

Montezuma Today



June 2025

... the only thing that counts is faith working through love.
Galatians 5:6b

The Church of the Brethren Annual Conference is just over one month away, but there is still time to register and attend as a non-delegate. The conference will be held in Greensboro, NC—less than a four-hour drive from Dayton. This is the perfect year to experience Annual Conference!

Dava Hensley, 2025 AC Moderator, selected Galatians 5:6b as the theme verse and wrote, “One of the core values of the Annual conference is to continue building loving relationships with one another despite any differences we have.” The Church of the Brethren is made up of a very diverse body of people, but we are all called to be in unity of Spirit through Christ. Annual Conference provides an opportunity to listen to one another, to appreciate our diversity, and to grow spiritually as we discern the voice of the Holy Spirit together. Please consider seriously this chance to engage with our brothers and sisters from around the country and around the world.

In Christ’s service,
Terri

June Outreach Offering: Brethren Woods

Brethren Woods provides Christian educational opportunities, facilities, and programs for all ages in an inviting woodland setting. Brethren Woods encourages the formation of Christ-centered living, leadership, and stewardship of creation, leading towards wholeness in the Kingdom of God. Brethren Woods had to cancel its Spring fundraiser and has lost many reservations. Because of that, help from congregations like Montezuma is important.

Brethren Woods

Registration for Brethren Woods is now available. Opportunities include day camp for grades K-8, overnight camp for grades 1-12, and various 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.

Vacation Bible School

Montezuma and Dayton Churches of the Brethren invite all children ages 3 through (completed) 5th grade to attend Vacation Bible School at Dayton Church of the Brethren, Monday-Thursday, July 28-31 from 5:30pm-8:15pm each evening. There will also be service project opportunities for our youth. Supper will be provided for children, youth, and their families. Registration is available online at montezumacob.org/vbs. If you would like to help with VBS, please see Emily Fleishman or Linnette Smith.

Brethren Disaster Ministries Trips

The next Brethren Disaster Ministries trips will be the weeks of August 10, September 21 and October 19

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

Solo Gathering

The first Montezuma singles gathering will be a meal and game night 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

2025 Graduate Recognition

Montezuma will recognize our high school and college graduates during worship on Sunday, June 1. Congratulations to the following graduates on their recent achievements.

High School Graduates

Nathan Smith: Nathan will graduate from Turner Ashby High School on June 7, 2025. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Nathan will attend James Madison University this fall and major in Biology with a concentration in Microbiology and plans to minor in the Pre-Professional Health program. Nathan is the son of Brad and Julie Smith.

Noah Smith: Noah will graduate from Turner Ashby High School on June 7, 2025. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Noah will be attending Bridgewater College in the fall. Noah plans to major in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing and minor in Data Analytics. Noah is the son of Brad and Julie Smith.

Ashley Knott: Ashley will graduate from Turner Ashby High School on June 7th. While at TA, she was a member of NHS, Tri-M, Science Club, and the band program. She plans to attend an online college to obtain a Computer Science degree. She hopes to pursue a career in software development, game design or cybersecurity.

College Graduates

Jared Smith: Jared graduated cum laude from Bridgewater College on May 3, 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, a concentration in Accounting, and a minor in Economics. He will begin work as a Project Manager with Lantz Construction Company in Broadway, VA in June. This fall, Jared will start his Master’s degree in Construction Project Management through Louisiana State University. Jared is the son of Brad and Julie Smith.

Lauren Haper: Lauren recently graduated from Bridgewater College and is excited to begin her career in education. This upcoming school year, she will be teaching third grade at John Wayland Elementary School. She is looking forward to growing as an educator and making a positive impact in her students’ lives.

Piper Brown: Piper graduated from Bridgewater College with honors on May 3, 2025. Piper plans to teach at the elementary grade level.

Advanced Degree Graduate

Heather Knott: Heather graduated from Marshall University on May 10th with a Master of Science in Forensic Science. She plans to become an analyst in either controlled substances or trace evidence.

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 Linnette Coaker, Office Admin. montezuma.cob@gmail.com



June Birthdays:

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| 1 Rachel Coffman | 17 Skyler Shank |
| Drew Shull | Crystal Smith |
| 2 Fay Airey | 18 Mike Healy |
| 3 Brandi Harpine | Jonathan Northrop |
| 4 Sandra Huffman | Samuel Sites |
| 6 Ramona Evans | 20 Troy Knott |
| 7 Bradley Glick | Linda Waggy |
| Alannah Harback | 21 Liam Harback |
| Bob Jerome | Yvonne Miller |
| 8 Ernie Havener | Kennedy Brooks |
| J.M. Monger | 22 Tammy Hall |
| 9 Beth Bazzle | Cory Payne |
| Nicolas Huffman | 24 Mason Payne |
| Matthew Ross | Lavonne Rusmisel |
| 10 Anderson DePoy | 25 Hudson McNett |
| 12 Mason Black | 27 Tom Ross |
| John Serrell | 28 Bennet Nelson |
| 13 Robert Black, Jr. | 29 Jared Diehl |
| Eric Shank | Judy Lokey |
| 14 Gary Payne | Zoe Smiley |
| 15 Marty Barlow | 30 Andrea Adams |
| 16 Ruth Smiley | Becky Daubert |

June Anniversaries:

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| 1 Jonathan & Bobbi Jo Ross |
| 9 Bryan & Jaime Embres |
| 12 Brian & Janelle Weaver |
| 13 Phil & Ramona Evans |
| 14 Adam & Katie Richard |
| 15 David & Kathy Lilly |
| 16 Melvin & Edith Burger |
| 17 Aaron & Heather Barnhart |
| 18 Brent & Monica Burkholder |
| 24 Bobby & Bonnie Guyer |
| 25 Donnie & Mary Jackson |
| Lynn & Carolyn Mohler |
| Dean & Holly Wood |
| 27 Austin & Nikita McNett |
| 28 Randy & Mary Lou Glick |
| 29 John & Amy Knott |

Our Stewardship for May 2025

Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
May 4	143	45	\$8,998.00
May 11	132	57	\$5,024.00
May 18	150	53	\$5,150.00
May 25	126	51	\$4,128.29
May average per Sun.	138	52	\$5,825.07
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	128	60	\$6,102.82

Special Giving for May 2025

2¢ Meal Offering	\$95.92	Playground Improvements	\$100
Brethren Disaster Ministries	\$1,320	Spring Fundraiser	\$8,587
Youth NYC	\$60		