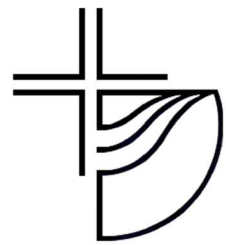


Montezuma Today



December 2021 - January 2022

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Search Committee

The Montezuma Pastoral Search Committee has been working on creating a Church Profile that will be submitted to the Shenandoah District. The committee has circulated a Congregational Survey that will aid in creating a Profile that best represents our church. Please return your completed survey by December 12, 2021. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Deacons or a member of the search committee. Members of the committee are Linnette Coaker, John Monger, Barbara Moyer, Vince Rhodes, Barbara Ross, Kellie Serrell, David Skelton, and Brenda Wine. Barbara Moyer is the chairperson. Please be in prayer for our church during the search process.

December/January Special Offerings

December's special offering is the Bridgewater Food Pantry. Food donations of canned vegetables, meats, and fruit, cereal, soup and peanut butter, etc., will go directly to the Pantry and must be at the church by Sunday the 12th. Please make sure expiration dates on all food items are June 2022 or later. Cash donations support People Helping People. **January's** special offering will be used to support Montezuma's backpack program, which provides weekend food for several children at Ottobine Elementary School.

Board and Deacon Meetings

The Church Board will meet and re-organize for the 2022 year at its December meeting on Tuesday the 14th. Church Deacons will meet on December 5th to choose new officers for the coming year.

Offering Envelopes

2022 offering envelopes are available at the meeting house. If you can't make it to the church and want to use envelopes, please contact the church and we'll help you get them.

December Worship Schedule

December 5	"God Became What We Are" John 1:1-8, 14-18 <i>J.D. Glick preaching</i> <i>music by the adult handbell choir</i>
December 12	"We Become What God Is" John 1:9-14 <i>J.D. Glick preaching</i>
December 19	"Overjoyed!" Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-55 <i>Ron Wyrick preaching</i> <i>music by the children's handbell choir</i>
December 24	8:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve service of lessons & carols, and candle lighting
December 26	"Simeon and Anna" Luke 2:21-40 <i>Ron Wyrick preaching</i>

Church Office schedule

The church office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Who is that Other Interim Pastor?

Because Ron Wyrick served as pastor of the Montezuma CoB in the 1980s, I am well aware that he is better known to many of you than I. I want to use this space to share some information about myself as an introduction.

I was born and raised in Modesto (San Joaquin Valley), California and am a graduate of the University of La Verne in California (a sister college to Bridgewater) and Bethany Seminary when it was located in Illinois. After pastoring in Fresno, CA, Waterloo, IA and Troy, OH, our family moved to this area thirty-eight years ago to pastor the Harrisonburg First CoB. After serving there for eighteen years, I helped to plant a new congregation we called Sunrise CoB which I served for ten years. Since retiring in April 2012 after 45 ½ years of pastoral ministry, I have served interim pastorates in Roanoke, Sunrise and Staunton (which ended in August).

I love to travel, having visited all 50 states and many Canadian provinces, most often traveling in our recreational vehicle. International trips include travel to Germany/Holland, India, Israel/Jordan, China, Turkey/Greece, England, and Peru, as well as several cruises. My wife, Becky, and I live in Bridgewater. Our two children are deceased, but we have two grandsons who live near Harrisonburg. Zach is a senior at Bridgewater College and Ben is a senior at Turner Ashby High School.

Well, that is enough about me for now. I look forward to working with Ron during this transition period and to meeting many of you and having the opportunity to share our lives with each other.

- J. D. Glick

Deacon Bible Studies

Each winter season Montezuma deacons sponsor a 10-week Bible Study leading up to Easter. We will begin during the week of January 30th and will offer a morning and evening study each week. The specific study book will be made available to the church after the first of the year, but we ask that you let us know if you wish to participate. See Melvin Burger or Vince Rhodes if you are interested in leading a class.

November 7 CBM results

Montezuma approved a 2022 budget of \$262,280 at its November 7th CBM. The congregation called Chris Click, Stephanie Diehl, Ben Hiner, Calvin Lokey, Donnie McNett, Brad Smith, Dorita Webster, and Jeff Wine to serve on the Church Board, approved conference delegates, a new financial secretary, and affirmed Linda Waggy for ordination in the Church of the Brethren. The congregation also voted unanimously to work with Lynchburg Stained Glass to replace both sanctuary windows.

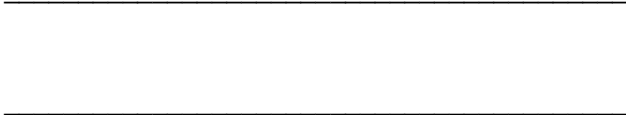
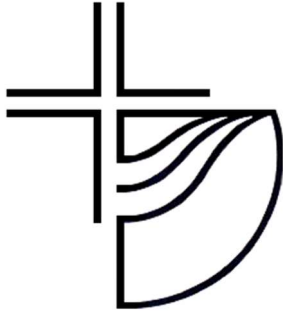
2022 Directory

The church office will prepare a new directory for 2022. Please help us make the necessary updates, changes, and corrections. Contact the church with this information by January 5.

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December Birthdays:

- 1 Debbie Albers
Elvert Black
Daniel Lambert
Danny Tumer
Wayne Waggy
- 3 Rick Knott
Joseph Miller
- 4 Walker Shull
Jessica Strawderman
- 5 Mary Lou Glick
Autumn Pequignot
- 7 David Skelton
- 8 Jim Mason
Andi Riley
- 9 Bob Michael
- 10 Sheila Skelton
- 11 Stephanie Diehl
- 12 Lauren Harper
Brad Miller
- 13 Gordon Driver
Dinah Puffenbarger

- 14 Jeff Berry
Carolyn Mohler
- 16 Dennis Huffman
- 17 Gene Sheffer
Oliver Wood
- 18 Norman Harper
Louise Howdyshell
- 19 Joel Fulwider
Carole Hoover
Brooke Pennybacker
Charlie Rhodes
Bonnie Ryan
- 20 Bob Black
George Watts
- 21 Toviaah Shipe
- 23 Holly Coaker
- 25 Don Paston
- 26 Sharon Embres
Cora Kiser

- 28 Buck Brown
Sherry Shull
Jeremy Daubert
- 29 Andrea Black
Dorita Webster
Augusta Reel
- 30 Jennifer Payne
- 31 Diana Havener
Kyle Symons
Chelsea Tumer
Jackson Will

December Anniversaries:

- 4 Jeff & Brenda Wine
- 14 Ian & Kari Ostlund
- 17 Roger & Barbara Moyer
- 18 Keith & Sharon Weaver
- 19 Rick & Libby Kiser
- 21 Adrian & Orva Lambert
- 28 Matthew & Danelle Ross
- 30 Russell & Janice Shank

January Birthdays:

- 2 Wilamena Harback
- 3 Kathleen Michael
- 5 Cheryl Martin
- 6 Wendy Rhodes
Tanner Showalter
- 7 Parker Fulton
Paula Rhodes
- 10 Betty Miller
Elaine Sherwin
- 11 Adam Brunk
Craig Payne
- 12 Braelyn Skelton
Caroline Young
Elias Dodd
- 14 Brian Weaver

- 15 Sharon Northrop
Russell Shank
Edna Shickel
- 17 Robert Albers
Jonas Miller
- 19 Morgan Dakin
- 20 John Miller
- 22 Linda Harpine
- 23 Connie Stiles
- 24 Nellie Black
Derek Shickel
Justin Hottinger
- 25 Zandra Miller
- 26 Wayne Huffman
- 27 Meredith Durham

- 27 Finn Richard
Wilhelmina Shank
- 28 Addison Fulton
Drake Mandeville
- 29 Daniel Shickel
- 30 Phil Evans
Greg Losh
Eli Moyer
Kathryn Roche
- 31 Dawn Miller

January Anniversaries:

- 6 Walter & Cathy Coceano
- 20 Wayne & Sandra Huffman
- 22 John & Ann Monger

Our Stewardship for November 2021

Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Nov 7	101	68	\$6,782.00
Nov 14	157	55	\$7,850.00
Nov 21	104	48	\$4,191.47
Nov 28	96	33	\$2,722.00
Oct average per Sun.	114	51	\$5,386.36
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday			\$5,577.91

Special Giving for November 2021

Backpack Program	\$100	Library Carpet	\$200
CWS Blankets	\$890	Tom Miller Memorial – Handbells	\$325
Heritage Festival/Apple Butter	\$182	Tom Miller Memorial – Windows	\$1,350
Jim & Betty Jo Glick & Delores Cline		Window Fund	\$56,715.55
Glick Memorial	\$50	Youth Cookbooks	\$20