

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

July 14, 2020

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 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**

Tue., July 14	4:00 P.M.	Mission Committee Meeting <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., July 15	11:30 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., July 15	2:00 P.M.	Christian Education Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., July 15	3:30 P.M.	Children's Virtual Party <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., July 15	by 7:00 P.M.	Evening Prayer <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Sun., July 19	9:30 A.M.	Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., July 19	10:30 A.M.	Online Worship Summer Worship Series <i>link provided at Montreat</i> <u>Conference Center Worship Page</u>
Wed., July 22	11:30 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., July 22	3:30 P.M.	Children's Virtual Party <i>via Zoom</i>

**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.

Tomorrow Evening, A Brief Evening Prayer

This Wednesday evening, July 15, a short prayer service of about 10 minutes' duration will be distributed at 7:00 P.M. The service will be presented as one continuous video, with scripture reading and prayers, from the pastor's porch.

K.G.

Staff Updates

Pastor Keith Grogg was able to visit his mother in Illinois last week, and is now engaged in a 14-day quarantine, working from home with the help of a loving family who are getting very good at this!

Two pieces of great news regarding Patty: she has accepted the offer of a new second shift job, and the hours of her new position allow us to continue to keep her as the office administrator at Montreat Presbyterian Church. That's a win for us, for her, and for her new employer. In the short term, **two weeks of training will be held the weeks of July 20 and 27. During those two weeks, our normal office hours will be suspended.** (Staff will still be at work during those weeks, but our work hours will be flexible and unpredictable.)

Your worship staff, in consultation with the Worship & Music Committee and the session, are planning for both the near and the longer-term future. Our plans for after the Summer Worship Series--August 16 and the Sundays following--are being developed with the expectation that our worship will continue to be online rather than in person.

K.G.

New Directory

A new MPC Family Directory is "in the works." It will include current contact information and a face photo to help people to put a name with a face, especially helpful to new members.

You can help the committee by notifying the church office that your information is correct or sending your correct info to the church office: office@montreatchurch.org.

Please submit a new photo unless you would like to use your photo from the last directory.

Church Directory Information:

Names of family members

Mailing Address

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home phone

Cell phones

Email addresses

The committee hopes your response will reduce the number of follow-ups needed. Thank you for your help!

Mask Project Update

**If any in our congregation are in need
of cloth face coverings,
or if you are interested in sewing face coverings**
to be used by our congregation,
please contact Vivian Hare
at music@montreatchurch.org.

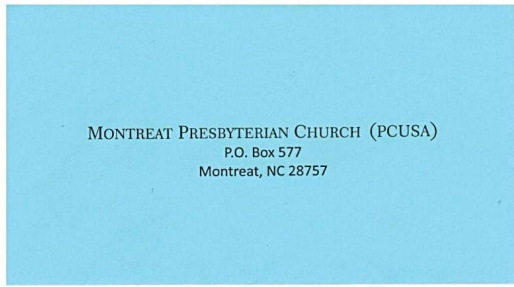
Tithes and Gifts for the Mission of Montreat Presbyterian Church

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



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

Second Loaf

Second Loaf continues through the summer, with some alterations from previous years. We will be collecting **only shelf ready food, unopened, sealed** for the SVCN pantry. Items especially needed this week are sugar, all purpose flour, pork and beans, toilet paper, and chicken Ramen noodles.

Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 A.M.
Black Mountain Presbyterian Church parking lot

Friends & Partners in Ministry



Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry continues to operate during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Current needs: **toilet paper, sugar, all purpose flour, chicken Ramen noodles, pork and beans.**

Please find the SVCM Tidings Newsletter [here](#). Thank you for your support!



We want to share what we have been creating TOGETHER, despite a pandemic, thanks to the Bounty & Soul community of generous donors, passionate volunteers, local farmers & growers, partners, & staff! Please click for regularly updated information: <https://bountyandsoul.org/>.

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!**

July 15 Patsy Jackson

July 18 Henry Neale

July 22 Margo Smith

July 25 June Peel

Aug. 4 Heath Rada

Aug. 4 Linda Weyman

Aug. 4 Sophia Chang-Woods

Aug. 6 Susan Holcomb

July 25 Billie Martin

July 27 Bob Gambrell

July 29 Linda Shortridge

Aug. 4 Ruth Currie

Aug. 4 Jane Holt

Aug. 6 Olson Huff

Aug. 7 Anne Straughan

Aug. 9 Kitty Fouche

Aug. 11 Lynn Gilliland

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

Our deepest Christian love and sympathy
surround Robert Garrison,
Eade & Jane Anderson,
and all the family and friends of Jane Garrison;

and the family of Lamar Williamson,
July 24, 1926-July 11, 2020,
and the many people in our community and around the world
for whom Lamar has been a teacher, pastor, mentor, and friend.

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)

Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle

Jey Deifell

Joan Deifell, recovering from knee surgery

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Bill Elderbrock (Lisa Rome's father), surgery this Thursday in Kingsport, TN

Jane Frist

The family and friends of Jane Garrison

Vicki Germann (Huffs' neighbor), recovering after cancer surgery

Fred Hale & Zaida Gilmour

Bob Hare

Lydia Huff (Marylyn & Olson's granddaughter),

in the death of a school friend

Dick Keefer

Maggie Lauterer

Margaret Linton

Scotty MacAliley

Bev MacSherry, cancer

Sharon Meares (presbytery PW moderator), stroke

Gordon Neville

Harry Philips

Margaret Rada

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey

Jim Richardson

Bob Shaw

Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)

Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother)

Ginnie Stevens, cancer and other health problems

Arline Taylor

Maggie Tuggle (daughter of Kitty Neil)

The family and friends of Lamar Williamson

Elaine Zinn (friend of jDub & Julie Simpson),

hospitalized with kidney infection

We also lift up in prayer...

All communities, families and persons who are at risk

All throughout the world who are suffering from the coronavirus
and other illnesses

Front line heroes including: hospital workers, 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, police,
national guard, nonprofits who serve in close contact with the public,
journalists covering public events, security details,
elected and appointed officials and decision makers

Workers losing hours or jobs or full pay or benefits

Victims of domestic violence

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 trying to keep afloat and take care of their
employees
Citizens being harassed for taking appropriate safety precautions
All victims of war and destruction
Worshippers longing to be back in communal worship together
Parents with children at home
Parents and children separated from each other
Teachers and all other displaced professionals
Young people whose lives have been put on hold
Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and hard weather
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs
All who are in grief for loved ones
Employees and consumers affected by the coronavirus
Prison workers and inmates
Everyone filling out unemployment and other financial forms

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
Children & Friends
Christ Community Church
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
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**.

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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

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,

and we'll find a time that works.

Rev. Margaret Peery also provides pastoral care:

parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org

MPC Weekly Communications: The Montreat Memo (e-newsletter) and "From the Pastor's Desk"

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.)

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.

A second weekly publication, "From the Pastor's Desk," is issued in the latter part of each week: Thursday, Friday or Saturday. FTPD is designed to offer concise updates and a brief word from the pastor, especially during the time of social distancing. FTPD also includes links for Sunday opportunities such as Church Chat, the Summer Worship Series, and the Hymn Sing. **Responses intended for the pastor** may be sent to pastor@montreatchurch.org.

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