

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

May 26, 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

<b>Mon.-Fri.</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.- 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Office Administrator on duty working from home: <a href="mailto:office@montreatchurch.org">office@montreatchurch.org</a></b>
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<b>Wed., May 27</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Wed., May 27</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Children's Virtual Gathering</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Sun., May 31</b>	<b>by 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Home Worship Service for Pentecost Sunday Distributed</b> <i>via Constant Contact</i>
<b>Tue, June 2</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Congregational Care Meeting</b> <i>via Zoom</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.

## Moving into Summer



Celebrating and rejoicing in the call of God, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and the command of Christ to love one another, we will continue to place the health and safety of our congregation and community at the forefront of all planning for our church life together.

With that in mind, **our present modes of operation will continue into the summer**, as we look ahead and consider what the health and safety environment will need to look like before we can enter into an eventual "phase one" step in a long, three-step process toward full in-person gatherings. We plan on not getting together in person at least through June, and will keep watching for any developments which may suggest possible changes.

## **The Worship Season**

The end of May brings **the conclusion of the 2019-20 worship season (Fall/Winter/Spring)**, and ushers in the Summer Worship Series, wherein we fold our congregation's worship into the summer worship program of our partners at the Montreat Conference Center.

The Montreat Conference Center's [Summer Worship Series](#) will **begin on Sunday, June 7, with an online worship service** including the participation of visual artist-theologians Hannah Garrity and Ann Laird Jones, organist and Austin Seminary faculty member Eric Wall, Montreat Presbyterian Church pastor Keith Grogg, and a sermon from our guest preacher, Jonathan Walton.

The summer months will also bring **occasional worship services provided by your MPC staff** with the cooperation of the MPC Worship Committee, which continues to meet weekly. We'll begin the 2020-21 MPC worship season on Sunday, August 16.

**Worship Notes:  
Two Invitations to Participate This Sunday;  
One for the Following Sunday**

**Two Invitations for this Sunday:  
Pentecost Sunday, May 31**

**PHOTOS:**

As we look toward Pentecost Sunday this weekend, the Worship Committee invites you to submit a photograph from your household with something red in it--whether you're wearing it or displaying it or waving a banner or whatever use of the color red you choose to make. You may also, if you are so inclined, hold up a sign, write in chalk, or otherwise include in your picture the words WE ARE THE CHURCH.

**Please email your photo by this afternoon (Tuesday, May 26), to [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org).**

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**AUDIO RECORDINGS:**

**Also: are you conversant in a language other than English? And would you be willing to email a short audio recording** of yourself speaking a Bible verse in that language for use in next Sunday's worship (May 31)? If the answer to both of those questions is yes, please record yourself reciting any of these three verses in that language (just the verse; you do not need to identify which verse it is in your recording):

"The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5).

"Jesus Christ is the same  
yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7).

Please send your audio recording directly to:

**[pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org)**

being sure to let me know which language you are speaking. If the technology holds up, it will be part of our worship on May 31. Please send your recorded verse by this Thursday, May 28. THANK YOU!

## An Invitation for Trinity Sunday, June 7

### PHOTOS:

The 2020 Summer Worship Series--the joint worship service of the Montreat Conference Center and Montreat Presbyterian Church--begins with an online worship service for Trinity Sunday on June 7.

Our celebration of the Trinity includes, among many concepts, themes of relationship and community. As we look toward Trinity Sunday, the worship team invites you to submit a photograph from your household representing what "being in relationship" means to you, and how you celebrate it. These will be shared in the online worship service on June 7.

In order to be sure we receive your photo, please

- email it to [summerworship@montreat.org](mailto:summerworship@montreat.org)
- be sure to **write "Trinity" in the subject line**, and
- please email your photo **by Monday, June 1**.

Thank you from the Montreat Conference Center and Montreat Presbyterian Church!

## 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!

## Mask Project Update



Dear Saints Of Sewing Friends,

We are so grateful for the hands and hearts that have lovingly made so many masks these last few months. To date, our group has contributed a total of 177 masks made by people in our community. The masks from our project were distributed to the "Masks of Love of Western NC" project which gave them to medical communities. (That project is continuing, but moving forward now in some different self-sustaining ways.)

The simple truth is that masks and face coverings may help prevent the spread of the virus and therefore may also help save lives. As this virus continues to spread exponentially, one does not know how many lives you may have helped to save. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

At this point, this is where we are:

**PART OF OUR MASK PROJECT IS DISCONTINUING (FOR MEDICAL MASKS)**

We have seen indications that the need for emergency medical masks is not a priority at the present time, so this part of our project is being discontinued. Again, we are so grateful to all the many hands and hearts that lovingly sewed and contributed masks.

**PART OF OUR MASK PROJECT MAY CONTINUE (FOR CITIZEN MASKS)**

The need for masks will not be going away soon. As more places begin to open, masks may be recommended or required in certain public places. Some people may not have masks or access to buy them. So, if you would be interested in continuing to make/sew masks for others who may need them in the coming days, please let Vivian know. We have lots of leftover fabric that can be used.

## CLARIFYING THE NEED FOR MASKS

There is a need for citizen masks to be used. The issue of wearing masks has been somewhat confusing since, in some of the earlier days of the pandemic, information was given to U.S. citizens that there was no need for people to wear masks. But in early April the recommendation from the CDC changed to emphasize the need for masks. This change was made because so many people with COVID-19 don't show symptoms or aren't showing symptoms yet but can spread the disease to other people. After this report, the U.S. Surgeon General updated his information, recommending the wearing of face coverings in public settings especially where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. This is from the U.S. Surgeon General, Jerome Adams: "We especially recommend this (wearing masks) in areas of significant community-based transmission. It is critical." We may be able to reduce the number of illnesses from this virus and therefore save lives, by the simple act of wearing a mask. It is the least we can do to help not only ourselves but others around us as we live through this pandemic.

Thank you!

*V.H.*

## From the Stewardship & Finance Committee

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

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)  
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 are the blue envelopes addressed to MPC. Please feel free to stop by the church office and use them to mail your contributions to the church. We will keep replenishing them as long as we are having virtual services. Please close the box after getting some out, it will keep the moisture out.

**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. You can join any of the circles **for the entire hour, or just drop in briefly**. Participate or simply listen and observe.

### **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)

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 remains up and running with a few volunteers in each day helping with food. Clients check the items they want from food lists and do not come into the building.

Current 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**

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@montreatchurch.org](mailto: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 26 Helen Smith**

**May 28 Don Woods**

**May 29 Scarlet Parker**

**May 31 Fran McCaskill**

**June 1 Elizabeth Shaw**

**June 4 Clara Hare**

**June 5 Keith Grogg**

**June 10 Ann DuPre Rogers**

**June 15 James Aydelotte**

**June 15 Mary Jo Wright**

**June 16 Linda Hobson**

**June 16 Kitty Neil**

**June 16 Anne Rogers**

**June 17 Jim Henderson**

**June 20 Fitz Legerton**

**June 23 Perrin Wright**

**June 24 Clara Hare-Grogg**

**June 24 Bill Timberlake**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom)  
Evelyn Bannerman

Glenn Bannerman  
Ken Boyer  
Sylvia Boyer  
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)  
Jey Deifell  
Joan Deifell, knee surgery this Friday  
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain  
Jane Frist  
Fred Hale  
Bob Hare  
Ellen Henschen, foot injury  
Dick Keefer, recovering after heart operation  
Maggie Lauterer, recovering after cancer surgery  
Margaret Linton  
Scotty MacAliley  
Bev MacSherry, cancer  
Sharon Meares, presbytery PW moderator, after a major stroke  
Mary Grace Moore (Beverly Thompson's granddaughter), mono  
Gordon Neville  
Harry Philips  
Margaret Rada  
Ellen Ramsey  
George Ramsey  
Jim Richardson  
Mary & Graham Rouse (sister and brother-in-law of Mari Gramling)  
Bob Shaw  
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)  
Suzanne Sloan and the family of Sam Sloan  
Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother), home after hospitalization  
Arline Taylor  
Georgiana Taylor (Bill Seaman extended family), Coronavirus  
Maggie Tuggle (daughter of Kitty Neil)  
Bobbi White, recovering from elbow surgery  
Sara Ator Wilcox, recovering after heart surgery  
Lamar Williamson  
Elaine Zinn (friend of jDub & Julie Simpson),  
hospitalized with kidney infection

We continue to be in prayer for the family of Betsy Neville.  
A small, private ceremony will be held for the immediate family,  
with the anticipation of a full service of witness to the resurrection  
when it is safe for the whole community to gather in person.

The family has invited those

who wish to make memorial contributions in Betsy's honor  
to give to:

**Montreat Presbyterian Church**  
**Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry**  
The **Presbyterian Heritage Center** in Montreat

***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, maintenance workers, food suppliers,  
medical technicians, factory workers, delivery packers,  
truck drivers, food distributors, waste and recycling industry workers,  
nursing home and care facility employees, builders,  
journalists covering public events, security details,  
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

Graduates denied the traditional pomp and circumstance

which they had anticipated for their whole lives

Parents with children at home

Parents without children at home

Neighbors vulnerable to poverty and hunger

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 are on hold

Small business owners trying to keep afloat and take care of their  
employees

Citizens being harassed for taking appropriate safety precautions

***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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