

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



September 8, 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

Tues., Sept. 8	4:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <i>via Zoom</i>
Tues., Sept. 8	4:00 P.M.	Mission Committee

		<i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Sept. 9	6:45 A.M.	Morning Prayer Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Sept. 9	7:00 P.M.	Evening Meditation Vivian Hare, piano <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Thur., Sept. 10	5:00 P.M.	Thursday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Sept. 13	9:00-9:45 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Sept. 13	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Tues., Sept. 15	4:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <i>via Zoom</i>
Tues., Sept. 15	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Sept. 16	2:00 P.M.	C.E. Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Sept. 16	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Sept. 16	7:00 P.M.	Evening Prayer <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Thurs., Sept. 17	5:00 P.M.	Thursday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Sept. 20	9:00-9:45 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Sept. 20	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service 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.

Wednesday, September 9
6:45 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
7:00 P.M. Evening Meditation

This Wednesday morning, September 9, a Morning Prayer service of less 10 minutes' duration will be distributed by 6:45 A.M. from the pastor's porch.

Later that same day, an instrumental Evening Meditation will be provided by pianist Vivian Hare at 7:00 P.M.

Church Chats

We have **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.

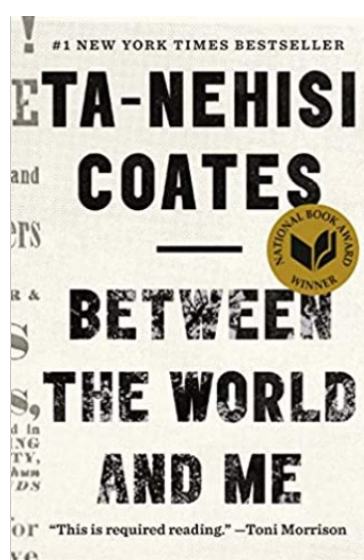
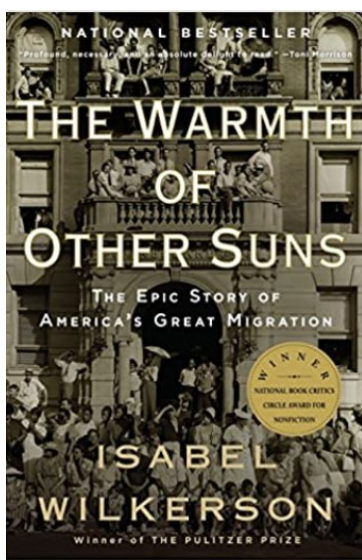
Our first get-together will happen on Thursday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m. To join the conversation, please register in advance at this link:

[**Registration Link**](#)

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

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. **Please note that most or all copies of *The Warmth of Other Suns* are currently in circulation.**



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

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



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 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!

Sept. 12 jDub Simpson

Sept. 13 Mary Nell Todd

Sept. 14 Henry Neale, Jr.

Sept. 16 Zack Allen

Sept. 18 Jesse Dimmock

Sept. 20 Katherine Savage

Sept. 21 Rowan Trump

Sept. 24 Sylvia Boyer

Sept. 24 William Brown

Sept. 25 Rebekah Carpenter

Sept. 27 Janie Moore

Sept. 27 Jerone Herring

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

Our deepest Christian love and sympathy surround the Tuggle, Neil, Gilliland and Echavarri families in the death of Kitty Neil's daughter and Lynn Gilliland's sister, Maggie Tuggle, on Sunday;

and Randy & Janie Moore in the death of Randy's father, Paul Moore.

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

Chris & Lacey Alexander in the birth of their daughter, Everette
Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom)
Evelyn Bannerman
Glenn Bannerman
Ken Boyer
Sylvia Boyer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Chandler Coggeshall (son of Genie Sullivan), open heart surgery
this week at Duke
Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle
Jey Deifell

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Jane Frist
Bob Hare
Dora Hinkle, recovering well after knee surgery
Dick Keefer
Maggie Lauterer
Margaret Linton
Scotty McAliley
Bev MacSherry, cancer
Gordon Neville
Harry Philips
Margaret Rada
Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey, continuing chemo and radiation treatments
Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister), recovering from viral meningitis
Bob Shaw
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)
Sarah Skinner & Chris Nelson preparing for their new baby
Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother)
Ginnie Stevens, cancer and other health problems
Arline Taylor
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...

Wildfires in California
People preparing for or dealing with hurricanes
Victims of human trafficking
Violence and unrest in U.S. cities and elsewhere
All communities, families and persons who are at risk
Victims of domestic violence
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 workers including: hospital workers, grocery workers,
first responders, nurses, doctors, public health officials,
national guard, nonprofits who serve in close contact with the public,
nursing home and care facility employees, builders, police,
post office employees, volunteers serving the community,
elected and appointed officials and decision makers,

market farmers, maintenance workers, food suppliers,
medical technicians, factory workers, delivery packers,
truck drivers, food distributors, waste and recycling industry workers,
journalists covering public events, security details.

Workers losing hours or jobs or full pay or benefits

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, face to face worship

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.

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

Are you or a friend having trouble receiving our emails via Constant Contact? Be sure to check your "Promotions" category for email that may have been diverted from your main inbox, as well as checking Spam and other folders. For Vimeo and other broadcasts, sometimes it may be helpful to move your laptop a bit closer to your wifi router (*in my case, that just means coming in from the front porch - K.G.*).

The Memo is usually published on Tuesday afternoon. **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 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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2019-20 YAV**

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

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