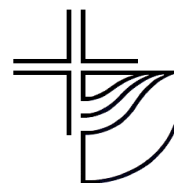


Montezuma Today



October 2026

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*Because there is one bread, we who are many
are one body, for we all partake of the one
bread.*

1 Corinthians 10:17

As you can see from this newsletter, October is a very busy month at Montezuma. It is most appropriate that we begin the month with a recognition that our congregation does not stand alone in our work to serve the Lord. We are part of a district, a denomination, and the universal Church of believers from around the world. October 4 is World Communion Sunday, and we will join with Christians far and wide who will receive the bread and cup in remembrance of Jesus. Our communion will be part of a family-style Love Feast at 11:45 am in our Fellowship Hall downstairs at the church. With Love Feast on World Communion Sunday, we have the opportunity to embrace our unity with Christians around the world while sharing in an ordinance that is central to who we are as Brethren. 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). Please join us for this special time of remembrance.

In Christ's service,
Terri

October Outreach Offering: Sadie Rose

The Sadie Rose Foundation offers free support and services to families and individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one, including through pregnancy loss and miscarriage.

Junior High Retreat: October 9–10

The Brethren/Mennonite Jr. High Retreat will bring together groups from area Mennonite and Brethren churches for two days of worship and fun. Experience great games and camp activities with friends, old and new! The 2026 theme is "Hide and Seek: Finding Refuge in God" (Psalm 46). Find all info and the group registration at [Mennonite/Brethren Jr. High Retreat – Highland Retreat](#).

Fall Heritage Festival & Apple Butter: October 17

Montezuma's Fall Heritage Festival will be held at the 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. Apples will be available at Montezuma Hall on Thu., Oct. 8, for peeling and coring. We will make cider on Fri., Oct. 9, at 5:30 pm, at the home of Gordon & Wanda Driver. Please bring a dish to share. We will then boil apple butter on Sat., Oct. 10, at 7:00 am. Volunteers are needed in all these areas; sign-up sheets are in the entryway. We need only PINT-sized canning jars for apple butter. Please drop these off in the closet by the main entrance by Sun., Oct. 4.

Youth Event: October 18

Junior and senior high students are invited to a group hike at Camp Brethren Woods, followed by a picnic lunch at Mountain Lodge. More details and a rain plan will be shared by email.

School Backpack Program for 2026–2027

Montezuma is once again participating in the Backpack program for Ottobine Elementary. This is an outreach program that helps supplement meals for kids on the weekends. For the past two years, we have supported 12 children. With rising food costs, there has been an influx of children in need; therefore, we have agreed to support 20 children this year.

This program is funded by generous donations from our congregation throughout the year. When there is a need, Montezuma never hesitates to step up. Any food or monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. We are blessed that we can make a difference in the lives of children in our community through this program.

Below is a list of some needed food items:

- Small boxes of juice, fruit punch, Kool-Aid, or Yoo-hoo.
- Fruit cups.
- Applesauce cups.
- Tuna salad or chicken salad lunch kits.
- Peanut butter crackers.
- Pop-Tarts™.
- Small boxes of yogurt-covered raisins.
- Graham crackers.
- Instant oatmeal packets.

** Please do not donate glass containers or homemade food items. Expiration date must be at least six months from the date of purchase.

Please reach out to Dorita Webster or Melvin & Edith Burger with any questions.

Church Business Meeting: November 1

Montezuma's fall business meeting is scheduled for 10:40 am on Sun., Nov. 1. The meeting will include calling leadership for 2027 and approving the 2026 budget. A packet of reports, YTD 2026 financials, the proposed 2027 budget, and a list of appointments and leaders will be available to the congregation on Sun., Oct. 25.

District Conference: November 6–7

The Shenandoah District Conference will begin with worship at 6:45 pm on Friday at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren. At 8:30 am on Saturday, Harrisonburg First Church of the Brethren will host the business sessions for delegates and others who wish to attend.

District Youth Event: November 8

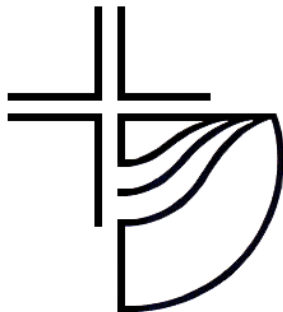
MCOB will be hosting a district-wide youth event! More information will be shared as we continue working with the district.

Youth Auction: November 13

The Montezuma Youth Auction will be held at the Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm; the auction begins at 6:30 pm. All proceeds will help raise funds for NYC 2030. Donations may be dropped off at the Hall starting Nov. 8. For help with large donations, please contact Dustin & Tessa Atkins by Nov. 1. Come out for a fun evening of fellowship, bidding, and supporting our youth. We hope to see you there!

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October Birthdays:

1	Weston Mandeville Ethan Ross	10	Kitra Coffman Lisa Shickel	26	Cathy Jo Hinkle Ricky Hinkle
2	John Butzler Clint DePoy Katelyn Hiner Camden Skelton	12	Bobby Williams	27	John Carpenter
4	Caroline Fleishman Noah Gray	13	Rodney Branum Linnette Smith	28	Melvin Burger Julia Eye
5	Nathan Wine	14	Madeline Wine	29	Josiah Moyer
6	Aden Bazzle Bryan Embres Mary Frances Heishman Russ Veal	15	Chris Airey Dustin Atkins	31	Jill Sease
7	Dale Eavers Crystal Richard Johnnie Shickel Tony Stovall	16	Sherri Guyer Jim Rusmisel		
8	Ben Hiner	17	J.O. Good		
9	Michael Embres Adam Ross	19	Trajan Brown		
		20	Sara Atkins Rhett Nelson		
		21	Leah Harper		
		22	Sharon Layman Kellie Nelson		
		23	Carolyn Rohrer		
		24	Ava Richard		
		25	David Skelton Brad Smith		

October Anniversaries:

1	Mike & Dorita Webster
2	John & Susan Butzler
3	Clint & Anne Marie DePoy
7	Austin & Olivia Shifflett
10	Buck & Paula Brown
17	Brad & Julie Smith
26	Wayne & Linda Waggy

Our Stewardship for September 2026

Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Sept. 6	140	72	\$12,006.00
Sept. 13	114	51	\$4,478.00
Sept. 20	123	62	\$7,700.00
Sept. 27	124	65	\$8,081.00
Sept. avg. per Sun.	125	63	\$8,066.25
Last 12 mo. avg. per Sun.	134	59	\$6,870.02
Special Giving for September 2026			
2-Cent Meal Offering	\$137.81	Open Doors	\$760.00
Children’s Disaster Services	\$300.00	Parsonage Fund	\$5,000.00
Heritage Festival Vendor Fees	\$30.00	Playground	\$300.00
Kitchen Fundraiser	\$558.72	Wade Showalter Memorial	\$11,459.59
Maintenance/Mower Servicing	\$1,000.00	Youth Account	\$210.00