

# The Weekly Montreat Memo



The Weekly E-newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church (USA)

March 24, 2020

**All Are Welcome!**



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

**Corporate worship services & gatherings  
are temporarily suspended.**

**All staff are gratefully continuing their work  
from home offices or remote locations.**

## Our Calendar

**Mon.-Fri.**

**9:00 A.M.-  
12:00 noon**

**Office Administrator on duty**  
*working from home:*  
[office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org)

**Thu., Mar. 26**    **11:00 A.M.**    **Worship & Music Committee**  
*via Zoom*

**Sun., Mar. 29**    **10:00 A.M.**    **Home Worship Resources**  
**for the Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Distributed**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Please share scheduling info with the office administrator**  
**at [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto: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.

## Updates from the (Home) Office

*"For though I am absent in body,  
yet I am with you in spirit,  
and I rejoice to see your morale  
and the firmness of your faith in Christ.  
As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
continue to live your lives in him,  
rooted and built up in him  
and established in the faith,  
just as you were taught,  
abounding in thanksgiving."*

Colossians 2.5-7

The protective and life-affirming measure that the session has put in place regarding the suspension of all close contact, face-to-face church gatherings remains 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. We may anticipate that some, most, or all of April will be the same. Your worship committee and staff are working hard to provide and enable appropriate Lent, Holy Week and Easter observances for these different but still entirely Spirit-infused circumstances that we are all going through. God is good all the time!

**The office will set up Zoom meetings for church committees** who request it. Chairpersons should contact the office and give Patty plenty of advance time to set up the meeting (preferably 24 hours), and will need to provide the names of all intended participants.

When you receive public communications from Montreat Presbyterian Church, whether it's the Memo or a Special Announcement or Sunday Worship resources or a congregational note from the pastor, all of these are sent from the church office email. **If you would like to respond to the pastor**, rather than clicking the "reply" button, please send an email to [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org). (Otherwise, your response goes to the office administrator but not the pastor.)

**If you are not receiving our weekly communications such as the Montreat Memo or the Sunday Home Worship resources**, but you believe you are signed up for them, please check for different folders or categories within your email's home page: Spam folder, Promotions category, or any other place where your email provider may have automatically routed our mailings to someplace other than your regular inbox. Most of our contacts from people who have not received our mailings are, in fact, in our system, and we are able to see that the materials have been sent to the correct email address. If, however, that still doesn't work, by all means let us know, and we'll find another way to get them to you.

*K.G.*

## Hospital Mask Project



**Could you sew masks to donate to hospitals?** Some church members are already working on these and we are inviting others to join. Many of you have probably heard of the Emergency level shortage of protective masks (and other equipment) for medical workers in hospitals. This shortage has led to

a desperate request for masks to be made by people who sew. Many of us want to be able to do something - anything - we can to help. If you're able and have a sewing machine, this is one way.

Please find more detailed information [HERE](#).

If you will be participating in this project, please let Vivian Hare know at [vhare03@gmail.com](mailto:vhare03@gmail.com). Send a note with subject line "I am making hospital masks." And if you can keep count of the number of masks you make, we'll try to tally our MPC numbers later of masks made and distributed. Questions may be sent to Vivian as well.

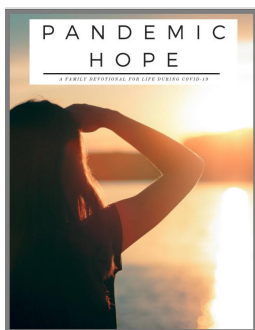
Thank you to all involved for your willingness to help with this emergency! These are handiworks of love that may save lives.

*...a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak...*

*Ecclesiastes 3:7*

V.H.

## A Devotional Resource for Families



Upon the suggestion of one of our congregation's experienced DCE's to the Christian Education Committee, though the source is not affiliated with our denomination, we offer the linked set of devotional materials for families called "[Pandemic Hope](#) - a family devotional for life during Covid-19."

## 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



Dear Friends of the Ministry, Church Partners and Volunteers,

SVCM has been up and running this week. We are limiting to food and financial assistance for rent, propane, medical, gas vouchers. With the moratorium on turning off utilities we feel it is best to take a wait and see for what transpires for these bills once the crisis is over.

Each day we have a few volunteers in each day helping with food. Clients are checking off from food lists the items they want. We are not having any clients in the building. On Monday we had 14, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 29, and today another 29.

Our needs:

**Microwavable meals**

**Canned meals; Spaaghetti O's, mac & cheese, etc.**

**Canned Vegetables; (except green beans)**

**Canned fruit & fruit cups**

**Cereal**

**Cereal Bars**

## Snack packs for children

### And surprise, surprise. Toilet Paper & Bread

Our clients are so appreciative. We have had a number of clients who are servers or in the hospitality industry who have been laid off come for food.

We know that in the days and weeks to come we will be able to continue to serve this community through your support.

Blessings,  
Cheryl Wilson  
Executive Director  
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry  
(828) 664-9224

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it unto me. - Matthew 25:40*

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](mailto: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. 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**

**Mar. 29 Susan Maffett**

**Mar. 30 John Hare-Grogg**

**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**

**Apr. 11 Joan Murchison**

**Apr. 12 Sue Key**

*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 delayed  
Fred Hale  
Bob Hare  
Jim Henderson, recovering from knee surgery  
Dick Keefer, recovering after heart attack and 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

*"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are*

*helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers--so many caring people in this world."*

Fred Rogers ("Mr. Rogers")

***We also lift up in prayer...***

All throughout the world who are suffering from the coronavirus  
and other illnesses

First responders, hospital workers and all on the "front lines"

Young people whose dreams and trajectories have been put on hold

All victims of war and destruction

Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and hard weather

Victims of domestic violence

Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs

Parents and children separated from each other

All who are in grief for loved ones

Businesses and consumers affected by the coronavirus

Clara Hare-Grogg, our Young Adult Volunteer in the Philippines,  
and all international YAVs, who have now been recalled by the PCUSA  
and are being evacuated from their placements and returning to their  
homes

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

Our neighbors and siblings in faith at Christ Community Church

Rev. Deanna Hollas, PC(USA) Gun Violence Minister

Kairos Prison Ministry

Montreat College

Montreat Conference Center

OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti

The Presbyterian Heritage Center

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.**

## Montreat Presbyterian Church

[montreatchurch.org](http://montreatchurch.org)



### 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](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org),  
and we'll find a time that works.

Rev. Margaret Peery also provides pastoral care:  
[parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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Young Adult Volunteer**

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

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