

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

August 4, 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!**

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

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

**Our Calendar**

**Wed., Aug. 5      11:30 A.M.      Worship & Music Committee  
via Zoom**

<b>Wed., Aug. 5</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>via Constant Contact</i>
<b>Sun., Aug. 9</b>	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Church Chat</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Sun., Aug. 9</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Online Worship</b> <b>Summer Worship Series</b> <i>link provided at Montreat</i> <a href="#"><u>Conference Center Worship Page</u></a>
<b>Tues., Aug. 11</b>	<b>5:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Mission Committee</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Wed., Aug. 12</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Wed., Aug. 12</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Special Montreat Wednesday</b> <b>Online Presentation</b> <i>info TBA</i>
<b>Thurs., Aug. 13</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership</b> <b>Committee</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Sun., Aug. 16</b>	<b>by 10:00</b> <b>A.M.</b>	<b>MPC Sunday Worship Service</b> <b>distributed</b> <i>via Constant Contact</i>

**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.

**Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Mark Achtemeier Presentation**

Tonight at 7:00, **the Montreat Conference Center will feature our own Mark Achtemeier** as the speaker for their Arts, Music & Theology series! Mark will present "Imaging the Triune God," a lecture on the Trinity and how we have tried to "visualize" God.



Mark's presentation can be found at [montreat.org/amt2](http://montreat.org/amt2) beginning at 7:00 P.M., and will be available on the MRA website thereafter. The lectures in this series are given by friends and neighbors in Montreat and always offer insights and

inspiration, making Dr. Achtemeier a natural choice to be the speaker to close out the 2020 season.

**\*Last Chance\* for Your Input  
into Our New Church Directory!**

Please contact Patty at [office@montreachurch.org](mailto:office@montreachurch.org) with your updated photo or info. Take one last look at our last church directory and see what updates you would like to make.

Also, please email Patty your birth date (year not required) if you haven't. It's nice to be reminded when people within our church family have an upcoming birthday!

**Wednesday Evening, August 5  
A Brief Evening Prayer**



This Wednesday evening, August 5, a short prayer service of less than 10 minutes' duration will be distributed at 7:00 P.M., presented from the pastor's porch as one continuous video.

## Office Hours

Over the next few weeks, while all church staff continue their various duties for the same number of hours as always, our schedules are somewhat in flux. With that in mind, **our normal office hours will be suspended through August. Staff are still at work during that time**, but our hours of availability will be flexible and often unpredictable. Please feel free and welcome to be in touch by any of the usual means; email and phone messages are, and will continue to be, monitored regularly.

**Wednesday, August 12**  
**A Special Montreat Wednesday**

**SPECIAL SUMMER**  
**MONTREAT**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**AUGUST 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM**

DETAILS HOW TO "VIRTUALLY ATTEND ONLINE" TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MPC WEBSITE

**A CONVERSATION ON**  
**RACE**

Our program will thoughtfully reflect on a video entitled *A Conversation with Dr. William Lee on Racism in America and the Aftermath of George Floyd's Death*, featuring Dr. George Anderson of Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, the son of our own Jane & Eade Anderson.

**Panelists:**

**Ann DuPre Rogers, LCSW, executive director of Resources for Resilience**

**Heath Rada, moderator of the 221st General Assembly of the PC(USA)**

**Moderator:**

**Pastor Keith Grogg**

**MONTREAT**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**



The purpose of our program is specifically to have an

**opportunity to reflect on the conversation between Dr. Bill Lee and Dr. George Anderson.** We invite you to view this illuminating discussion in advance of the Montreat Wednesday presentation. It can be found online at any time at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czuAvOtruKA&t=320s>

We live in times that challenge us to help create a brighter future for all God's children. This Montreat Wednesday program is offered as a step toward understanding the breadth and depth of the problems that must be addressed if we are to overcome racism.

To that end, the Christian Education Committee has put together a list of additional recommended educational materials (available by clicking [here](#)). Some of these are the ones recommended or mentioned by Dr. Lee; others are part of the presbytery's recommended reading list. This list will also be posted on our website, [MontreatChurch.org](http://MontreatChurch.org).

*The CE Committee*

## 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.

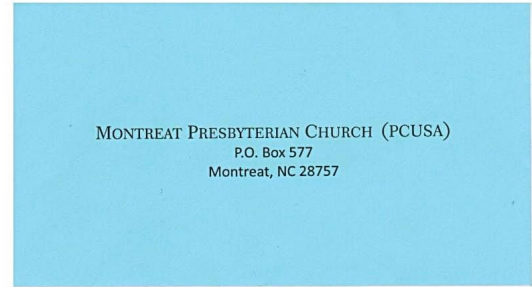
### Nickel-a-Meal Offering



As we continue to do virtual worship please remember **the first weekend of the month is our opportunity to contribute to Nickel A Meal.** These funds are used by Presbyterian outreach to those who are food insecure.

**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*

## Masks Matter and Mask Matters

**The church has some homemade face coverings** to offer at no charge if anyone is in need. These were lovingly made by some of our church members. **We also have extra fabric** if there are those who would like to make any masks. Please speak with Vivian about any masks matters.

Coronavirus cases have continued to rise at an alarming rate and the CDC has continued to recommend the use of face coverings for all to help with the spread of the Covid-19 virus. This is another recent article in the health and safety promotion of wearing masks:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0714-americans-to-wear-masks.html>

Thank you for taking all precautions to be healthy and to help others stay safe and healthy also.

V.H.

## Friends & Partners in Ministry



Swannanoa Valley Christian 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](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!**

**Aug. 4 Ruth Currie**

**Aug. 12 Cis Wilde**



**Aug. 4 Jane Holt**

**Aug. 4 Heath Rada**

**Aug. 4 Linda Weyman**

**Aug. 4 Sophia Chang-Woods**

**Aug. 6 Olson Huff**

**Aug. 7 Anne Straughan**

**Aug. 9 Kitty Fouche**

**Aug. 11 Lynn Gilliland**

**Aug. 12 Betsy Kirschner**

**Aug. 12 Paulette Heck**

**Aug. 14 Julie Simpson**

**Aug. 15 Jim Williamson**

**Aug. 16 Sue Diehl**

**Aug. 17 John LaMotte**

**Aug. 18 Hannah Kirschner**

**Aug. 18 Cameron Roberts**

**Aug. 19 Peggy Hollandsworth**

**Aug. 19 Zaida Gilmour**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

Our deepest Christian love and sympathy  
surround George & Gayle Sawyer  
in the death of George's brother, Rick;

and the family and many friends of Doug Oldenburg,  
friend and colleague to many  
and former PC(USA) General Assembly moderator,  
whose death was announced on July 22;

and Robert Garrison, Eade & Jane Anderson,  
and all the family and friends of Jane Garrison;

and the family of Lamar Williamson,  
and the many people in our community and around the world  
for whom Lamar has been a teacher, pastor, mentor, and friend.

Service information will be shared as it is determined.

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

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom)

Evelyn Bannerman

Glenn Bannerman

Ken Boyer  
Sylvia Boyer  
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)  
Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle  
Jey Deifell  
Joan Deifell, recovering from knee surgery  
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain  
Bill Elderbrock (Lisa Rome's father), recovering from surgery last week  
Beth Fountain, shoulder surgery on Wednesday  
Jane Frist  
The family and friends of Jane Garrison  
Vicki Germann (Huffs' neighbor), recovering after cancer surgery  
Zaida Gilmour and the family and friends of Fred Hale  
Bob Hare  
Josef Henschen, recovering from surgery  
Dora Hinkle, awaiting knee surgery  
Lydia Huff (Marylyn & Olson's granddaughter),  
in the death of a school friend  
Dick Keefer  
Maggie Lauterer  
Margaret Linton  
Scotty McAliley  
Bev MacSherry, cancer  
Sharon Meares (presbytery PW moderator), stroke  
Gordon Neville  
Martha Anne Neville and her daughter, Cathy (area friends and neighbors),  
quarantining after positive covid-19 tests  
Harry Philips  
Margaret Rada  
Ellen Ramsey  
George Ramsey  
George Sawyer, in the death of his brother, Rick  
Sara Scarborough, surgery and recovery  
Bob Shaw  
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)  
Bill Sibley, recovering after dual surgeries  
Kit Smith (Patty's child), gallbladder surgery Wednesday, Aug. 5  
Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother)  
Ginnie Stevens, cancer and other health problems  
Arline Taylor  
Maggie Tuggle (daughter of Kitty Neil)  
The family and friends of Lamar Williamson  
Elaine Zinn (friend of jDub & Julie Simpson)

## ***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  
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  
Worshipers longing to be back in communal worship together  
Parents with children at home  
Parents and children separated from each other  
Teachers and all other displaced professionals  
Young people whose lives have been put on hold  
Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and hard weather  
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs  
All who are in grief for loved ones  
Employees and consumers affected by the coronavirus  
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  
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.*

## 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

[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)

## **MPC Weekly Communications: The Montreat Memo (e-newsletter) and "From the Pastor's Desk"**

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](mailto: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 Sunday opportunities such as Church Chat, the Summer Worship Series, and the Hymn Sing. **Responses intended for the pastor** may be sent to [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org).

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