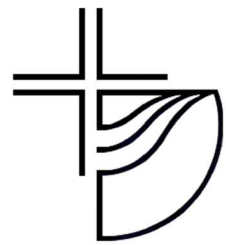


# Montezuma Today



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*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*  
- Romans 15:7

We are delighted to welcome our new Montezuma members. Please take the time to get to know them and let them feel our love!

Blessings,  
Terri

## **Tessa Atkins**

Tessa grew up attending the Verona United Methodist Church and helped start a church plant called Aisle 7. She attended Eastern Mennonite University and works as an Independent Living Specialist at Valley Associates for Independent Living. Five years ago, Dustin invited Tessa to the Birthday Banquet and she fell in love with Dustin and with Montezuma! She and Dustin are now Youth Advisors and Youth Sunday School teachers at Montezuma. Dustin occasionally drafts her into projection team duty as well. Tessa enjoys traveling with her husband, crafts, and spending time with her dog, James Bond.

## **Myla Eye**

Myla is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Turner Ashby. She is the daughter of Scott Showalter and Melanie Eye, sister to Chloe and Julia, and granddaughter of Wade Showalter. Myla loves riding 4-wheelers and is on the 4-H Rocking Shots Shooting Team. Myla is taking a diesel technology/mechanics class in school and plans to become a mechanic after she graduates.

## **Noah Gray**

Noah is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and ambassador at The Miller School of Albemarle. He is the son of Carrie and Gary Gray, big brother to Eli, Luke, and Emily, and the grandson of John and Ann Monger. Noah is passionate about baseball and is an outstanding player. He was very excited to be baptized in the North River, just behind his home.

## **Dona Johnson**

Dona grew up in Oklahoma where her father raised wheat and cotton. She attended the Thomas Church of the Brethren as a child. Dona was an elementary school teacher for 30 years. At one time, she taught in a one room school with 12 students in grades K-8. Dona is married to Ed and they have two sons, one granddaughter and five grandsons. After coming to Montezuma a couple of years ago, Dona was almost immediately taught how to snit apples for apple butter!

## **Ed Johnson**

Ed grew up in Iowa at English River Church of the Brethren, where his father was the pastor. Ed graduated from McPherson college and worked as a farm manager on an irrigated corn farm in Nebraska. Ed enjoys biking and will have covered some 2500 miles this year! He is an active volunteer with Brethren Disaster Ministries and has spent many weeks repairing and rebuilding homes in areas impacted by natural disasters. Ed sings in the Montezuma choir and is currently co-leading the evening Bible study.

## **Tom Luzynski**

Tom was born in St. Louis, MO. He began his half-century career in grocery retail at the age of 14, when he cleared shopping cars from the Kroger lot for a quarter. Tom came to Montezuma as he has some connection to the Montezuma pastor. (They have been married for many years.) His interests include 60's and 70's muscle cars, St. Louis Cardinal baseball, Kansas City Chiefs football, tools that make loud noises, donuts, making his granddaughter laugh, and watching his grandsons' piano and cello performances. Tom has been at Montezuma for just under one year. To fulfill a promise he made ten years ago, Tom had to wait until his friend, Doris Egge, turned 100 years old before he could join.

## **Dwynn Stovall**

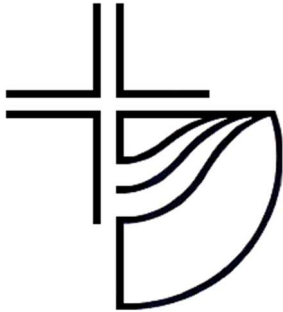
Dwynn was born in Roanoke, VA, but spent her teen-age years in Staunton. Having grown up as a preacher's kid, she never wanted to marry a preacher. Instead, she married a cop (Tony) and still lived in a fishbowl! Dwynn was employed by Sentara RMH Medical Center as a Specialty Authorization Coordinator for the infusion center, but now spends her time spoiling her grandchildren before sending them home. In 1980, Dwynn "accidentally" started collecting Nutcrackers; she now has over 200 of them! Dwynn found her home at Montezuma 17 months ago and now sings in the choir and attends the Agape Sunday School class.

## **Tony Stovall**

Tony was born in Roanoke, VA and grew up as a PK ("preacher's kid") and then married a PK! They have a daughter and a son and four grandchildren—all of whom live locally. Tony retired after 37 years in law enforcement to become the "Candy Man" who passes out Dove chocolates to all! Tony has been attending Montezuma for about 17 months, is a member of the Agape Sunday School class, sings in the choir, and is a substitute chorister on occasion.

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### **October Birthdays:**

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| 1 Robert Harmon<br>Weston Mandeville<br>Ethan Ross                   | 10 Kitra Coffman<br>Lisa Shickel                                  | 26 Cathy Jo Hinkle<br>Ricky Hinkle                 |
| 2 John Butzler<br>Clint DePoy<br>Katelyn Hiner<br>Camden Skelton     | 12 Bobby Williams<br>13 Rodney Branum<br>Linnette Coaker          | 27 John Carpenter<br>28 Melvin Burger<br>Julia Eye |
| 4 Beth Farley<br>Caroline Fleishman                                  | 14 Madeline Wine<br>15 Chris Airey<br>Dustin Atkins               | 29 Josiah Moyer<br>31 Jill Sease                   |
| 5 Nathan Wine  | 16 Sherri Guyer<br>Jim Rusmisl                                    |  |
| 6 Aden Bazzle<br>Mary Frances Heishman<br>Russ Veal<br>Bryan Embres  | 17 J.O. Good<br>19 Trajan Brown<br>20 Sara Atkins<br>Rhett Nelson |  |
| 7 Dale Eavers<br>Crystal Richard<br>Johnnie Shickel<br>Dwynn Stovall | 21 Leah Harper<br>22 Sharon Layman<br>Kellie Nelson               |  |
| 8 Ben Hiner  | 23 Carolyn Rohrer<br>24 Ava Richard                               |  |
| 9 Michael Embres<br>Adam Ross  | 25 Wade Showalter<br>Brad Smith<br>David Skelton                  |  |

### **October Anniversaries:**

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| 1 Mike & Dorita Webster     |
| 2 John & Susan Butzler      |
| 3 Clint & Anne Marie Depoy  |
| 7 Austin & Olivia Shifflett |
| 10 Buck & Paula Brown       |
| 17 Brad & Julie Smith       |
| 26 Wayne & Linda Waggy      |
| 30 Dennis & Judy Hill       |

### **Our Stewardship for September 2023**

#### **Attendance**

	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Regular Offering</b>
Sept 3	99	41	\$10,065
Sept 10	125	56	\$3,905
Sept 17	104	48	\$4,626
Sept 24	121	51	\$5,931
Sept average per Sun.	112	49	\$6,131.75
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	120	49	\$5,868.68

#### **Special Giving for September 2023**

2¢ Meal Offering	\$280.72	In Memory of Harold & Faye McNett	\$100
Deacon Fund	\$25	Open Doors	\$595
Heritage Festival Vendor Fees	\$130	Stone Haven	\$200

## Heritage Festival

Plans are underway for the annual Heritage Festival! We will press cider on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Driver's home (7819 War Branch Road, Rockingham), and make apple butter Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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).

If you have pint or quart canning jars to donate, please contact Vince Rhodes at (540) 476-0385, or put them on the bench inside the glass doors from the parking lot at the church.

The Heritage Festival will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> 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 have BBQ chicken, ham sandwiches, white beans, vegetable soup, donuts, and baked goods. Apple butter from the 14<sup>th</sup> will be available to purchase. We need helpers for all these activities. Please see the sign-up sheets in the church entryway!

## Fall Church Business Meeting: Nov. 5

Montezuma will meet for its fall business meeting at 11:40 a.m. on Sunday, November 5. The meeting will include calling leadership for 2024, and approving the 2024 budget. A packet of reports, YTD 2023 financials, the proposed 2024 budget, and a list of appointments and leaders will be available to the congregation on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Young Adult Sunday School Class

A new young adult Sunday School class will begin meeting next Sunday, October 8, at noon, in the choir room. If you have any questions, please see Gordon Driver. All young adults (ages 18-24) are welcome to participate.

## District Conference: November 3-4

The Shenandoah District Conference will be held November 3-4. The program will get underway here at Montezuma on Friday, November 3, with the evening activities beginning at 5:00pm. On Saturday, November 4, Mill Creek will host the delegates and interested attendees beginning at 8:15am.

## 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.

## School Backpack Program for 2023-2024

Montezuma is once again participating in the Backpack Program for Ottobine Elementary School by helping to supplement weekend meals for seven 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.

- 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:
  - instant oatmeal
  - macaroni and cheese
  - spaghetti/ravioli/ beefaroni/lasagna
  - small cereal boxes or cups
  - goldfish or graham crackers
  - applesauce cups
  - boxes of raisins or yogurt covered raisins (ex. usually 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

Please remember the following:

- \*\* no glass containers or homemade food items \*\*
- \*\* make sure all expiration dates are  
June 2024 or later \*\*

## Love Feast: October 1

Montezuma Deacons are planning a Love Feast service on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:45am in the church basement. Lunch will be provided, and families are encouraged to sit together.

## Fall Bible Study

The Deacons are sponsoring a Fall Bible study based on Life of Peter from the Brethren Press Covenant Bible Study series. Pastor Terri is leading a class on Thursday mornings at 10:00am through November 15th. Ed Johnson and Sandy Kinsey are leading an evening study at the church on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

## 2023 Rockingham County Fair Results

Below is a partial list of results from the 2023 Rockingham County Fair. Congratulations to everyone in our church family who had entries this year.

Sarah Craun:

- 4H/FFA Market Hog Senior Showmanship Champion
- 4H/FFA Market Hog Supreme Reserve Grand Champion

Rachel Craun:

- Open Breeding Sheep Showmanship Reserve Champion

Trey Daubert:

- Brown Swiss Grand Champion Youth Show
- Brown Swiss Grand Champion Open Show
- Jersey Grand Champion Youth Show
- Jersey Grand Champion Open Show
- Intermediate Poultry Showmanship

Katie Hiner:

- Decorated cupcakes: 1st place
- Fairy scene: 1st place
- Creative craft (homemade belt): 3rd place
- Thumbprint cookies: 1st place

Kenzy Hiner:

- Canned peaches: 1st place
- Embroidery: 2nd place
- Sourdough bread 2nd place
- Cherry Pie: 2nd place

Carrie Miller:

- Breeding Goat Champion Fullblood Doe Open & Jr. Show
- Other Breeds Champion Heifer Junior
- Reserve Champion heifer Junior
- Champion Bull Open
- Champion Bull Junior
- Market Hog: 4th place in Showmanship, 3rd and 6th placings
- Several placings in photography

Jackson Williams:

- Market Hog: 2nd Place in Class
- Market Goat: 5th Place in Class
- Market Goat: 8th Place in Class

Other entries from our church family were made by Aiden Bazzle, Beth Bazzle, Edith Burger, Linnette Coaker, Daniel Fleishman, Jenifer Hiner, Gloria Ollice, Corinne Rhodes, Kenley Rhodes and Walter Rhodes.

