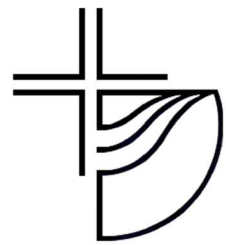


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Worship and Communion October 3

Montezuma Deacons will provide communion in the pews during morning worship, Sunday, October 3. Deacons had planned to hold the first Love Feast since the fall of 2019, but spikes in Covid-19 infections over the last month forced them to re-evaluate those plans. Communion will include recently made Montezuma communion bread that will be wrapped and distributed individually as worshippers enter the sanctuary.

Fall Church Business Meeting is November 7

Montezuma will meet for its fall business meeting at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, November 7. The meeting will include calling leadership for 2022, approving the 2022 budget, and a decision about the church windows. A packet of reports, YTD 2021 financials, the proposed 2022 budget, and slate of leaders will be available to the congregation by Sunday, October 31.

District Conference Downsized; Meets November 6

The Shenandoah District Conference is being downsized from its Friday/Saturday format to a Saturday morning event. Worries about public health during the pandemic forced district leaders to take these cautionary measures. In a statement District Executive John Jantzi wrote: "A decision was made to hold a delegate-only meeting . . . on Saturday morning, November 6. Our time together on 'District Conference Saturday' will include worship, a few reports and business agenda items including the adoption of the slate and the proposed 2022 District Budget." This meeting will be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in the Display Barn. Montezuma delegates are Don McNett, Ramona Evans, Mary Frances Heishman, Dorita Webster, and David Miller.

The cancellation of Friday's conference activities means that Montezuma will not be hosting any part of the conference this year. Montezuma was scheduled to host a meal for pastors in the early evening and then a worship service to kick-off the conference later at 7 p.m. This marks the second year that Montezuma hosting the conference has been canceled due to the pandemic.

Modified Heritage Festival this October

While we are unable to hold a traditional Heritage festival, Montezuma still plans to have a good time working together this month to provide the delicious food that the public demands! We plan to make apple butter Saturday, October 9, at the Montezuma Hall. We will need volunteers to prepare apples beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday and Friday (if needed) of that week and many helpers on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. If you can help, sign-up at the church or call the office. If you have questions, contact Vince Rhodes (540-476-0385).

Then, on October 16, we'll hold a modified Heritage Festival with craft vendors and live music for the morning. There will be no inside breakfast, but a carry-out breakfast with sausage gravy, biscuits, egg casserole, and more will be available to purchase beginning at 7:30 a.m. and picnic tables will be available in front of the music stage. Plus, we will prepare and sell BBQ chicken, ham sandwiches, white beans, vegetable soup, donuts, and baked goods. Apple butter from the 9th will be available to purchase. It will be a good time. We need helpers for all these activities. See the sign-up sheets in the church entryway or call the church office.

October Outreach Offering: Sadie Rose Foundation

October's Outreach Offering will benefit the Sadie Rose Foundation. This ministry provides resources and support to families that have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, or death of an infant or child.

Deacons meet October 24

Montezuma Deacons will meet Sunday, October 24, at 11:30 following Sunday School. The congregation held a calling for new deacons in September and we hope to include new deacons in this October meeting. As Montezuma prepares for a period of interim pastoral leadership later this fall and winter, Deacons will play a more active role in providing pastoral care to the congregation.

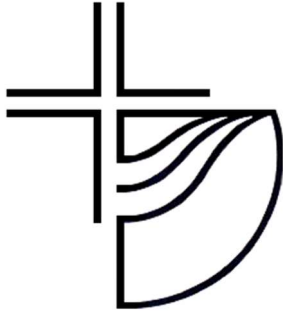
CROP Walk November 7

The Bridgewater/Dayton Area Crop Walk is Sunday, November 7 at 2 p.m. The walk begins at the Bridgewater Community Center and walkers will be able to select from a variety of walk distances. Walkers collect sponsors and turn in those funds to support Church World Service's hunger-fighting programs in 80 countries around the world. 25% of the proceeds from this walk come back to fight hunger in our own community. David Miller is Montezuma's CROP Walk representative. He is walking and you may walk with him or sponsor him. Checks made payable to CWS/CROP. Thanks.

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October Birthdays:

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| 1 Robert Harmon
Weston Mandeville
Ethan Ross | 12 Bobby Williams
13 Rodney Branum
Linnette Coaker | 26 Cathy Jo Hinkle
Ricky Hinkle |
| 2 John Butzler
Clint DePoy
Katelyn Hiner
Camden Skelton | 15 Chris Airey
Dustin Atkins | 27 John Carpenter |
| 4 Beth Farley | 16 Sherri Guyer
Jim Rusmisl | 28 Melvin Burger
Julia Eye |
| 5 Nathan Wine | 17 J.O. Good | 29 Josiah Moyer |
| 6 Aden Bazzle
Mary Frances Heishman
Russ Veal
Bryan Embres | 19 Charles Cline
Trajan Brown | 31 Jill Sease |
| 7 Dale Eavers
Crystal Richard
Johnnie Shickel | 20 Sara Atkins
Rhett Nelson | |
| 8 Ben Hiner | 21 Leah Harper | |
| 9 Michael Embres
Adam Ross | 22 Betty Jo Glick
Sharon Layman
Kellie Nelson | |
| 10 Kitra Coffman
Lisa Shickel | 23 Carolyn Rohrer | |
| | 24 Ava Richard | |
| | 25 Wade Showalter
Brad Smith | |

October Anniversaries:

- 1 Mike & Dorita Webster
- 2 John & Susan Butzler
- 3 Clint & Anne Marie Depoy
- 7 Austin & Olivia Shifflett
- 9 Joe & Rose Miller
- 10 Buck & Paula Brown
- 17 John & Marilyn Miller
Brad & Julie Smith
- 26 Wayne & Linda Waggy
- 30 Dennis & Judy Hill

Our Stewardship for September 2021

Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Sept 5	88	25	\$6,880.00
Sept 12	91	36	\$2,737.00
Sept 19	86	--	\$5,364.99
Sept 26	83	34	\$3,765.00
Sept average per Sun.	87	32	\$4,686.75
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday			\$5,398.97

Special Giving for September 2021			
Bridge of Hope	\$100	Open Doors	\$690
Church Repairs	\$200	Window Fund	\$2,070
Hall Supplies	\$50	Youth NYC BBQ	\$2,331
Heritage Festival Vendor Fees	\$70	Youth Cookbooks	\$10
Messenger Subscriptions	\$14.50		