

WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE WEEKLY ENEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

May 4, 2021



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

Thu., May 6
10:00 A.M.

Easter Lectionary Reflections
via Zoom

Thu., May 6
4:00 P.M.

**Stewardship & Finance
Committee Meeting**
via Zoom

Thu., May 6
4:30 P.M.

**Congregational Care Committee
Meeting**

**Sun., May 9
9:30-10:15 A.M.**

via Zoom

Church Chat
via Zoom

**Sun., May 9
by 10:00 A.M.**

MPC Sunday Worship Service
via Constant Contact

**Sun., May 9
by 1:00 P.M.**

Children's Virtual Gathering
via Zoom

**Wed., May 12
11:00 A.M.**

Worship & Music Committee Meeting
via Zoom

**Thu., May 13
10:00 A.M.**

Easter Lectionary Reflections
via Zoom

**Thu., May 13
3:30 P.M.**

Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting
via Zoom

**Sun., May 16
9:30-10:15 A.M.**

Church Chat
via Zoom

**Sun., May 16
by 10:00 A.M.**

MPC Sunday Worship Service
via Constant Contact

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.

**Easter Reflection Zoom Meetings
Resume This Thursday, May 6**

Our Easter series is a Zoom event led by

the pastor as an informal consideration of the Easter daily lectionary texts and reflections. We will meet via Zoom this Thursday morning, May 6, 10:00-10:45 A.M., and continue through May 20. The Zoom link will be distributed by early Thursday morning.



Everyone is welcome! No advance preparation is required or asked.

From the Pastor's Desk

This message is to say **thank you**. God has blessed us richly this Easter. Vivian and I basked in the care of this amazing congregation during the past week of gathering with extended family in central Illinois and leading my mother's funeral service on Friday. She was a lifelong Presbyterian, a deacon, an honorary life member of Presbyterian Women, and a soprano in the choir for decades. We are grateful for, and inspired by, the many prayers that have been lifted up for her over these past many months, and those lifted up for all of us in the last week.

We have now arrived home in Montreat, and I will return to my desk full-time starting Wednesday, May 5 in the mid-afternoon. We simply cannot adequately express our gratitude for notes, cards, calls, miraculous food provided in faith-renewing abundance thanks to our Congregational Care Committee, and just knowing that people have had our family in your prayers. As I have said to many individually: it means a lot.

If you don't hear much from me in the next 24 hours, it is likely because I am following the strict orders of an attentive session and a loving congregation who have been adamant about the importance of taking some necessary time. I bow to that holy and hard-earned wisdom, while being eager to be with everyone again soon. "I have much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink; instead I hope to see you soon, and we will talk together face to face" (III John 13-14). May the day when that is possible without caveats come quickly, in God's time.

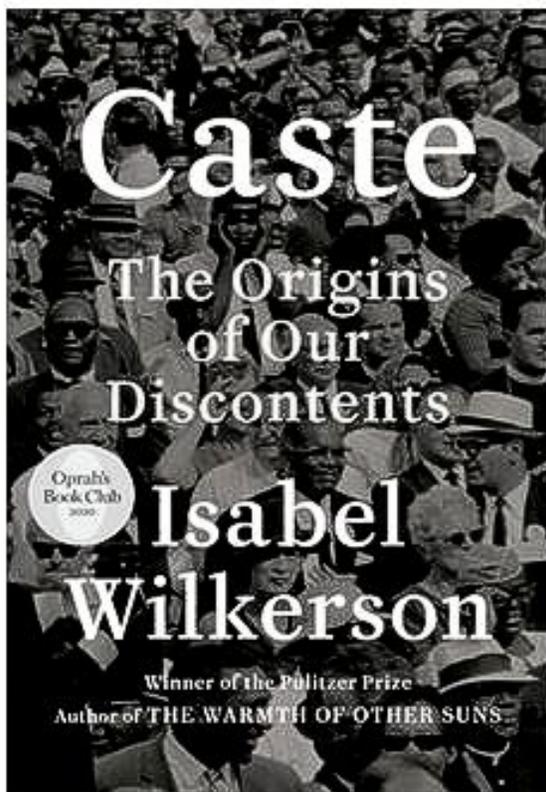
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THANK YOU for Contributing to Drop In The Box



On behalf of the Mission & Outreach Committee, we would like to thank all of our volunteers and those that participated in the Drop in the Box program. Thanks to all of you it was a big success! Last Saturday we collect 27 boxes of personal and household items for SVCM. This brings our three month total to 91 boxes of non-perishables and other items. We hope you are able to help in the next Drop In The Box coming this fall.

New Addition to the Book Bin



NAMED THE #1 NONFICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR BY *TIME*, ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *People* • *The Washington Post* • *Publishers Weekly* AND ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *The New York Times Book Review* • *O: The Oprah Magazines* • *NPR* • *Bloomberg* • *Christian Science Monitor* • *New York Post* • *The New York Public Library* • *Fortune* • *Smithsonian Magazine* • *Marie Claire* • *Town & Country* • *Slate* • *Library Journal* • *Kirkus Reviews* • *LibraryReads* • *PopMatters*

Winner of the *Los Angeles Times Book Prize* • National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist • PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction Finalist • PEN/Jean Stein Book Award Longlist

MPC makes copies of various books available for borrowing through our “Book Bin” located outside the front door of the church office. Now available are copies of *CASTE*, by Pulitzer Prize winning author Isabel Wilkerson.

This important new book examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. “An instant American classic and almost certainly the keynote nonfiction book of the American century thus far.”

—Dwight Garner, *The New York Times*

Friends & Partners in Ministry



Thank for your continued support. SVCM has a continued need for perishable and non-perishable items, as well as diapers & wipes. 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. Monetary donations may be mailed to: PO Box 235 Black Mountain, NC 28711. Items can be dropped off during open hours or left on the porch.

Find our [Spring Letter](#) and the copy of [Tidings](#) by clicking on the links.



Do you have an extra car that needs to find a new home? Imagine how difficult your life would be without a car! Working Wheels repairs and recycles donated cars, transforming them into working wheels for working families. The process is simple, the donation is tax-deductible, and the impact is real. We also need volunteer drivers and administrative help. To donate, volunteer, or learn more, please visit www.workingwheelswnc.org or call 828-633-6888.

Grab and Go Meals

will not be available this week but will resume next week, The menu will be available in our memo on May 11.

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!

May 5 Grace Nichols
May 5 Henry Wilde
May 8 Beth Fountain
May 10 Ann Neel
May 11 Kat Achtemeier
May 11 Vivian Hare
May 12 Jane Alexander
May 13 Mark Crawford
May 15 Peter Boggs
May 15 Bob Shaw
May 18 Alifa Dimmock
May 19 Peggy Ann Frank

May 19 Bill McCaskill
May 19 George Sawyer
May 20 Peggy Williamson
May 21 William Roberts
May 22 Hugh Alexander
May 24 Carol Todd Thomas
May 25 Karen Brown
May 28 Don Woods
May 29 Scarlet Parker
June 1 Elizabeth Shaw
June 4 Clara Hare
June 5 Keith Grogg

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Virginia Bibee (Jamie Bibee Lloyd's mother)

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Bob Hare

Ana Heck and family, in the death of her father

Thomas, Becky, Andrew & Lauren Hobson (Sam & Linda's family), rare eating disorder in family

Daniel Huff (Marylyn & Olson's son)

Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer

Margaret Linton

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry

Margaret Rada

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey, cancer

Matt Rhodes (son-in-law of Mark and Kat Achtemeier)

Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)

Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister)

Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)

John Shoop

Keith Grogg and family in the death of his mother,

Elizabeth Sorenson

Sally Stetler (sister of jDub Simpson)

Arline Taylor

Beverly Thompson's granddaughter Mary Grace

We also lift up in prayer...

All communities and peoples threatened by violence

Victims of human trafficking

Victims of domestic violence

People experiencing undesired change in employment

Teachers

Worshippers longing for communal, face to face worship

hospital workers

first responders

nurses and doctors

nursing home and care facility employees

police

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 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

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

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*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

Mason Blake, Beth Fountain (2021)
Jim Henderson, Ann DuPre Rogers (2022)
William Brown, Ellen Dean (2023)
Clerk Jane Alexander
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

Officers & Committee Chairs, 2021

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
Jim Henderson, Finance & Property
Nancy Midgette, Mission & Outreach
Ann DuPre Rogers, Personnel
Jane Alexander, 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 someone you know **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.

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.**

Responses intended for the director of music may be sent to music@montreatchurch.org.

A second weekly publication, "From the Pastor's Desk," is issued late in the week, usually on Saturday. FTPD is designed to offer concise updates and a brief word from the pastor during the time of social distancing. **FTPD also includes the link for the next morning's Church Chat.**

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(Office closed during the pandemic until further notice; staff
are still available.)

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