

The Weekly Montreat Memo

The e-newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 10, 2019

All Are Welcome!



Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday, September 15, 10:00 A.M.
Upper Anderson

Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Tue., Sept. 10	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Sept. 11	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Kathy LaMotte <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Sept. 15	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship Michael Poulos preaching <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., Sept. 17	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Bldg.</i>
Wed., Sept. 18	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Cam Murchison <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>

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| Sun., Sept. 22 | 10:00 A.M. | Sunday Morning Worship
John Kuykendall preaching
<i>Upper Anderson</i> |
| Wed., Sept. 25 | 5:00 P.M. | Montreat Wednesday
Jake Rash
<i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i> |
| Fri., Sept. 27 | 3:00 P.M. | Finance Committee Meeting
<i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i> |
| Sun., Sept. 29 | 10:00 A.M. | Sunday Morning Worship
Keith Grogg preaching
Peace & Global Witness Offering
<i>Upper Anderson</i> |

Please share scheduling info with the office administrator at office@montreatchurch.org, and be sure to check availability of times, places, and people before scheduling events, meetings etc.

In order to streamline communication and avoid confusion, **any requests made to the MRA on behalf of church programs should come through the church office,** and we will direct them to the appropriate contacts at MRA.

Montreat Wednesdays in September

Please join us in the **Allen Building, 5:00-6:00 P.M.** on Wednesdays, for an hour of engaging presentations. All are welcome!

September 11th

Kathy LaMotte - "Money and Justice"

Links to resources for this two-part series are posted on the church website and can be found [here](#). (Or go to MontreatChurch.org, click the "Ministries" tab, and scroll down to click on "Montreat Wednesdays.")

September 18th

Cam Murchison - "Water, Water Everywhere"

September 25th

Jake Rash - "Environmental Stewardship and Flat Creek: Preserving the Brook Trout"

This Sunday in Worship

This Sunday, we welcome the Rev. Michael Poulos to our pulpit! Michael serves as the director of Asheville Youth Mission, a non-profit that hosts groups of young people for mission experiences in the Asheville area. Previously, he served as the Associate Pastor at FPC Asheville. Michael's wife Julie Lehman works at the Montreat Conference Center. They are parents of Nicholas and Gabe, as well as caretakers of their two dogs.

We also welcome Musician Emerita **Margaret Neale** back to the piano bench, this week and next!

On Sunday, Sept. 22, we will welcome **the Rev. Dr. John Kuykendall** to our pulpit.

Keith and Vivian will return for worship, and choir will resume, on Sunday, September 29.

Patricia McClurg Service

The service for Pat McClurg will be held in Upper Anderson on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11:00 A.M. It will be followed immediately by a reception, also in Upper Anderson. The Rev. Margaret Taylor Almeida and Heath Rada will officiate the service.

Hurricane Dorian Relief



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**



**For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.' Isaiah 41:13**

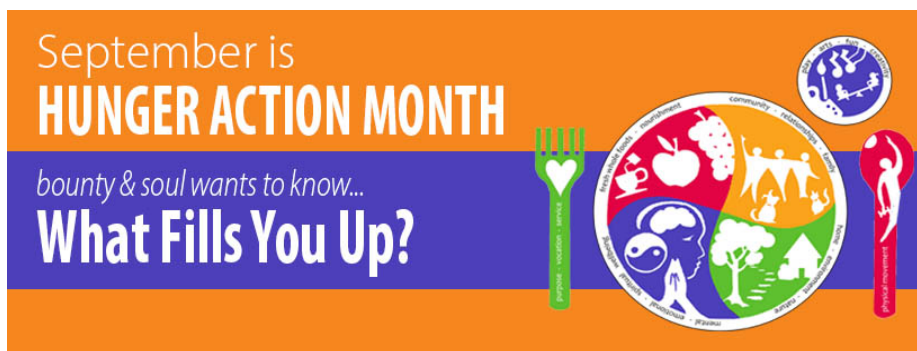
Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019. PDA is currently in communication with one of our partners in the Bahamas, Bahamas Methodist Habitat, as well as U.S. presbyteries in the path of Dorian. As part of PDA's initial response, a

solidarity grant has been coordinated for response efforts in the Bahamas. We have been in communication with several international response organizations, including Church World Service (CWS) and ACT Alliance, as well as National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and Puerto Rico VOAD. In conversations with ACT Alliance and CWS, we are identifying the best time and best way to travel to the Bahamas as part of a damage assessment team to implement a rapid, timely and effective emergency response to Hurricane Dorian's impact; identifying needs, local capacities and providing updated information.

We understand the genuine desire to help our neighbors. The reality is that right now the situation on the affected islands is critical. Access to the affected islands has been reserved for first responder organizations doing search and rescue, and providing first aid relief. As learned from previous disasters and the shared experience of many relief organizations, the best way to respond to a disaster is through monetary donations. As USAID indicates, "Cash donations are the most efficient form of assistance. Unlike material donations, cash involves no transportation costs, shipping delays, or customs fees. It also enables relief organizations to spend more time providing aid by spending less time managing goods. Cash donations also allow relief supplies to be purchased in markets close to the disaster site, which stimulates the local economy, thereby boosting employment and generating cash flow."

**If you would like to support PDA's response,
please make a separate check payable to MPC
and write "Dorian" or "DR000194" on the memo line.
We will forward all such gifts to PDA via our presbytery office.**

Friends & Partners in Ministry



September is Hunger Action Month, a nationwide initiative in which hunger relief organizations team up to raise funds, food and awareness to help combat food insecurity in their local communities. Bounty & Soul connects people to food, education and each other. Our whole-person approach to health and wellness and commitment to food equity ensures that those who spend time at our markets and programs fill up not just

their bellies with fresh, local foods but that they leave with tools to nourish their mind, body and spirit. Join us for a month of collective action where we will stand together and raise awareness about the importance of food justice in OUR community, and dedicate ourselves to a solution.



SVCM continues to have a need for food, hygiene products, baby items and various other needs. Donations for SVCM may be dropped off Mon.-Fri., 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at 101 N. Ridgeway Ave., Black Mountain. Monetary gifts can be mailed to PO Box

235, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Our Church Family Prayer List

The Montreat Presbyterian Church family is in prayer for...

Evelyn Bannerman

Glenn Bannerman

Robert Boer

Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)

William Brown, in the death of his sister, Ele

Jey Deifell

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Zaida Gilmour, in the death of her sister, Ele

Vivian Hare, arm fracture

Ed King (friend of Keith Grogg)

Bev MacSherry, cancer

Family and Friends of Pat McClurg, whose service will be held
in Upper Anderson on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11:00 A.M. and
immediately followed by a reception

David Miller

Betsy Neville

Gordon Neville

Margaret Rada

Family & Friends of Sally Robinson on her death
(friend of Christina Tutterow)

Bob Schoenhals (Keith Grogg's uncle), cancer

Arline Taylor

Beverly Thompson's children, Andrea and Zac

Maggie Tuggle

Lamar Williamson

We also lift up in prayer...

The people of the Bahamas and other areas affected by Hurricane Dorian
Mass shooting victims and their families
Incarcerated refugee children and other parents and children separated
from each other
Neighbors vulnerable to poverty and hunger
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs

Clara Hare-Grogg, our Young Adult Volunteer in the Philippines
(See Clara's blog page link in the "Contact Information" block below.)
Elmarie & Scott Parker, our Mission Co-workers in the Middle East
Victor and Sara Makari, our Mission Co-workers in Palestine
Rev. Deanna Hollas, PC(USA) Gun Violence Minister
Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner church in Scotland
Bounty & Soul
Children & Friends
Black Mountain Counseling Center
Kairos Prison Ministry
OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry
Yokefellow Prison Ministry

*If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list,
please contact the church office. Please also let us know
when it is appropriate to remove the name from the prayer list.*

PWNC Newsletter

Please join us for a
Retirement Celebration

in honor of

Bobbi White

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
at 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
100 Silver Creek Road, Morganton NC 28655

\$15 per person

Seating is limited.

Please RSVP with payment by 10/4/19 to:

PWNC, attention Tonya Williams

114 Silver Creek Road, Morganton NC 28655.

Reservations are not guaranteed until payment is received.

Find the latest news from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina [here](#).

The Carpenters

Fred Hale, Steve Hansel, Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Eric Nichols and Mark Achtemeier are ready to assist anyone who needs a helping hand with the little household things like: change a light bulb, retrieve items from a hard-to-reach closet shelf, change the batteries in a smoke detector, move furniture and the like. You may contact these gentlemen individually or reach out to **Kat Achtemeier** at **563.580.6489**.

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OUR MISSION

*In the fellowship of Jesus Christ we
Listen for the word of God in our lives
Love with open hearts and open minds
Walk the path of faith together
Serve others and
Welcome all.*

OUR VISION

*Led by the Holy Spirit
We proclaim the word of God
Through our ministry and mission.*

The Session

Steve Hansel, Mary Jo Wright (2019)
Jane Alexander, Everett Culpepper (2020)
Beth Fountain, Mason Blake (2021)
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)



Want to talk? Need a pastor? Come on in!

Call the office at 664-9212,
or email Keith at pastor@montreatchurch.org,
and we'll find a time that works.

Rev. Margaret Peery also provides pastoral care:
parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org

Memo Submissions and Responses

The Weekly Montreat Memo is sent from the Montreat Presbyterian Church office email account. **Responses intended for the pastor** may be sent to pastor@montreatchurch.org.

The Memo is usually published on Tuesday. **Please submit items for the Memo by the Friday morning** before the week in which they are to appear. Thank you! (Articles submitted may be edited for accuracy, clarity or brevity.)

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Clara's YAV Weblog page [Link](#)

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