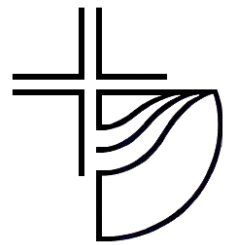


# Montezuma Today

April 2026

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*He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.*  
—Matthew 28:6a

In just a few days, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For centuries, biblical scholars have debated the nature of the resurrected body of Christ. Even the God-inspired authors of scripture described Christ's resurrected body differently. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul writes of the centrality of the resurrection to the Christian faith, but states that the resurrected body is different from the earthly body—a spiritual body vs. a physical body. Luke, on the other hand, writes that the resurrected Christ was a physical body, saying, "Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39b). In my view, this isn't a debate that needs to be resolved. Like the Trinity, the nature of resurrection is part of the mystery of God and beyond the comprehension of our human minds. What is relevant is that by God's great mercy, "he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3b). Thanks be to God!

In Christ's service,  
Terri

## Holy Week Services

We have entered Holy Week and have opportunities to worship together during this time:

### Maunder Thursday Love Feast (April 2)

The observance of the ordinance of Love Feast is central to our identity as a denomination. It is a time to reenact 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 3)

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.

### Easter Sunrise Service (April 5)

This early morning celebration of the Resurrection of Christ will be at the home of Joyce Rhodes (4952 Thomas Spring Rd., just up the hill from the church). The service will begin promptly at 6:30 am so we can enjoy the sunrise together on Easter. There will be a shuttle service from the Montezuma parking lot beginning at 6:15 am.

### Easter Breakfast (April 5)

The MCOB youth will once again serve breakfast at Montezuma Hall from 7:15–8:30 am on Easter. Donations for the National Youth Conference account will be accepted.

### Easter Worship (April 5)

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

## April Outreach Offering

Give a Girl a Chance is New Community Project's program to help girls and women around the world have a decent chance for a decent life. This means keeping girls in school and giving women better choices through microloans, agricultural programs, or skills training.

## Cupcake Wars (Junior and Senior High)

Join us for an exciting afternoon of creativity and fun at Montezuma Youth Cupcake Wars! On April 12 from 12:00–2:00 pm at Montezuma Hall, youth will team up to decorate cupcakes, showcase their creativity, and compete in a friendly challenge for fun prizes. Whether you're a baking pro or just love sweets, this event is all about teamwork, laughter, and letting your imagination run wild. Come ready to create, compete, and enjoy a deliciously good time! Bring friends to join the challenge.

## Brethren Woods Spring Festival

Brethren Woods Spring Festival will be Saturday, April 25 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Festivities include a pancake breakfast, yard sale, auction, Kiss the Cow, Dunk the Dunkard, hike-a-thon, scavenger hunt, and many more fun activities for the kids. There will be plenty of food including homemade ice cream! Please see the poster on the bulletin board by the restrooms for more details.

## Disaster Auction

Volunteer to be a part of the auction on May 15–16! Please contact Ben Hall to help with the golf tournament on Friday morning at Heritage Oaks. The plant barn is open Friday afternoon; contact Barbara Moyer to donate plants or to help. Contact Ralph Rohrer to help with barbecuing chicken and Becky Daubert to help with donuts. Bring your friends to the fairgrounds for a Friday supper and Saturday events!

## Graduate Recognition

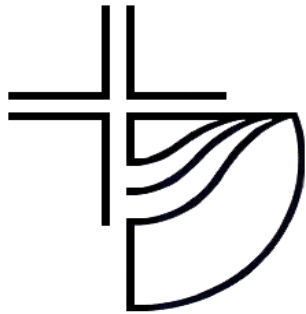
Montezuma will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 7 during worship. If you or someone you know has graduated from school within the last year, or will graduate by June, please submit a short bio and a picture to the church office by May 24.

## Vacation Bible School

Join us at Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS and find your strength in God, June 15–19: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). We are collaborating with Dayton COB and are extending VBS to five evenings this year. We will meet each evening at Montezuma from 5:30–8:15, with dinner provided. We need volunteers to help with crafts, recreation, science, or Bible story stations; serve as group leaders; help decorate; be part of the opening/closing skits; or help with the evening meal. Please contact Stephanie Diehl or Julie Smith if you are interested in helping with VBS. Registration information for children from preschool through upcoming fifth grade will be coming soon!

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### April Birthdays:

1 Margaret Waggy	11 Ava Rhodes
2 Sharon Gilbert	Jackson Williams
Rebecca Mason	12 Madison DePoy
Eric Payne	Scott McNett
Ron Shickel	Leslie Mohler
Sylvie Shank	13 Ronnie Fulton
3 Frankie Bowman	14 Melanie Shull
Heather Knott	15 Lois Black
Jerold Sager	John Layman
4 Richard Smith	16 Joy Monger
Kenneth Wenger	17 Mary Jackson
6 Myla Eye	18 Ann Miller
7 Weldon Good	Kristin Nocolai
Ann Monger	Doris Riggelman
Josh Payne	Averie Shank
Holly Wood	Ada Williams
10 Emily Fleishman	20 Billy Eavers
Sharon Kiracofe	Clint Harpine
11 Hannah Cash	21 Jack Layne
Ruth Evans	22 Kirk Kuster
Atlee McNett	

### April Anniversaries:

24 Emmalin Barnhart	3 Cory & Jennifer Payne
Worth Monger	David & Vicki Richard
25 David Miller	4 Dwayne & Dawn Kiser
Marilyn Miller	9 Doug & Sharon Gilbert
26 Amy Knott	11 Rick & Tina Knott
Joe McNett	14 Norlyn & Betty Miller
Howard Smiley	16 Charles & Janice
27 Lynn McNett	Brent & Patricia Sayre
Craig Sease	18 Tom & Terri Luzynski
Missy Vandevander	20 Abe & Ruth Evans
28 Diane McNett	Eric & April Payne
Josh Richard	22 Brice & Kelly Nelson
29 Dwayne Kiser	24 Doug & Lisa Tumer
Adam Richard	25 Charles & Fay Airey
Keith Weaver	30 Howard & Debbie Smiley
Sarah Williams	
30 Kyle Brown	
Maeve Brown	
Danny Lilly	
Malachi Moyer	
Rosemary Taylor	

### Our Stewardship for March 2026

#### Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
March 1	133	49	\$4,977.00
March 8	106	62	\$7,545.00
March 15	131	58	\$6,418.00
March 22	121	68	\$3,177.00
March 29	133	61	\$4,263.00
Mar. average per Sun.	125	60	\$5,276.00
Last 12 mo. average per Sun.	134	57	\$6,457.17

#### Special Giving for March 2026

2¢ Meal Offering	\$102.22	Playground Improvements	\$150.00
Bill Heishman Memorial	\$805.00	Special Love Outreach	\$3,100.00
Bob Guyer Memorial	\$50.00	Tenderloin Feast	\$7,152.00
Hall Improvements	\$25.00		