

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church USA

December 29, 2020
Fifth Day of Christmas



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 continuing their work from home offices or
remote locations.**

Our Calendar

Sun., Jan. 3
9:30-10:15 A.M.

Church Chat
via Zoom

Sun., Jan. 3
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Worship Service:
Second Sunday of Christmas with

Communion

via Constant Contact

Wed., Jan. 6
7:00 P.M.

Epiphany: Star Words
via Zoom

Sun., Jan. 10
9:30-10:15 A.M.

Church Chat
via Zoom

Sun., Jan. 10
10:00 A.M.

**MPC Sunday Worship Service:
Second Sunday of Christmas**
via Constant Contact

Sun., Jan. 10
1:00 P.M.

Children's Virtual Gathering
via Zoom

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.

New Directory Update

Many of you picked up your new directories at the drive-through last week, and it was great fun to see people in person!

Get new directory: We would love to hear from you if you will be in the area and can get your directory in the coming weeks. Please email [Ellen Dean](mailto:EllenDean@MontreatChurch.org) to arrange a time to get the directory.

If you missed the drive through, please email Ellen to alert her that you would like to get one.

Email Version: Church members who would like to be emailed a directory can contact Patty at the church office to request it (Office@MontreatChurch.org/828-664-9212).

Corrections: Please email Patty with any corrections to your contact information.

Thank you!

The Evangelism & Membership Committee

*...And on behalf of a grateful congregation, the pastor offers a **gigantic thank-you** to Judy Shuford, Peggy Williamson, and all the committee members and volunteers who helped with this enormous and bountifully rewarding project!*

K.G.

Epiphany Star Words



Star Words, an Epiphany practice we began last year, is back for 2021, this time in a virtual format. Those who are interested can receive a small bag containing a wooden star with a word printed on it. That word, received at random, can become a basis for personal contemplation for the following year.

We plan to gather via Zoom at 7:00 P.M. on the evening of Wednesday, January 6 (Epiphany). Before unwrapping our words for 2021, we'll take a moment for 2020 participants to reflect on how this year's word helped shaped their life this year. We'll then talk about ways we can experience our new Star Word as a spiritual gift and reflect on it throughout the year.

In the event that we are unable to hold our online meeting on the day of Epiphany, a future date will be announced.

We will have two opportunities for drive-by distribution of stars at the Allen Building:

**Sunday, Jan. 3, 1:00-2:00 P.M., and
Monday, Jan. 4, 1:00-2:00 P.M.**

If you would like to receive a star and are unable to come and pick one up, please contact Jane Alexander (252-714-4484),

and arrangements will be made to bring it to you.

MONTREAT WEDNESDAY See All Our Fall 2020 Programs

Did you miss the Hymns of Christmas Montreat
Wednesday program? View it online
at <https://vimeo.com/488344050>



CHECK OUT AND ENJOY OUR OTHER
FALL 2020 PROGRAMS. JUST NAVIGATE
TO THE MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH CHANNEL ON YOUTUBE!

Year End Contribution Deadline

All contributions for the tax year 2020 must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2020 (remember the 31st is a Thursday). All contributions can be mailed or hand delivered to Gill Campbell (by Dec. 31). If you have questions about your balance, please e-mail (treasurer@montreatchurch.org) or call Gill - 808-7237.

Friends & Partners in Ministry



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.

There is also an urgent need for men's, women's and children's underwear and for winter clothing.

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!

Jan. 2 Eade Anderson
Jan. 7 Marinell Davidson
Jan. 8 Ron Nalley
Jan. 10 Steve Sewell
Jan. 11 Eric Nichols
Jan. 13 Rebecca Moss
Jan. 15 Brown McCallum
Jan. 15 Eve Carter
Jan. 19 Savannah Parker
Jan. 19 Sara Scarborough
Jan. 19 Robin Tutterow

Jan. 22 Dick Ray
Jan. 23 Trisha Edington
Jan. 23 Katie Pagan
Jan. 24 Corise Gambrell
Jan. 26 Jane Frist
Jan. 29 Clare Frist
Jan. 30 Bill Seaman
Feb. 4 John Rogers
Feb. 5 Toby Savage
Feb. 8 Perry Alexander

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

We remain in fervent prayer for all who are battling Covid--our family and friends at Highland Farms and everywhere.

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

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom), hospitalized

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)

Calvin Chesnutt

Chandler Coggeshall (son of Genie Sullivan)

Pat Connelly

Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle

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

Joan Deifell

Frank Dodson

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Bob Hare

Dora Hinkle

Laura (Marylyn & Olson Huff's daughter-in-law), Covid

David Huff (Marylyn & Olson's son), recovering from hip surgery

Dick Keefer

Maggie Lauterer

Margaret Linton

Jamie Bibee Lloyd and her mother, Virginia Bibee, Covid

Rob Martin (son of Billie Martin), Covid

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry

William Pender

Margaret Rada

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey

Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister)

Bob Shaw

Belle Shipley

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

We also lift up in prayer...

Highland Farms residents and staff

Deerfield residents and staff

Communities, families and persons who are at risk

Victims of human trafficking

Victims of domestic violence

People experiencing 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

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...***

Ellen Dean and William Brown, being installed to the Session this Sunday; and Everett Culpepper and Jane Alexander,

concluding their current session terms

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

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](#).

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 January 3, 2021):
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



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