Montezuma Today

February 2022

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Church Continues Moving Forward with Sanctuary Window Project

In the congregational business meeting on Sunday, January 30th, the congregation conveyed approval for the final draft of the artwork for the east "Resurrection" window. Lynchburg Stained Glass is moving forward with our project, and are looking to complete that window sometime this Spring. The window committee's next task working with the artist on the design of the second window. The committee thanks everyone for their donations. The first window is paid for, and we are working towards the balance of the second window. If you have any questions, please see Ken McNett.

February Outreach Offering – Gideons International

Each month Montezuma has a different outreach or mission offering. In February 2022, this offering supports the Gideons International, an organization dedicated to making Bibles available to everyone and, together with local churches, reaching souls for Christ.

Roundtable Youth Conference



Roundtable will be held on February 25-27 at Bridgewater College and Brethren Woods. Please let Ethan Dakin know as soon as possible if you'd like to attend.

Deacon Bible Studies Continue

Montezuma Deacons are sponsoring a study of Luke during the winter months. Classes have begun, but it's not too late to join! Vince Rhodes is leading a group on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Gordon & Wanda Driver's garage. Marty Barlow is leading a group in the choir room on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.. Both groups are also available via zoom. If you have interest in joining a group, please talk to Vince or Marty. Study books are available on the table in the entryway.

Tenderloin Feast Canceled for 2022

As with so many things, Montezuma will not hold its annual Tenderloin Feast this year. We will look forward to other possible fundraisers in the Spring.

Fastnacht Youth Fundraiser

Proceeds benefit the Youth Group and their travels to National Youth Conference.

Pick up: Tuesday, March 1.6:00 am - 10:00 am at

Montezuma Hall

Pre-Order Only: by February 24,

www.montezumacob.org/fastnachts or call the

church office at 540-879-2246

Cost: \$5.00/half dozen or \$9.00/dozen

Varieties: Powdered Sugar, Cinnamon Sugar or

Plain

What are Fastnachts? Fastnacht Day is an annual Pennsylvania Dutch celebration that falls on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. The word translates to "Fasting Night" or "Almost Night" in English. The tradition is to eat the very best foods, which are part of the German tradition, and much of them, before the Lenten fast. There are three types of Fasnacht, one made with yeast, one made with baking powder, and one made with potatoes and yeast. All are slightly crispy on the outside and not as sweet as standard doughnuts. We will be making ours with baking powder and potatoes.

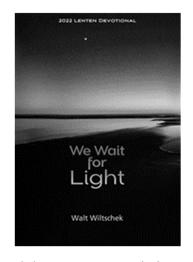
This is the first year for our fundraiser we ask for grace and patience as we try out a new event and recipe. Thank you for your support of the Montezuma youth as they prepare for National Youth Conference!

Search Committee

The search committee is pleased to report that Montezuma's church profile has been published, and the committee is in the process of reviewing candidates. We appreciate the congregation's prayers as we continue this process.

Lenten Devotionals

Sometimes darkness seems to last forever. We gaze toward the horizon for any gleams of light, rays of hope. This Lent, we wander in exile with Isaiah, waiting and scanning the sky for the first hints of Easter brilliance. God assures us that we are not forgotten. A new day is coming.



Lent begins on March 1st, and the Nurture Commission will be providing Church of the Brethren Lenten Devotional books to anyone who would like one. An announcement will be made as soon as they are available.

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February Birthdays:

- Nathan Smith
 Noah Smith
 Kathy Veal
 Helen Shickel
 Patty Skelton
 Trey Daubert
 Jacob Ross
 Piper Brown
 Mac Rhodes
 Louise Grady
 Barbara Ross
 Hunter Shipe
 Kari Ostlund
- 8 Monica Burkholder Ben Hall

- 9 Kim Wyrick
- 10 Amy Vandevander11 Peter Barlow
- Katy Roche Sam Shickel
- 12 Aaron Brunk Damian Hinkle
- 13 Kenny Miller Annie Wilhelm
- 14 Trevor Barnhart15 Ron Black
 - Dawn Guilloy Kenzy Hiner Nelson Shenk Penelope Smiley

- 16 Justin Berry
- 17 Kayla Kuster18 Ricky Shull
- 19 Rebecca Click Joel Hottel
- Norlyn Miller
 21 Mary Jane Cox
 Bonnie Guyer
- 22 Quinn Rhodes Wanda Wampler
- 23 Don Click
- 24 Ray Coffman Janelle Weaver

- 25 John Knott
 - Lisa Tumer
- 27 Gordon Miller Juanita Swartz Elaine Fike
- 28 John Monger

February Anniversaries:

- 2 Robbie & Dena Symons
- 27 Dick & Bonnie Ryan

	Attendance				
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering		
Dec 5	108	45	\$9,415.00		
Dec 12	112	51	\$6,982.50		
Dec 19	106	35	\$4,777.93		
Christmas Eve	103				
Dec 26	61	31	\$8,010.00		
Dec average per Sun.	98	41	\$7,296.35		
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday	r		\$5,460.60		
	Spec	cial Giving for Decen	1ber 2021		
Ann Click Memorial – Windows		\$200	Tom Miller Memorial – Handbells	130	
Apple Butter		\$6	Tom Miller Memorial – Windows	360	
Building Repairs		\$200	Window Fund	\$11,384.50	
Nelson Layman Memorial – Windo	WS	\$100	Youth Cookbooks	\$10	
People Helping People		\$120			

	Our Ste	ewardship for Ja	<u>nuary 2022</u>	
	A	ttendance		
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering	
Jan 2	76	38	\$5,290.00	
Jan 9	76	32	\$3,575.00	
Jan 16	69	15	\$2,330.00	
Jan 23	98	46	\$9,698.06	
Jan 30	90	n/a	\$3,985.00	
Jan average per Sun.	82	33	\$4,975.61	
Last 12 mos. average per S	unday		\$5,589.35	
	Spe	cial Giving for Janu	ary 2022	
Backpack Program		\$645	Norman Harper Memorial	\$225
Building Repairs		\$200	Tom Miller Memorial	\$50
Garold Shull Memorial – Win	idows	\$2,360	Window Fund	\$935