Montezuma Today

November 2026

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I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30

As the calendar changes to November, our thoughts often turn to the need to express our gratitude to God for our many blessings. As a church family, we have much for which to be thankful. Yet gratitude is meant to be more than something we express with words; it is meant to be something we live out each day. Our mission calls us to embody the love of Jesus by embracing all, encouraging spiritual growth, and helping to meet the needs of our neighbors. What better way to live out our gratitude than by putting that mission into practice? This season, let us be intentional about our gratitude by looking for ways to become a blessing to someone else. Let's thank God for the love we have received, but also but find ways to share that love. Let's celebrate God's goodness but also let others experience that goodness through us. May our gratitude be more than a seasonal feeling; may it become a way of life.

In Christ's service,
Terri

November Outreach Offering: CWS Blankets

The CWS Blankets program was created to give a kind, loving, and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them they are not alone. When our neighbors are in need, even $10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

Children's ThankFall Celebration: November 8

Children's Sunday School is having a ThankFall Celebration on November 8. Children from age 3 through fifth grade and their families are invited to stay after Sunday School for lunch, a story, and crafts. Contact Karen Fleishman or Mary Jackson with any questions.

Friendsgiving District Youth Event: November 8

All youth, grades 6–12, and their advisors are invited to join us for Friendsgiving TODAY from 5:00–7:00 pm at Montezuma. Turkey will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or appetizer to share, and board or card games.

Youth Auction: November 13

The youth auction will be held on Friday, November 13, at the Hall. The doors open at 5:30 pm, and the auction begins at 6:30 pm. The youth will also be selling hot dogs, barbecue, chips, cookies, and drinks.

We are currently accepting donations of items or services to be auctioned. These can include handmade crafts, artwork, gift baskets, household items, as well as professional services or unique experiences such as cooking classes, photography sessions, or vacation rentals. Please, NO YARD SALE ITEMS. If you have items to donate, they can be dropped off at the Hall on the 11th or 12th. Please contact Dustin & Tessa Atkins with any questions.

This event is organized to help raise funds for National Youth Conference 2030, and we deeply appreciate your support in making it a success.

Hanging of the Greens: November 29

To welcome the season of Advent, we will be having a "Hanging of the Greens" service on November 29, the first Sunday of Advent. This is a traditional worship service which blends the decoration of the sanctuary with scripture readings, music, and explanations of the symbolic meaning of the decorations used. Come and enjoy this special time of worship with us!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: December 5

Montezuma will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Dayton Farmer's Market on Saturday, December 5, from 3:00–6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet will be available sometime this week. Contact Katie Jackson with any questions.

Childcare Night: December 11

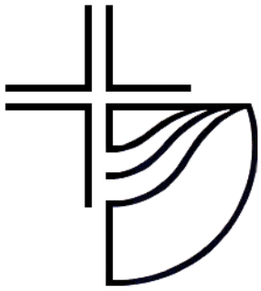
Montezuma will be hosting a childcare night for ages 3 through 5th grade on Friday, December 11, at the church. Children can be dropped off and picked up anytime between 5:30 and 8:00 while parents prepare for Christmas. Dinner will be provided. This is open to the community, so please invite your friends and neighbors. Registration is required to attend. Contact Katie Jackson with questions or to sign up to help!

Salvation Army Angel Tree

The Witness Commission will be sponsoring angels through the Salvation Army's angel trees again this year. More information about tags will be available soon. Monetary donations may be made if you prefer not to shop. Contact Katie Jackson with any questions.

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November Birthdays:

1 Angela Andrews
Katie Jackson
Arleigh Mason
Baker Shifflett
2 Cortland Andrews
Scott Showalter
4 Ezra Barnhart
Larry Carpenter
Ethan Dakin
Calvin Lokey
6 Jeff Harper
9 Gloria Horne
Sam Rohrer
Titus Smiley
Doug Tumer
10 April Payne
Drew Richard
11 Chris Click
Dona Johnson
Katie Richard
13 Jennifer Prawdzik
14 Jill Brashears
Jackson Healy
Shari Payne
15 Corey Shull
16 Delmas Harper
17 Mike Bazzle
18 Kai Shifflett
19 Cody Airey
Edith Burger
David Harback
Denise Harper
21 Mila Rhodes
22 Jordan Smiley
24 Yolanda Waggy
26 Hayley Daubert
Mason Shull
27 Austin Shifflett
28 Sara Craun
30 Lillian Kinsey
Jared Ross

November Anniversaries:

9 Roy & Juanita Swartz
10 Delmas & Denise Harper
11 Gene & Joyce Sheffer
14 David & Shelby Click
18 Thomas & Jill Brashears
21 David & Carol Lena Miller
25 Ken & Sue Miller
26 Scott & Heidi Mason

Our Stewardship for October 2026

	Attendance		
	Worship	**Sunday School**	**Regular Offering**
Oct. 4	126	66	$8,496.00
Oct. 11	122	61	$6,902.00
Oct. 18	114	56	$6,455.00
Oct. 25	136	61	$3,569.00
Oct. avg. per Sun.	125	61	$6,355.50
Last 12 mo. avg. per Sun.	133	60	$6,853.17

Special Giving for October 2026

Backpack Program	$2,505.00	Kitchen Fund	$2,000.00
Bill Heishman Memorial	$100.00	Open Doors	$30.00
Deacons' Mercy Fund	$25.00	Playground Improvements	$200.00
Germantown Church	$550.00	Sadie Rose Foundation	$605.00
Heritage Festival	$22,891.25	Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering	$94.42
Heritage Festival Booth Rental	$140.00	Wade Showalter Memorial	$4.22