Montezuma Today

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Montezuma Calls Pastor Terri Luzynski

Montezuma has called Terri Luzynski as our next pastor. She plans to begin her work with us on November 1, and will be installed as our new pastor during the Sunday, November 6th worship service. We can all look forward to the energy, leadership, inspirational messages, and love for the Lord that Pastor Terri will bring to our congregation and community.

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 will be available to the congregation on Sunday, October 30.

District Conference: November 4-5

The Shenandoah District Conference will be held November 4-5. The program will get underway here at Montezuma on Friday, November 4, with the evening activities beginning at 5:00pm. On Saturday, November 5, Mill Creek will host the delegates and interested attendees beginning at 8:15am.

Pastoral Advisory Committee

The Church Board voted to form a pastoral advisory committee. The purpose of this committee is to offer a setting in which the pastor and persons appointed by the congregation can discuss questions and consult in ways that are not always appropriate at an Executive Committee or Church Board setting where agenda items related to ministry and management of the church programs take priority. The committee will be comprised of 4 members: 1 person appointed by the Deacons, 1 person called by the executive committee (but not someone on the executive committee or the board), 1 person called by the nominating committee, and 1 person called by the pastor. The members of that committee will be voted on in the November 6th Congregational Business Meeting.

Love Feast: October 2

Montezuma Deacons are planning a Love Feast service on Sunday, October 2nd at 11:30am in the church basement. Lunch will be provided, and families are encouraged to sit together.

CROP Meal & Walk

On <u>Thursday</u>, October 27th, Bridgewater College students will surrender their evening meals which can be purchased to enjoy "dinner out" in the Kline Campus Center Dining Hall from 5–7 p.m. BC CROP Meals are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 30th</u> at 2 p.m., community members and BC students will gather at the Bridgewater Community Center for the Bridgewater/Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk. Prior to that day, walk participants will ask others to sponsor them for every kilometer of the 6K (3.7 mile) route they will walk.

All proceeds from the CROP Meal and CROP Hunger Walk will support Church World Service's hunger-fighting programs in 80 countries around the world. If you would like to participate in the CROP Meal and/or CROP Hunger Walk, please contact the church office.

Heritage Festival

Plans are underway for the annual Heritage Festival! We will press cider on October 7th at the Driver's, and make apple butter Saturday, October 8th at the Montezuma Hall. We will need volunteers to prepare apples 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 in the entryway. If you have questions, contact Vince Rhodes (540-476-0385).

The Heritage Festival will be on October 15th with craft vendors and live music in the morning. Breakfast will include sausage gravy, biscuits, egg casserole (and more!), and will be available to purchase beginning at 7:30am. We will also prepare BBQ chicken, ham sandwiches, white beans, vegetable soup, donuts, and baked goods. Apple butter from the 8th will be available to purchase. We need helpers for all these activities. Please see the sign-up sheets in the church entryway!

School Backpack Program for 2022-2023

Montezuma is once again participating in the Backpack Program for Ottobine Elementary School by helping to supplement weekend meals for six children. This program is funded by generous donations from our congregation throughout the year and January's monthly outreach offering. If anyone would like to help by donating food or giving monetarily, your giving will be greatly appreciated.

When donating, think about items that your children once enjoyed or currently enjoy. Below is a list of some typical food items that are needed. These items will need to fit in a medium size backpack for the child to take home on the bus. Food donations can be put in the coat rack area of the entryway.

Please remember the following:

- ** no glass containers or homemade food items **
- ** make sure all expiration dates are June 2023 or later **
- Peanut butter crackers
- Saltines box with 8 individual stacks
- Single serve/individual fruit cups & pudding cups
- Fruit bars and/or granola bars
- Single serve/individual packs or bags of the following:
 - o instant oatmeal
 - macaroni and cheese
 - o spaghetti/ravioli/ beefaroni/lasagna
 - o small cereal boxes or cups
 - o goldfish or graham crackers
 - o applesauce cups
 - o boxes of raisins or yogurt covered raisins (ex. usually a package of 1 oz. boxes)
- Tuna or chicken salad kit, includes crackers
- Small cans or cups of vegetables or baked beans
- Ramen noodles
- Small jars of peanut butter or jelly no glass jars
- Pop-tarts
- Hot chocolate packets
- Small boxes of juice, juice packets, Yoo-hoo chocolate drink, Kool-Aid packets (look for packets that don't require adding sugar)
- Fun size candy bars

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October Birthdays:

Weston Mandeville
Ethan Ross
2 John Butzler
Clint DePoy
Katelyn Hiner
Camden Skelton
4 Beth Farley
Caroline Fleishman
5 Nathan Wine
6 Aden Bazzle
Mary Frances Heishman

Robert Harmon

Russ Veal
Bryan Embres

7 Dale Eavers
Crystal Richard
Johnnie Shickel

8 Ben Hiner

9 Michael Embres Adam Ross 10 Kitra CoffmanLisa Shickel12 Bobby Williams

13 Rodney BranumLinnette Coaker14 Madeline Wine

15 Chris Airey Dustin Atkins

16 Sherri Guyer Jim Rusmisel

17 J.O. Good19 Trajan Brown20 Sara Atlains

20 Sara AtkinsRhett Nelson21 Leah Harper

22 Sharon Layman Kellie Nelson

23 Carolyn Rohrer24 Ava Richard

25 Wade Showalter Brad Smith 26 Cathy Jo Hinkle Ricky Hinkle

27 John Carpenter

28 Melvin Burger Julia Eye

29 Josiah Moyer

31 Jill Sease

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 2022 Attendance Worship **Sunday School** Regular Offering 90 29 \$6,730.00 Sept 4 Sept 11 87 38 \$4,060.00 Sept 18 158 \$6,395.56 Sept 25 111 41 \$3,025.00 112 Sept average per Sun. 36 \$5,052.64 Last 12 mos. average per Sunday \$5,334.99 **Special Giving for September 2022** \$1,120 Ham for Heritage Festival \$300 Window Fund Heritage Festival Vendor Fees \$80 Window Fund in memory of Frank & Breda Glick **NYC** \$218.49 \$1,000 \$580 Open Doors

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.