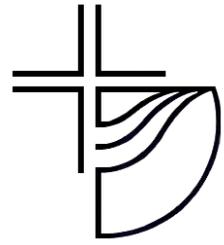


Montezuma Today



March 2026

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*As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul
longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God. When shall I come and
behold the face of God?*

—Psalm 42:1-2

For the entire month of March, we will be in the season of Lent. This is a time to seek forgiveness and cleansing of sin from our hearts and our minds. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from habits, practices, and actions that impede our right relationship with God and with others. It is also a time to make space for God in our lives so that his light and love will be able to transform us into the people he created us to be. This is a journey that is deeply personal, as only we truly know the status of our hearts. However, it is also a journey shared as brothers and sisters in Christ. As believers, we are all moving toward the cross together. When we come together for worship on Sunday mornings, we find encouragement and support for our faith walk. When we gather for our Maundy Thursday Love Feast, we are reminded of the beautiful relationship of all disciples to one another and to the Christ we serve. When we greet Easter morning at the end of Lent, we will, as one, celebrate our Risen Savior. May each day of this season strengthen our faith and draw us closer to our Lord.

In Christ's service,
Terri

March Outreach: Special Love

Special Love provides a strong, nurturing environment for children with cancer and their families through its free camps and getaway weekends, emergency financial assistance, virtual programs, and educational scholarships for young adults who have beaten cancer and now want to move on with their lives.

Bell Choir Practice

The bell choir will practice on Mar. 9, 16, and 23 at 6:15 p.m.

Turner Ashby Musical

This year's Turner Ashby musical, "The Little Mermaid," will be Mar. 12-14 at 7:00 p.m. and Mar. 15 at 2:00 p.m. Katie Hiner will be in the ensemble. Tickets are now on sale at <https://tahs.booktix.com>.

WRE Concert

You are invited to attend WRE's 2026 choral presentation, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," on Sat., Mar. 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the Spotswood High School gymnasium. This is a mountaintop experience in which WRE students from 15 local elementary schools are brought together to sing and praise the Lord.

Maundy Thursday

Our Maundy Thursday Love Feast will be at 6:30 p.m. on Apr. 2 at Montezuma Hall.

Community Easter Celebration

Montezuma's Witness Commission is hosting a community Easter Celebration on Sat., Mar. 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. The children will hear the Easter story and then participate in an Easter egg hunt. Light refreshments will be served to the children and their parents. Please invite your friends, families, and neighbors.

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast

We will have a Sunrise Easter Service at 6:30 a.m. on Apr. 5, followed by a breakfast from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at Montezuma Hall, hosted by our youth. Donations will support the youth trip to the 2026 NYC. More information will be shared as plans are finalized.

Disaster Auction

The Disaster Auction will be held at the Rockingham County Fair on May 15 and 16. The church family can participate in this event in many ways. Check the bulletin board for further information. Contacts are Marsha Shank for general questions (540-421-5243), Ralph Rohrer for barbecue chicken (540-908-8021), and Becky Daubert for doughnuts (540-209-3865). You are also invited to collect change for Brethren Disaster Ministries. Donations of baked goods and theme baskets (with a value of at least \$25) are needed. The Sow and Grow Program is available to anyone who would take the \$10 given to our church and turn it into a project that could bring in \$20, 50, \$200, etc. Contact the church office for more information about Sow and Grow.

Brethren Woods Summer Camp

Brethren Woods summer camp registration is now open! Kenzy Hiner will be working at the camp this summer, so kids who attend will see a familiar face. For details or to register, visit brethrenwoods.org. Montezuma will assist with your child's registration fee. Contact Wendy Rhodes.

Graduate Recognition

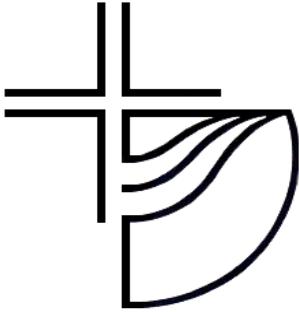
Montezuma will be recognizing our graduates on Sun., Jun. 7 during worship. If you or someone you know has graduated from high school, college, or trade school within the last year, or will graduate by June, please notify Nurture so we can include all graduates.

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates! VBS is slated for Jun. 15-19 at Montezuma. We will collaborate with Dayton COB and extend VBS to five evenings this year. We could use volunteers to help with crafts, recreation, science, or Bible story stations; serve as group leaders; help decorate; be part of the opening/closing skits; or help with the evening meal. Please contact Stephanie Diehl or Julie Smith if you are willing to help with VBS.

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March Birthdays:

1	Donna Brunk Orva Showalter Amanda Trent	13	Shevonne Fulton Lindsey Richard	26	David Mason Mary Monger Vince Rhodes
2	Andrew Skelton	14	David Glick Susan Kinkead	27	Brent Burkholder Chloe Eye Alayna Patterson Fred Shank
3	Claire Williams	15	Beth Tyler	28	Alanah Brashears Paula Brown Zayda Whitmer Scott Yelverton
4	Gretel Layne Alexander Shank	16	Josh Kinkead Carol Lena Miller	29	Anne Marie Depoy
5	Iva Barlow Julia Rohrer Jared Smith	18	Carol Martin		
6	Noah Sites	20	Hannah Allman Avery Andrews Eleanor Payne Tanner Shifflett		
7	Steve Glick		Jeff Wine		
8	Sue Miller Owen Strawderman	21	Pansy Auville		
11	Brooklyn Airey Paige Eavers Daniel Fleishman	22	Charles Airey John Coaker Judy Hill		
12	Lori Good Jacob Lilly	23	Vincent Cash		
		24	Sadie Wilhelm		

March Anniversaries:

2	Gordon & Wanda Driver
28	David & Wilamena Harback

Our Stewardship for February 2026

Attendance			
	Worship	Sun. School	Regular Offering
Feb. 1	104	54	Feb. 1 \$16,894.00
Feb. 8	120	58	Feb. 8 \$5,048.00
Feb. 15	141	64	Feb. 15 \$8,034.00
Feb. 18	52	(Ash Wed.)	Feb. 18 --
Feb. 22	133	69	Feb. 22 \$3,875.00
Feb. avg. per Sunday	125	61	Feb. avg. per Sunday \$8,462.75
Last 12 mo. avg. per Sun.	134	58	Last 12 mo. avg. per Sun. \$6,662.84

Special Giving for February 2026

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering	\$99.99	In Memory of Elaine Shank	\$685.00
Backpack Program	\$105.00	In Memory of Bob Guyer	\$35.00
Chili Meal for NYC	\$914.00	Tenderloin Meal	\$50.00
Gideons	\$1,215.00	Playground Improvements	\$50.00