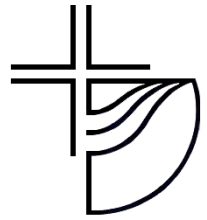


Montezuma Today

September 2026



*Your word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.*

Psalm 119:105

The first Sunday of September is our traditional “promotion Sunday” at Montezuma. Children and youth who have advanced in their academic grade may move to the appropriate level of Sunday School as well. We offer classes for PreK/K, grades 1–5, Jr. High Youth, and Sr. High Youth. Those who have graduated from high school will join our Young Leaders class, which is for young adults who are college age through age 30ish.

This is also a wonderful time for those who have not been attending Sunday School to join a class. We all need to study God’s word, and doing so together adds depth and perspective to our study. Aside from the Young Leaders class, our adult Sunday School classes are not age-specific, and adults are welcome to attend the class of their choice. We have the following classes:

Cornerstone: This class uses “The Wired Word” and looks at contemporary issues through a faith lens. The class is taught by Vince Rhodes and meets upstairs in the room behind the elevator.

Upper Room: Joyce Rhodes teaches this class, and they are currently using the Standard Lesson Quarterly. The class meets on the first floor, next to the nursery.

Footsteppers: The Footsteppers are currently meeting on the first floor, across from the treasurer’s office. They are using the new Brethren Press/Menno Media “Salt and Light” curriculum. There are several co-teachers for this class, including Julie Smith, Sandy Kinsey, and Mary Frances Heishman.

Agape: The Agape class is also using the new Brethren Press/Menno Media “Salt and Light” curriculum. The class meets in the Gathering Room (first floor) and is taught by Barbara Moyer, Abe Evans, and Tony Stovall.

May we all make a commitment to grow in our knowledge of God’s Word this fall.

In Christ’s service,
Terri

September Outreach Offering: Open Doors

Open Doors is a shelter serving Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Their mission is to provide safe shelter for the unhoused, as well as compassionate support and access to services for ALL in the Harrisonburg–Rockingham community.

Choirs Resuming Practice

The choir will resume practice on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. The handbell choir will resume practice on Monday, September 14, at 6:15 p.m.

Deacons’ Fall Bible Study

The fall Bible study will start the week of Monday, September 14. More details will come soon.

Deacon Calling

The office of deacon dates from the New Testament period and is one of the most important offices in the church. Deacons provide care and support to all participants in the congregation, offer spiritual guidance to the church, practice ministries of hospitality, and oversee baptisms, Love Feast, and communion. Each September, Montezuma deacons arrange for the calling of new deacons. This year, the calling service will take place on Sunday, September 27. During this service, deacons are called, without nomination, via open paper ballots. A sample ballot will be available for the congregation to receive on Sunday, September 13.

Love Feast: Sunday, October 4

Our fall Love Feast is scheduled for World Communion Sunday, October 4, at 11:45 a.m., downstairs in the fellowship hall. We will share a family-style meal of sandwiches, cold cuts, and fruit.

Heritage Festival & Apple Butter: Saturday, October 17

Montezuma’s Fall Heritage Festival will be on Saturday, October 17, at Montezuma Hall. A full festival with breakfast, doughnuts, fried country ham sandwiches, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, vegetable soup, kettle beans, and a bake sale is planned. As usual, vendors will sell their goods onsite while we enjoy live music.

We need only PINT-sized canning jars for apple butter. Please drop these off in the closet by the main entrance by Sunday, October 4.

Apples will be available at Montezuma Hall on Thursday, October 8, for peeling and coring. We will make cider on Friday, October 9, at 5:30 p.m., at the home of Gordon and Wanda Driver. Please bring a dish to share. We will then boil apple butter on Saturday, October 10, at 7:00 a.m. We will need volunteers to stir the apple butter.

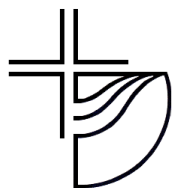
Volunteers are needed in all these areas, and sign-up sheets will be available near the end of September. We look forward to continuing with this beloved event. Keep on the lookout for updates and information.

Youth Auction: Friday, November 13

Mark your calendars for our Youth Auction on Friday, November 13! This annual event helps raise funds for our youth as they prepare for future ministry opportunities and National Youth Conference.

We are now accepting donations of *new or gently used, quality items*; handmade crafts; artwork; gift baskets; professional services (photography, cooking classes, home repairs, etc.); and experiences such as vacation rentals or special outings. Please, *no yard sale items*. More details on donation deadlines, auction date, and drop-off information will be announced soon.

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September Birthdays:

1	Katie Grant	15	Debbie Smiley
2	Donna Chandler		Uriah Smiley
	Charles Cline Jr.	16	Isaac Shank
	Cathy Fisher	18	Jessica Shipe
3	Wanda Hollen	19	Liam Hunter
	Tom Womble		Dwynn Stovall
	Dean Wood	21	Ben Barlow
4	Allee Coffman		Danelle Ross
	Arlie McNett		Brenda Wine
	Carson Patterson	22	Sammy Cox
	Ralph Rohrer		Laurie Anne Serrell
	Carolyn Wenger		Cheryl Simmers
6	Patty Black	24	Jordan Sites
	Sebastian Fuentes-Serrell	25	Tasha Hoover
	Donnie Simmons	26	Molly Shickel
7	Betty Click	27	Devon Kuster
	David Shickel	28	Lee Kinsey
	Naomi Skelton		Libby Kiser
9	Charlie Monger	29	Janice Rhodes
13	Carolyn Cline	30	Donnie Jackson
	Marsha Shank		
14	Wanda Flora		
	Susan Kuykendall		

September Anniversaries:

3	Scott & Diana McNett
4	Robert & Andrea Black
6	Jeremy & Becky Daubert
8	Steve & Connie Stiles
10	Ron & Donna Lou Shickel
13	Mike & Beth Bazzle
16	Ken & Cindy McNett
17	Donnie & Lynn McNett
19	Robert & Patty Black
	Dennis & Leslie Huffman
	Kirk & Chris Kuster
20	David & Lisa Shickel
25	David & Susan Kuykendall
27	Josh & Crystal Richard
28	Weldon & Lori Good

Our Stewardship for July/August 2026

July Attendance				August Attendance			
	Worship	S.S.	Regular Offering		Worship	S.S.	Regular Offering
July 5	109	62	\$6,918.00	Aug. 2	106	69	\$8,584.00
July 12	125	44	\$5,962.08	Aug. 9	125	51	\$4,566.25
July 19	110	56	\$4,381.00	Aug. 16	107	54	\$4,297.00
July 26	140	54	\$3,777.00	Aug. 23	165	61	\$3,683.75
				Aug. 30	139	58	\$5,361.00
July avg.	121	54	\$5,259.52	Aug. avg.	128	59	\$5,298.40
Last 12 mo. avg.	134	58	\$6,696.61	Last 12 mo. avg.	134	59	\$6,669.35

Special Giving for July 2026

2¢ Meal Offering	\$102.54
Bridgewater Food Pantry	\$100.00
Church Cookbooks	\$30.00
CWS Blankets	\$50.00
David Glick Memorial	\$250.00
Messenger Subscriptions	\$83.00
Playground Improvements	\$100.00
Weekday Religious Education	\$415.00

Special Giving for August 2026

2¢ Meal Offering	\$78.08
Church Kitchen Fundraiser	\$623.69
Heritage Festival Booth Rentals	\$60.00
Messenger Subscriptions	\$28.00
Playground Improvements	\$150.00
Stonehaven	\$985.00