



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

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 29
by 8:00 P.M.

Wed., June 30
9:00 A.M.

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

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

Evening Prayer Service
via Constant Contact

Nursery Workers' Meeting
via Zoom

Church Chat
via Zoom

Sunday Worship Service
(Summer Worship Series)

Anderson Auditorium

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

Evening Prayer Service
via Constant Contact

**Sun., July 11
9:30-10:00 A.M.**

Church Chat
via Zoom

**Sun., July 11
10:30 A.M.**

Sunday Worship Service
(Summer Worship Series)
Anderson Auditorium

**Sun., July 11
1:00 P.M.**

Children's Virtual Gathering
Via Zoom

**Tue., July 13
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.

MPC Covid Policy Update

As announced in the most recent edition of From the Pastor's Desk, effective immediately, **our pandemic safety policy now allows for in-person church gatherings, with health and safety protocols remaining in place.** By and large, we will be carrying forward patterns and practices being implemented by the MRA, both during the summer and when we begin our fall schedule.

Safety procedures will be in place, including provision of masks and hand sanitizer, cleaning of meeting areas before each event, appropriate ventilation, and reasonable space for distancing. Indoor events will aim for limited duration. We are not yet ready to approve indoor dining events, and

congregational singing will be kept to a minimum for the time being.

Those who are not vaccinated are requested to observe health and safety practices such as masking, distancing, and refraining from physical contact. Committees and small groups with 100% vaccination rates may gather indoors or outdoors, with masks optional once in the designated meeting space. **These protocols are subject to being updated** in accordance with changing circumstances.

If you are experiencing symptoms, or have recently been in contact with someone who has Covid, please bear in mind that even if you are feeling fine—and we hope and pray that you are—you may still be carrying the virus, and consider staying home and caring for yourself until symptoms have had a chance to subside. Where and when feasible, we will do our best to provide virtual, online alternatives to in-person programs and events.

In practical terms:

- We are anticipating that **in-person worship will continue** following the Summer Worship Series.
- **Committees, small groups etc. may now choose to meet in person**, via Zoom, or in a hybrid arrangement.
- **Office hours will gradually start to resume**; a more predictable schedule will begin the second week of August, and eventually we will move toward a full re-opening.
- Some specific ministries may still need to be thought through; **thank you** for your continuing patience as we keep on feeling our way, cautiously and faithfully, toward the light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Find a more detailed protocol document [HERE](#). This document is also posted on our website.

K.G. on behalf of the Session of MPC

Nominating Committee Elected

Congratulations and thanks to **Nancy Midgette, Bill Roberts** and **Mary Nell Todd** who were elected by the congregation last Sunday to join **Mason Blake** and **Ellen Dean** on the Ruling Elder Nominating Committee. This team will undertake a prayerful process of discernment before nominating two church members to succeed Mason and Beth Fountain at the conclusion of their current session terms on the first Sunday in January.

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, a son of Montreat Presbyterian Church, has plans to pursue a Ph.D. in preaching at Baylor University. The church he pastors is supporting him, and will provide about half the expenses of the three-year program. However, he needs another \$17,000 of support.

Knowing that many of our members were and are close to William, Session has authorized the creation of a restricted account to receive contributions from persons who might wish to assist William. 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 "Wilson Scholarship" on the memo line, to MPC, P.O. Box 577, Montreat, NC 28757. Thank you!

Arts, Music, & Theology Series

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Wednesday, July 7 Prayer Service at Lake Susan in Montreat



Arts, Music, & Theology 2021 Summer Lecture Series June 2–July 27, 2021

All programs and lectures are free and open to the public! Programs begin at 7:00 P.M. in Upper Moore Center (formerly the Huckleberry), unless otherwise noted. Covid-19 protocols apply. Recordings for most lectures will be released by noon the Thursday following the lecture (some lectures and performances are not able to be recorded). Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

A community event called “**Together Around the Lake: Remembering the 3+ Million**” will be held Wednesday evening, July 7. A 387-lantern installation will encircle Lake Susan in memory of the nearly 4 million around the globe who have died from Covid-19. A service of song and prayer will be held at **9:00 P.M.** All are welcome.

In preparation, you are invited to join Hannah Garrity's class to thoughtfully prepare lanterns for the service. Find more info by following the link above.

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

Join Open Table any Wednesday, 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church in Black Mountain (101 Church Street) for a FREE, hearty and nutritious community meal, supported by local churches. Everyone is welcome at no cost, but donations are appreciated. **Volunteers are always needed** so if you are free on Wednesdays, please come check it out and bring a friend or two. For more information, contact Mari Gramling at 828-713-8296.

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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.

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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 29 Fred Connelly
June 29 Ellen Dean
June 30 Kitty Peterson
June 30 Ken Shortridge
July 2 Tom Frist
July 3 Marion McNair
July 4 Louise Wolfe
July 4 Rusty Frank
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
July 11 Bob Hudspeth
July 13 Dora Hinkle
July 15 Patsy Jackson
July 18 Henry Neale

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Nita Anderson (Huffs' extended family), cancer

Virginia Bibee (Jamie Bibee Lloyd's mother)

Jim Bowden, cancer treatments

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

Jim & Mary DuBard, in the death of their daughter, Margaret

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

Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer

Margaret Linton

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry

Lou Ogden, in the death of her husband, Bill

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey, cancer

Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)

Nancy Midgette and her brother, David Smith,
in the death of David's wife, Jane, last week

Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister)

Jane Sewell, brain tumor, biopsy pending

Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)

John Shoop

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

*In response to the outpouring of concern for Jane Sewell, her daughters have established a communication network through **caringbridge.com**. Search for Jane Sewell and enroll in her support community. She and Steve are in Richmond where they have family nearby. Our prayers are with them all.*

We celebrate with Kitty Peterson
her 100th Birthday this Wednesday, June 30!

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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@montreachurch.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@montreachurch.org.**

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