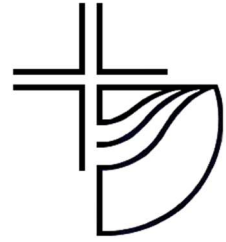


Montezuma Today



September 2022

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Pastoral Candidate

Everyone is invited to come to church on the morning of September 18th to hear Pastor Terri Luzynski lead us in worship. The Search Committee unanimously recommended her calling to serve the Montezuma Congregation after meeting with her, hearing her passion and heartfelt desire to serve the Lord, and her dedication to knowing and nurturing the church members to grow in their faith and daily walk with God.

Terri brings a wealth of life experiences from her previous practice in the field of law, as she knows how life can be difficult and people seek justice through the court system. This is what brought her to change professions as she felt God calling her to be a voice and a model of how Christ calls us to face our challenges and lean on Him (and each other) to get through the struggles and injustices of our lives. Pastor Terri's desire to actively support our children, youth, young families, visitors and long-standing members of the church, and also those unable to attend due to sickness and health, is a reflection of letting God's love generously flow through her to reach everyone in love and grace.

Through these connections, she feels that a church will grow and become what God calls each of us to be as Children of God. Terri's extensive Biblical knowledge is impressive and her ability to use stories to help us understand how scriptures can be related and applied to our lives is another reason the Search Committee felt God was calling Pastor Terri to serve our Montezuma Congregation.

We hope you will be able to join us on September 18th, and will stay for the meeting immediately following the service. All members in attendance are invited to vote on her call to serve as our next pastor.

- Barbara Moyer, on behalf of the Search Committee.

Sunday School For All!

This fall we will be having two Sunday School classes for children – one for PreK/K and one for grades 1-5. New classes will start on Sunday, September 11. We will be continuing with our Jr. High/Youth class and our four adult Sunday School classes. So there is a class for everyone! Please plan to join one and get to know others in the congregation better and learn and grow in God's Word. We are still looking for a couple of teachers for our children's classes. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Karen Fleishman.

Outreach offering in September: Open Doors

Open Doors is a homeless shelter serving Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. They work to provide shelter, compassionate support and access to services for people who are homeless.

Deacons plan September calling & Fall Love Feast

Each September Montezuma Deacons arrange for the calling of new Deacons. This year the calling service will take place at the opening of worship on Sunday, September 25th. During this service deacons are called without nomination via open paper ballots. A preliminary ballot will be available to the congregation on Sunday, September 18th 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 2 after church. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Card Shower

Please join us for Betty Click's 90th Birthday Party! Her birthday is September 7th and we will celebrate on Sunday September 11th at the Montezuma Hall. Drop by after church or anytime before 2 PM to congratulate her. Light refreshments will be served. No gifts please.

We are also having a card shower, and greetings can be mailed to Betty at 6024 Thomas Spring Rd, Bridgewater, VA 22812.

Heritage Festival & Apple butter: October 8, 15

The Special Events Committee is moving forward with the fall Heritage Festival on Saturday, October 15th. 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 8th. Volunteers are needed in all these areas and sign-up sheets will be available soon. We look forward to continuing with this beloved event. Keep on the lookout for updates and information.

Church Picnic

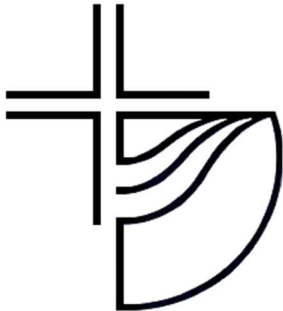
Come one, come all to our church picnic on Sunday, September 18th at Montezuma Hall after Sunday School. This is our first church picnic in three years and we hope to see everyone there! Pork BBQ (Carolina-style and Kansas City-style), buns, cole slaw, drinks, Smiley's ice cream, and paper supplies will be provided. Plan to attend and bring side dishes and desserts. You may drop off food at the Hall before worship starting at 8:30 am on September 18th. There will be seating available in the Hall but if you would like to sit outside, please bring a chair. We plan to have games for the children. Come and enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun!

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September Birthdays:

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

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 2022

	Attendance		Regular Offering
	Worship	S.S.	
July 4	102	32	\$4,975.00
July 10	106	21	\$3,445.00
July 17	108	55	\$3,010.00
July 24	73	26	\$2,494.66
July 31	103	37	\$4,917.00
July Avg	98	34	\$3,768.33

	Attendance		Regular Offering
	Worship	S.S.	
Aug 7	111	50	\$6,186.00
Aug 14	88	24	\$5,705.00
Aug 21	95	40	\$3,336.21
Aug 28	128	67	\$2,640.00
Aug avg	105	45	\$4,466.80

Special Giving for July 2022

Bible School Meal Money	\$20
Brethren Woods	\$100
Church Building Repairs	\$200
Give a Girl a Chance	\$610
Give a Girl a Chance – VBS	\$356.71
Library Carpet	\$100
Messenger Subscriptions	\$73.75
Window Fund	\$1,900
Window Fund Envelope Fundraiser	\$764

Special Giving for August 2022

Bridge of Hope	\$470
Church Building Repairs	\$100
Fall Festival – Vendor Fees	\$30
Give a Girl a Chance	\$50
Library	\$100
Messenger Subscriptions	\$14.50
National Youth Conf. Account	\$797.74
Window Fund	\$5,925