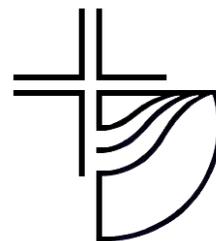


# Montezuma Today

February 2026

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## 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.

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole.*  
—Isaiah 53:5

As we approach the season of Lent, we have the opportunity to participate in the Deacons' Bible Study, based on the *Passion of Jesus*, from the Covenant Bible Studies, by Richard B. Gardner. The study walks through the passion narrative from the Gospel of Mark, chapters 11–16. Please join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm or on Thursdays at 10:00 am at the church. The Tuesday study will begin on Feb. 3 and the Thursday study will begin Feb. 5; both will continue for eight weeks. Let us be intentional about our discipleship.

In Christ's service,  
Terri

## Vacation Bible School

VBS will be Jun. 15–19 at Montezuma. Details to follow.

## Lenten Devotionals

Lenten Devotional books from Brethren Press entitled *The Wondrous Works of God* will be available downstairs on Sun., Feb. 1.

## Superbowl Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Please join the youth for a Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off on Feb. 8 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 or a dessert? Sign up in the entryway by Feb. 6. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship with you!

## Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday service will be from 6:15–7:00 pm on Feb. 18 in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. The service will be contemplative in nature, and the imposition of ashes will be offered. The pre-service meal will be at 5:30 pm at the Hall. The meal will be simple (soup, bread, and fruit). Please join us for this time of reflection as we enter the season of Lent.

## Tenderloin Feast

The Montezuma Tenderloin Drive-Thru Meal will be on Sat., Feb. 28. Pick-up times will be 1:00 and 3:00 pm at Montezuma Hall. The meal will include baked pork tenderloin and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, homemade rolls, cranberry salad, and cookies. The price for the meal is \$17. Contact Stephanie Diehl (540-908-8075) to reserve tickets. Let friends and family know so they may reserve tickets. Sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteer help will be in the entryway in February.

## February Outreach Offering: Gideons International

In February 2026, 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.

## Weekday Religious Education Concert

You are invited to attend WRE's 2026 Choral Presentation, *The Lord Is My Shepherd*, on Sat., Mar. 14 at 4:00 pm at the Spotswood High School Gymnasium. WRE students from 15 elementary schools in Rockingham County are encouraged to participate in this mountaintop experience, allowing our community a chance to witness what WRE is all about.

## Christmas Card Project

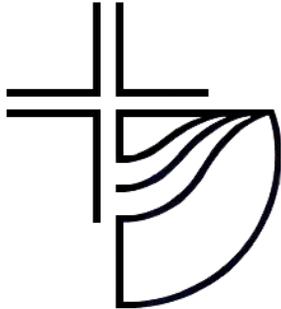
The Agape Class appreciates the cards shared and donations received during the Christmas Card Project for Heifer International. The church family donated \$1,131; the Agape Class added an additional \$869 for a total of \$2,000 to use for meeting the needs of people through this organization. Your generosity will bless many individuals in need near and far. Thank you again.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dustin & Tessa Atkins     | Pastor Terri & Tom          |
| Pansy Auville             | Luzynski                    |
| Bob & Patty Black         | John & Ann Monger           |
| Eddie & Nellie Black      | Roger & Barbara Moyer       |
| Melvin & Edith Burger     | Gary Orebaugh & Gloria      |
| Billy & Debbie Burkholder | Ollice                      |
| Betty Click               | Gary & Eleanor Payne        |
| Mike & Stephanie Diehl    | Joyce Rhodes                |
| Phil & Ramona Evans       | Kenny & Linda Rhodes        |
| Wanda Flora               | Tom & Barbara Ross          |
| Randy & Mary Lou Glick    | Jim & Lavonne Rusmisl       |
| Bill & Gloria Heishman    | Dick & Bonnie Ryan          |
| Mary Frances Heishman     | Gene & Joyce Sheffer        |
| Gloria Horne              | Helen Shickel               |
| Donnie & Mary Jackson     | David & Sheila Skelton      |
| Lee, Sandy, and Lillian   | Brad, Julie, Jared, Nathan, |
| Kinsey                    | and Noah Smith              |
| John, Amy, Heather, and   | The Vandevander and Trent   |
| Ashley Knott              | families: Gary, Missy,      |
| Sharon Layman             | Amanda, Presley,            |
|                           | Karen, and Lincoln          |

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**February Birthdays:**

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

**February Anniversaries:**

|                        |
|------------------------|
| 2 Robbie & Dena Symons |
| 27 Dick & Bonnie Ryan  |

**Our Stewardship for December 2025**

| Attendance                   |         |               |                                      |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
|                              | Worship | Sunday School | Regular Offering                     |
| Dec 7                        | 133     | 70            | \$7,821.00                           |
| Dec 14                       | 183     | 72            | \$14,667.5                           |
| Dec 21                       | 128     | 57            | \$6,272.00                           |
| Dec 24                       | 203     | --            | --                                   |
| Dec 28                       | 112     | 43            | \$5,055.29                           |
| Dec. avg. per service        | 152     | 61            | Dec. avg. per Sun. \$8,453.95        |
| Last 12 mo. avg. per service | 137     | 59            | Last 12 mo. avg. per Sun. \$6,489.58 |

**Special Giving for December 2025**

|                         |            |                           |            |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| \$0.02 Meal Offering    | \$114.73   | Deacons' Mercy Fund       | \$50.00    |
| Backpack Program        | \$20.00    | National Youth Conference | \$600.00   |
| Bellfest                | \$120.00   | Parsonage Repairs         | \$5,000.00 |
| Bridgewater Food Pantry | \$1,070.00 | Playground Improvements   | \$150.00   |
| CWS Blankets            | \$20.00    | NYC (Cookbook)            | \$10.00    |

**Our Stewardship for January 2026**

| Attendance                   |         |               |                                      |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
|                              | Worship | Sunday School | Regular Offering                     |
| Jan 4                        | 121     | 51            | \$6,926.00                           |
| Jan 11                       | 117     | 52            | \$4,798.00                           |
| Jan 18                       | 135     | 62            | \$5,531.00                           |
| Jan 25 (canceled/snow)       | --      | --            | \$0.00                               |
| Jan avg. per service         | 124     | 55            | Jan. avg. per Sun. \$4,313.75        |
| Last 12 mo. avg. per service | 136     | 58            | Last 12 mo. avg. per Sun. \$6,358.35 |

**Special Giving for January 2026**

|                      |            |                         |            |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| \$0.02 Meal Offering | \$74.28    | Disaster Fund           | \$1,000.00 |
| Backpack Program     | \$555.00   | Heifer Project          | \$100.00   |
| Deacons' Mercy Fund  | \$1,000.00 | Playground Improvements | \$50.00    |