

Montezuma Today



July/August 2023

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- Ephesians 5:1-2

The 236th Recorded Annual Conference of our denomination will be held from July 4-8, centered around “Living God’s Love.” Annual Conference is an important time in the life of our church. Many people think of it as “where decisions are made.” I prefer to think of it as a time that we gather as the body of Christ and open ourselves to the movement and work of the Holy Spirit. These days are inspiring, informative, and sometimes exhausting. Please pray for our delegates, Leslie Mohler and Kim Wyrick as they listen, learn, and make decisions as the Holy Spirit directs them.

In Christ’s service,
Terri

Vacation Bible School

Montezuma hosted an exciting week of Vacation Bible School the week of June 19th. 32 children learned how to be changemakers by asking questions, working together, and sharing their gifts. The VBS offering raised \$333.33 for Weekday Religious Education. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and talents to make the week possible.

Church Office Schedule

Pastor Terri will be attending Annual Conference and will be out of the office from July 3-8.

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Messenger Renewal

To renew your Messenger subscription please send in your portion of the Messenger payment of \$7.25 (half the subscription rate of \$14.50) made payable to Montezuma COB. SPECIAL – First time subscriber’s rate of \$7.25 (if this is your first time to subscribe, your half of the subscription will only be \$3.63). The deadline to start or renew your subscription is July 18th.

July Outreach Offering: Weekday Religious Education

Weekday Religious Education provides religious education to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders in Rockingham County Elementary Schools. Each week, students explore a story from the Bible, are prayed with, and encouraged during the lesson time. Every student who participates in WRE also receives a new hard cover Bible.

August Outreach Offering: Stone Haven

Stone Haven’s vision is to offer a safe space in Central Virginia for survivors of sexual exploitation to come and do the hard work of healing. They hope to have property in the Rockingham County area with a home and plenty of space to breathe: a place for women to live in community and learn from one other.

Hygiene Kits

The Elementary Sunday School class is sponsoring a collection of hygiene supplies to be assembled by the class for Church World Services Hygiene Kits. These kits are a vital response to communities experiencing disasters of all kinds. A marked tub will be stationed inside the parking lot entry doors beginning this Sunday, June 4 and continuing until August 6.

A required list of supplies can be found in the weekly email. Cash donations are welcome as well, to offset shipping costs or adding items that are in short supply.

Newsletter Mailings

If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the church’s newsletter in the mail, please contact Linnette in the church office and let her know. Otherwise, a link to read the newsletter online will continue to be sent in the weekly email. Current and past newsletters are always available on the church’s website: www.montezumacob.org/newsletters. Extra printed copies are also available in the entryway.

Our Stewardship for June 2023

Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
June 4	140	44	\$5,794
June 11	96	48	\$3,727
June 18	115	49	\$3,919
June 25	153	60	\$7,493
June average per Sun.	126	50	\$5,233.25
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	116	47	\$5,442.30

Special Giving for June 2023

Brethren Woods	\$45	Spring Fundraiser	\$548
In Memory of Cathleen Coffman-Windows	\$50	VBS/Children’s Programming	\$360
In Memory of Meredith Sine-Windows	\$150	VBS Offering: Weekday Rel. Edu.	\$333.33
Playground Improvements	\$150	Window Fund	\$820

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July Birthdays:

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| 1 Dawn Kiser | 17 Andy Ringgold |
| Cindy McNett | 18 Cathy Coceano |
| Helen Shaw | Kody Payne |
| 6 Jenifer Hiner | Brent Sayre |
| 7 Gabe Dodd | 19 Sallie Hunter |
| Cathy Snider | Reese Ostlund |
| 8 Susan Butzler | Chad Brooks |
| 9 Dusty Moyer | 22 David Lilly |
| 10 Gene Golladay | 23 Ralph Pettit |
| 11 Amanda Huffman | Nancy Shickel |
| Donnie McNett | 26 Cameron Brown |
| Zeb Miller | Dennis Hill |
| 12 David Richard | 30 Jennifer Kiser |
| 13 Grant Ostlund | Corinne Rhodes |
| Chris Payne | Ashlyn Smiley |
| Julie Smith | 31 Corinne Crumley |
| 14 Amy Brown | Gloria Heishman |
| Aaron Will | Barbara Moyer |
| Ron Wyrick | Marshall Smiley |

August Birthdays:

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| 1 Christopher Lilly | 16 Roma Holloway |
| Troy Ostlund | Bob Martin |
| Sam Rhodes | Lindsay Monger |
| 2 David Kuykendall | 17 Laura Healy |
| 3 Pam Dodd | Jason Payne |
| Blake Eavers | Derek Smiley |
| Bobby Guyer | Gene Wampler |
| Kellie Serrell | 18 Heather Barnhart |
| Blake Brashears | Jaxson DePoy |
| 4 William Monger | Colby Pettit |
| 5 Lane Bazzle | Kohen Trent |
| 6 Gail Miller | 19 Fonda Auville |
| 7 Roger Moyer | Jonathan Ross |
| Glenn Patterson | Susan Shull |
| 8 Lynn Mohler | Robbie Symons |
| Diamond Patterson | Tom Luzynski |
| Kathy Riley | 20 Eddie Black |
| Dick Ryan | 22 Preston Miller |
| 9 Wanda Driver | Joyce Rhodes |
| 11 Brittany Evans | 23 Orva Lambert |
| Bobbi Jo Ross | Lyza Will |
| 12 D.J. Moats | 24 Heidi Mason |
| Zach Sease | Elaine Shank |
| 13 Dennis Evans | 25 Ken McNett |
| 15 Mark Butzler | Joyce Sheffer |
| Jo Ellen Evers | Abe Evans |
| Allison Prawdzik | |
| Logan Wilhelm | |

July Anniversaries:

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| 1 David & Dawn Mason |
| Gary & Missy Vandevander |
| 2 David & Sheila Skelton |
| 7 Adam & Autumn Pequignot |
| Jordan & Katya Sites |
| 8 Brad & Yvonne Miller |
| 9 Bobby & Sarah Williams |
| Derek & Maria Smiley |
| 10 Fred & Susan Kinkead |
| Bob & Kathleen Michael |
| 11 Drew & Susan Shull |
| 14 Gary & Eleanor Payne |
| 15 Andrew & Lorissa Skelton |
| 16 Marshall & Krista Smiley |
| 17 Elvert & Lois Black |
| 21 Ethan & Morgan Dakin |
| Aaron & Katelyn Will |
| 23 Vince & Wendy Rhodes |

August Anniversaries:

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| 1 Roy & Barbara Keller |
| Ken & Joy Monger |
| 3 Ernie & Diana Havener |
| 5 Craig & Shari Payne |
| 6 Mike & Stephanie Diehl |
| 7 Eric & Annie Wilhelm |
| 10 Calvin & Judy Lokey |
| 12 Eddie & Nellie Black |
| 13 Tom & Barbara Ross |
| Dustin & Tessa Atkins |
| 15 Robby & Londia Dean |
| Bill & Gloria Heishman |
| 18 Gabe & Pam Dodd |
| 25 Ben & Tammy Hall |