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Apr 6	123	67	\$5,325
Apr 13	145	63	\$6,175.75
Apr 20	207	47	\$6,218
Apr 27	133	54	\$12,090.25
Apr. average per Sun.	152	58	\$7,452.25
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	132	62	\$6,227.07

Special Giving for April 2025			
2¢ Meal Offering	\$119.79	Apple Butter	\$20
Playground Improvements	\$300	Chicken	\$30
Give a Girl a Chance	\$505	Youth Breakfast: NYC	\$1,021
One Great Hour	\$100	Youth Cookbooks: NYC	\$10
In Memory Of Edna Shickel	\$50		