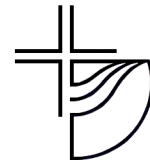


Montezuma Today



July/August 2026

In the same way, let your light shine before others ...
Matthew 5:16a

On July 14, five of our youth and two advisors will board the district bus to travel to Estes Park Colorado for National Youth Conference. They will worship, attend workshops and small groups, participate in service projects, and have a whole lot of fun while growing spiritually and making new friends from around the country. Thank you for your tremendous support of the youth as they raised money over the last four years to fund this trip. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth, and they will be excited to share about their NYC experience during worship on July 26. Please plan to attend.

We welcome with love our newest members:

Roger & Sonja Bible: Sonja was born in Louisville, KY, where her father was stationed in the Army. When Sonja was 2, the family moved back to Staunton, VA—her parents' original home. She attended Robert E. Lee High School and graduated from Bridgewater College. After college, she started her career at Harrisonburg Social Services, working with foster children, child protective services, and adoption. She met Roger, who was working in banking, and they married, moving to Bridgewater. She then worked as a juvenile probation officer but resigned to care for their son, Brian, after he was diagnosed with leukemia. Brian passed away at age 7, and Sonja then returned to work as a counselor at Staunton Correctional Center. After employment there, she returned to Harrisonburg as Director of Social Services. After 10 years, she finished her working career in adult protective services at Staunton Social Services. Sonja's hobbies include diamond art, cross-stitch, and reading.

Roger was born in Rockingham County and graduated from Broadway High School. He worked in banking for 38 years in Staunton and Harrisonburg areas. For the past 35 years, he has lived in Bridgewater. Roger met Sonja while employed in Harrisonburg. Roger's hobbies include fishing, reading, and hunting.

Roger & Sonja joined Montezuma by letter of transfer and currently reside at Bridgewater Retirement Community.

Trey Daubert, who joined Montezuma by baptism, is the 15-year-old son of Jeremy & Becky Daubert. He will be attending Turner Ashby as a sophomore this fall. He is involved with organizations like 4-H, FFA, and Holstein, and competes in sports like cross-country and track & field. Trey enjoys competing with his dairy cattle at the local, state, and national level.

Dylan Parmeter, who joined Montezuma by baptism, works at Silver Lake Welding and is a Montezuma native. He spends his free time socializing with friends, mastering the craft of cooking, and volunteering with the church. He has a passion for helping others and is always lending a hand to those in need.

July Outreach Offering: Weekday Religious Education

Weekday Religious Education provides religious education to second, third, and fourth graders in Rockingham County Elementary Schools. Each week, students explore a story from the Bible, are prayed with, and are encouraged during the lesson time. Every student who participates in WRE also receives a new hardcover Bible.

August Outreach Offering: Stone Haven

Stone Haven's vision is to offer a safe space in Central Virginia for survivors of sexual exploitation to come and do the hard work of healing. They hope to have property in the Rockingham County area with a home and plenty of space to breathe: a place for women to live in community and learn from one other.

National Youth Conference: Key Dates

- July 5: Parent/youth meeting (after Sunday School)
- July 12: NYC Commissioning (during worship)
- July 14–25: NYC trip to Estes Park, CO
- July 26: NYC Sunday

More information will be coming soon.

Montezuma Solos: July 10

The Solos will meet on Friday, July 10, from 4:00–8:00 pm at Wildwood Park in Bridgewater. We will play a game and eat, so please bring a food item to share.

Church Picnic: August 2

Our church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 2, at the church. More information will be coming soon.

Brethren Woods DOAC: August 25–27

Brethren Woods Camp & Retreat Center is holding its very first District Older Adult Camp. This new program for older adults is scheduled for August 25–27. Visit <https://brethrenwoods.org/doac/> for more information. Call 540-269-2741 or email camp@brethrenwoods.org to register by Friday, August 14.

Our Stewardship for June 2026

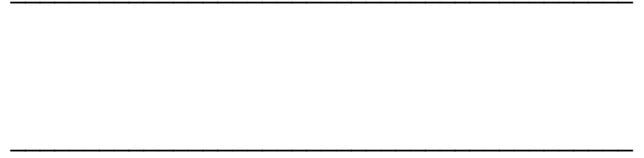
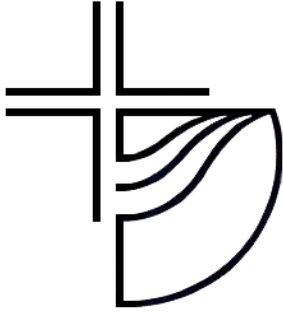
	Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
June 7	155	77	\$6,698.00
June 14	148	61	\$6,137.00
June 21	139	52	\$3,444.00
June 28	131	53	\$3,637.00
June avg. per Sun.	143	61	\$4,979.00
Last 12 mo. avg. per Sun.	135	58	\$6,719.42

Special Giving for June 2026

2 Cents a Meal Offering	\$107.73	Frances Shenk Memorial	\$50.00
Bill Heishman Memorial	\$150.00	Memorial Meals	\$2,500.00
Brethren Woods	\$565.00	Playground Improvements	\$100.00
Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry	\$111.07	Spring Fling Fundraiser	\$288.00
David Glick Memorial	\$800.00	Vendor Refund—Verizon	\$24.19

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July Birthdays:

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| 1 Dawn Kiser
Ed Johnson
Cindy McNett
Samuel McNett | 18 Kathy Coceano
Kody Payne |
| 6 Jenifer Hiner | 19 Sallie Hunter
Chad Brooks |
| 7 Gabe Dodd
Cathy Harper | 20 Scarlett Reel |
| 9 Dusty Moyer | 22 David Lilly |
| 11 Amanda Huffman
Donnie McNett
Zeb Miller | 23 Nancy Shickel |
| 12 David Richard | 25 Sally Jane Conner |
| 13 Chris Payne
Julie Smith | 26 Cameron Brown
Ron Bowman |
| 14 Amy Brown
Ron Wyrick | 30 Jennifer Kiser
Corinne Rhodes
Ashlyn Smiley |
| 15 Philip Tumer | 31 Corinne Crumley
Emily Gray
Luke Gray |
| 17 Andy Ringgold | Gloria Heishman
Barbara Moyer
Marshall Smiley |

July Anniversaries:

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| 1 David & Dawn Mason
Gary & Missy Vandevander |
| 2 David & Sheila Skelton |
| 7 Adam & Autumn Pequignot
Jordan & Katya Sites |
| 8 Gary & Carrie Gray
Brad & Yvonne Miller |
| 9 Bobby & Sarah Williams
Derek & Maria Smiley |
| 10 Fred & Susan Kinkead
Bob & Kathleen Michael
Drew & Susan Shull |
| 14 Gary & Eleanor Payne |
| 15 Andrew & Lorissa Skelton |
| 16 Marshall & Krista Smiley |
| 21 Ethan & Morgan Dakin |
| 23 Vince & Wendy Rhodes |

August Birthdays:

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| 1 Christopher Lilly
Mara Pequinot | 17 Laura Healy
Jason Payne
Derek Smiley
Gene Wampler |
| 2 David Kuykendall | 18 Heather Barnhart
Jaxson DePoy
Kohen Trent |
| 3 Pam Dodd
Kellie "Tina" Serrell
Blake Brashears | 19 Fonda Auville
Jonathan Ross
Susan Shull
Robbie Symons
Tom Luzynski |
| 4 William Monger | 20 Eddie Black
Christopher Kiser |
| 5 Lane Bazzle | 22 Joyce Rhodes |
| 7 Roger Moyer | 24 Heidi Mason
Olivia Fleishman |
| 8 Lynn Mohler
Kathy Riley
Dick Ryan | 25 Ken McNett
Joyce Sheffer
Abe Evans |
| 9 Wanda Driver | 26 Chad Shipe |
| 10 Carrie Gray
Bobbi Jo Ross | 27 Sandy Kinsey |
| 12 D.J. Moats
Zach Sease | |
| 13 Dennis Evans | |
| 15 Allison Prawdzik
Logan Wilhelm
Silas Wenger | |
| 16 Roma Holloway
Lindsay Monger | |

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| 28 Carrie Miller
Joyce Rhodes
Donna Lou Shickel |
| 29 Susan Wrenn |
| 30 Joyce Perry |
| 31 Jimmy Mason
Sharon Weaver
Jacqueline Wenger |

August Anniversaries:

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| 1 Ken & Joy Monger
Ron & Frankie Bowman |
| 3 Ernie & Diana Havener |
| 5 Craig & Shari Payne |
| 6 Mike & Stephanie Diehl |
| 7 Eric & Annie Wilhelm |
| 10 Calvin & Judy Lokey |
| 12 Eddie & Nellie Black |
| 13 Tom & Barbara Ross
Dustin & Tessa Atkins |
| 15 Robby & Londia Dean |
| 25 Ben & Tammy Hall |