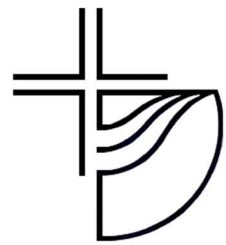


Montezuma Today



November 2023

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We are called to give thanks to the Lord over and over in the Bible. Some variation of the command from Psalm 136:1 appears over 40 times in the Bible! The unifying theme of the Psalms is giving praise to God. We are to give thanks not only for the Lord's goodness and his steadfast love, but for his creative powers (Psalm 136:4-9), his righteousness (Psalm 7:17), his strength (Psalm 28:7), his faithfulness (Psalm 100:1-5), his forgiveness (Psalm 103:1-3), his works (Psalm 111:1-3) and for many other aspects of who God is and what he does.

We often find ourselves giving thanks to God for what he has provided for us or given to us. That gratitude is good! But perhaps we need to spend more time praising God simply for who he is—for his magnificence, his omnipotence, his wisdom, his glory, and his love. During this season of Thanksgiving, may we remember to give thanks to God simply for being our God—and for choosing us to be his children. Thanks be to God!

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.

Salvation Army Meals

Montezuma prepares food for the Salvation Army on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please see Brenda Wine if you would like to donate food or assist with preparing a meal.

Presentation of Bibles

During morning worship on Sunday, November 12, Montezuma will present Bibles to our 3rd and 4th graders: Gunner Dakin, Emily Gray, Luke Gray, Charlie Monger, and Worth Monger.

Holiday Bellfest

Montezuma will be hosting over 40 ringers from 8 different churches for a holiday handbell concert on Saturday, November 18 at 7pm. This is the first time since 2018 that we have been able to have this special event. Plan now to attend and invite your family and friends.

Children's Advent Program

The children's choir has begun rehearsals for their December 3rd Advent Program. All pre-K through elementary aged children are welcome to participate. Please contact Linnette Coaker if you have any questions.

Bridgewater College Outreach

The Witness Commission will once again be providing treats for the Bridgewater College Students as their finals begin. The distribution will be Dec. 1. Please consider donating extra Halloween treats, pre-packaged non-perishable snacks, hot chocolate packets and tea bags, or small gifts of encouragement for the students. There is a collection box in the coat closet in the entryway.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

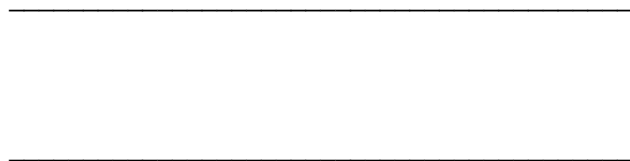
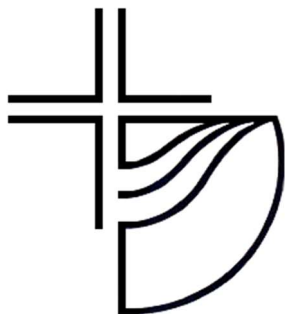
Montezuma will be ringing the bell for the Salvation at the Dayton Farmer's Market on Saturday, December 2. A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway.

12th Night Celebration: January 5

The Nurture Commission will host a 12th Night Celebration on Friday, January 5, 2024. A potluck chili dinner will be served at 6:00pm, followed by carols, games, and the undecorating of the church.

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November Birthdays:

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| 1 Angela Andrews | 13 Jennifer Prawdzik |
| Katie Jackson | 14 Jill Brashears |
| Garrett Cash | Shari Payne |
| Arleigh Mason | Jackson Healy |
| Baker Shifflett | 15 William Grady |
| 2 Cortland Andrews | Corey Shull |
| Scott Showalter | 16 Delmas Harper |
| 4 Larry Carpenter | 17 Mike Bazzle |
| Calvin Lokey | 18 Kai Shifflett |
| Ezra Barnhart | 19 Cody Airey |
| Ethan Dakin | Edith Burger |
| 6 Jeff Harper | David Harback |
| 9 Gloria Horne | Denise Harper |
| Sam Rohrer | 21 Barbara Keller |
| Doug Tumer | Mila Rhodes |
| Titus Smiley | 22 Jordan Smiley |
| 10 April Payne | 24 Yolanda Waggy |
| Drew Richard | Katelyn Will |
| 11 Chris Click | 25 Lisa Moran |
| Katie Richard | 26 Mason Shull |
| | Hayley Daubert |

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| 27 Austin Shifflett |
| Rick Kiser |
| 28 Sarah Craun |
| 30 Jared Ross |
| Lillian Kinsey |

November Anniversaries:

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| 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 2023

Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Oct 1	119	60	\$5,055.00
Oct 8	121	59	\$5,930.00
Oct 15	116	61	\$3,374.00
Oct 22	125	56	\$3,380.00
Oct 29	118	61	\$4,495.00
Oct average per Sun.	120	59	\$4,446.80
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	121	50	\$5,778.78

Special Giving for October 2023

2¢ Meal Offering	\$5.69	In Honor of Mary Frances	
Backpack Program	\$275	Heishman – Sadie Rose Fdn.	\$40
Bellfest Registrations	\$120	In Memory of Johnny Davis	\$1,000
Heritage Festival	\$21,552.75	Open Doors	\$125
Heritage Festival – Ham	\$100	Playground Improvements	\$50
Heritage Festival Vendor Fees	\$70	Sadie Rose Foundation	\$790
In Honor of Mary Frances		Youth Cookbooks	\$90
Heishman – CWS Blankets	\$40	Youth Yard Sale – NYC	\$1,533.39