

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



June 30, 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**

Wed., July 1	3:30 A.M.	Children's Virtual Party <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., July 1	by 7:00 P.M.	MPC Evening Prayer Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Sun., July 5	9:30 A.M.	Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., July 5	10:30 A.M.	Online Worship Summer Worship Series <i>via Zoom Webinar</i>
Wed., July 8	11:30 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., July 8	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.

**Service of Evening Prayer
for Home Worship
Wednesday, July 1, 2020**

Tomorrow evening, a Service of Evening Prayer will be distributed by 7:00 P.M. The service will be available any time you would like to engage with it. The format will make use of Constant Contact and be similar to our home worship resources and services from this past spring: some of it written, some audible, and some visual. You can move through the service at your own pace and linger over prayers and silences for as long as you choose.

You may wish to prepare a space in your home conducive to quiet contemplation. While this service will not include the act of communion, the elements are always relevant, as are the cross, an

open Bible, candlelight, and any other focal point that may draw your attention beyond the object or setting itself and toward the One whom we worship.

As with our home communion services, we invite you to photograph your setting and send it to pastor@montreatchurch.org if you would be willing to have it shared publicly.



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!

224th General Assembly of the PC(USA)



The 2020 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has concluded, and ruling elder Elona Street-Stewart and the Rev. Gregory Bentley, having moderated the first online GA meeting, now embark on their full, two-year term as co-moderators. They plan to continue to reference the image of the Sankofa Bird, who moves forward into the future while continually looking back.

Information from the General Assembly's 2020 meeting is available at our denominational website, PCUSA.org.



Mask Project Update

Do you need a cloth face covering?

If any in our congregation are in need of a cloth face covering, please contact Vivian at music@montreatchurch.org. Some of the handmade face coverings made by our congregation have been saved for this purpose.



In accordance with the executive order announced by Governor Roy Cooper last week, NC residents are required to wear face masks in public while the state's Phase 2 continues for at least three more weeks. With this executive order, people must wear face coverings when in public places, indoors or outdoors, where physical distancing of six feet from other people who aren't in the same household or residence isn't possible.

If you are interested in sewing face coverings to be used by our congregation, please contact Vivian. We still have fabric for your

use.

Thank you!

V.H.

Church Chat



An online Zoom opportunity has been created for us to see friends and check in before the Montreat summer worship services. From 9:30-10:20 A.M., you are invited to bring your cup of coffee, tea, or juice to "Church Chat."

This is a **Zoom opportunity to meet and greet folks at 9:30 A.M., ending well before the 10:30 A.M. Montreat summer worship service begins.** We hope to offer this as yet another way to connect during the summer months in this unusual time of social distancing. It is not a study group nor a prayer group but simply a way to be together "around the coffee pot." Drop in and leave as you feel comfortable. Each week a convener will simply make sure that everyone who wants to check in and catch up can do so. Feel free to join even if you think you want to be a silent participant. Everyone is welcome!

A separate Zoom invitation to "Church Chat" will be sent along with the link to the Montreat summer worship service each week. We will have time each Sunday to exit "Church Chat" and connect to the summer worship service.

Hope to see you before worship on Sunday!

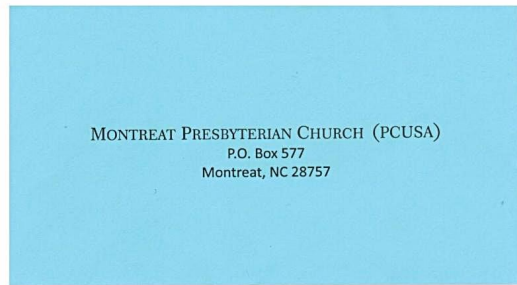
Tithes and Gifts for the Mission of Montreat Presbyterian Church

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 SVCM pantry.

Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 A.M.

Friends & Partners in Ministry



The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry continues to operate during the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Current needs:

toilet paper

sugar

canned red kidney beans

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@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!

June 30 Kitty Peterson

July 9 David Smith

June 30 Ken Shortridge

July 10 Judy Shuford

July 1
Jennison (Cornelier)

Terri **July 11 Bob Hudspeth**

July 2 Tom Frist

July 13 Dora Hinkle

July 3 Marion McNair

July 15 Patsy Jackson

July 4 Rusty Frank

July 18 Henry Neale

July 4 Louise Wolfe

July 22 Margo Smith

July 5 Katie Dimmock

July 24 Lamar Williamson

July 6 Christina Tutterow

July 25 June Peel

July 7 Jean Gettys

July 25 Billie Martin

July 7 Righton McCallum

July 27 Bob Gambrell

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)

Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle

Jey Deifell

Joan Deifell, recovering from knee surgery

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Jane Garrison

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

Fred Hale

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)
Lamar Williamson
Elaine Zinn (friend of jDub & Julie Simpson),
hospitalized with kidney infection

Blessings, Celebration, and Congratulations
to Beth Ariss and Herb Smith,
who were married on June 17, 2020!

We also lift up in prayer...

All communities, families and persons who are at risk
Demonstrators, police departments and community leaders
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
Those whose weddings, July 4 celebrations and other events
cannot be held as they had long been anticipated
Employees and consumers affected by the coronavirus
Prison workers and inmates
Everyone trying to fill 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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