

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

March 17, 2020

All Are Welcome!



**Worship Services & Gatherings
are temporarily suspended**

**Worship materials are being provided via online for
home worship as we navigate through this
uncharted journey.**

**Please contact the church office
(office@montreatchurch.org)
if you would like to sign up to receive
resources for Sunday home worship!**

Our Calendar

Wed., Mar.18	3:30 A.M.	Christian Education Committee <i>Zoom Meeting</i>
Thu., Mar. 19	11:00 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee <i>Zoom Meeting</i>

**Sun., Mar. 22 10:00 A.M. Home Worship Resources
for the Fourth Sunday in Lent
Distributed**

via Constant Contact

**Please share scheduling info with the office administrator
at office@montreatchurch.org.**

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.

Calendar and Other Adjustments

The measures that the session put in place last week remain in effect. Like most institutions, **we are not holding any of the gathering events** that were originally scheduled for this month in order to do our part to protect the health, safety and well-being of the community, our nation, and the world.

The office will set up Zoom meetings for church committees who request it. Chairpersons should give Patty plenty of advance time to set up the meeting, and will need to provide the names of all intended participants.

Our committees are taking steps to offer what they do in new and effective ways under these circumstances. As announced on Saturday, the Congregational Care Committee is **establishing a "telephone tree."** Chairperson Beth Fountain has asked us to share the message that they have tried their best to include everyone who would like to be contacted, and if they've missed anyone, they beg forgiveness and ask that you would let her know at care@montreatchurch.org.

Elsewhere, the Worship & Music Committee has begun conferencing weekly for the duration of the current circumstances and will continue to offer resources for home worship; the Finance Committee has an item below; the CE committee is looking into program options; and **all of our committees, task forces and organizations continue to be keeping up with developments.** We can be grateful to God for the energy, intelligence, imagination and love they are all bringing to their dedicated ministry.

Please note that for emails such as this one that make use of the service we use called Constant Contact, whether it's the Memo or a Special Announcement or Sunday Worship resources, any messages that are sent in response come directly to the church office, where they are opened and seen by Patty. They do not come to the pastor unless and until she forwards them (she's great about that, by the way). So, **if you have responses that you would like to keep private between you and the pastor**, rather than clicking the "reply" button, please send an email to pastor@montreatchurch.org.

God continues to watch over us as we work and pray for all God's people, particularly, at this time, those whose lives are most directly impacted by the coronavirus.

K.G.

Women of the Bible Quilt Squares Available



If you are involved in the Women of the Bible Study and Quilting, the kits prepared by Julie Simpson are at the church office for you to pick up any time Wednesday morning, 9:00 A.M. to Noon.

The directions and fabrics are in each kit. There are four Women squares, three each. You may choose one. Please sign your name and the name of the kit you chose.

We have taken on this project with the idea of creating inspiration for the Church. It turns out that at this time, it is wonderful to have a focus on the Women in the Bible and their life struggles.

J.S.

From the Stewardship & Finance Committee

During these challenging times when our patterns of giving to the church are interrupted, some may be concerned about the financial needs of the church.

We want you to know that thanks to the pre-paid pledges received to date, the church finances should not be a worry. If you are able to

continue your regular giving, there are two ways to do so.

1. You can mail a check to the Montreat Presbyterian Church office at PO Box 577, Montreat NC 28757.
2. You can use the auto-pay (Bill Pay) of your checking account to mail a check either each week or set up on a recurring basis.

Be assured that all of us at Montreat Presbyterian Church are here for each other every step of this journey.

Everette Culpepper - Chair of Stewardship/Finance
Gill Campbell - Treasurer

Friends & Partners in Ministry



Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

If you would like to help out SVCM with food, hygiene products, baby diapers and wipes, as well as **space heaters, blankets and winter coats**, please drop off times at 101 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Black Mountain between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., M-F.

Monetary gifts can also be mailed to PO Box 235, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Please find the SVCM Tidings Newsletter [here](#).

Upcoming Birthdays

If the information in our files is incorrect, or if you would prefer not to be listed, or if someone's birthday is missing from our list, please accept our apology and notify us at office@montreatchurch.org so we can make the correction. This listing is intended to be inclusive, not exclusive, and is not necessarily indicative of any particular church membership status. The list will appear weekly, and is intended to cover the next few weeks. Blessings to you on your birthday and always!

Mar. 18 Ann Craven

Mar. 29 Susan Maffett

Mar. 19 Darlene Griffin

Mar. 30 John Hare-Grogg

Mar. 20 Mark Achtemeier

Apr. 2 Jack Sadler

Mar. 24 Susan Denne
Mar. 24 Jo Ella Bennett
Mar. 26 Mary Jo Clark
Mar. 26 Jim Pickett
Mar. 27 Olive Timberlake
Mar. 29 Lila Ray
Mar. 29 Phyllis Sadler

Apr. 4 Gayle Sawyer
Apr. 4 Kitty Wilson
Apr. 7 Frances Kennedy
Apr. 8 Ginny Porter
Apr. 8 Jean Norris
Apr. 8 Logan Barnette
Apr. 9 Ann Herring

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom), recovering from stroke
Evelyn Bannerman
Glenn Bannerman
Ken Boyer
Sylvia Boyer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Jey Deifell
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Andrew Flake (friend of Ann DuPre Rogers)
Jane Frist
Ken Grogg (Keith's brother), surgery on March 31
Fred Hale
Bob Hare
Jim Henderson, knee surgery, March 17
David Huff (Olson & Marylyn's son), recovering from surgery
Margaret Linton
Scotty MacAliley
Susan Maffett, recovering from knee replacement
Bev MacSherry, cancer
Betsy Neville
Gordon Neville
Kitty Peterson, recovering from pneumonia
Margaret Rada
Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey
Bob Shaw
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother), recovering after hip surgery

Linda Shortridge
Arline Taylor
Maggie Tuggle
Lamar Williamson

We also lift up in prayer...

All who are affected, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus
All victims of war and destruction
Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and cold weather
Victims of domestic violence
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs
Parents and children separated from each other

Clara Hare-Grogg, our Young Adult Volunteer in the Philippines
(See the link to Clara's blog in "Contact Information," below)
Elmarie & Scott Parker, our Mission Co-workers in the Middle East
Victor and Sara Makari, our Mission Co-workers in Palestine
Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner church in Scotland

Black Mountain Counseling Center
Bounty & Soul
Children & Friends
Rev. Deanna Hollas, PC(USA) Gun Violence Minister
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

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

The Carpenters

Fred Hale, Steve Hansel, Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Eric Nichols, Bill Roberts 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

Jane Alexander, Everett Culpepper (2020)
Mason Blake, Beth Fountain (2021)
Jim Henderson, Ann DuPre Rogers (2022)
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

Officers & Committee Chairs, 2020

Jane Alexander, clerk
Jim Henderson, assistant clerk
Gill Campbell, treasurer
Bill McCaskill, assistant treasurer

Mason Blake, Christian Education
Beth Fountain, Congregational Care

Hal Demarest, Earth Care Subcommittee
Judy Shuford, Evangelism & Membership
Grace Nichols, Fellowship
Everett Culpepper, Finance & Property
Eric Nichols, Mission & Outreach
Ann DuPre Rogers, Personnel
Linda Hobson, Worship & Music

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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