

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

July 21, 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., July 22    10:00 A.M.    Choir Virtual Gathering  
via Zoom**

<b>Wed., July 22</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Wed., July 22</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>CE Working Group</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Wed., July 22</b>	<b>by 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>via Constant Contact</i>
<b>Thu., July 23</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership Committee Meeting</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Sun., July 26</b>	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Church Chat</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Sun., July 26</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>Wed., July 29</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Sun., Aug. 2</b>	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Church Chat</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Sun., Aug. 2</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>Wed., Aug. 5</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Special Montreat Wednesday Online Presentation</b> <i>info TBA</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.

**Tomorrow Evening, July 22**  
**A Brief Evening Prayer**

This Wednesday evening, July 22, another short prayer service of

about 10 minutes' duration will be distributed at 7:00 P.M. The service will be presented as one continuous video, with scripture reading and prayers, from the pastor's porch.

*K.G.*

## Staff Updates

Through Friday of this week, pastor Keith Grogg is rounding out a 14-day quarantine, working from home after a brief visit to his mother in Illinois.

Office administrator Patty Smith has begun a new second shift job, but for the first four weeks, she will need to be on first shift for them and second shift for us!--meaning that **through Friday, August 14, our normal office hours are suspended. Staff are still at work in all the intervening time**, but our hours will be flexible and often unpredictable.

Your worship staff, in consultation with the Worship & Music Committee and the session, are still making our plans with the expectation that after the Summer Worship Series, which concludes on August 9, our worship will continue to be online rather than in person for the time being.

*K.G.*

## New Directory

A new MPC Family Directory is underway. It will include current contact information and a face photo to help people to put a name with a face, especially helpful to new members.

You can help the committee by notifying the church office that your information is correct or sending your correct info to the church office: [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org).

Please submit a new photo unless you would like to use your photo from the last directory.

Church Directory Information:

Names of family members

Mailing Address

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home phone

Cell phones

Email addresses

The committee hopes your response will reduce the number of follow-ups needed. Thank you for your help!

## Congratulations, George Sawyer!

We join in celebration that longtime affiliate of our church--and recent addition, with Gayle, to the active roll--George Sawyer has been officially recognized by the South Carolina Inn in Montreat upon his retirement after many years on the Board of Trustees. A letter dated July 15, 2020 reads in part:

"The Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Inn in Montreat is pleased to announce **the creation of the George P. Sawyer Native Plant Garden on the Inn grounds.** Dr. Sawyer has served the Inn in many and diverse ways for over 20 years. He served as chair of the Inn's Board of Trustees and for many years served as treasurer, which included technological transitions. George was the go to person for all things financial including budgets, endowment reports, bookkeeping, and tax preparation," as well as supervising construction projects and overseeing Inn responsibilities during staff transitions.

The letter notes that George "is currently a member of the Montreat Presbyterian Church and an associate member of the Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill." The George P. Sawyer Native Plant Garden is on the hillside to the right of the steps going to the front porch and downstairs entrance to the Inn. Congratulations, George, and well done!





## Mask Project Update

**If any in our congregation are in need of cloth face coverings, or if you are interested in sewing face coverings to be used by our congregation, please contact Vivian Hare at [music@montreatchurch.org](mailto:music@montreatchurch.org).**

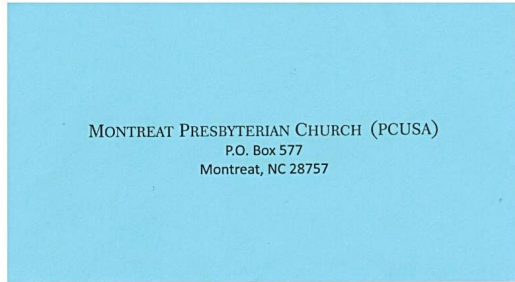
## Tithes and Gifts for the Mission of Montreat Presbyterian Church

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 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 are the blue envelopes addressed to MPC. Please feel free to stop by the church office and use them to mail your contributions to the church. We will

keep replenishing them as long as we are having virtual services. Please close the box after getting some out, it will keep the moisture out.

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*

## Second Loaf

**Second Loaf continues through the summer**, with some alterations from previous years. We will be collecting **only shelf ready food, unopened, sealed** for the SVCM pantry. Items especially needed this week are sugar, all purpose flour, pork and beans, toilet paper, and chicken Ramen noodles.

**Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 A.M.**

## 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](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!

**July 22 Margo Smith**

**Aug. 4 Sophia Chang-Woods**

**July 25 June Peel**

**July 25 Billie Martin**

**July 27 Bob Gambrell**

**July 29 Linda Shortridge**

**Aug. 4 Ruth Currie**

**Aug. 4 Jane Holt**

**Aug. 4 Heath Rada**

**Aug. 4 Linda Weyman**

**Aug. 6 Susan Holcomb**

**Aug. 6 Olson Huff**

**Aug. 7 Anne Straughan**

**Aug. 9 Kitty Fouche**

**Aug. 11 Lynn Gilliland**

**Aug. 12 Betsy Kirschner**

**Aug. 12 Cis Wilde**

**Aug. 12 Paulette Heck**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

Our deepest Christian love and sympathy  
surround Zaida Gilmour  
and all the family and friends of Fred Hale;

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

and the family of Lamar Williamson,  
July 24, 1926-July 11, 2020,  
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  
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  
Dora Hinkle, upcoming knee replacement surgery  
Lydia Huff (Marylyn & Olson's granddaughter),  
in the death of a school friend  
Dick Keefer  
Maggie Lauterer  
Margaret Linton  
Scotty MacAliley  
Bev MacSherry, cancer  
Sharon Meares (presbytery PW moderator), stroke  
Gordon Neville  
Harry Philips  
Margaret Rada  
Ellen Ramsey  
George Ramsey  
Jim Richardson  
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)  
The family and friends of Lamar Williamson  
Elaine Zinn (friend of jDub & Julie Simpson),  
hospitalized with kidney infection

***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  
Worshippers 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.**

*We are deeply saddened at the death of one of our Carpenters, Fred Hale, who served faithfully and well. His kind and gentle spirit, along with his woodworking and "fix-it" abilities, served many.*

## 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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