Montezuma Today

November 2022



### As we begin our journey together...

Just over five months ago, I had the opportunity to meet with your Pastoral Search Committee for the first time. Within a few weeks, I sensed that God was calling me to serve at Montezuma. I am humbled and honored that I will soon be ordained and installed as your pastor. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you at least briefly, but I wanted to share a little about myself and my family by way of introduction.

I grew up in Louisville, Kentucky—very near the inner city. You will need to teach this city girl the ways of life in a rural area! After graduating from college and law school, I practiced law in Charlottesville and Roanoke for a total of 24 years. For most of those years, my practice was focused on juvenile and domestic relations law.

I have been active in the life of the church since I first walked into a neighborhood church at the age of nine to attend Vacation Bible School. I was baptized and joined the church at the age of twelve. In 2002, I sensed a call into children and youth ministry. I was a bit slow in responding, but by early 2004, I was serving in that role. I spent the next 18 years serving at several churches in children and youth ministry. (I'm not quite as old as those combined years make me seem! For several years I was both practicing law and serving a church.) In 2016, I was encouraged by Williamson Road Church of the Brethren to consider pastoral ministry and I began the Christian Growth Institute (the pastoral training program) that fall. I was licensed to the ministry at Williamson Road CoB in May, 2021 and for the last year, I served as part-time pastor at Mill Creek Church of the Brethren in Columbus, NC.

My husband Tom and I celebrated our 30th anniversary in April. We have two grown daughters together—Kasia Norcross, who is a physical therapist for the Augusta County School System, and McKenna, who is the Senior District Epidemiologist for the Southside (VA) Health District. I also have two bonus children: Christopher who is a Specialist Game Master at Blizzard Activision in Austin, TX, and Lindsie Ware who is an art teacher at a Christian school in Lexington, SC. Tom and I have two grandsons and a nearly new granddaughter. We love antiquing and thrift shopping, festivals of all sorts, visiting the "main streets" of America, and spending time at the Outer Banks of North Carolina. I also love roller skating, but I still can't convince Tom to join me!

I look forward to getting to know you in the months and years to come as we serve our Lord and Savior together. May the joy and peace of Christ be with you all.

### Fall Church Business Meeting: Nov. 6

Montezuma will meet for its fall business meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. The meeting will include calling leadership for 2023, and approving the 2023 budget. A packet of reports, YTD 2022 financials, the proposed 2023 budget, and list of appointments and leaders is available to pick up in the church entryway.

# Pastor Terri Luzynski

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During the Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> worship service, we will have a service of installation and ordination for Pastor Terri Luzynski. Following worship there will be a reception downstairs with heavy hors d'oeuvres before the congregational business meeting.

## **Salvation Army Meals**

Montezuma will be preparing food for the Salvation Army on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, beginning November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see Brenda Wine if you would like to donate food or assist with preparing a meal.

# November Outreach Offering: CWS Blankets

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

## **Pie Containers**

We are collecting empty/cleaned Costco pie containers for the Sing Me High Festival at the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center next August. Cleaned pie containers can be put in the entryway by the glass doors, and we are collecting them all year. – Brenda Wine, Mary Lou Glick and Diana Havener Montezuma Church of the Brethren 4937 Ottobine Rd. Dayton, VA 22821 540-879-2246 www.montezumacob.org

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#### **November Birthdays:**

- 1 Angela Andrews Katie Jackson Garrett Cash Arleigh Mason Baker Shifflett
- 2 Cortland Andrews Scott Showalter
- 4 Larry Carpenter Calvin Lokey Ezra Barnhart Ethan Dakin
- 6 Jeff Harper
- 9 Gloria Horne Sam Rohrer Doug Tumer Titus Smiley
- 10 April Payne Drew Richard
- 11 Chris Click Katie Richard

 Jennifer Prawdzik
 Jill Brashears Shari Payne Jackson Healy
 William Grady

- Corey Shull
- 16 Delmas Harper
- Mike Bazzle
  Cody Airey
  Edith Burger
  David Harback
  Denise Harper
- 21 Barbara Keller Mila Rhodes
- 22 Jordan Smiley
- 24 Yolanda Waggy Katelyn Will
- 25 Lisa Moran
- 26 Mason Shull
  - Hayley Daubert

- 27 Austin Shifflett
  - Rick Kiser
- 28 Sarah Craun
- 30 Jared Ross

#### **November Anniversaries:**

- 4 William & Louise Grady
- 9 Roy & Juanita Swartz
- 10 Delmas & Denise Harper
- 11 Gene & Joyce Sheffer
- 14 David & Shelby Click
- 18 Thomas & Jill Brashears
- 19 Russ & Kathy Veal
- 21 David & Carol Lena Miller
- 25 Ken & Sue Miller
- 26 Scott & Heidi Mason

#### **Our Stewardship for October 2022**

	Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	<b>Regular Offering</b>	
Oct 2	129	42	\$6,010.00	
Oct 9	117	58	\$5,465.00	
Oct 16	101	44	\$8,844.00	
Oct 23	112	56	\$4,481.38	
Oct 30	101	37	\$2,828.00	
Sept average per Sun.	112	47	\$5,525.66	
Last 12 mos. average per Sunday			\$5,364.06	

Special Giving for October 2022					
Backpack Program	\$300	Messenger Subscription	\$14.75		
Building Repairs	\$100	Open Doors	\$25		
Fall Festival	\$21,471.35	Sadie Rose Foundation	\$660		
Fall Festival – Ham	\$100	Sanctuary Window Fund	\$1,020		
Fall Festival Vendor Fees	\$60	Youth Cookbooks	\$20		
In Memory of Rebecca Click	\$100				