

Montezuma Today

November 2025

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*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

1 Chronicles 16:34

As I begin my 4th year at Montezuma, I give thanks to God for the many ways our congregation has been blessed. God has brought to us a new vision and mission for our future service to him. New opportunities for sharing God's love in our community have been brought to fruition. Since Nov. 1, 2022, we have welcomed 29 new members, 10 of them through baptism. Our average worship attendance has increased by about 25% and we have added two new Sunday School classes. We have hired new staff and celebrated those who served faithfully for years. Many improvement projects have been completed—with more to come. Perhaps the greatest blessing is that we continue to be able to serve God together as a united faith family. Praise be to God!

In Christ's service,
Terri

Fall Church Business Meeting: Nov. 2

Montezuma will meet for its fall business meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 3. The meeting will include calling leadership for 2026 and approving the 2026 budget. A packet of reports, year to date 2025 financials, the proposed 2026 budget, and a list of appointments and leaders is available on the ushers table in the entryway. We will have Sunday School following the business meeting.

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.

Salvation Army Meals

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

Youth Auction

The youth auction will be on Friday, November 14th 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 12th or 13th. 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.

Bellfest

Montezuma will once again host the holiday handbell concert on Saturday, November 22, at 7:00 pm. There will be approximately 40 ringers from six area churches. Invite your family and friends to join us for this wonderful evening of worship through music

First Sunday of Advent Meal

The Nurture Commission invites you to a Potato and Salad Bar Meal on Sunday, November 30, 2025, immediately following Sunday School to celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway on Sunday mornings for contributions of salad and potato toppers. Come celebrate the season with your faith family!

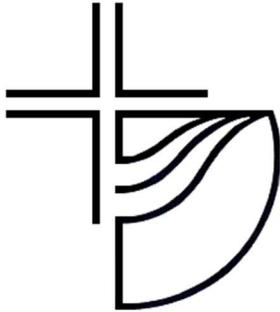
All Sunday School classes are invited and encouraged to decorate their rooms for the holidays by November 30 so that we can all tour the rooms and enjoy your creativity.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Montezuma will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Dayton Farmer's Market on two Saturdays, Dec. 6th and Dec. 13th from 3:00-6:00 pm each day. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

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November Birthdays:

1	Angela Andrews Garrett Cash Katie Jackson Arleigh Mason Baker Shifflett	13	Jennifer Prawdzik	27	Austin Shifflett
2	Cortland Andrews Scott Showalter	14	Jill Brashears Jackson Healy Shari Payne	28	Sarah Craun
4	Ezra Barnhart Larry Carpenter Ethan Dakin Calvin Lokey	15	Corey Shull	30	Jared Ross Lillian Kinsey
6	Jeff Harper	16	Delmas Harper		
9	Gloria Horne Sam Rohrer Titus Smiley Doug Tumer	17	Mike Bazzle		
10	April Payne Drew Richard	18	Kai Shifflett		
11	Chris Click Dona Johnson Chris Click Katie Richard	19	Cody Airey Edith Burger David Harback Denise Harper		
		21	Barbara Keller Mila Rhodes		
		22	Jordan Smiley		
		24	Yolanda Waggy Katelyn Will		
		25	Lisa Moran		
		26	Hayley Daubert Mason Shull		

November Anniversaries:

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 2025

Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Oct 5	150	74	\$7,859.00
Oct 12	120	58	\$5,132.19
Oct 19	147	51	\$5,706.96
Oct 26	118	52	\$7,600.00
Oct average per Sun.	134	59	\$6,574.54
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	136	60	\$6,327.14

Special Giving for October 2025

Backpack Program	\$200.00	Pews & Carpet	\$200.00
Bellfest	\$120.00	Playground Improvements	\$200.00
Heritage Festival (ham)	\$200.00	Sadie Rose Foundation	\$555.00
Heritage Festival (gross)	\$22,862.20	Shen. Distr. Disaster Fund	\$500.00
Heritage Festival (vendor fees)	\$90.00		