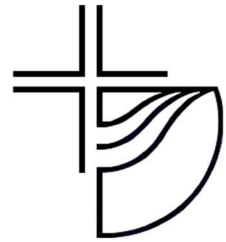


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Montezuma Youth Hold their First Fastnacht Fundraiser

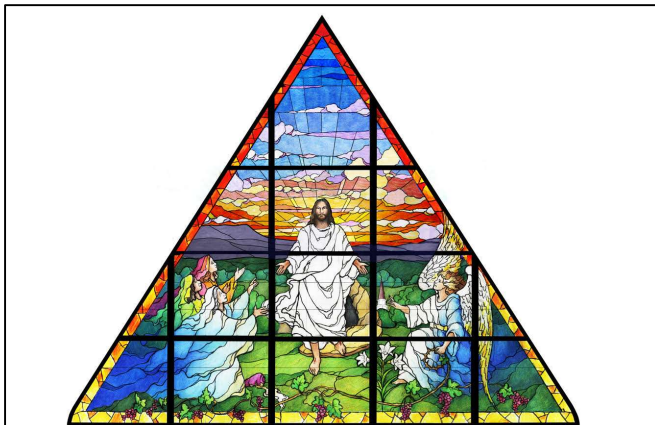
The Montezuma Youth tried something new this year by selling Fastnachts for Shrove Tuesday.

We want to thank the congregation for the great support shown as this fundraiser will help defer costs for traveling to Colorado for the National Youth Conference this coming July. We presold over 70 dozen Fastnachts and grossed over \$850 thanks to the amazing support of our generous congregation. It was a big undertaking to try something new, but it was a great time bonding with each other which we have missed over the past twenty-four months.

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 several types of Fastnachts; some made with yeast, some made with baking powder, and some made with potatoes and yeast. All are slightly crispy on the outside and not as sweet as standard doughnuts. We made ours with baking powder and potato flakes.

March Outreach – One Great Hour of Sharing

Gifts given through One Great Hour of Sharing empower ministries like the Church of the Brethren's Brethren Volunteer Service, Discipleship Ministries, Office of Global Mission, Brethren Disaster Ministries, the Global Food Initiative, and many others.



A full-color poster of the east sanctuary window is on display in the entryway. This window is currently in production and scheduled to be installed sometime this Spring!

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes are available each Sunday at 10:40 am following worship. We currently have one preschool/elementary children's class (meeting upstairs), one junior high/youth class (meeting in the sanctuary), and four adult classes – Cornerstone (meeting upstairs), Footsteppers (meeting upstairs), Agape (meeting in the choir room), and the Upper Room (meeting in a room on the main floor hallway). So, there are choices for everyone – make plans to join a class soon!

Stewards Commission Update

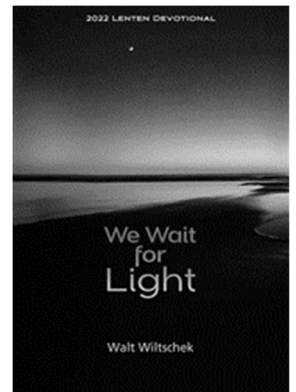
January and February have been somewhat quiet with Stewards. One of the monitors in the sound booth failed and we had to purchase a new one (thanks Ethan). A preliminary drawing of the West window is being worked on and they are making progress. January giving was good but a little short on what we need to meet the budget, but as the weather turns warmer and attendance increases, I feel confident we will be ok. Finally, a tree at the parsonage needs some work and the Properties Committee is taking care of that.

- Calvin Lokey, Stewards Chairman

Lenten Devotionals

Lenten Devotional books are now available in the entryway.

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.



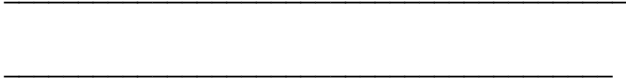
Pastoral Search Committee Update

The search committee is continuing to meet regularly. Your continued prayers are appreciated as this committee works to find Montezuma's next pastor.

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March Birthdays:

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| 1 Donna Brunk | 14 Susan Kinkead | 27 Brent Burkholder |
| Orva Showalter | 16 Josh Kinkead | Shirley Dameron |
| Amanda Trent | Carol Lena Miller | Chloe Eye |
| 2 Andrew Skelton | 18 Carol Martin | Fred Shank |
| 3 Claire Williams | 20 Avery Andrews | 28 Alanah Brashears |
| 4 Alexander Shank | Eleanor Payne | Paula Brown |
| 5 Julia Rohrer | Tanner Shifflett | Scott Yelverton |
| Jared Smith | Jeff Wine | 29 Anne Marie Depoy |
| 6 Noah Sites | 21 Pansy Auville | |
| 8 Sue Miller | 22 Charles Airey | |
| Owen Strawderman | John Coaker | |
| 11 Paige Eavers | Judy Hill | |
| 12 Lori Good | 23 Vincent Cash | |
| 13 Shevonne Fulton | 24 Sadie Wilhelm | |
| Lindsey Richard | 26 David Mason | |
| | Vince Rhodes | |

March Anniversaries:

- 2 Gordon & Wanda Driver
- 9 Bobby & Elaine Shank
- 28 David & Wilamena Harback

Our Stewardship for February 2022

Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Feb. 6	77	36	\$7,825.00
Feb. 13	<i>cancelled due to weather</i>		
Feb. 20	99	41	\$6,771.53
Feb. 27	92	40	\$5,325.00
Feb. average per Sun.	89	39	\$4,980.38
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday			\$5,375.34

Special Giving for February 2022

Building Repairs	\$200	In Memory of Rebecca Click-Windows	\$100
Gideons	\$590	In Memory of Rebecca Click-Youth	\$100
In Honor of Corinne Crumley-Windows	\$100	In Memory of Tom Miller-Windows	\$200
In Memory of Adrian Lambert	\$205	Library Carpet	\$100
In Memory of Mary Lee Ewing-Backpacks	\$100	Window Fund	\$2,585
In Memory of Rebecca Click	\$950	Youth Fastnacht Fundraiser	\$150