

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



August 25, 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!**

**In-person worship services & gatherings
are temporarily suspended.**

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

Our Calendar

Tue., Aug. 25	4:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <i>via Zoom</i>
Thur., Aug. 27	5:00-5:45	Thursday Church Chat

	P.M.	<i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Aug. 30	9:00-9:45 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Aug. 30	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Tue., Sept. 1	4:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Sept. 2	11:30 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee Meeting <i>via Zoom</i>
Thur., Sept. 3	3:30 P.M.	Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting <i>via Zoom</i>

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

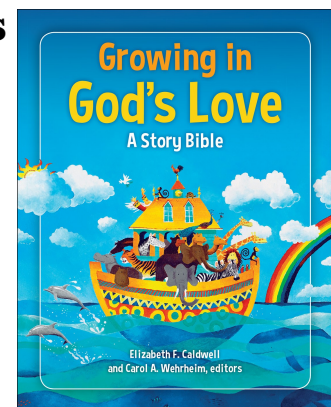
In order to streamline communication and avoid confusion, **any requests made to the MRA on behalf of church programs should come through the church office,** and we will direct them to the appropriate contacts at MRA.

Children's Music Group

Our children's weekly online gatherings continue today, Tuesday, August 25 at 4:00 P.M.

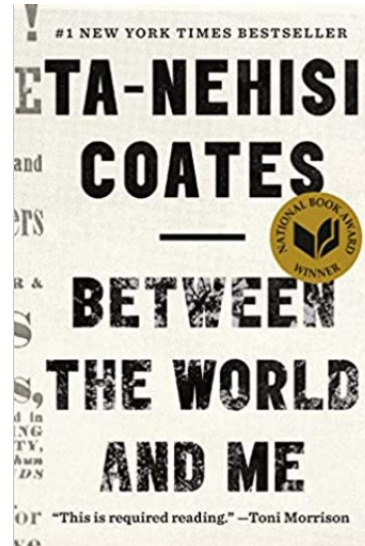
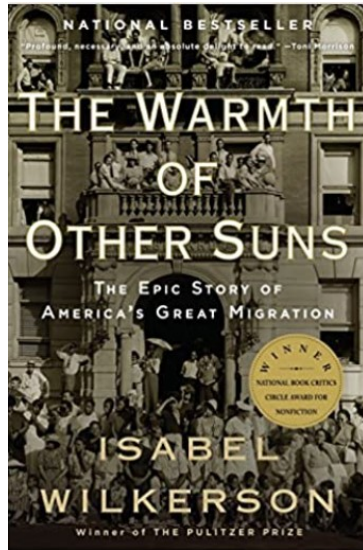
Plans include:

- A welcome time
- Sharing a Bible Story together--this week's story is "Jesus Welcomes the Children"--from our newly purchased Growing in God's Love Story Bibles (thank you, Montreat Presbyterian Church!) and reflection time
- Singing some faith hymns/songs



Books Available to Borrow

The Christian Education Committee has made available some copies of two of the books included on the recommended reading list, *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabelle Wilkerson and *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, for members of our church family to borrow. They can be picked up from the green bin outside the MPC office door.



These books are among those recommended by the Rev. Bill Lee in the presentation from Second Presbyterian Church-Roanoke, the suggested reading list of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and are included in the succinct list of titles made available in tandem with our presentation on August 12.

The CE Committee

Vote Called to Elect Members to the Ruling Elder Nominating Committee - Please Email or Call with Your Vote

The session is pleased to share the names of the church members who have been nominated to join **Everett Culpepper** and **Ann DuPre Rogers** on the Ruling Elder Nominating Committee. The floor has been closed with no additional nominations. The nominees

to join the Ruling Elder Nominating Committee are:

**Jean Gettys
Steve Hansel
Mary Jo Wright**

The Ruling Elder Nominating Committee's task is to nominate two people to begin three-year terms on the session in January. Again, ***these are not candidates for session; they are to be the committee that will nominate candidates for the session.***

Members of the active roll of Montreat Presbyterian Church, please email Clerk Jane Alexander at

clerk@montreatchurch.org,

or call 252-714-4484 in order to vote Yes or No to this slate of three for the Nominating Committee. (Members known to be without email are being contacted by phone.) Voting is open until Friday, Sept. 4.

Thank you, and thanks to the folks who answered the call and have allowed their names to be submitted!

**Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 P.M.
Evening Prayer Service**

This Wednesday evening, August 26, a short, reflective worship service of about 10 minutes' duration will be distributed at 7:00 P.M. from the pastor's porch.

Church Chats

There will now be **two** weekly MPC Church Chat online Zoom opportunities at different times to see friends and check in.

Sundays, 9:00-9:45 A.M.
(prior to our MPC worship at 10:00 A.M.)
and/or
Thursdays, 5:00-5:45 P.M.

Drop in either or both and leave as you feel comfortable. A greeter will simply make sure that everyone who wants to check in and catch up can do so.

The links for each Church Chat time will also be included in "From the Pastor's Desk" in the latter part of each week. Feel free to join even if you think you want to be a silent participant. Everyone is welcome!

Congregational Care Committee

PWNC's Earth Care Team Invitation

PWNC's Earth Care Team invites you to:

**A Talk in the Woods:
Conversations about Our Place in Creation
Thursday, September 10th, 7:00 P.M.**

Those of us who live in Western North Carolina appreciate its beauty and many blessings. How can we both enjoy and respect the natural world that is all around us?

If you have ever planted a garden, hiked a mountain trail, recycled, thought about a rain barrel, tried to save money on your utility bills, bought a new car, driven by a strip mine location, or driven through a poor neighborhood, you have something to share. The Earth Care Team of the Presbytery of North Carolina invites you to a monthly Zoom gathering where we can talk, listen, and explore what it means to be a part of planet Earth in the 21st century.

Our first get-together will happen on Thursday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m. To join the conversation, please register in advance at this

link:

[Registration Link](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Tithes and Gifts for the Mission of Montreat Presbyterian Church

Thank you for Your Faithful Contributions! The church could not support the mission and outreach of MPC without your continued faithful financial support.

Two Ways to Give to the Church During This Time

1. **You can mail a check** to the Montreat Presbyterian Church office: MPC, P.O. Box 577, Montreat, NC 28757. Blue envelopes are available! We have placed a plastic box on the window sill outside Keith's office, inside of which are the blue envelopes addressed to MPC. We will keep replenishing them as long as we are having online services. (Please be sure to close the box after getting some out in order to keep them as dry as possible.)

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.

Everett Culpepper - Chair of Stewardship/Finance Committee
Gill Campbell - Treasurer

Friends & Partners in Ministry



The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry continues to operate during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Current needs: **toilet paper, sugar, all purpose flour, chicken Ramen noodles, pork and beans.**

Please find the SVCM Tidings Newsletter [here](#). **Thank you** for your support!



We want to share what we have been creating TOGETHER, despite a pandemic, thanks to the Bounty & Soul community of generous donors, passionate volunteers, local farmers & growers, partners, & staff! Please click for regularly updated information: <https://bountyandsoul.org/>.

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!**

Aug. 30 Elizabeth Mills

Aug. 31 Robyn Josephs

Sept. 2 Betty Lou Jeffrey

Sept. 4 Frank Dimmock

Sept. 5 Ellen Ramsey

Sept. 18 Jesse Dimmock

Sept. 20 Katherine Savage

Sept. 21 Rowan Trump

Sept. 24 Sylvia Boyer

Sept. 24 William Brown

Sept. 12 jDub Simpson
Sept. 13 Mary Nell Todd
Sept. 14 Henry Neale, Jr.
Sept. 16 Zack Allen

Sept. 25 Rebekah Carpenter
Sept. 27 Janie Moore
Sept. 27 Jerone Herring

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

Blessings and congratulations to
Jane Gurley & Steve Hansel
who are engaged to be married!

The date and location of the ceremony have yet to be determined.
We rejoice and celebrate with both of you!

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

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom), moving to North Carolina
Evelyn Bannerman
Glenn Bannerman
Ken Boyer
Sylvia Boyer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Kathryn Johnson Cameron, pastor, in the unexpected death of her brother
Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle
Jey Deifell
Joan Deifell
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Jane Frist
Vicki Germann (Huffs' neighbor), recovering after cancer surgery
Bob Hare
Dora Hinkle, knee surgery on August 26
Dick Keefer
Maggie Lauterer (see Maggie's note, below)
Margaret Linton
Scotty McAliley
Bev MacSherry, cancer
Gordon Neville
Harry Philips
Margaret Rada

Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey, continuing chemo and radiation treatments
Bob Shaw
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)
Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother)
Ginnie Stevens, cancer and other health problems
Arline Taylor
Maggie Tuggle (daughter of Kitty Neil; sister of Lynn Gilliland
and Katharine Echavarri), under advanced Hospice care
Byron Wade and family as he prepares to become
the new General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina

We also lift up in prayer...

All communities, families and persons who are at risk
All throughout the world who are suffering from the coronavirus
and other illnesses
Our nation and all nations
Students, teachers, parents, administrators, and all faculty and staff
as school terms begin
Front line heroes including: hospital workers, grocery workers,
post office employees, volunteers serving the community,
first responders, nurses, doctors, public health officials,
market farmers, maintenance workers, food suppliers,
medical technicians, factory workers, delivery packers,
truck drivers, food distributors, waste and recycling industry workers,
nursing home and care facility employees, builders, police,
national guard, nonprofits who serve in close contact with the public,
journalists covering public events, security details,
elected and appointed officials and decision makers
Workers losing hours or jobs or full pay or benefits
Victims of domestic violence
People in trauma recovery and/or dealing with depression
Those who are not able to be with their loved ones
in nursing homes, hospitals, or care facilities
Military men and women, stationed at home, far away, on ships,
at air bases, or deployed in areas of conflict
Small business owners trying to keep afloat and take care of their
employees
Citizens being harassed for taking appropriate safety precautions
People earnestly grappling with issues and trying their best to be faithful
All victims of war and destruction
Worshippers longing to be back in communal worship together

Parents with children at home
Parents and children separated from each other
Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and hard weather
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs
Prison workers and inmates
Everyone filling out unemployment and other financial forms

and our friends and partners in ministry, including...

Elmarie & Scott Parker, our Mission Co-workers in the Middle East, and the
Near East School of Theology in Lebanon
Victor and Sara Makari, our Mission Co-workers in Palestine
Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner congregation in Scotland

Black Mountain Counseling Center
Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
Bounty & Soul
Children & Friends
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
Presbytery of Western North Carolina staff and volunteers
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry
Yokefellow Prison Ministry
The Young Adult Volunteer (PCUSA) program staff and supporters

*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.*

A Note from Maggie Lauterer

One of the beautiful facets of the Christian community is its ongoing care for God's people as well as its own. I have experienced that care from you in the months after my bilateral breast cancer surgery. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your prayers, your

cards, emails, and calls. They have meant so much! It takes a while to heal and continue medical care, but you have not forgotten me. Recovery is slow but thankfully, sure. God has been so good to me, and you are part of that goodness. Thank you all.

I miss you, but someday we will come together and sing "To God be the glory, great things he hath done!"

Peace be with you, my brothers and sisters,
Rev. Maggie Lauterer

Maggie was the immediate previous pastor of Montreat Presbyterian Church.

The Carpenters

Steve Hansel, Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Eric Nichols, William Pender, 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.**

PWNC Newsletter

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

Montreat Presbyterian Church

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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

**MPC Weekly Communications:
Sunday Worship,
The Montreat Memo (e-newsletter),
"From the Pastor's Desk,"
and occasional midweek prayers
and special announcements**

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.)

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

A second weekly publication, "From the Pastor's Desk," is issued in the latter part of each week: Thursday, Friday or Saturday. FTPD is designed to offer concise updates and a brief word from the pastor, especially during the time of social distancing. FTPD also includes links for opportunities such as Church Chat. **Responses intended for the pastor** may be sent to pastor@montreatchurch.org.

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Young Adult Volunteer**

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

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