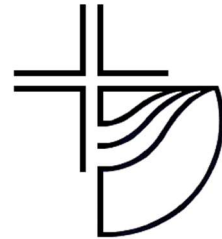


# Montezuma Today



October 2024

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

We had the joy of welcoming eight new members into our family last Sunday.  
Please let them feel Christ's love shared through us.

Blessings,  
Terri

## **J.M. and Lindsay Monger**

JM Monger is from Mount Crawford, VA and graduated from Turner Ashby High School. He was an avid soccer player and went to Roanoke College to play soccer. Lindsay was born in Arlington, VA and grew up right outside of Washington, DC. Lindsay and JM were both business majors and met at Roanoke College. Lindsay moved to Harrisonburg just a few short years after their 2006 graduation. JM and Lindsay married in 2010 and enjoyed their years of traveling and visiting long distance friends until they were blessed with their first child in 2013. They have four children, Charlie (11), Worth (9), Billy (7) and Mary (2). As a family they still love to travel, enjoy the outdoors, go camping, attend football games, play soccer and enjoy all that life and God has to offer.

## **Gary Orebaugh**

After graduating, Gary served 3 years in the U.S. Army. He spent the next 40 years as a sale representative for Rocco Building Supply. He enjoys reading, traveling, sports, and most music

## **Elijah Conrad Gray**

Eli is in the 8th grade at the Miller School of Albemarle. He is a great outdoorsman and loves to hunt and fish. He is a talented baseball player and plays for both his school and on a travel team. Eli is the son of Gary and Carrie Monger and the grandson of John and Ann Monger.

## **Katelyn Allison Hiner**

Katie is a Junior at Turner Ashby High School. She is passionate about dancing and performing in musical shows. She plans to attend Bridgewater College and major in economics. Katie is the daughter of Jenifer Hiner and Ben Hiner and is the granddaughter of Wayne and Linda Waggy. She is a 4th generation Montezuma member.

## **Kenzy Jade Hiner**

Kenzy graduated from Turner Ashby High School last year and is now a freshman at JMU where she is majoring in physics and minoring in education. Kenzy plans to be a physics teacher in the future. After many years of participating in dance and musicals, she is now teaching dance. Kenzy attended Camp Brethren Woods from K-9th grade and worked at Brethren Woods last summer. Kenzy is the daughter of Jenifer Hiner and Ben Hiner and is the granddaughter of Wayne and Linda Waggy. She is also a 4th generation Montezuma member.

## **Kenley Annette Rhodes**

Kenley is a freshman at Turner Ashby High School. She loves volleyball and plays on the Turner Ashby JV volleyball team. Kenley also loves participating in FFA and hanging out with her best buddies. Kenley is the daughter of Vince and Wendy Rhodes and the granddaughter of Gordon and Wanda Driver.

## **Walter Allen Rhodes**

Walter is in his junior year at Turner Ashby High School where he competes on the Turner Ashby wrestling and track teams. Walter plans to obtain a degree in business and then work in the family business. He is the son of Vince and Wendy Rhodes and the grandson of Gordon and Wanda Driver.

## Love Feast: October 6

There will be a Love Feast service on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am at the Hall. Lunch will be provided, and families are encouraged to sit together.

## 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.

## District Conference: November 1-2

The Shenandoah District Conference will be held November 1-2. The program will get underway on Friday, evening November 1, at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren. On Saturday, November 2, Harrisonburg First Church of the Brethren will host the delegates and others who wish to attend beginning at 8:00am.

## Heritage Festival

Plans are underway for the annual Heritage Festival! We will press cider on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Driver's home (7819 War Branch Road, Rockingham), and make apple butter Saturday, October 12<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 19<sup>th</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 12<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. 3

Montezuma will meet for its fall business meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 3. The meeting will include calling leadership for 2025, and approving the 2025 budget. A packet of reports, YTD 2024 financials, the proposed 2025 budget, and a list of appointments and leaders will be available to the congregation on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## School Backpack Program for 2024-2025

Montezuma is once again participating in the Backpack Program for Ottobine Elementary School by helping to supplement weekend meals for twelve 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
- Fruit bars and/or granola bars
- 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
- 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:

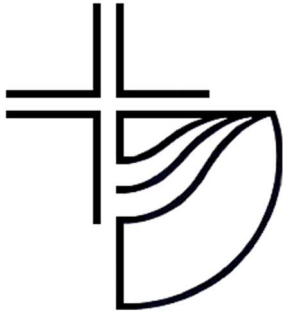
- \*\* no glass containers or homemade food items \*\*
- \*\* make sure all expiration dates are June 2025 or later \*\*

## Fall Bible Study

The Fall Bible study based on *Samuel: Leader for a Different Tomorrow* from the Brethren Press Covenant Bible Study series is underway. Pastor Terri is leading this class on Thursday mornings at 10:00am through November 7th.

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**October Birthdays:**

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

**October Anniversaries:**

- 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 2024**

	Attendance		Regular Offering
	Worship	Sunday School	
Sept 1	109	52	\$7,059.00
Sept 8	115	53	\$6,174.00
Sept 15	111	60	\$5,928.00
Sept 22	133	74	\$2,836.00
Sept 29	160	68	\$3,047.00
Sept average per Sun.	126	61	\$5,008.80
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	126	60	