

The Weekly Montreat Memo



THE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA

October 27, 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

Tue., Oct. 27	9:00 A.M.	Presbytery Meeting <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Oct. 28	by 6:00	Wednesday Morning Prayer

	A.M.	Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Oct. 28	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday <i>distributed via Constant Contact</i>
Sun., Nov. 1	9:30-10:15 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Nov. 1	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Sun., Nov. 1	1:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Nov. 4	by 6:00 A.M.	Wednesday Morning Prayer Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Nov. 4	11:30 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Nov. 8	9:30-10:15 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Nov. 8	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Thu., Nov. 12	3:30 P.M.	Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting <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.

"A Christmas Tapestry"
Please let us know by **Tuesday, Oct. 27**
if you would like to be a participant



Calling all Montreat Presbyterian Church members! We would like your help in creating scenes of the Christmas story. **ALL ages are invited to participate.** We will be collecting photographs taken by those participating who will pose as part of the scenes of the scripture readings. Those photographs will be woven together and the "Christmas Tapestry" will be distributed 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. 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, outside or inside your home. No worries about fancy costumes; we'll be creative with what we have. Ideas will be given.
- 3) You will need to be able to send your photographs to Vivian, via email, by the date assigned.

After we hear from all who are interested, parts will be assigned and sent to you along with instructions. 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.**

Advent 2020, here we come with hope and joy!

V.H.

**Morning Prayer Service
6:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 28**

This Wednesday morning, 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 28**

**MONTREAT WEDNESDAY
Next Wednesday Oct. 28th**

**The Covid Crisis and Our Local Community Service
Organizations - Part One**

**Buncombe County Department of Health & Human Services, Black Mountain
Counseling Center and Bounty & Soul**




**PRESENTED ON-LINE: A LINK WILL
BE SENT OUT NEXT WEDNESDAY**

JOIN US FOR THIS PROGRAM!!

Stewardship 2021

You may have recently received a stewardship letter, which included inserts: your 2021 estimate of giving card and a stamped return envelope. If you have not yet had a chance to respond, your stewardship team and church committee leaders

would greatly appreciate your letting us know your estimated giving for 2021 **this week**. Your thoughtful gifts will enable us to plan a realistic budget for our ministries in the coming year. Thank you!

	
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	
NAME(S) _____	Keep this portion as a record of your financial pledge for the year 2021.
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____ ST. _____ ZIP _____	
FINANCIAL PLEDGE FOR 2021 Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following Commitment to support the mission of the church.	
\$ _____ per <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> year	Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church.
<small>(This commitment may be revised or cancelled due to changing circumstances.)</small>	\$ _____ per <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> year
<small>"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</small>	<small>(This commitment may be revised or cancelled due to changing circumstances.)</small>

Church Chat

Are you missing seeing faces without masks? Do you miss the friends you connected with around the coffee pot on Sunday mornings? If so, you may enjoy joining **Church Chat** on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15!

This is a light conversation amongst our MPC family, a time we share with each other anything from our favorite saints, to our favorite hymns, to our favorite sports events, to what is happening in our lives. Catching up with our church family is the goal. No one is required to speak, but the greeters will invite you to share if you want. Currently, William & Sheri Pender and Amy & Mason Blake alternate being our greeters. Take a break from separation and join us! The Zoom link will be sent via Constant Contact later this week (and uses the same link each week). See you Sunday morning at 9:30!

A Talk in the Woods



Conversations about Our Place in Creation

Thursday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m.

via ZOOM

Western North Carolinians are fortunate to live among such wondrous mountains that show an abundant display of color in the fall. How can we both enjoy and respect this natural world that is all around us?

Listen and share as we create community across the Presbytery and discuss environmental issues and earth care concerns with others who have similar interests. Join our monthly gathering of people who have an interest in earth care ministry by ZOOM on November 12 at 7:00 PM. [Please register in advance](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The next Talk in the Woods will be December 10 and the topic will be the Christmas tree industry.

A Talk in the Woods is sponsored by the Earth Care Team of the Presbytery of WNC. For more information about A Talk in the Woods or the Presbytery's Earth Care Team contact Jane at janelaping@sbcglobal.net.

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)

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.

Black Mountain Counseling Center Fundraiser



Special virtual culinary fundraiser for the Black Mountain Counseling Center

Please take note of the chef's name and special connection!

November 10 7:30-8:30 P.M. (EST)

Cost: \$25 per household (all donation money goes to support BMCC!)

Executive Chef Ken Grogg, brother of Keith Grogg [older brother -Ed.], will take you through cooking lessons and methods to make the most out of your grocery store run during the pandemic. Ken will talk about the relationship with food across different cultures, the important role food plays during the holidays, what makes comfort food comfortable, why his own mental health inspired him to do this presentation, and more! He will demonstrate how to get the most uses out a whole protein (i.e. fish, chicken, etc.) to get the most of out of a trip to the grocery store during this challenging time, with tips on:

- Simple butchering techniques;
- Use of different cooking methods;
- Use of global spices and ingredients;
- and Beverage pairing.

You do not cook during this hour! You get to sit back and follow along with the tips and recipes. **Bonus:** Leave with new recipes for the winter! Recipes TBD. Spread the word and sign up to enjoy a special evening of chef skills and fun See information and link to pay/sign up here:

<https://www.blackmountaincounseling.org/events>

Ken Grogg studied at the L'Hotel Sofitel School of French Culinary Skills, created all the stocks and sauces for Café Royale, part of the Sofitel's restaurant business, and served as executive chef at the Minnesota Governor's Residence for twelve years. Living and working in Minnesota, Grogg loves Minnesota food - and he's exceptional at making it. So it's fitting that Grogg finds himself at Lunds & Byerlys, a family-owned Minnesota company where he's been the executive chef in charge of L&B Meal Creations, the meal-kit program that makes at-home cooking faster and more enjoyable, and makes meals more memorable. Join BMCC and Ken on November 10 for a culinary good time!

Friends & Partners in Ministry

The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry continues to operate during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

SVCM is still taking food donations at the door at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. We are also taking donations of small, snackable items, including water, for the Blessing Box in front of the church. As it gets colder the shelter situation is limited and more people stop by for emergency supplies. Emergency packages usually contain things like nuts, granola bars, pop top foods like Vienna sausages, and some personal care items like masks, hand sanitizer, and hand cream, etc.

Apart from food and here is a need for fall & winter clothing as well. The regular food donations are taken to SVCM after 4 on Mondays. You can drive by the front of the church and leave your donations in the marked bins. You may also donate to the Blessing Box located by the White Horse parking lot.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

**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

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. 27 Betty Henderson

Nov. 13 Jane Anderson

Oct. 28 Olivia Lamotte

Nov. 13 David Neel

Oct. 29 Willa Roberts

Nov. 18 Ann Hudspeth

Oct. 30 Hannah Kirschner
Oct. 30 Susanne Query
Oct. 30 Ron Maffett
Nov. 1 Mari Gramling
Nov. 4 Bob Neil
Nov. 5 Ann Wilde
Nov. 6 Chet Alexander
Nov. 11 Terry Butler

Nov. 18 Joe Standaert
Nov. 19 Jean Skidmore
Nov. 19 Susanne McCaskill
Nov. 20 Les Butler
Nov. 20 Macie King
Nov. 21 Jan Swetenburg
Nov. 26 Kay Layman
Nov. 26 Jim Layman

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom), hospitalized
Evelyn & Glenn Bannerman, diagnosed with Covid
and in the isolation unit at Givens Highland Farm Health Care
Ken Boyer
Sylvia Boyer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Chandler Coggeshall (son of Genie Sullivan), recovering from heart surgery
Pat Connelly, hip replacement postponed
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
Clara Hare
Dick Keefer
Maggie Lauterer
Margaret Linton
Scotty McAliley
Bev MacSherry, cancer
Margaret Rada
Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey
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
Michael Wiseman (Dora and John's grandson) tested positive for covid

We also lift up in prayer...

Highland Farms residents, particularly those being treated for Covid
Voters, poll workers, election officials, and postal employees
All who are running for office
Communities, families and persons who are at risk
Victims of human trafficking
Victims of domestic violence
People experiencing loss of, or undesired change in, employment
Teachers
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.**

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)

Elders-elect (to be seated in January): William Brown, Ellen Dean

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?

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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