

The Weekly Montreat Memo

THE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA

October 6, 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. 6	4:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Oct. 7	by 6:00	Wednesday Morning Prayer

	A.M.	Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Thurs., Oct. 8	2:00 P.M.	Finance Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Thurs., Oct. 8	3:30 P.M.	Evangelism & Membership Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Oct. 11	9:30-10:15 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Oct. 11	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Tues., Oct. 13	4:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Oct. 14	by 6:00 A.M.	Wednesday Morning Prayer Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Oct. 14	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.

Pastor Appreciation October 11, 2020

Pastor Appreciation Resolution

WHEREAS Sunday, October 11, 2020 has been designated as Pastor Appreciation Day, and

WHEREAS the Session of Montreat Presbyterian Church has been duly authorized to make corporate expressions on behalf of the

congregation, and

WHEREAS Reverend Keith Grogg continues to serve the congregation with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, especially in this time of difficulty, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish in development of faith and service to the community and the world,

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Session of Montreat Presbyterian Church does hereby express heartfelt appreciation to Reverend Keith Grogg for his dedicated service as pastor, teacher and leader of the people, and thanks him for his model to the congregants in his obedience to Jesus Christ.

This resolution adopted by Session on October 1, 2020.

Jane Alexander, Clerk

Wednesday, October 7 6:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service

This Wednesday morning, October 7, a Morning Prayer service of less than 10 minutes' duration will be distributed at 6:00 A.M. from the pastor's porch.

Stewardship 2020



Do you remember Tony the Tiger, made famous in Esso gas ads?

Eric Nichols wrote the following:

During my college days, my roommate took me to his home in Princeton, WV, to visit with his parents for the weekend. The plan on Sunday was to go to their church service, which I thought would be an interesting experience. I had never been to a Baptist Church, nor seen a baptismal tank. It also happened to be Stewardship Sunday.

When we were pulling into the church parking lot, there was a portable church sign, complete with flashing marquee lights. It stated the sermon title, "Put a Tither in the Tank."

While we don't have a baptismal tank for MPC, we are in the midst of our stewardship 2020 campaign. Pledge cards and a letter have been mailed this past weekend to members and friends. Your Stewardship Committee is requesting that you send your pledge back to the church in the stamped envelope by October 21, so that we may celebrate the day of commitment on Sunday, October 24. Thank you.

E.N.

A Talk in the Woods 2 7:00 P.M., Thursday, Oct. 8

**A TALK IN THE WOODS 2: "WHITHER SMOKEY THE BEAR?"
Thursday, October 8th, 7:00 pm., Zoom**

The Earth Care Team of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina invites you to its second Zoom gathering, where wildfires will be the topic of conversation. What stories do you have about forest fires in Western North Carolina and southern Appalachia? What do we want children and youth to learn about living in the special environment of mountains and forests? How do Christians and their congregations promote healthy and sustainable ways of life here?

Please register for this October 8th Zoom event: [HERE](#)

The Earth Care Team looks forward to you joining in this talk!

Walk/Car Parade for Hunger Relief Benefiting the Food Ministry of SVCM This Sunday, October 11

This year's **Hunger Walk** will be a little different. While we will not be walking together as a community group, you can still make a difference!

Swannanoa Valley
Christian Ministry

Walk for Hunger Relief
Sunday, October 11, 2020

Find more information [here](#).

Find a registration form [here](#).

Click [here](#) for information about
the Car Parade.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

Car Parade

End Hunger in our Valley
Sunday, October 11, 2020

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)

**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!!

Church Chat

**Sunday Church Chat continues each week
at its new time: 9:30-10:15 A.M.**

Join our weekly MPC Church Chat on Sunday morning
via Zoom to see friends and check in!

Sunday morning, 9:30-10:15 A.M.

Drop in 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. Feel free to join even if you think you want to be a silent participant. Everyone is welcome!

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@montreachurch.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. 7 Beth Frith

Oct. 8 Martha Campbell

Oct. 12 Harry Philips

Oct. 15 Nancy Midgette

Oct. 15 Robert Hare

Oct. 16 Beth Ariss

Oct. 17 Callum Trump

Oct. 20 Steve Carter

Oct. 23 Arline Taylor

Oct. 24 Mary Brueggemann

Oct. 25 Margaret Neale

Oct. 26 Charlene Woods

Oct. 26 Isaac Dimmock

Oct. 27 Betty Henderson

Oct. 28 Olivia Lamotte

Oct. 29 Willa Roberts

Oct. 30 Hannah Kirschner

Oct. 30 Susanne Query

Oct. 30 Ron Maffett

Nov. 1 Mari Gramling

Nov. 4 Bob Neil

Nov. 5 Ann Wilde

Our Church Family Prayer List

*We extend our love & sympathy to the family and friends of
Gordon Neville, who died peacefully in his home, Oct. 5.*

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 scheduled 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

Betty Henderson, recovering from successful hip surgery

Dora Hinkle, recovering after knee surgery

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

Harry Philips

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
President Trump and all coronavirus patients
All communities, families and persons who are at risk
Citizens being harassed for taking appropriate safety precautions
Worshipers 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
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
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

Montreat Presbyterian Church

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,
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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