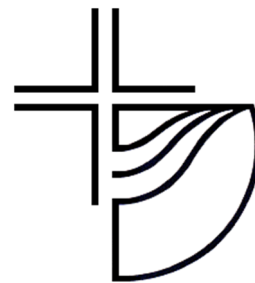


Montezuma Today

July & August 2017



Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 17th – Thursday, July 20th: 5:00 pm – 8:15 pm

This year's Bible School theme will be, "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God- Built for a Purpose!" During VBS, children will have an opportunity to become hands-on inventors who discover that they are lovingly crafted by God.

Dinner will be served each evening from 5:00-5:30 pm. Following dinner, students will attend a variety of stations including Bible Discovery, KidVid Cinema, Game Makers, Snack Factory, and Imagination Station.

VBS is for children who will be 4 years old by September 30th through rising 5th graders. A week of service, bible study, and fellowship will also be planned for the Jr. High Youth.

Please contact Julie Smith at 879-9559 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Registration forms are available in the entryway at church, or on the church's website: www.montezumacob.org/vbs

Brethren Woods Worship & Fish Fry August 27

For the third year, Montezuma will hold a Sunday morning worship service at Camp Brethren Woods, followed by a fish fry picnic. This year the Dayton Church of the Brethren will join us.

At Brethren Woods the worship starts at 10:30 on the morning watch benches next to the pond. Pastors David Miller and Kevin Daggett will lead this service. An offering will be collected. All checks made to Montezuma will be taken by Montezuma COB for deposit; all cash gifts at the service will be designated for the Nigeria Crisis Fund.

There will be a traditional worship at Montezuma at the regular time. Pastor Gabe Dodd will lead that service. No Sunday school classes will be held. Anyone who wants to attend the picnic at Brethren Woods after worship at Montezuma is encouraged to do so.

The now famous fish fry – special thanks to Bob Michael and Bob Black for catching all of the fish – will begin shortly after noon at Mountain Lodge (no AC). Bring side dishes and desserts to share. Drinks will be provided. Don't forget your swim trunks since there's a great pool for our use later in the afternoon.

Church Events: July & August

- Jul. 7: MYF – 6:15pm
- 10-16: Sr. High Work Camp – Knoxville, Tennessee
- 10: Montezuma Support Group at Maple Terrace – 11:30am
- 11: Golden Lunch Bunch – 11:30am
- 11: Executive Committee – 7pm
- 13: Salvation Army Meal
- 16-20: Jr. High Week of Service for VBS
- 17: Decorating Committee – 7pm
- 17-20: VBS – 5:00pm-8:15pm
- 21: MYF – 6:15pm
- 23: Sr. High Pool Party – 11:30am
- 24 -28 Jr. High Work Camp - Milford, Indiana
- 25: Dorcas Circle – 1pm
- 28: Sr. High – Drive-in Movies
- 31: Handbell Choir – 7pm
- Aug. 1: Golden Lunch Bunch – 11:30am
- 4: MYF – 6:15pm
- 8: Church Board – 7pm
- 13: Jr. & Sr. High Youth & Families Picnic at the Hall – 12:00pm
- 14: Montezuma Support Group – 11:30am
- 10: Salvation Army Meal
- 22: Dorcas Circle – 1pm
- 27: Worship and Picnic at Brethren Woods – 10:30am

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WORSHIP – July 2017

Sunday mornings – 9:10 a.m. Gathering Time,
9:30 a.m. Worship Hour, 10:40 a.m. Classes

2: Bobby Shank preaching

*Special Music: Russell Shank
International S.S. Lesson: Moses and the Burning Bush

9: God alone is enough

Romans 7:15-25
Why do we do the things that we do not want to do? Why do we depend on life outside of Christ? This Sunday we will hear of an amazing story of how God alone is all we need, and how we can adopt this truth.

International S.S. Lesson: Isiah in the Temple

16: Family Pie

Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11
Every family has its favorite meal, that special dish. Meal time is supposed to be bonding time. But meals aren't always like that, are they. While the stew Jacob and Esau contrive to cook nourishes in the moment, it proves toxic in the long term. What does faith look like amidst divisions like this?

International S.S. Lesson: Jeremiah's Call and Commission

23: Vacation Bible School Sunday

Romans 8:12-25

*Handbell Choir
International S.S. Lesson: Ezekiel's Call

30: You deserve your wages

Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8:26-39
Jacob is promised his wages – but gets more than he asked for. It turns out that he has a really big family in the end. More than he could ask for or imagine. Paul says nothing can separate us from the love of God. Is this the kind of unplanned, unimagined connection he's talking about?

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WORSHIP – August 2017

Sunday mornings – 9:10 a.m. Gathering Time,
9:30 a.m. Worship Hour, 10:40 a.m. Classes

6: Wrestling with God

Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21
Jacob has lived a twisted, take no prisoners kind of life. That catches up with him in the end and he is confronted at Jabbock Creek for a midnight wrestling match. Even the ornery ones can be saved – perhaps especially them.

*Handbell Choir
International S.S. Lesson: Called to Witness

13: Sealed: Linda Waggy preaching

Psalms 84:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6 & 4:30,
2 Timothy 2:19, 1 Samuel 7:12

*Special Music: Ross Family
International S.S. Lesson: Called to Break Down Barriers

20: How do you solve a problem like Joseph?

Genesis 37:1-28; Matthew 14:22-31
Some remember the song, "How do you solve a problem like Maria?" from the Sound of Music. Joseph's brothers saw him as a problem, too. It's another in the line of family stories from Genesis.

*Special Music: Susan Estes
International S.S. Lesson: Called to Preach

27: Camp Brethren Woods Sunday

9:30am: Service at Montezuma, Gabe Dodd preaching
10:30am: Service at Brethren Woods by the lake
International S.S. Lesson: Called to be Inclusive

Pastor David & Pastor Gabe will be away the following dates in July & August:

Pastor David:
June 26 – July 2 (Annual Conference)
July 2-8 (Vacation)

Pastor Gabe:
June 26 – July 2 (Annual Conference)
July 10-16 (Sr. High Work Camp)
July 31 – August 6 (Vacation)

July Special Offering: Bridgewater Food Pantry

The mission of the Bridgewater Food Pantry is to distribute food to local needy families. The Food Pantry is housed at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, and is open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month.

Generally speaking, the clients come from within a 5 mile radius of Bridgewater. The policy now is to give the clients food, no money is given. If folks need help with financial concerns, they are referred to People Helping People.

A reminder, if anyone has surplus garden produce this summer and fall, the Bridgewater Food Pantry will be happy to utilize it.

August Special Offering: Bridge of Hope

Bridge of Hope is a non-profit organization in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County that helps homeless and at risk mothers and children. They train and support mentors to serve these clients

Bridge of Hope offers supportive friendship for a lasting impact. Individuals and church groups provide mentors to single mothers and children to help bridge the gaps. There are working classes, classes on money management, housing choices, etc. Then there is a graduation for the client, and the mentor continues to walk alongside the client.

Nursery Schedule

If you are interested in helping with nursery care during worship September 2016 through August 2017 or you would like your name deleted from the current list, please contact Frances Shenk at 540-879-9257 by August 1st. If your name is already on the list, it will remain there unless notified otherwise.

Youth Events: July/August 2017

Jr. High VBS Week of Service:

July 16-20:

Every evening this week, Jr. Highs will engage in dinner, devotions, and a service project.

Sr. High Work Camp:

July 10-16, Knoxville, Tennessee

Participants will assist various agencies in Knoxville to provide recovery services to break the cycle of homelessness.

Sr. High Pool Party

July 23, 11:30am – 2:00pm at Clear Spring Homestead

Jr. High Work Camp

July 24-28, Camp Mack, Milford, Indiana

The Jr. High Youth will travel to Camp Mack to participate in a work camp.

Sr. High Drive-in Movies

July 28

We will head to Stevens City to watch two movies at the Drive-In. Afterward, we will head back to the church to sleep! More details coming soon.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth & Families Picnic

August 13, 12:00pm

Enjoy one another in fellowship and activities at the church hall. Bring a dish to share, and a game to play!

Sr. High Cabin Trip

August 25-27

Details coming soon

Summer Music

Anyone who would like to provide special music for worship during the summer months, June to August, please contact Marsha Shank or Ralph Rohrer.



Roxane Hill

Nigeria Crisis Response funds more relief and development

Nigeria Crisis Response coordinator **Roxane Hill** has shared updates on the joint effort of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) and the Global Mission and Service and Brethren Disaster Ministries.

The EYN Disaster Team has been active in a number of areas this year. Some projects have been joint efforts with Mission 21, a Swiss mission. The following dollar amounts report funding from the Nigeria Crisis Fund.

- Peace and trauma healing work continues with workshops held at the EYN headquarters and in Maiduguri, and a “Training of Trainers” around the Maiduguri area (\$37,000).
- Food and household supplies were distributed along with medical services at Muni, Lassa, Dagu, Masaka, and Watu (\$31,000).
- Repairs were carried out at the Kwarhi Clinic of EYN (\$10,000).
- A Cyber Café was created, bringing Internet service to the EYN headquarters (\$2,800).
- A soybeans project to educate and encourage the growing of soybeans, and building a value chain of products for sustainability, has been underway. (\$25,000).
- Two tractors were purchased for use on large tracts of land to produce cash crops both to nurture independence and to purchase food for the needy and cover medical costs and school fees (\$67,000).

In addition, relocation villages have been receiving new families rescued from the Gwoza area; women are benefiting from Livelihood Trainings through the EYN Women’s Ministry (ZME); and 476 boxes of books were shipped to EYN, to be distributed to Kulp Bible College and other EYN schools and educational groups.

An area of continuing concern is the refugee camp at Minawao, Cameroon, which is not one of those run by EYN. Markus Gamache, EYN staff liaison, recently visited the camp with a group of ZME women. Families are trying to leave the camp for various reasons, including lack of food and water, and abuse of women.

Grants support disaster response, food security

The latest grants from the Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) and Global Food Initiative (GFI) include the following:

Community gardens: GFI has provided \$1,300 to a project in Circle, Alaska, an outreach of Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren in Decatur, Ind.; \$3,000 to Tokahookaadi Church of the Brethren in Lybrook, N.M., connected with Lybrook Community Ministries; and \$1,000 for an ecumenical group that includes New Carlisle (Ohio) Church of the Brethren.

Missouri: An EDF allocation of \$25,000 opens a Brethren Disaster Ministries rebuilding project in Eureka, following flooding caused by winter storm Goliath in December 2015.

Washington, D.C.: A GFI allocation of \$10,000 was given to replace the stove ventilation system at the Brethren Nutrition Program at Washington City Church of the Brethren.

West Virginia: An EDF allocation of \$35,000 funded a limited BDM project in Clay County, in response to flash flooding in June 2016.

Africa Great Lakes: A GFI allocation of \$12,500 continues agriculture work in Rwanda, administered by ETOMR (Evangelistic Training Outreach Ministries of Rwanda). In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a grant of \$10,000 has supported agriculture work by Shalom Ministry for Reconciliation and Development (SHAMIRED).

China: A GFI allocation of \$10,000 helps supplement and improve the diets of hospice patients at the You’ai (Brethren) Care ministry, led by Ruoxia Li and Eric Miller and connected to Yangquan You’ai Hospital in Pingding.

Dominican Republic: A GFI allocation of \$660 helped six representatives of Iglesia de los Hermanos travel to Santiago for training with Medical Ambassadors International.

Kenya: An EDF allocation of \$25,000 supports Church World Service response to a drought affecting 2.7 million people.

CCS studies Native American rights and food security

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS) on April 22-27 studied Native American rights and food security. Thirty-eight high school youth and advisers from were a part of this year's CCS.

In New York, the group met with Jim and Kim Therrien of Lybrook, N.M., who work for the Lybrook Community Ministries. Also presenting was Kendra Pinto, a young adult Navajo activist from New Mexico. They shared their experiences of serving with the Navajo community and how they have encountered issues such as oil contamination, land rights, and food insecurity.

That Sunday, the group explored New York and visited churches. Afterward, Devon Miller, who has a doctorate in anthropology and teaches at Michigan State University, led a session on the historical roots of indigenous food rights.

The next day included tours of the United Nations headquarters. After lunch, the group took a charter bus to Washington, D.C., to kick off the second part of the week.



Additional presentations were made by Joel West Williams, an attorney who works with the Native American Rights Fund and a member of the Cherokee Nation; Josiah Griffin of the Office of Tribal Relations at the US Department of Agriculture; Church of the Brethren member Jerry O'Donnell who works on Capitol Hill; Shantha Ready Alonso, executive director at Creation Justice Ministries; Mark Charles, a theologian and Navajo Christian activist; Gimbiya Kettering, the church's director of Intercultural Ministries; and Nathan Hosler and Emmy Goering of the denomination's Office of Public Witness. CCS was directed by Becky Ullom Naugle, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, assisted by Paige Butzlaff, a Brethren Volunteer Service worker. —Paige Butzlaff

Personnel notes

Kayla Alphonse is transitioning out of full-time work with the Church of the Brethren in Haiti to serve as pastor at Miami (Fla.) First Church of the Brethren. She will travel regularly to Haiti to continue building leadership capacity in the church's theological training, student scholarship, and student health programs.

David F. Banaszak has been called as Middle Pennsylvania District executive minister beginning Sept. 5. He currently pastors Clover Creek Church of the Brethren in Martinsburg, Pa. His leadership in Middle Pennsylvania has included serving as Standing Committee delegate, ministry formation director, chair of the ministers' calling and credentialing team, and on the ministers' education and support team.

Sherry Chastain has been hired as program assistant for Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children's Disaster Services. Her previous work at the Breth-

ren Service Center in New Windsor, Md., was for IMA World Health.

Terry Goodger has been hired as program assistant for the Brethren Disaster Ministries home rebuilding program, based at the Brethren Service Center. In previous service to the church, she worked from 2006 to 2016 as office coordinator for Material Resources.

Kris Hawk has begun as Northern Ohio District executive minister. She previously served as interim district executive, and was pastor of visitation at Akron (Ohio) Springfield Church of the Brethren. She served as moderator for the district in 2010, and from 1999 to 2006 served on the district board, which she chaired 2002-06. Her previous career was in nursing and health-care administration.

Northern Plains District has announced the hiring of **Doug Riggs** as director for Camp Pine Lake, joining

long-time staff program director/pastor Barbara Wise Lewczak and property manager Matt Kuecker.

Grey Robinson will be assistant coordinator for the Workcamp Ministry's 2018 season. She graduated from Bridgewater (Va.) College this May with a degree in religion and philosophy, and will begin work in August.

Tabitha H. Rudy began June 1 as Virlina District interim associate district executive, part-time. She is a 2017 graduate of Bethany Seminary, where she earned a master of divinity degree. She holds a bachelor's degree from Ferrum College and a master's degree from Hollins University. She taught at the high school level for several years.

Sandy Schild has retired as Finance Project manager and Operations Support for Brethren Benefit Trust. She began as BBT's director of Financial Operations in 2009.

Our Stewardship for June 2017

	Attendance		For Budget
	Worship	Sunday School	
June 4	212	87	\$5,901.65
11	149	66	\$5,594.83
18	214	81	\$4,510.65
25	187	65	\$3,286.90
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June average per Sunday	190	74	\$4,823.51
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday	176	88	\$5,111.73

Special Giving for June 2017

Easter Lilies	\$14	Salvation Army Meals	\$5
Friend to Friend	\$815	Youth Cookbooks	\$10

Serving in July

NURSERY

- 2 LeAnne & Matt Young
- 9 Fonda Harper & Frances Shenk
- 16 Sarah & Bobby Williams
- 23 Becky & Hayley Daubert
- 30 Sara Atkins & Dawn Kiser

SOUND SYSTEM

- 2 Ben Hiner
- 9 Bobby Williams
- 16 Chris Payne
- 23 Bill Heishman
- 30 Ron Shickel

VALET PARKING

- 2 Ralph Rohrer
- 9 Donnie Jackson
- 16 Gene Golladay
- 23 Melvin Burger
- 30 Weldon Good

WORSHIP CENTER

- 2 Ann Monger
- 9 Wanda Hollen
- 16 Linda Waggy

USHERS: Bob Black, David Skelton, Matt Young, Randy Glick

Serving in August

NURSERY

- 6 Rhonda Mandeville & Roma Holloway
- 13 Amy & John Knott
- 20 Stephanie Diehl & Olivia Mandeville
- 27 LeAnne & Matt Young

SOUND SYSTEM

- 6 Randy Glick
- 13 Jim Rusmisel
- 20 John Layman
- 27 Ben Hiner

VALET PARKING

- 3 Wade Showalter
- 13 Bob Michael
- 20 Brad Smith
- 27 Ralph Rohrer

USHERS: Jim Rusmisel, Guy Lee Clark, J.O. Good, Roger Moyer

Salvation Army Meals

Thursday, July 13th

LeAnn Young, Karen Fleishman, Bonnie Guyer, Bill & Gloria Heishman, Vicki Richard

Thursday, August 10th:

Janet Whetzel & Jill Sease, Stephanie Diehl, Dawn Kiser, Bob Michael, Gene & Joyce Sheffer

July/August Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays:

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Dawn Kiser
Cindy McNett
Helen Shaw | 18 | Cathy Coceano
Kody Payne
Brent Sayre |
| 2 | Janet Whetzel | 19 | Sallie Hunter
Reese Ostlund
Chad Brooks |
| 6 | Jenifer Hiner | 22 | David Lilly |
| 7 | Gabe Dodd
Cathy Snider | 23 | Ralph Pettit
Nancy Shickel |
| 8 | Susan Butzler | 26 | Cameron Brown
Dennis Hill |
| 9 | Dusty Moyer | 27 | Ivan Howdysshell
Ray Shank |
| 10 | Gene Golladay
Henry Lilly | 30 | Jennifer Kiser
Corinne Rhodes
Ashlyn Smiley |
| 11 | Amanda Huffman
Donnie McNett
Zeb Miller | 31 | Corinne Crumley
Gloria Heishman
Barbara Moyer
Marshall Smiley |
| 12 | David Richard | | |
| 13 | Grant Ostlund
Chris Payne
Julie Smith | | |
| 14 | Amy Brown
Aaron Will | | |
| 17 | Andy Ringgold | | |

August Birthdays:

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| 1 | Christopher Lilly
Troy Ostlund
Sam Rhodes | 15 | Mark Butzler
Jo Ellen Evers
Allison Prawdzik |
| 2 | David Kuykendall | 16 | Roma Holloway
Bob Martin |
| 3 | Pam Dodd
Blake Eavers
Bobby Guyer
Tina Serrell | 17 | Laura Healy
Jason Payne
Derek Smiley
Gene Wampler |
| 4 | Scott Airey
Mark Brill | 18 | Heather Barnhart
Jaxson DePoy
Colby Pettit |
| 5 | Lane Bazzle | 19 | Fonda Harper
Jonathan Ross
Susan Shull
Robbie Symons |
| 6 | Gail Miller | 20 | Eddie Black |
| 7 | Roger Moyer
Glenn Patterson | 22 | Preston Miller
Joyce Rhodes |
| 8 | Cathleen Coffman
Lynn Mohler
Diamond Patterson
Kathy Riley
Dick Ryan | 23 | Orva Lambert
Lyza Will |
| 9 | Wanda Driver | 24 | Heidi Mason
Elaine Shank |
| 11 | Brittany Evans
Bobbi Jo Ross | 25 | Ken McNett
Joyce Sheffer |
| 12 | D.J. Moats
Zach Sease | 26 | Jim Glick
Chad Shipe |
| 13 | Dennis Evans
Ethel Hinkle | | |

July Anniversaries:

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| 1 | David & Dawn Mason
Gary & Missy Vandevander |
| 2 | David & Sheila Skelton |
| 7 | Adam & Autumn Pequignot
Jordan & Katia Sites |
| 8 | Brad & Yvonne Miller |
| 9 | Bobby & Sarah Williams |
| 10 | Fred & Susan Kinhead
Bob & Kathleen Michael |
| 11 | Drew & Susan Shull |
| 14 | Gary & Eleanor Payne |
| 15 | Andrew & Lorissa Skelton |
| 16 | Marshall & Krista Smiley |
| 17 | Elvert & Lois Black
Dusty & Rachel Moyer |
| 21 | Ethan & Morgan Dakin
Aaron & Katelyn Will |
| 23 | Vince & Wendy Rhodes |

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| 27 | Glenna Harper |
| 28 | Carrie Miller
Lulu Shickel |
| 29 | Stanley Evers
Susan Wrenn |
| 30 | Joyce Perry |
| 31 | Jimmy Mason
Sharon Weaver |

August Anniversaries:

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| 1 | Jim & Betty Jo Glick
Roy & Barbara Keller
Ken & Joy Monger |
| 3 | Ernie & Diana Havener |
| 5 | Craig & Shari Payne |
| 6 | Mike & Stephanie Diehl |
| 7 | Eric & Annie Wilhelm |
| 10 | Calvin & Judy Lokey |
| 12 | Eddie & Nellie Black |
| 13 | Tom & Barbara Ross |
| 15 | Robby & Londia Dean
Bill & Gloria Heishman |
| 18 | Gabe & Pam Dodd |
| 25 | Ben & Tammy Hall |
| 28 | Norman & Glenna Harper |
| 31 | Tim & Fonda Harper |

Fall Study Theme: "Little Macks and Dunker Punks"

Montezuma's fall study theme will emphasize Brethren heritage using a curriculum called "Little Macks and Dunker Punks." Sometimes we face the future best by remembering our past. This six-week series will be an opportunity to learn about components of Brethren life and thought. Pastors Miller and Dodd will offer a Tuesday morning class, at least one other evening class depending on demand and scheduling, and potentially a Sunday School elective. This class is a good opportunity for adults considering membership at Montezuma and for folks who are new to the Brethren tradition. Everyone is welcome. We anticipate classes beginning the week of September 17 and continuing for six weeks.

Vespers @ CrossRoads

CrossRoads: The Valley Brethren Mennonite Heritage Center is offering a service of vespers each Sunday evening during the summer through August 13. Each service begins at 7 p.m. and is held in the amphitheater at the top of the hill behind the buildings. Services feature a mixture of preaching, storytelling, and music. A schedule of worship programs is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway between the bathrooms. Why not participate in that evening worship opportunity? Remember to bring your own lawn chair.

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