



The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church USA



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!

Church staff are continuing their work primarily from home offices or remote locations as we begin to move toward safe face-to-face gatherings.

Our Calendar

Tue., June 22
4:00 P.M.

Worship & Music Committee Meeting
via Zoom

Tue., June 22
7:00 P.M.

Covid Advisory Group Meeting
via Zoom

Tue., June 22
by 8:00 P.M.

Evening Prayer Service
via Constant Contact

Sun., June 27

Church Chat

9:30-10:00 A.M.

via Zoom

**Sun., June 27
10:30 A.M.**

Sunday Worship Service
(Summer Worship Series)
Anderson Auditorium

**Sun., June 27
after Service**

Called Congregational Meeting
Anderson Auditorium

**Tue., June 29
by 8:00 P.M.**

Evening Prayer Service
via Constant Contact

**Sun., July 4
9:30-10:00 A.M.**

Church Chat
via Zoom

**Sun., July 4
10:30 A.M.**

Sunday Worship Service
(Summer Worship Series)
Anderson Auditorium

**Tue., July 6
by 8:00 P.M.**

Evening Prayer 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.

Congregational Meeting Called for Sunday, June 27, 2021

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 27, following worship in Anderson Auditorium for the purpose of electing members to the Nominating Committee, who will join session appointees Mason Blake and Ellen Dean in presenting a slate of nominees for the session later this Fall. We will try to meet in the front section of pews on

the creek side, after some time for greeting friends and neighbors. Masks are protocol for indoor events on the MRA campus, and safe distancing is recommended.

The "nominees to join the nominating committee,"
duly nominated and presented
in accordance with the MPC
Manual of Administrative Operations, are:

Nancy Midgette
Bill Roberts
Mary Nell Todd

The meeting is expected to last only a few minutes. **All members of the Active Members Roll are eligible to have voice and vote in a Congregational Meeting.** Members in other categories (supporting members, affiliate members, clergy members and supporting clergy) are also welcome to attend. A quorum of the active roll is needed to conduct business, so if you are on the active roll, your presence will be greatly appreciated.

We are grateful to those who have agreed to serve this important task if appointed by congregational election.

Sunday Worship This Summer

Each Sunday through August 8, Montreat Presbyterian Church joins with our ministry partners at the Montreat Conference Center for in-person worship (observing appropriate health and safety protocols) at 10:30 A.M. in Anderson Auditorium in Montreat. [See here for worship details.](#)

Scholarship Support Opportunity for William Wilson, a Son of MPC



William Wilson is a young man who affiliated with Montreat Presbyterian Church during his years as a Montreat College student. He had a deep interest in religion and theology. Some clergy members tutored him and encouraged him in his exploration of a future in ministry. Other members “adopted” William as a child of the church and took great pride in his spiritual growth and commitment to the PC(USA) as a product of his relationship with our church. William attended Princeton Seminary and became an ordained PC(USA) pastor, now serving a church in Texas.

We have learned that William has plans to pursue a Ph.D. in preaching at Baylor University. His congregation is supporting him in this endeavor and will provide about half of the expenses of the three-year program. However, he needs another \$17,000 of support.

Session has heard of William’s need and wishes to support him as he is a child of our church and shows signs of being a leader of our denomination in the future. Knowing that many of our members were close to William during his time in Montreat, Session has authorized the creation of a restricted account to receive contributions from persons who might wish to assist William. To begin our support, the mission committee and session have approved a grant--from existing funds, surplus to both our operating budget and mandatory reserves--of \$5,000.

Those who would like to contribute may now give through the church. On the [Online Giving page](#) of our website, scroll to select the William Wilson Scholarship Fund; **or, send a check** written to MPC, with something like "Wilson Scholarship" on the memo line, to MPC, P.O. Box 577, Montreat, NC 28757.

Arts, Music, & Theology
2021 Summer Lecture Series

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June 2–July 27, 2021

All programs and lectures are free and open to the public! Programs begin at 7:00pm in Upper Moore Center, formerly known as the Huckleberry Cafe, unless otherwise noted. Covid-19 protocol applies. Recordings for most lectures will be released by noon the Thursday following the lecture and will be listed below in conjunction with the lecture title. Some lectures and performances are not able to be recorded. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Notes from Session



At its regular stated meeting on June 15, the Session...

- came to order with a devotional and prayer by Ellen Dean, expanding on themes from the previous Sunday's sermon by Joe Clifford
- received the report of the session appointees to the Nominating Committee, and affirmed the appropriateness of the nominations of Nancy Midgette, Bill Roberts and Mary Nell Todd to join them on the nominating committee. A congregational meeting was called for June 27 so that the committee can begin its work as soon as possible.
- authorized the pastor to reconvene the Covid advisory panel with the addition of some church members with relevant expertise who have joined since the original group met in March, 2020
- approved the request of the Children's Music Program for an outdoor, in-person event this summer
- named and prayed for members of the church and

community and beyond.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for August 17.

These are some notes from the moderator's notebook, and are not to be taken as official minutes.

Friends & Partners in Ministry

Tom Frist's latest book will be launched on July 2 in a 3:00 P.M. event sponsored by the Friends of the Library (Montreat College), with all proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund for students. Congratulations, Tom!

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Open Table seeking volunteers

Want to find a place that provides food, fellowship and friendship? Join us any Wednesday from 11:30 A.M. -1:00 P.M. at Open Table in the Methodist Church of downtown Black Mountain (101 Church Street, across from the Trailhead), for this FREE, hearty and nutritious community meal, supported by local churches. Everyone is welcome at no cost but donations are appreciated from those who are able. The menu changes weekly so you'll never get bored with the food. **Volunteers are always needed** so if you are free on Wednesdays come check it out and bring a friend or two. See you there!

For more information, contact Mari Gramling at 828 713-8296.





SVCM has an urgent need for bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and body wash. They are also taking donations of small, snackable items, including water, for the Blessing Box in front of the church. 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.



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.

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!

June 22 Jamie Bibee Lloyd

June 23 Heath Phillips

June 23 Perrin Wright

July 3 Marion McNair

July 4 Louise Wolfe

July 4 Rusty Frank

June 24 Clara Hare-Grogg
June 26 Betty Douglas
June 27 Rebecca Trump
June 29 Fred Connelly
June 29 Ellen Dean
June 30 Kitty Peterson
June 30 Ken Shortridge
July 2 Tom Frist

July 5 Katie Dimmock
July 6 Christina Tutterow
July 7 Jean Gettys
July 7 Righton McCallum
July 8 Miles Engall
July 9 John Casper
July 9 David Smith
July 10 Judy Shuford

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

As this issue goes to press, we have learned from Jane Sewell that she is in the hospital and has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. She and Steve are in Richmond where they have family nearby. Our prayers are with them all.

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

Nita Anderson (Huffs' extended family), cancer

Virginia Bibee (Jamie Bibee Lloyd's mother) and the family
- special prayers this week

Jim Bowden, cancer treatments

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Mary Kathleen Duncan (Associate Pastor for Youth,
Westminster Presbyterian Church-Greenville), chemo
treatments

Jane Frist

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

David & Susan Holcomb, moving to Costa Rica

Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer

Margaret Linton

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey, cancer

Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)

Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister)

Jane Sewell, brain tumor, biopsy pending

Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)

John Shoop

Helen Smith (Nancy Midgette's mother), admitted to the

Hospice Solace Center

Sally Stetler (sister of JDub Simpson)

Anne & Will Stone, in the death of Anne's father

Arline Taylor, rehab following recent hospitalization

Beverly Thompson's granddaughter Mary Grace

We offer thankful prayers

for a cancer-free report for Matt Rhodes,
son-in-law of Kat & Mark Achetemeier;

and prayers of celebration

with Ann & David Neel,
on the occasion of David's retirement on June 30;

and with John Hare-Grogg
on his graduation from Stanford Law School
Doctor of Jurisprudence
with M.S. in Environment and Resources;

and prayers of gratitude

in recognition of Kitty Peterson

on her upcoming 100th birthday (June 30).

*Our deepest Christian love and sympathy
are extended to*

Nancy Midgette and her family
in the death of Nancy's mother, Helen Smith;

Anne & Will Stone and their family,
in the death of Anne's father;

and to Jim & Mary DuBard and their whole family
in the death of their daughter, Margaret,
who died suddenly at her home in Selma, AL last week;

and to Lou Ogden and the family and friends
of Bill Ogden, who died peacefully at home
on June 15 after a long illness.

We also lift up in prayer...

Conferees in Montreat and the staff and volunteers of the
Montreat Conference Center

Seasonal travelers

All places ravaged by Covid and other diseases

Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, hunger, war,
and destruction

***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 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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