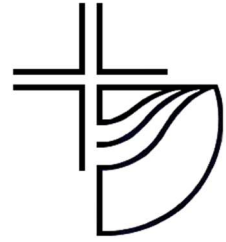


# Montezuma Today



September 2021

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## David Miller Accepts New Pastoral Call

Pastor David R. Miller will conclude his ministry with Montezuma in November. He will begin serving as Pastor for Worship and Administration at the Bridgewater church in December.

David Miller started his work as pastor at Montezuma March 15, 2006. When he and wife Carol Lena arrived, their son Jonas had just turned three and son Zeb was eight months. Montezuma has provided a loving and nurturing setting for these two boys to grow into their teenager years and has proved steadfast in friendship and love to David and Carol Lena.

Over the course of the next two and a half months, Pastor Miller will remain engaged in the congregation's worship life and its program. Especially important will be his farewell visits with many members of the congregation. Sadly, the reality of increasing Covid-19 infections cramps our lives and may make some of these visits a challenge. Even so, these visits will be approached carefully with hopes that as many may be enjoyed as possible.

Pastor Miller's time with Montezuma will end November 23. His last Sunday will be November 14. Farewell activities will be announced later.

## Heritage Festival & Apple butter: October 9, 16

The Special Events Committee is moving forward with the fall Heritage Festival planned for Saturday, October 16. At this point, a full festival with breakfast, doughnuts, country ham and white beans, BBQ chicken, and bake sale is planned. Vendors selling their goods will be on site and we look forward to live music, too. We will boil apple butter the weekend of October 9. Volunteers are needed in all these areas and sign-up sheets will be available soon. We look forward to renewing this beloved event. Keep on the lookout for updates and information.

## NYC Youth/Parents Meeting Sept. 12, BBQ Chicken Sept. 18

National Youth Conference is next summer, July 23-28. It's exciting to look ahead, and it is time to start planning. Youth Advisors Ethan and Morgan Dakin will host a Youth and Parents meeting following Sunday School at 11:30 on Sunday, September 12 in the choir room. It's important that youth and parents participate in this meeting. With the help of Montezuma Ruritans the youth are **selling BBQ chicken** on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Deacons plan September calling & Fall Love Feast

Each September Montezuma Deacons arrange for the calling of new deacons. This year the calling service takes place at the opening of worship on September 19<sup>th</sup>. During this service deacons are called without nomination via open paper ballots. A preliminary ballot will be available to the congregation on Sunday, September 12 for review. The office of deacon dates from the New Testament period and is one of the most important offices in the church. Deacons provide care and support to all participants in the congregation; offer spiritual guidance to the church; they practice ministries of hospitality; and they oversee baptisms and Love Feast and communion.

Fall Love Feast is scheduled for Sunday, October 3. This will be a traditional Love Feast held in the fellowship room, but Deacons are asking for the service to begin immediately following morning worship that day, or at about 10:45 a.m. This will make the service more accessible to those attending worship. We will expect participants to take precautions during the service and distance will be maintained as we are able. Activities and a light meal will be provided for children during the service.

## Fall Sunday School Classes

The fall Sunday School classes are taking shape. Adult classes – Agape, Cornerstone, Footsteppers, and Upper Room – will continue as they are presently situated. Any changes in meeting locations may be handled by the classes in conversation with the church staff. Members of the Upward Way class may join Upper Room or Agape if they like. Fall Children's classes begin September 12. We are planning two children's classes and their room locations and specific age ranges will be forthcoming.

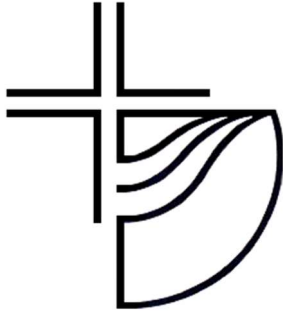
## Outreach offering in September – Open Doors

Montezuma continues to support the Open Doors Thermal Shelter and September's Witness outreach offering is designated to this ministry. While the shelter is for the time being housed in the old Red Front building and will no longer be hosted for a week each year in the Montezuma meeting house, Open Doors still needs our financial and volunteer support. Montezuma will provide supper for the shelter November 8-12. See Mary Frances Heishman, Carol Lena Miller, or Ralph Rohrer if you or your fellowship group would like to provide one of those meals.

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**September Birthdays:**

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Katie Grant       | 16 Isaac Shank         |
| 2 Donna Chandler    | 17 Melody Cash         |
| Charles Cline Jr.   | Kathy Ringgold         |
| Cathy Fisher        | 18 Helen Shank         |
| 3 Jimmy Dove        | Jessica Shipe          |
| Wanda Hollen        | 19 Liam Hunter         |
| Tom Womble          | 21 Ben Barlow          |
| Dean Wood           | Danelle Ross           |
| 4 Allee Coffman     | Brenda Wine            |
| Carson Patterson    | 22 Sammy Cox           |
| Carolyn Wenger      | Laurie Anne Serrell    |
| Ralph Rohrer        | Cheryl Simmers         |
| Arlie McNett        | 23 Wendell Chandler    |
| 6 Patty Black       | 24 Jordan Sites        |
| Donnie Simmons      | 25 Jennifer Shreiber   |
| 7 Betty Click       | Tasha Hoover           |
| Steve Keplinger     | 26 Molly Shickel       |
| David Shickel       | 27 Devon Kuster        |
| 9 Charlie Monger    | 28 Lillian Howdysshell |
| 13 Carolyn Cline    | Libby Kiser            |
| Marsha Shank        | 29 Janice Rhodes       |
| 14 Susan Kuykendall | 30 Susan Floyd         |
| Wanda Flora         | Donnie Jackson         |
| 15 Debbie Smiley    |                        |
| Uriah Smiley        |                        |

**September Anniversaries:**

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|-----------------------------|
| 1 Vincent & Melody Cash     |
| 3 Scott & Diana McNett      |
| 4 Robert & Andrea Black     |
| Nelson & Frances Shenk      |
| 6 Matt & LeAnne Young       |
| Jeremy & Becky Daubert      |
| 8 Steve & Connie Stiles     |
| 10 Ron & Donna Lou Shickel  |
| 11 Gordon & Gail Miller     |
| 13 Mike & Beth Bazzle       |
| 16 Ken & Cindy McNett       |
| 17 Donnie & Lynn McNett     |
| 19 Robert & Patty Black     |
| Dennis & Leslie Huffman     |
| Kirk & Chris Kuster         |
| 20 David & Lisa Shickel     |
| 25 David & Susan Kuykendall |
| 26 Fred & Helen Shank       |
| 27 Josh & Crystal Richard   |
| 28 Weldon & Lori Good       |

**Our Stewardship for July/August 2021**

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Regular Offering</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Regular Offering</b>
July 4	49	\$5,190.00	Aug 1	107	\$6,199.00
July 11	114	\$8,497.00	Aug 8	67	\$3,600.00
July 18	96	\$5,864.44	Aug 15	112	\$3,228.00
July 25	89	\$2,106.01	Aug 22	101	\$4,869.39
			Aug 29	79	\$3,265.00
July Average	87	\$5,414.36	Aug average	93	\$4,232.28

**Special Giving for July 2021**

Ann Click Memorial – Window Fund	\$200
Building Repairs	\$100
Glenna Rhodes Memorial – Window Fund	\$50
Hall Fund	\$50
NYC	\$750
Messenger	\$18.13
People Helping People/Food Pantry	\$295
SNL Workcamp	\$850
Window Fund	\$239.75
VBS offering for Brethren Woods	\$301.12

**Special Giving for August 2021**

Bridge of Hope	\$245
Building Repairs	\$300
Messenger	\$54.38
Window Fund	\$10,165
Youth Carwash for NYC	\$506
Youth Cookbooks	\$10