

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

May 19, 2020

**All Are Welcome!**



**Please contact the church office  
([office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org))  
if you would like to sign up to receive  
resources for Sunday home worship!**

**Corporate worship services & gatherings  
are temporarily suspended.**

**All staff are gratefully continuing their work  
from home offices or remote locations.**

## Our Calendar

**Mon.-Fri.**

**9:00 A.M.-  
12:00 noon**

**Office Administrator on duty  
working from home:  
[office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org)**

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|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Tue., May 19</b> | <b>11:00 A.M.</b>        | <b>Mission Committee Meeting</b><br><i>via Zoom</i>   |
| <b>Tue., May 19</b> | <b>6:30 P.M.</b>         | <b>Session Meeting</b><br><i>via Zoom</i>   |
| <b>Wed., May 20</b> | <b>11:30 A.M.</b>        | <b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b><br><i>via Zoom</i>   |
| <b>Wed., May 20</b> | <b>3:30 P.M.</b>         | <b>Christian Education Committee</b><br><i>via Zoom</i>   |
| <b>Wed., May 20</b> | <b>4:30 P.M.</b>         | <b>Children's Virtual Gathering</b><br><i>via Zoom</i>  |
| <b>Sun., May 24</b> | <b>by 10:00<br/>A.M.</b> | <b>Home Worship Service for 7th<br/>Sunday of Easter Distributed</b><br><i>via Constant Contact</i> |

**Please share scheduling info with the office administrator  
at [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto: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 Blessings



"With God's help [and] prayer and encouragement from one another, we're drawing upon deeper spiritual and relational resources as we seek to grow in patience, learn to wait and find new ways to minister to those in need. Our church is not alone in this...Most [church leaders] that I have engaged with take seriously the responsibility to navigate this national tragedy with wisdom, compassion and patience..."

"For Christians, patience is not something we create in ourselves. It is something produced in us as we go through hardship with a growing love for God and our neighbors."

Southern Baptist pastor Alan Cross,  
New York Times, May 14, 2020

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**This is the day the Lord has made!** We will be continuing our current patterns of congregational life throughout May and June. Home worship services are sent out each Sunday morning; the Montreat Memo (MPC e-newsletter) is published on Tuesday afternoons; and a brief pastoral word with some concise updates "From the Pastor's Desk" is sent late in the week.

**Thank you** for all you are doing to embody Christ's love wherever you may be, in this Easter season and always!

## Remembering Betsy Neville

**Our deepest Christian love and sympathy surround Gordon Neville, the children, and all the family and countless friends of Betsy Neville.**

We are continuing to hold the family in our prayers and consider the ways we can share this moment and give thanks and praise to God for Betsy's life, while anticipating a full, public **service of witness to the resurrection to take place when it is safer for large groups to congregate.**

**For those who would like to make memorial offerings in Betsy's honor,** the family has graciously chosen three recipients,

all of which would honor her lifetime of devotion:

**Montreat Presbyterian Church**  
**(P.O. Box 577, Montreat, NC 28757),**

**Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry,**  
and  
**The Presbyterian Heritage Center.**

*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*

## New Directory

The Evangelism & Membership Committee needs your help with the new directory. **Please email an updated photo** to the church office ([office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org)) since we don't have the opportunity to take pictures after worship. Your photo from the last directory can also be used again. A close up head shot would help people put our names with our faces.

**If the contact info in the last directory needs updating,** please send that to the church office as well. Your help is appreciated!

*J.S.*

## Mask Project Update



Thank you so much for the masks which we continue to receive and deliver!

If you are working on sewn masks to donate, please leave them in the bin outside the church office. It will be helpful if you can send Vivian Hare a note so she will know that some have been dropped off.

**To find out more and see the latest updates**, please visit the Montreat Presbyterian Church website. You can go directly to the page by [clicking here](#).

Thank you!  
V.H.

## From the Stewardship & Finance Committee

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)  
P.O. Box 577  
Montreat, NC 28757

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 during this time:

1. You can mail a check to the Montreat Presbyterian Church office:

MPC  
P.O. Box 577  
Montreat, NC 28757

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*

## ***Resources for Resilience Invitation: Listening Circles***

**Resources for Resilience invites anyone in the MPC family to join any or all of the hour-long virtual Listening Circles we have been providing since 3/20.**

These are opportunities to connect, share what is hard right now, and share about what is helping, or giving us hope.

Listening Circles are not group therapy, but are facilitated by a licensed therapist who is also an RFR-certified Resiliency Educator (certified to teach our Reconnect for Resilience curriculum).

You can join any of the circles **for the entire hour, or just to drop in briefly**. Participate or simply listen and observe. Listening Circles are offered Monday through Friday via Zoom, or you can just telephone in.

*The Session and Congregational Care Committee are grateful that RfR is making this opportunity available to everyone at no charge.*

### **Information for May 4 through May 29**

Mondays | 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

[Connect via Zoom](#) (meeting ID: 836-1367-9115; password: 065105)

Tuesdays | 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

[Connect via Zoom](#) (meeting ID: 874-5390-1080; password: 614596)

Wednesdays | 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

[Connect via Zoom](#) (meeting ID: 864-1584-9377; password: 125913)

Thursdays | 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

[Connect via Zoom](#) (meeting ID: 871-5566-6707; password: 664692)

Fridays | 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

[Connect via Zoom](#) (meeting ID: 867-0578-034; password: 430852)

We look forward to connecting with you soon!

Ann DuPre Rogers, LCSW

Executive Director, Resources for Resilience™

For more information, visit us online

at [www.resourcesforresilience.com](http://www.resourcesforresilience.com)

or contact us at

[information@resourcesforresilience.com](mailto:information@resourcesforresilience.com)



## Friends & Partners in Ministry



Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

SVCM has been up and running. We have a few volunteers in each day helping with food. Clients are checking off from food lists the items they want. We are not having any clients in the building.

Our needs:

**Microwavable meals**

**Canned meals; Spaghetti O's, mac & cheese, etc.**  
**Canned Vegetables (except green beans)**  
**Canned fruit & fruit cups**  
**Cereal**  
**Cereal Bars**  
**Snack packs for children**  
**Toilet Paper**  
**Bread**

Our clients are so appreciative. We have had a number of clients who are servers or in the hospitality industry who have been laid off come for food.

We know that in the days and weeks to come we will be able to continue to serve this community through your support.

Blessings,  
Cheryl Wilson  
Executive Director  
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry  
(828) 664-9224

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it unto me. - Matthew 25:40*

Please find the SVCM Tidings Newsletter [here](#).

## 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@montreachurch.org](mailto:office@montreachurch.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 18 Alifa Dimmock**

**May 29 Scarlet Parker**

**May 19 Peggy Ann Frank**

**May 31 Fran McCaskill**

**May 19 Bill McCaskill**

**June 1 Elizabeth Shaw**

**May 19 George Sawyer**

**June 4 Clara Hare**

**May 20 Peggy Williamson**

**June 5 Keith Grogg**



**May 21 Bill Roberts**

**June 10 Ann DuPre Rogers**

**May 22 Hugh Alexander**

**June 15 James Aydelotte**

**May 24 Carol Todd Thomas**

**June 15 Mary Jo Wright**

**May 28 Don Woods**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

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

We continue to be in prayer for Gordon Neville,  
the children, and the extended family  
and many friends of Betsy Neville,  
a servant of the Church and beloved friend and neighbor.

Our dear friend Sam Sloan was seriously injured in a fall  
on Sunday afternoon. After a time of hospitalization,  
he has been moved to Solace at Care Partners.  
We are praying for him and Suzanne and the entire family.

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom)

Evelyn Bannerman

Glenn Bannerman

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)

Mary Miller Brueggemann,

in the death of her twin brother, Pat Miller

Jey Deifell

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Fred Hale

Bob Hare

Dick Keefer, recovering after heart operation

Maggie Lauterer (former interim pastor of MPC),

recovering after cancer surgery

Margaret Linton

Scotty MacAliley

Susan Maffett, recovering from knee replacement  
Bev MacSherry, cancer  
Sharon Meares, presbytery PW moderator, after a major stroke  
The family and friends of Pat Miller  
Mary Grace Moore (Beverly Thompson's granddaughter), mono  
Gordon Neville and all the family and friends of Betsy Neville  
Harry Philips, in Hospice care  
Margaret Rada  
Ellen Ramsey  
George Ramsey  
Dick & Lila Ray and their family, in the death of Dick's brother, Tim  
Jim Richardson, following successful hip replacement surgery.  
No food is needed at the house, but prayers are welcome.  
Mary & Graham Rouse (sister and brother-in-law of Mari Gramling),  
as Graham faces a difficult recovery at home after a complicated  
surgery  
Bob Shaw  
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother),  
Fleshers Fairview Retirement Center  
Sam Sloan, hospitalized and moving to Solace at Care Partners  
after sustaining serious injuries in a fall  
Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother), hospitalized  
Arline Taylor  
Duane Taylor, Sr. (father-in-law of Bill Seaman's daughter Ashley),  
hospitalized with Coronavirus  
Georgiana Taylor (spouse of Duane), Coronavirus  
Maggie Tuggle (daughter of Kitty Neil)  
Bobbi White, recovering from elbow surgery  
Sara Ator Wilcox (pastor of Land of the Sky UCC),  
recovering after heart surgery  
Lamar Williamson  
Elaine Zinn (friend of jDub & Julie Simpson),  
hospitalized with kidney infection

***We also lift up in prayer...***

Front line heroes including: hospital workers, police, grocery workers,  
post office employees, volunteers serving the community,  
first responders, nurses, doctors, public health officials,  
market farmers, medical technicians, factory workers, delivery packers,  
truck drivers, food distributors, waste and recycling industry workers,  
nursing home and care facility employees, builders,  
elected and appointed officials making tough decisions

All throughout the world who are suffering from the coronavirus  
and other illnesses  
Victims of domestic violence  
People in trauma recovery and/or dealing with depression  
Working people losing jobs or work hours  
Everyone trying to fill out unemployment and other financial forms  
Military men and women, stationed at home, far away, on ships, at air  
bases,  
or deployed in areas of conflict  
Teachers and all other displaced professionals  
All victims of war and destruction  
Parents with children at home  
Parents without children at home  
Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and hard weather  
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs  
Parents and children separated from each other  
All who are in grief for loved ones  
Prison workers and inmates  
Young people whose dreams and trajectories have been put on hold  
Businesses and consumers affected by the coronavirus

***and our friends and partners in ministry, including...***

Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner congregation in Scotland  
Black Mountain Counseling Center  
Black Mountain Presbyterian Church  
Bounty & Soul  
Children & Friends  
Christ Community Church  
Rev. Deanna Hollas, PC(USA) Gun Violence Minister  
Hospital and health care workers  
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  
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry  
Yokefellow Prison Ministry  
The Young Adult Volunteer (PCUSA) program staff and supporters

*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.*

## PWNC Newsletter

Find the latest news from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina [here](#).

## The Carpenters

**Fred Hale, 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**.

## Montreat Presbyterian Church

[montreatchurch.org](http://montreatchurch.org)



### 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)

## **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? Come on in!**

Call the office at 664-9212,  
or email Keith at [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org),  
and we'll find a time that works.  
Rev. Margaret Peery also provides pastoral care:  
[parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org)

## **Memo Submissions and Responses**

The Weekly Montreat Memo is sent from the Montreat Presbyterian Church office email account. **Responses intended for the pastor** may be sent to [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org).

The Memo is usually published on Tuesday. **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.)

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**Clara's YAV Weblog page [Link](#)**

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