

The Weekly Montreat Memo



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

March 31, 2020

All Are Welcome!



**Please contact the church office
(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

Tues., Mar. 31	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>via Zoom</i>
Thu., Apr. 2	11:00 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Apr. 5	by 10:00 A.M.	Home Worship Resources for Palm Sunday Distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Thu., April 9	by 7:00 P.M.	Home Worship Resources for Maundy Thursday Distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Fri., April 10	by 5:00 P.M.	Home Worship Resources for Good Friday Distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Sun., April 12	by 10:00 A.M.	Home Worship Resources for Easter Sunday (First Sunday of Easter) Distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>

**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.

Updates from the (Home) Office

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

*There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city;
it shall not be moved;*

*God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Psalm 46:1-7

The suspension of all close contact, face-to-face church gatherings continues as we do our part to protect the health, safety and well-being of the community, our nation, and the world. April and at least the first part of May will be the same.



PHYLLIS SADLER

For our collective individual home worship on **Palm Sunday**, we would like to gather as many pictures as we can of members of our church family with palm branches or anything that might represent them--leaves or branches from your yard, a drawing or picture of a palm branch, a house plant, or anything else your imagination suggests. These will be shared in the online worship service for Palm Sunday. **Please email pictures to the church office at office@montreatchurch.org. We'll need to receive pictures for use on Palm Sunday by this Thursday, April 2.**



For Easter Sunday, we invite you to send us a photo or short video snippet representing how you would like to celebrate the joy of Easter. Relishing the beauty of springtime? Enjoying the people in your household? Easter dinner? Any way you would like to depict the joy of Easter for you and your household would be most welcome. These will be shared in the online worship service for Easter Sunday. **Please email pictures to the church office at office@montreatchurch.org. We'll need to receive the pictures for Easter Sunday by Thursday, April 9.** Thank you in advance!

zoom

The office will set up Zoom meetings for church groups and 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.

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. 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.

From the Stewardship & Finance Committee

During these challenging times when our patterns of giving to the church are interrupted, some of you 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.

We have 2 Special offerings in April:

Nickel a Meal

enter "nickel" in memo line

One Great Hour of Sharing

enter "OGHS" in memo line

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

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 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!

Apr. 2 Jack 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. 13 Jim Richardson

Apr. 14 Bob Cumming

Apr. 14 Anne Seaman

Apr. 14 Carlton Wilde

Apr. 16 Joan Deifell

Apr. 16 Genie Sullivan

Apr. 19 Lisa Harold

Apr. 9 Ann Herring

Apr. 11 Joan Murchison

Apr. 12 Sue Key

Apr. 22 Ashley Gray

Apr. 25 Maggie Lauterer

Apr. 28 Jim Weyman

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

We also lift up in prayer...

First responders, hospital workers and all on the "front lines"
All throughout the world who are suffering from the coronavirus
and other illnesses
All who are in grief for loved ones
Businesses and consumers affected by the coronavirus
Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and hard weather
Victims of domestic violence
All victims of war and destruction
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs
Parents and children separated from each other

Clara Hare-Grogg, our returned Young Adult Volunteer,
and all international YAVs, who have now been evacuated from their
placements and returning to their homes for self-quarantining
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

"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")

Black Mountain Counseling Center
Bounty & Soul
Children & Friends
Christ Community Church
Rev. Deanna Hollas, PC(USA) Gun Violence Minister
Hospital and health care workers
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.*

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

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