

The Weekly Montreat Memo



THE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA

October 13, 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., Oct. 13	4:00 P.M.	Mission Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Oct. 14	by 6:00	Wednesday Morning Prayer

	A.M.	Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Oct. 14	11:30 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Oct. 14	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday "Are Judaism and Jesus Going in the Same Direction?" William Pender <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Thur., Oct. 15	2:00 P.M.	Finance Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Oct. 18	9:30-10:15 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Oct. 18	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Tue., Oct. 20	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Oct. 21	by 6:00 A.M.	Wednesday Morning Prayer Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Oct. 21	11:30 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee <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.

Elders-Elect!

We are delighted to announce that the votes are in, and our next two ruling elders on Session will be William Brown and Ellen Dean!

Many thanks to all who participated in the congregational vote, our nominating committee, and Ellen and William.

Installation will take place in January.

**Morning Prayer Service
6:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 14**

This Wednesday morning, October 14, a Morning Prayer service of less than 10 minutes' duration will be distributed at 6:00 A.M. from the pastor's porch.

**Montreat Wednesday
5:00 P.M., October 14 via Zoom**

**MONTREAT WEDNESDAY
Next Wednesday Oct. 14th**

**On the Road with Paul: Are
Judaism and Jesus Going in
the Same Direction?**

Dr. William Pender



**PRESENTED ON-LINE: A LINK WILL
BE SENT TO YOU ON WEDNESDAY**

JOIN US FOR THIS PROGRAM!!

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZQ7I4Dpogo&feature=youtu.be>

"A Christmas Tapestry"



Calling all Montreat Presbyterian Church members! We would like your help in creating scenes of the Christmas story. We will be piecing together a special Christmas presentation using photographs submitted. **ALL ages are invited to participate.**

We will involve the roles from scripture that tell of Jesus' birth: Prophets and angels, Mary and Joseph, Angel Gabriel, shepherds and Magi, and more.

The way we'll do this will be collecting photographs taken by those participating who will pose as part of the scenes of the scripture readings. Those photographs will be submitted and woven together and that "Christmas Tapestry" will be distributed to the congregation in December.

Yes, I want to be part of the Christmas Tapestry! What will I need to do to participate?

1) Email Vivian Hare (music@montreatchurch.org) by October 27, letting her know you would like to participate.

- "Yes, I/we would like to participate in the Christmas Tapestry."

- List all names of those in your household who will participate, and your contact email address, and phone number.

2) You will be assigned a role and will need to have someone photograph you portraying the scene of that assigned role. This may be done outside or inside your home (a very few roles will involve requested video). No worries about fancy costumes. We'll be creative with what we have. But helpful ideas will be given for how to portray your part.

3) You will need to be able to send your photographs to Vivian, via email, by the date assigned.

How will I know what I'm supposed to do?

After we hear from all who are interested in participating, parts will be assigned and sent to you along with instructions for what to do for your photograph and when to return your photographs. Some helpful ideas will be given for your role.

Please note, this is a pandemic project: **no groups will be gathering** to create any scenes for this project.

Please let Vivian know you would like to participate by October 27. Further instructions will be given after we know who would like to be involved.

Advent 2020, here we come with hope and joy!

V.H.

Stewardship 2020

Stewardship Devotional

Posted by **Peter Kennedy** on **Monday Nov 18, 2013**

"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

[1 Cor. 1:4](#)

In the early 1970's, a pastor began his ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, Mississippi. During his first year there he was visited by three men who inquired about one of his members. She was a widow who lived by herself. Was she getting out? Were her friends in Aberdeen keeping in touch? Was there anything they needed to know? The three shared their reason for asking with the pastor and gave him their cards. One lived in New Jersey, another in Oklahoma, the other in California. He was told to call them if there was anything they could do to make her life happier or easier.

The same three men arrived each year as they had since 1946. They brought presents their wives had picked out in the shops of San Francisco and New York. They'd also hired a local family who mowed the woman's yard, trimmed the bushes, and checked on tree branches and gutters. One of the men prepared the woman's tax returns each year. Another contracted repairs on her house or made them himself. Sometimes they helped her shop for a new car. They were meticulous in checking on everything and

trying to anticipate every difficulty the woman might face.

Why such kindness to this widow? Well soon after the Normandy Invasion, the three men, who were soldiers, were huddled in a basement with their platoon. Suddenly, a German grenade came bouncing down the stairs. A soldier, the woman's husband, immediately threw himself on the grenade. He absorbed most of its impact. He died but the rest of the 18 men lived because of his death.

After the war was over, these three men made a pact to forever show their gratitude to the soldier's widow who lived in Aberdeen.

We need to be grateful for the people the Lord has placed in our lives. Today in prayer, show your appreciation and God's love to a widow or an orphan.

"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts." - Henri Frederic Amiel

God's Word: "I thank my God every time I remember you." - [Philippians 1:3](#)

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DEVOTIONS IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

E.N.

Resources for Resilience Links for Listening Hours

Applying Tools in the Time of Covid-19 and Heightened Pain Around Racial Injustice

Join **Resources for Resilience™** for a series of virtual gatherings where we can come together to practice resiliency tools and sense in to what is helping us make it through right now.

We are pleased to continue listening hours for all community members throughout the month of October. In addition, we will continue to offer listening hours that are led by and held exclusively for People of Color each week. Our listening hours are open to all and there is no cost to attend.

We look forward to connecting with you there!

Mondays | 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

These listening hours are open to all People of Color.

[Connect via Zoom](#)(meeting ID: 828 4463 1216; password: 111787)

Mondays | 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

These listening hours are open to all community members.

[Connect via Zoom](#)(meeting ID: 897 6770 3132; password: 146589)

Women's Circle **10:00 A.M., Tuesday, Oct. 20**

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our September Montreat Circle Meeting. Thank you Sally Woodard, for a great lesson, and for introducing our study: *Into the Light: Finding Hope in Prayers of Lament*.

We look forward to the next meeting on **Tuesday, October 20 at 10:00 A.M.**

Cathie Dodson will teach Lesson 2, "Lamenting Together."

Upcoming Meetings:

November 17 - Priscilla Durkin, Lesson 3, "Women's Lament."

December 15 - Ellen Dean, Lesson 5, "Lamenting Life."

January 19 - Corise Gambrell, Lesson 4, "Lamenting Death."

February - Mary Jo Clark, Lesson 6, "Lament Over the City."

March - Marylyn Huff, Lesson 7, "Creation Laments."

If you need a study book, contact Jane Alexander (jealexander@aol.com).

If you would like to support the staff at the Collins Center (formerly Children and Friends) by sending a birthday card and small gift to a staff member, contact Corise Gambrell (corisegambrell@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Montreat Circle meeting on October 20. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. The link will be sent out the Monday before via Constant Contact. Please share with your friends and neighbors who wish to participate.

Jane Alexander and Ellen Dean, Circle Co-Chairs

Advent Wreath at Home

In preparation for Advent, the season of preparation for the coming of Christ that covers the four Sundays before Christmas (beginning this year on Nov. 29), the Worship & Music Committee invites you to join us in preparing an Advent wreath for home use.

You can [click here](#) to to open, print, or download a short item called "Making an Advent Wreath at Home." Many thanks to committee member Paulette Heck for drafting it.

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

Books Available to Borrow

Copies for borrowing and returning are still available of two of the books included on the recommended reading list: *The Warmth of Other Suns* and *Between the World and Me*. They can be picked up from the green bin outside the MPC office door any time.

Friends & Partners in Ministry

The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry continues to operate during the Covid-19 Pandemic. **SVCM is in need of Fall & Winter clothing** as well as usual food and financial gifts.

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

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!

Oct. 15 Nancy Midgett

Oct. 15 Robert Hare

Oct. 16 Beth Ariss

Oct. 17 Callum Trump

Oct. 20 Steve Carter

Oct. 23 Arline Taylor

Oct. 27 Betty Henderson

Oct. 28 Olivia Lamotte

Oct. 29 Willa Roberts

Oct. 30 Hannah Kirschner

Oct. 30 Susanne Query

Oct. 30 Ron Maffett

Oct. 24 Mary Brueggemann

Oct. 25 Margaret Neale

Oct. 25 Bob Montgomery

Oct. 26 Charlene Woods

Oct. 26 Isaac Dimmock

Nov. 1 Mari Gramling

Nov. 4 Bob Neil

Nov. 5 Ann Wilde

Nov. 6 Chet Alexander

Nov. 11 Terry Butler

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

*Our Christian love and sympathy surround
the families and friends of
Gordon Neville
and Harry Philips.*

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)

Chandler Coggeshall (son of Genie Sullivan), recovering from heart surgery

Pat Connelly, hip replacement Oct. 11

Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle

Roy Davidson (friend of Mason Blake), fighting lung cancer

Jey Deifell

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Bob Hare

Bill Hollins, hospitalized in ICU

Dick Keefer

Maggie Lauterer

Margaret Linton

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry, cancer

Bob & Kitty Neil and family in the deaths of Maggie Tuggle and David Neil

Margaret Rada

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey, continuing chemo and radiation treatments
Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister)
Bob Shaw
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)
Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother)
Ginnie Stevens, cancer and other health problems
Arline Taylor
Bob Thompson (father of the late Jane Hansel), under Hospice care
Christina Tutterow, great report and test results from Mayo
Byron Wade, new General Presbyter
of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Michael Wiseman (Dora and John's grandson) tested positive for covid

We also lift up in prayer...

Our nation and all nations
Wildfires in Western states
People preparing for or dealing with hurricanes
Victims of human trafficking
Victims of domestic violence
All communities, families and persons who are at risk
Worshippers longing for communal, face to face worship
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.
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
People earnestly grappling with issues and trying their best to be faithful
All victims of war and destruction
Parents with children at home
Parents and children separated from each other

Neighbors vulnerable to poverty and hunger
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs
Prison workers and inmates

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
Christ Community Church
Donald S Collins Early Learning Center, Black Mountain
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
Resources for Resilience
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.*

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](#).

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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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