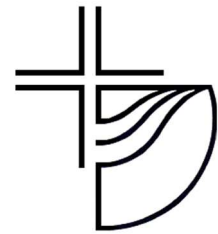


Montezuma Today



May 2021

CBM Sunday, May 2

Montezuma's spring congregational business meeting is Sunday, May 2. We will meet at approximately 10:35 a.m. following morning worship. We plan to make this meeting available via live stream to those who receive our weekly email; a link will be embedded in that email. Only those present in the sanctuary during the meeting will be able to vote. The meeting will feature reports to the congregation, approval of Nurture commission appointments, and a report from Montezuma's Window Committee.

Spring Food Fundraiser is Sat., May 15

Montezuma is offering a variety of delicious foods for sale at a special fundraiser, May 15, on the grounds of the Montezuma Hall. Sales begin at 8 a.m. and the following food items will be available:

- BBQ chicken – \$4.00
- Ham sandwiches and white beans - \$4.00 for sandwiches; beans are \$3/pint and \$6/quart
- Vegetable soup - \$8.00/quart
- Bake goods sale – various prices.

The Special Events Committee is planning the fundraiser and proceeds are designated for the Sanctuary Window fund. If you have not found a way to help yet, sign up opportunities are available online and by paper at the meeting house.

Disaster Auction is a go for May 21-22

The District Disaster Auction is a go for May 21-22, albeit with a reduced schedule. The auction will feature a livestock, cute baby bunnies and an assortment of outdoor products on Friday at the livestock auction. Saturday's auction features quilts, handmade furniture, and numerous items. These items will be on display in Barn Complex after 1 p.m. on Friday. Do not forget the always popular plant and flower sale; that's part of the activity, too. 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 (fried chicken is a likely option). Unfortunately, the Friday evening oyster meal and the Saturday breakfast and lunch will not be available this year. There are still many reasons for us to join in this good work and fellowship.

Other News

- Pastor David will be on vacation May 15-21. Karl Magenhofer will be the guest preacher on May 16 at the ballpark.
- Many thanks to all who gave toward the Lenten food drive to support the West Rockingham Food Pantry. Donations totaled 630.85 lbs. of food. Your support during this time, when many are struggling, is appreciated. – Witness Commission

Baptism Classes Available this Spring/Summer

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 usually takes place in the living water of Beaver Creek in July or August. Please contact Pastor David Miller if you have interest.

Summer Youth Events

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 orientation evening Sunday at Pleasant Valley COB, work will take place in Harrisonburg Monday-Wednesday. Registration information will be available the first part of May.

Barbeque Chicken: Montezuma youth continue to assist local Ruritans in barbequing and selling chicken the first Saturday of each month as a fundraiser.

Beyond service and fundraising, we are looking ahead to more fellowship activities. Fifteen youth gathered at Gordon and Wanda Driver's home April 24 for supper and fellowship. Another social activity is in the works.

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

Vacation Bible School, June 28-30

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. Online Registration is now available on the church website and through the Weekly email. This year's theme is *Rocky Railway*, and includes stories from the Book of Acts.

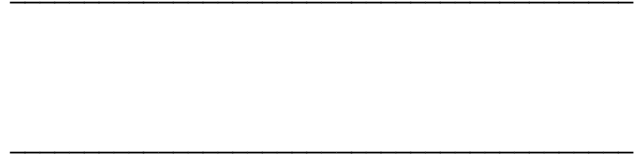
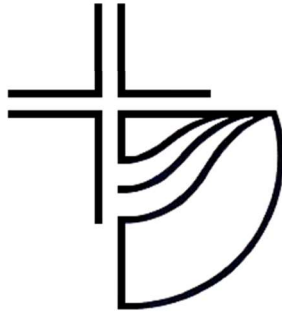
May Outreach Opportunities

May's special offering benefits **Brethren Disaster Ministries**. "Inspired by Jesus, Brethren Disaster Ministries focuses on rebuilding homes, caring for children, and providing international relief by engaging our volunteers, supporters, and partners to serve communities recovering from disaster." May is Disaster Ministries month at Montezuma; we also support the Shenandoah District's Disaster Ministries auction which is May 21-22 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds.

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May Birthdays:

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| 2 Olivia Shifflett | 14 Ronnie Brunk |
| 3 Laurie Carpenter | Kenley Rhodes |
| Austin McNett | Jon Shickel |
| 4 Sheryl Northrop | 20 Charlann Johns |
| 6 Clay Knott | Erin Brooks |
| 7 Emily Coaker | Charles Miller |
| Kendal Payne | Vicki Richard |
| 8 Betty Chandler | 21 Joyce Jackameit |
| 10 Wesley Kuykendall | 22 LeAnne Young |
| Presley Trent | 23 Bobby Shank |
| 11 Mary Lee Ewing | Dena Symons |
| Mason Knott | 24 Cathy Roadcap |
| Bonnie Miller | Corey Wilhelm |
| Walter Rhodes | 25 Aaron Barnhart |
| 12 Randy Glick | Ashley Knott |
| Chris Moran | 27 Rachel Craun |
| Brielle Embres | 29 Mike Diehl |
| 13 Lindsey Harper | Rhonda Mandeville |
| Roy Keller | 30 Troy Payne |
| Erika Kinkead | |
| Marshall Kiser | |
| Shannon Airey | |

May Anniversaries:

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| 1 Steve & Charlann Johns |
| 2 Gene & Wanda Wampler |
| 4 Brad & Huong Showalter |
| 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 |
| Logan & Jessica Strawderman |
| 21 Cory & Amy Brown |
| 21 Mike & Laura Healy |
| 24 Danny & Wanda Hollen |
| Craig & Jill Sease |

Our Stewardship for April 2021

	Attendance	Regular Offering
April 4	110	\$7,835.00
April 11	69	\$2,571.50
April 18	70	\$5,212.46
April 25	72	\$6,145.00
April average per Sunday		\$5,440.99
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday		\$5,489.67

Special Giving for April 2021

Ann Click Memorial (Window Fund)	250	Global Good Initiative	\$25.63
Backpack Program	\$100	Glenna Rhodes Memorial (Window Fund)	\$100
Dudley, Della & Jim Eckardt (Window Fund)	\$500	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$10
Garold Shull Memorial (Window Fund)	\$730	Open Doors	\$10
Give a Girl a Chance	\$1,120	Stained Glass Window Fund	\$915