

# Montezuma Today



October 2025

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*But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

1 John 1:7

On October 5th, Montezuma will recognize World Communion Sunday with a family-style Love Feast at the Montezuma Hall, beginning at 11:45 am. Love Feast is central to who we are as Brethren who seek to follow the ways of Christ. When we gather around the Love Feast tables, we are reminded of our relationship with Jesus our Lord and Savior and of our relationship with one another. With Love Feast on World Communion Sunday, we have the opportunity to embrace our unity with Christians around the world. All are invited to attend the service and to partake of the meal. All believers are invited to share in the bread and cup communion. All baptized believers are welcome to participate in the washing of feet (or hands). We look forward to celebrating this ordinance with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christ's service,  
Terri

## Heritage Festival

Plans are underway for the annual Heritage Festival! We will press cider on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at the Driver's home (7819 War Branch Road, Rockingham), and make apple butter Saturday, October 11<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, Oct. 11, beginning at 7am. 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 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7am, 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 11<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!

## District Conference: November 7-8

The Shenandoah District Conference will be held November 7-8. The program will get underway on Friday, evening November 7, at Sangerville Church of the Brethren. On Saturday, November 8 at 8:00am, Mill Creek Church of the Brethren will host the business sessions for delegates and others who wish to attend.

## School Backpack Program for 2025-2026

Montezuma is once again participating in the Backpack Program for Ottobine Elementary School by helping to supplement weekend meals to children. This program is funded by generous donations from our congregation throughout the year and by 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 kits, which 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 2026 or later \*\*

## Fall Church Business Meeting: Nov. 2

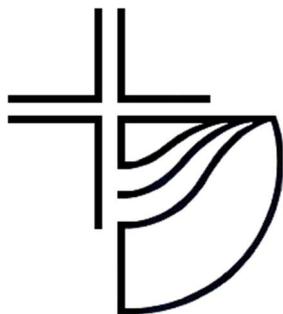
Montezuma will meet for its fall business meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 2. The meeting will include calling leadership for 2026, and approving the 2026 budget. A packet of reports, YTD 2025 financials, the proposed 2026 budget, and a list of appointments and leaders will be available to the congregation on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

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**October Birthdays:**

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

**October Anniversaries:**

- 1 Mike & Dorita Webster
- 2 John & Susan Butzler
- 3 Clint & Anne Marie Depoy
- 6 Austin & Olivia Shifflett
- 17 Brad & Julie Smith
- 26 Wayne & Linda Waggy

**Our Stewardship for September 2025**

	Attendance		Regular Offering
	Worship	Sunday School	
Sept 7	140	67	\$9,170.00
Sept 14	124	58	\$3,206.00
Sept 21	117	56	\$4,551.00
Sept 28	121	53	\$4,903.00
Sept average per Sun.	126	61	\$5,457.50
Last 12 mos. average per Sun.	126	60	