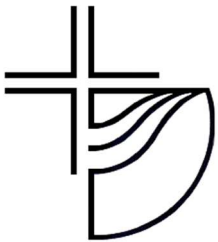


# Montezuma Today

February 2025

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*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.*  
John 1:14

The Deacon Bible Study, based on the book *What is God's Mission in the World and How Do We Join It?* by Juan Francisco Martinez and Jamie Pitts, will help us see how Montezuma's new vision and mission statements reflect God's mission for the church universal. The first chapter of the book is titled, "God's Mission Looks like Jesus." What better example could there be? Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am or on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. at the church beginning on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The study will continue for eight weeks. We hope to see many members of our church family engage in this study.

In Christ's service,  
Terri

### Montezuma's Vision Statement

Montezuma's vision is to be a welcoming community where God is glorified, Christ's love is reflected in our actions, and lives are transformed.

### Montezuma's Mission Statement

As a Christ-centered faith family, we strive to embody the love of Jesus by embracing all, encouraging spiritual growth, and helping to meet the needs of our neighbors, near and far, through our care, compassion, and service.

## Christmas Card Project

Christmas card greetings were received from the below list of people. Over \$900 was collected. The Agape and Upward Way Sunday School classes added to this amount, and Heifer Project International has been sent a check for \$1,710 from this project.

Sara, Dustin & Tessa Atkins	Kenny & Sue Miller
Pansy Auville	John & Ann Monger
Eddie & Nellie Black	Roger & Barbara Moyer
Edith & Melvin Burger	Gary Orebaugh & Gloria Ollice
Billy & Debbie Burkholder	Gary & Eleanor Payne
Mike & Stephanie Diehl	Joyce Rhodes
Gordon & Wanda Driver	Kenny & Linda Rhodes
Phil & Ramona Evans	Tom & Barbara Ross
John & Karen Fleishman	Jim & Lavonne Rusmisl
Mary Frances Heishman	Nelson & Frances Shenk
Carole Hoover	Wade & Cat Showalter
Gloria Horne	Helen Shickel
Mary & Donnie Jackson	David & Sheila Skelton
John, Amy, Heather & Ashley Knott	Brad, Julie, Jared, Nathan & Noah Smith
Sharon Layman	Tony & Dwynn Stovall
Terri & Tom Luzynski	Gary & Missy Vandevander

## Lenten Devotionals

Lenten Devotional books from Brethren Press entitled *Take Up Your Cross* will be available soon in the entryway.

## Superbowl Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Please join the youth for a Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off on February 9<sup>th</sup> after Sunday school at Montezuma Hall! Enjoy delicious chili and support our youth through a free-will offering benefiting the National Youth Conference. Interested in entering a chili recipe? Let Dustin or Tessa know by February 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship with you!

## Tenderloin Feast

We will be having a Tenderloin Drive Thru Meal on Feb. 22, 2025. Tickets are available for two pickup times; noon and 3pm. The cost is \$17/ticket, and includes pork tenderloin & gravy, macaroni & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, homemade bread, cranberry salad, and a cookie. The proceeds will benefit the Montezuma Church of the Brethren Building Improvement Fund

Help will be needed on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Stephanie Diehl to purchase tickets: (540) 908-8075

## February Outreach Offering – Gideons International

In February 2025, Montezuma's special offering supports the Gideons International, an organization dedicated to making Bibles available to everyone and, together with local churches, reaching souls for Christ.

## Ash Wednesday Service

There will be an Ash Wednesday service on March 5<sup>th</sup> with a simple meal provided at 5:30pm at the Hall, and the service at 6:15pm in the church sanctuary. The service will conclude in time for choir practice at 7:00pm.

## Weekday Religious Education Concert

You are invited to attend WRE's 2025 Choral Presentation, *Light of the Lord*, on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Spotswood High School Gymnasium. This is a mountaintop experience in which WRE students from 15 Rockingham County elementary schools are brought together to sing and praise the Lord.

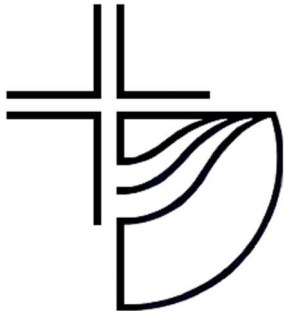
## Graduate Recognition

Montezuma will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> during worship. If you or someone you know has graduated high school, college, or trade school within the last year, please let the Nurture Commission know so we can include all graduates. Members of that commission are Diana Havener (chair), Ramona Evans, Dwynn Stovall, Danelle Ross and Dustin Atkins.

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**February Birthdays:**

1	Nathan Smith	9	Kim Wyrick	16	Justin Berry	25	John Knott
	Noah Smith	10	Amy Vandevander	17	Kayla Kuster		Lisa Tumer
3	Helen Shickel	11	Peter Barlow	19	Joel Hottel	27	Gordon Miller
	Patty Skelton		Katy Roche		Norlyn Miller		Juanita Swartz
4	Trey Daubert		Sam Shickel	21	Mary Jane Cox		Elaine Fike
	Jacob Ross	12	Aaron Brunk		Bonnie Guyer	28	John Monger
5	Piper Brown		Damian Hinkle	22	Quinn Rhodes		
	Mac Rhodes	13	Kenny Miller		Wanda Wampler		
6	Louise Grady		Annie Wilhelm	23	Don Click		
	Barbara Ross	14	Trevor Barnhart	24	Ray Coffman		
	Hunter Shipe	15	Ron Black		Janelle Weaver		
7	Kari Ostlund		Dawn Guillooy				
8	Monica Burkholder		Kenzy Hiner				
	Ben Hall		Nelson Shenk				
			Penelope Smiley				

**February Anniversaries:**

2	Robbie & Dena Symons
27	Dick & Bonnie Ryan

**Our Stewardship for December 2024**

Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Dec 1	134	66	\$9,348.98
Dec 8	149	75	\$5,892.00
Dec 15	164	65	\$4,371.00
Dec 22	231	69	\$12,592.25
Christmas Eve	169	--	
Dec 29	126	61	\$5,665.00
Dec average per Sun.	162	67	\$7,573.85
Last 12 mos. average per	129	61	\$6,007.31
Special Giving for December 2024			
Brethren Woods Scholarship Fund	\$400	Deacon Mercy Fund	\$3,000
Bridgewater Food Pantry	\$570	Fall Festival – Apple Butter	\$16
Carpet & Pew Fund	\$1,000	Hurricane Relief	\$2,700
CWS Blanket Fund	\$100	Playground Improvements	\$175

**Our Stewardship for January 2025**

Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Jan 5	141	74	\$9,019.00
Jan 12	130	66	\$4,332.00
Jan 19	*** church cancelled due to inclement weather ***		
Jan 26	139	79	\$11,413.00
Jan average per Sun.	137	73	\$6,191.00
Last 12 mos. average per	131	61	\$6,045.29
Special Giving for January 2025			
2 Cent Meal Offering	\$61.25	In Memory of Edna Shickel	\$25
Backpack Program	\$475	Memorial Meals	\$200
Bridgewater Food Pantry	\$100	Playground Improvements	\$100
In Memory of Donnie Sheffer	\$100		