

Montezuma Today



July/August 2024

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Hebrews 10:24-25

Scripture makes clear that it is important to be part of a body of believers. We are to encourage one another in our spiritual journeys, equip one another for ministry, hold one another accountable, and use all of our collective gifts and talents to serve our Lord. We are blessed to have a wonderful church family here at Montezuma. If you are ready to join our family officially through membership by letter of transfer, affirmation of faith, or baptism, please contact me. It is anticipated that we will receive new members in September. Membership classes for those joining by baptism (and for others who may wish to attend) will be scheduled around the availability of those who have expressed interest. We look forward to embracing new people in our fellowship of believers!

Christmas in July!

The Nurture Commission is planning to have the first ever Chrismon tree at Montezuma during this upcoming Advent/Christmas season, but we need your help to supply Chrismon ornaments for the tree! Chrismons may be donated in memory or honor of a special person(s), or may just simply be donated for the tree. The cost is \$15.00 per Chrismon and all ornaments will become the property of Montezuma to be used in the future. All Chrismons are hand beaded. Samples will be on display on Sunday mornings during the month of July. Donation forms will also be available. The Nurture Commission will make the decision on the style/size of Chrismons selected. A listing of Chrismons donated will be published in the bulletin during the Advent/Christmas season. The last day to provide and donate Chrismons is Sunday, July 28th. We look forward to the Chrismon tree in December! If you have questions, please contact a member of the Nurture Commission. Thanks in advance for your help!

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.

Vacation Bible School

Montezuma hosted an exciting week of Vacation Bible School the week of June 17th. Thirty-eight children learned spent the week learning how to trust God. Eight youth spent the evenings participating in local service projects. The VBS offering raised \$465.52 for Camp Brethren Woods. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and talents to make the week possible.

FaithX Work Camps

The Montezuma Youth will be attending a work camp in Knoxville, Tennessee from July 21-26. We look forward to their sharing in worship on July 28th.

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.

Our Stewardship for June 2024

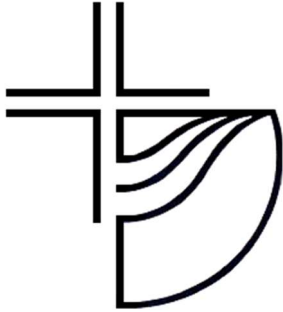
Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
June 2	145	51	\$8,502
June 9	107	56	\$3,958
June 16	109	55	\$3,611
June 23	120	47	\$9,279
June 30	119	49	\$5,278
June average per Sun.	120	52	\$6,125.60
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	125	58	\$6,177.18

Special Giving for June 2024

2 Cent Meal Offering	\$86.63	Playground Improvements	\$300
Brethren Woods	\$1,885	VBS Offering: Brethren Woods	\$465.52
Messenger	\$7.25	Youth Cookbooks/NYC	\$20

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July Birthdays:

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| 1 Dawn Kiser
Cindy McNett | 19 Sallie Hunter
Chad Brooks |
| 6 Jenifer Hiner | 22 David Lilly |
| 7 Cathy Snider | 23 Nancy Shickel |
| 8 Susan Butzler | 26 Cameron Brown
Dennis Hill |
| 9 Dusty Moyer | Ron Bowman |
| 11 Amanda Huffman
Donnie McNett | 30 Jennifer Kiser
Corinne Rhodes
Ashlyn Smiley |
| 12 David Richard | 31 Corinne Crumley
Gloria Heishman
Barbara Moyer
Marshall Smiley |
| 13 Chris Payne
Julie Smith | |
| 14 Amy Brown
Ron Wyrick | |
| 17 Andy Ringgold | |
| 18 Cathy Coceano
Kody Payne | |

August Birthdays:

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| 1 Christopher Lilly
Sam Rhodes | 17 Laura Healy
Jason Payne
Derek Smiley
Gene Wampler |
| 2 David Kuykendall | 18 Heather Barnhart
Jaxson DePoy
Kohen Trent |
| 3 Bobby Guyer
Tina Serrell
Blake Brashears | 19 Fonda Auville
Jonathan Ross
Susan Shull
Robbie Symons
Tom Luzynski |
| 4 William Monger | 20 Eddie Black |
| 5 Lane Bazzle | 22 Joyce Rhodes |
| 7 Roger Moyer | 23 Orva Lambert |
| 8 Lynn Mohler
Kathy Riley
Dick Ryan | 24 Heidi Mason
Elaine Shank
Olivia Fleishman |
| 9 Wanda Driver | 25 Ken McNett
Joyce Sheffer
Abe Evans |
| 11 Brittany Evans
Bobbi Jo Ross | 26 Chad Shipe |
| 12 D.J. Moats
Zach Sease | 27 Sandy Kinsey |
| 13 Dennis Evans | |
| 15 Allison Prawdzik
Logan Wilhelm | |
| 16 Roma Holloway
Lindsay Monger | |

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 Kinlead
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 |
| 23 Vince & Wendy Rhodes |

August Anniversaries:

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| 1 Ken & Joy Monger
Ron & Frankie Bowman |
| 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 |
| 25 Ben & Tammy Hall |