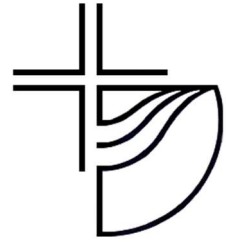


# Montezuma Today

November 2024

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Giving thanks is an essential part of our worship. The Psalmist tells us over 50 times to give thanks. We are to give thanks to God for his goodness, for his steadfast love, for his care and protection over all his creation, for his forgiveness of our sins, and for all he is and all he has done for us. This season of Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to consider all that is meaningful and holy in our lives.

As I celebrate my second anniversary here at Montezuma, I am deeply thankful to be part of a loving faith family. I give thanks to God for each of you!

In Christ's service,  
Terri

## Youth Auction

The youth auction will be on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hall. The doors open at 5:30pm, and the auction begins at 6:30pm. In addition to the auction, the youth will be selling hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies.

We are currently accepting donations of items or services to be auctioned. These can include handmade crafts, artwork, gift baskets, household items, as well as professional services or unique experiences such as cooking classes, photography sessions, or vacation rentals.

If you have items to donate, they can be dropped off at the Hall on Wednesday or Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. To arrange a different time to donate items, or if you have items that need to be picked up, please contact Dustin and Tessa Atkins.

This event is organized to help raise funds for the National Youth Conference, and we deeply appreciate your support in making it a success.

## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Montezuma will be ringing the bell for the Salvation at the Dayton Farmer's Market on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

## Salvation Army Meals

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

## 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 is available. We will have Sunday School following the business meeting.

## Presentation of Bibles

During morning worship on Sunday, November 10, Montezuma will present Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. If you have a student in third grade or above who has not received a Bible, please contact Brad Smith, Nurture Chair, ASAP.

## Hurricane Relief

Montezuma has already raised over \$4,000 for Hurricane Relief, in addition to the donations from the Agape Sunday School Class. To make a donation, make your check out to Montezuma COB and designate it for Hurricane Relief. The Witness Commission is working through Black Mountain Presbyterian Church in North Carolina. More information about their organization can be found on their website: [www.bmpcnc.org/relief](http://www.bmpcnc.org/relief)

## 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.

## Children's Christmas Program

The children's Christmas Program will be presented on December 15<sup>th</sup> during morning worship. If your child would like to participate, please contact Karen Fleishman.

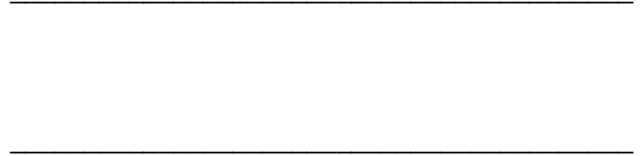
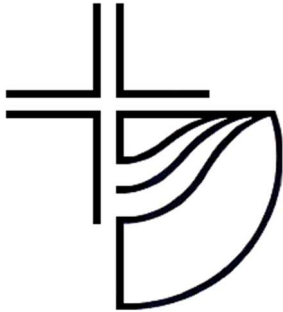
## Thank you

My deepest thanks and kind regards to the people of your congregation for their kind support. -Marek K.

If you would like to send Marek a Christmas card, international stamps and his address are available in the church office.

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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 |
| 28 Sarah Craun      |
| 30 Jared Ross       |
| Lillian Kinsey      |

**November Anniversaries:**

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| 9 Roy & Juanita Swartz     |
| 10 Delmas & Denise Harper  |
| 11 Gene & Joyce Sheffer    |
| 14 David & Shelby Click    |
| 18 Thomas & Jill Brashears |
| 25 Ken & Sue Miller        |
| 26 Scott & Heidi Mason     |

**Our Stewardship for October 2024**

**Attendance**

	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Regular Offering</b>
Oct 6	117	59	\$12,135.22
Oct 13	132	64	\$3,050.00
Oct 20	131	66	\$6,380.00
Oct 27	125	63	\$4,128.00
Oct average per Sun.	126	63	\$6,423.31
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	127	60	\$6,100.53

**Special Giving for October 2024**

2¢ Meal Offering	\$115.43	Messenger	\$14.50
Elevator	\$200,000.00	Open Doors	\$75.00
Heritage Festival (gross)	\$22,468.50	Playground Improvements	\$40,300.00
Heritage Festival Vendor Fees	\$80.00	Sadie Rose Foundation	\$660.00
Hurricane Relief	\$4,060.00	Salvation Army Meals	\$20.00
In Memory of Orva Lambert	\$100.00	Youth Cookbooks	\$20.00