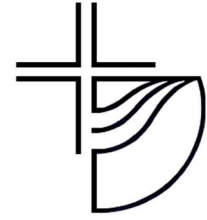


Montezuma Today

September 2024



Church Picnic

The church picnic will be on Sunday, September, 22 at the Hall following Sunday School at approximately 11:45 am. The meal will be carry-in. You are invited to bring main dishes, side dishes and/or desserts. Drinks and table service will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Heritage Festival and Apple Butter

Montezuma's Fall Heritage Festival will be on Saturday, October 19th. A full festival with breakfast, doughnuts, country ham and white beans, BBQ chicken, and bake sale is planned. Vendors selling their goods will be on site and we look forward to live music, too. We will boil apple butter the weekend of October 12th, and make cider the Friday evening before at the home of Gordon and Wanda Driver. Volunteers are needed in all these areas and sign-up sheets will be available soon. We look forward to continuing with this beloved event. Keep on the lookout for updates and information.

Special Meeting: September 8

Montezuma will hold a very brief congregational meeting on Sunday, September 8, at 10:30am immediately following worship to approve Ernie Havener and Sherri Guyer to fill current vacancies on the nominating committee.

September Outreach Offering: Open Doors

Open Doors is a homeless shelter serving Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. They work to provide shelter, compassionate support, and access to services for people who are homeless.

Sunday School For All!

This fall we will be having two Sunday School classes for children – one for PreK/K and one for grades 1-5. New classes will start on Sunday, September 8th. We will have separate Jr. High and Sr. High youth class and continue with our four adult Sunday School classes. There is a class for everyone! Please plan to join one and grow in God's word while getting to know others in the congregation better.

Bridgewater Food Pantry

Due to decreased donations of food and money coupled with serving an increased number of clients, the Bridgewater Food Pantry needs the following items: canned meat, peanut butter, oatmeal packets, pasta sauce, mac and cheese, cereal, and dried beans. Your donations of these items and/or monetary support would be greatly appreciated. If you have further questions, please contact Jeff or Brenda Wine. Thank you very much for your support of our food pantry.

Fall Bible Study

There will be a Bible study this fall on *Samuel: Leader for a Different Tomorrow* from the Brethren Press Covenant Bible Study series. The Bible study will be on Thursday mornings at 10:00am from September 19th through November 7th. Pastor Terri will teach this class.

Membership

If you are ready to join our family officially through membership by letter of transfer, affirmation of faith, or baptism, please contact Pastor Terri. We will receive new members on September 29. Membership classes for those joining by baptism (and for others who may wish to attend) will be September 8 from 3-4:30pm, September 22 from 3-4:30pm, and September 28 from 11am-12:30pm. We look forward to embracing new people in our fellowship of believers!

Deacon Calling

Each September Montezuma Deacons arrange for the calling of new Deacons. This year the calling service will take place on Sunday, September 22nd. During this service deacons are called without nomination via open paper ballots. A sample ballot will be available to the congregation on Sunday, September 15th for review. The office of deacon dates from the New Testament period and is one of the most important offices in the church. Deacons provide care and support to all participants in the congregation; offer spiritual guidance to the church; they practice ministries of hospitality; and they oversee baptisms and Love Feast and communion.

Love Feast: October 6

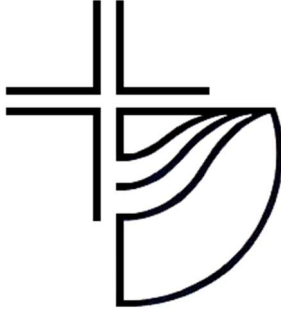
Fall Love Feast is scheduled for Sunday, October 6 after Sunday School in the fellowship hall.

Youth Auction

We are excited to announce our upcoming Montezuma Church of Brethren youth auction on November 8th to raise funds for National Youth Conference. We are seeking donations of items or services; this could include anything from handmade crafts, artwork, gift baskets, and household items, to professional services or experiences such as cooking classes, photography sessions, or vacation rentals. Every contribution, big or small, will make a significant impact. If you would like to contribute, please notify Dustin and Tessa Atkins by November 1st. We can arrange for items to be picked up if needed. Items must be at the Montezuma Hall by Nov. 7th. Thank you in advance for your support and kindness. We look forward to seeing you at the auction and celebrating our collective efforts in supporting Montezuma Church of the Brethren youth.

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September Birthdays:

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| 1 Katie Grant | 15 Debbie Smiley |
| 2 Donna Chandler | Uriah Smiley |
| Charles Cline Jr. | 16 Isaac Shank |
| Cathy Fisher | 18 Jessica Shipe |
| 3 Wanda Hollen | 19 Dwynn Stovall |
| Tom Womble | 21 Ben Barlow |
| Dean Wood | Danelle Ross |
| 4 Allee Coffman | Brenda Wine |
| Carolyn Wenger | 22 Sammy Cox |
| Ralph Rohrer | Laurie Anne Serrell |
| Arlie McNett | Cheryl Simmers |
| 6 Patty Black | 23 Wendell Chandler |
| Donnie Simmons | 24 Jordan Sites |
| Sebastian Fuentes-Serrell | 25 Jennifer Shreiber |
| 7 Betty Click | Tasha Hoover |
| David Shickel | 26 Molly Shickel |
| Naomi Skelton | 27 Devon Kuster |
| 9 Charlie Monger | 28 Lillian Howdysshell |
| 13 Carolyn Cline | Libby Kiser |
| Marsha Shank | Lee Kinsey |
| 14 Susan Kuykendall | 29 Janice Rhodes |
| Wanda Flora | 30 Donnie Jackson |

September Anniversaries:

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| 3 Scott & Diana McNett |
| 4 Robert & Andrea Black |
| Nelson & Frances Shenk |
| 6 Jeremy & Becky Daubert |
| 8 Steve & Connie Stiles |
| 10 Ron & Donna Lou Shickel |
| 13 Mike & Beth Bazzle |
| 16 Ken & Cindy McNett |
| 17 Donnie & Lynn McNett |
| 19 Robert & Patty Black |
| Dennis & Leslie Huffman |
| Kirk & Chris Kuster |
| 20 David & Lisa Shickel |
| 25 David & Susan Kuykendall |
| 27 Josh & Crystal Richard |
| 28 Weldon & Lori Good |

Our Stewardship for July/August 2024

	Attendance		Regular Offering
	Worship	S.S.	
July 7	90	48	\$5,196.00
July 14	130	61	\$5,914.00
July 21	129	62	\$6,047.00
July 28	121	65	\$4,370.00
July Avg	118	59	\$5,381.75
Last 12 mos. average	125	58	\$6,252.52

	Attendance		Regular Offering
	Worship	S.S.	
Aug 4	143	56	\$8,944.00
Aug 11	108	57	\$3,924.00
Aug 18	116	51	\$4,506.00
Aug 25	129	66	\$2,696.00
Aug avg	124	58	\$5,017.50
Last 12 mos. average	125	60	\$6,021.06

Special Giving for July 2024

Chrismons	\$90.00
Messenger Subscriptions	\$75.50
Playground Improvements	\$250
VBS: Brethren Woods	\$69.35
Weekday Religious Education	\$790

Special Giving for August 2024

2c Meal Offering	\$98.44
Bridgewater Food Pantry	\$200
Chrismons	\$1,683.50
Heritage Fest. Vendor Fees	\$40
Messenger Renewals	\$18.63
Playground Improvements	\$200
Salvation Army Meals	\$280
Stone Haven	\$900
Weekday Religious Education	\$100
Youth Cookbooks: NYC	\$40