

Montezuma Today



April 2021

Easter Worship

While the pandemic is causing Montezuma to scale back its Holy Week observances, the heart of preparations for Good Friday and Easter remain in place. Maundy Thursday, April 1, we will hold an in person live streamed service that will include communion and Tenebrae (darkening of the sanctuary) elements. That service is at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4, Montezuma will gather to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ at 9:30 a.m. This service will be live streamed. The church handbell choir will provide special music. We plan to sing as part of this worship, but request, as in every instance of public worship, that masks be worn, especially during the singing of a hymn.

Window Committee to Report May 2

The congregation's Window Committee has been meeting weekly. They plan to bring a report to the Church Board April 13 and to the congregation at the business meeting following worship on May 2. Members of the committee are: Mary Jackson, Dawn Kiser, Ken McNett (all from the Decorating Com.); Ethan Dakin & Bob Michael (Stewards); Marty Barlow (at large); David Miller (staff). You are encouraged to reach out to any of these committee members if you have questions.

Pastoral Matters

Pastor David Miller plans on a more regular schedule of visitation as spring progresses. During the pandemic regular visits were reduced, through never fully stopped depending on needs and comfort levels with receiving a visitor. Because pastors could be vaccinated as part of the 1B group, Pastor David has been vaccinated. Visits will be arranged by phone in advance and anyone uncomfortable with visitors to their homes should be free to express that. Some are ready for a visit, but not everyone.

Pastor David and his family plan a vacation for the week after Easter, April 5-11. Karl Magenhofer will be the guest preacher on April 11.

Disaster Auction is a go for May 21-22

Recent loosening of Covid-19 restrictions on the number of people able to meet in outdoor settings, the Disaster Auction Coordinating committee will use the Fair Grounds Barn Complex for live auctions this year, May 21 and 22. The auction will feature a live, in-person auction on Saturday and the livestock auction on Friday evening. All events, except for the sale of food items, will be held in the newly redesigned Barn Complex. This area provides space to spread out and parking is close by. Restrooms are located within the building, with additional facilities nearby.

All food items will be for sale in one of the buildings close to the barn. Drive-by pick up for Friday evening dinner and Saturday lunch options are being considered and more information will be released later about take-out food options. Unfortunately, the Friday evening oyster meal and the Saturday breakfast and lunch will not be available this year.

Baptism Classes

Baptism classes will be offered this spring and early summer for those desiring to enter a covenant relationship with Christ and the Church. These classes will be arranged according to a schedule that makes the most sense for those seeking baptism, or who simply want to explore the possibility of taking this step. Approximately six classes are planned. Pastor David Miller and various deacons will lead the classes. Baptism is by full immersion and recently has been done in the living water of Beaver Creek in July or August. Please contact Pastor David Miller if you have interest.

Summer Youth Events – VBS – Brethren Woods

Montezuma plans to hold Vacation Bible School June 28-30 at Montezuma Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This abbreviated schedule offers volunteer workers a manageable way to get the church's children back together for a series of activities, including Bible story, crafts, and other learning. A meal is included at 5:30 and food items will be individually wrapped.

Church youth are asked to reserve July 11-14 for a local work camp experience. Local Church of the Brethren congregations are cooperating for this project. Following an evening orientation Sunday at Pleasant Valley COB, work will take place in Harrisonburg Monday-Wednesday.

Don't forget that registration for Brethren Woods opens April 1. Visit this web address to see a schedule of camps and to register: brethrenwoods.org/summercamp

Kathleen Michael Ordination April 18

A service of ordination for Kathleen Michael is to be held at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 18, at the Montezuma meeting house. Kathleen was approved for ordination at the congregation's November business meeting. While currently a member at Montezuma, she is the assistant pastor at Middle River Church of the Brethren. The congregation is welcome to attend this service.

April Outreach Opportunities

April's special offering is for the New Community Project's **Give a Girl a Chance** program. Give a Girl a Chance is NCP's program to help girls and women around the world have a decent chance for a decent life. For the girls, this means keeping them in school in places like South Sudan, where 90 percent of girls don't complete elementary school. The program is active in Malawi, Nepal, Myanmar, Congo, and other countries.

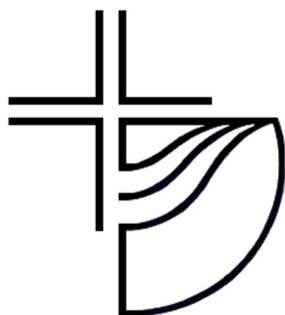
Closer to home, Montezuma is providing meals for the **Open Doors** thermal shelter April 5-11 – with an assist from our sister congregation, Mount Bethel. This winter the shelter is located in the old Red Front building.

Finally, food pantry items to support the ministry of the **West Rockingham pantry** can be brought to the church through Sunday, April 11. More details are available in the weekly email.

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April Birthdays:

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| 1 Margaret Waggy | 12 Madison DePoy |
| 2 Danny Hollen | Scott McNett |
| Nancy Keplinger | Leslie Mohler |
| Rebecca Mason | 13 Ronnie Fulton |
| Eric Payne | 14 Matt Young |
| Ron Shickel | 15 Lois Black |
| 3 Heather Knott | John Layman |
| Jerold Sager | 16 Joy Monger |
| 4 Richard Smith | 17 Mary Jackson |
| Kenneth Wenger | 18 Donnie Fulton |
| 5 Dolores Cline | Ann Miller |
| 6 Tina Knott | Gary Myers |
| Myla Eye | Kristin Nocolai |
| 7 Christopher Floyd | Doris Riggleman |
| Weldon Good | Averie Shank |
| Josh Payne | 20 Billy Eavers |
| Holly Wood | Clint Harpine |
| Ann Monger | 21 Jack Layne |
| 8 Bill Heishman | Frances Shenk |
| 9 Rose Miller | 22 Kirk Kuster |
| 10 Harold McNett | 23 Billy Myers |
| 11 Jackson Williams | 24 Emmalin Barnhart |
| Ava Rhodes | Ronnie Shirkey |

April Anniversaries:

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| 25 David Miller | 3 Cory & Jennifer Payne |
| Marilyn Miller | David & Vicki Richard |
| 26 Amy Knott | 4 Dwayne & Dawn Kiser |
| Howard Smiley | 8 Wendell & Betty Chandler |
| Joe McNett | Bill & Joyce Jackameit |
| 27 Lynn McNett | 11 Rick & Tina Knott |
| Craig Sease | 14 Norlyn & Betty Miller |
| Missy Vandevander | 16 Charles & Janice Rhodes |
| 28 Diane McNett | 20 Eric & April Payne |
| Josh Richard | 21 John & Linnette Coaker |
| 29 Dwayne Kiser | 22 Bill & Barbara Eavers |
| Adam Richard | 24 Daniel & Naomi Lambert |
| Jerry Shank | Doug & Lisa Tumer |
| Keith Weaver | 25 Charles & Fay Airey |
| Sarah Williams | 26 Bob & Carol Martin |
| Michelle Airey | 30 Howard & Debbie Smiley |
| 30 Kyle Brown | |
| Danny Lilly | |
| Rosemary Taylor | |
| Russell Wenger | |
| Malachi Moyer | |

Our Stewardship for March 2021

	Attendance	Regular Offering
Mar 7	62	\$3,150.00
Mar 14	49	\$5,782.00
Mar 21	58	\$4,692.11
Mar 28	64	\$8,286.00
Mar. average per Sunday		\$5,477.52
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday		\$5,748.44

Special Giving for March 2021

Ann Click Memorial (Window Fund)	\$200	Library Fund Carpet	\$20
Gideons	\$250	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$835
Jim & Betty Jo Glick Memorial (Window Fund)	\$200	Open Doors	\$100
		Youth Cookbooks	\$20