

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

August 11, 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!**

**In-person worship services & gatherings  
are temporarily suspended.**

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

**Our Calendar**

**Wed., Aug. 12      11:30 A.M.      Worship & Music Committee  
via Zoom**

<b>Wed., Aug. 12</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Special Montreat Wednesday Online Presentation</b> <i>via Constant Contact</i>
<b>Wed., Aug. 12</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Evening Meditation-Vivian Hare</b> <i>via Constant Contact</i>
<b>Sun., Aug. 16</b>	<b>9:00-9:45 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Church Chat</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Sun., Aug. 16</b>	<b>by 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed</b> <i>via Constant Contact</i>
<b>Tue., Aug. 18</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Children's Virtual Gathering</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Wed., Aug. 19</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Thur., Aug. 20</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership Committee</b> <i>via Zoom</i>
<b>Thur., Aug. 20</b>	<b>5:00-5:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Thursday Church Chat</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.

**\*Last Chance\* for Your Input  
into Our New Church Directory!**

Please contact Patty at [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org) with your updated photo or info. Take one last look at our last church directory and see what updates you would like to make.

Also, please email Patty your birth date (year not required) if you haven't. It's nice to be reminded when people within our church family have an upcoming birthday!

**Wednesday, August 12, 5:00 P.M.**  
**A Special Montreat Wednesday**

**SPECIAL SUMMER**  
**MONTREAT**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**AUGUST 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM**

DETAILS HOW TO "VIRTUALLY ATTEND ONLINE" TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MPC WEBSITE

**A CONVERSATION ON**  
**RACE**

Our program will thoughtfully reflect on a video entitled *A Conversation with Dr. William Lee on Racism in America and the Aftermath of George Floyd's Death*, featuring Dr. George Anderson of Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, the son of our own Jane & Eade Anderson.

**Panelists:**

**Ann DuPre Rogers, LCSW, executive director of Resources for Resilience**

**Heath Rada, moderator of the 221st General Assembly of the PC(USA)**

**Moderator:**

**Pastor Keith Grogg**

**MONTREAT**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**



Our program will premiere on YouTube at 5:00 P.M. this

**Wednesday, on a YouTube page officially dedicated to Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).**

Anne Seaman has produced an extremely helpful "tip sheet" which demonstrates how easy it is to access the program on YouTube. To view it, please [click here for the tip sheet for how to view](#) the program.

To go directly [to the page where the program will debut, simply click here](#). The program will become available on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M.

**We will redistribute this same link for the pre-recorded program shortly before 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday.**

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The purpose of our program is to invite all people to have an opportunity to reflect on the conversation between Dr. Bill Lee and Dr. George Anderson. We invite you to view this illuminating discussion in advance of the Montreat Wednesday presentation. It can be found online at any time at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czuAvOtruKA&t=320s>

The CE Committee has compiled a concise list of recommended materials, available by clicking [here](#). Some of these are the ones recommended or mentioned by Dr. Lee; others are part of the presbytery's recommended reading list. This list will also be posted on our website, MontreatChurch.org.

**We also have copies of two of the books included on this list, *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabelle Wilkerson and *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, that are available for members to borrow. You can pick them up from the green bin outside the MPC office door.**

*The CE Committee*

**Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 P.M.**



## A Musical Evening Meditation



This Wednesday evening, August 12, an entirely instrumental service of about 12 minutes' duration will be distributed at 7:00 P.M., presented by Director of Music Vivian Hare, originating from the piano in Upper Anderson.

## Church Chats

There will now be **two** weekly MPC Church Chat online Zoom opportunities at different times to see friends and check in.

**Beginning this Sunday, August 16:**  
**Sundays, 9:00-9:45 A.M.**  
(prior to our MPC worship at 10:00 A.M.)  
**and/or**  
**Beginning Thursday, August 20:**  
**Thursdays, 5:00-5:45 P.M.**

Drop in either or both and leave as you feel comfortable. A greeter will simply make sure that everyone who wants to check in and catch up can do so. **The links for each Church Chat time will be included in "From the Pastor's Desk"** in the latter part of each week. Feel free to join even if you think you want to be a silent participant. Everyone is welcome!

*Congregational Care Committee*

## Office Hours

While all church staff continue their various duties for the same number of hours as always, our schedules are somewhat in flux. With that in mind, **our normal office hours will be suspended through August. Staff are still at work during that time**, but our hours of availability will be flexible and often unpredictable. Please feel free and welcome to be in touch by any of the usual means; email and phone messages are, and will continue to be, monitored regularly.



L to R: Keith Grogg, Vivian Hare, & Patty Smith  
in pre-pandemic times

## 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 to the Church 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 of which are the blue envelopes addressed to MPC. We will keep replenishing them as long as we are having online services. (Please be sure to close the box after getting some out in order to keep them as dry as possible.)

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)  
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*

## Friends & Partners in 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](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!

**Aug. 11 Lynn Gilliland**

**Aug. 12 Betsy Kirschner**

**Aug. 12 Cis Wilde**

**Aug. 12 Paulette Heck**

**Aug. 15 Jim Williamson**

**Aug. 16 Sue Diehl**

**Aug. 16 Julie Simpson**

**Aug. 17 John LaMotte**

**Aug. 18 Hannah Kirschner**

**Aug. 18 Cameron Roberts**

**Aug. 19 Peggy Hollandsworth**

**Aug. 19 Zaida Gilmour**

**Aug. 23 Gladys Brooks**

**Aug. 30 Elizabeth Mills**

**Aug. 31 Robyn Josephs**

**Sept. 2 Betty Lou Jeffrey**

**Sept. 4 Frank Dimmock**

**Sept. 5 Ellen Ramsey**

**Sept. 12 jDub Simpson**

**Sept. 13 Mary Nell Todd**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## Our Church Family Prayer List

Our deepest Christian love and sympathy surround Howard & Trisha Edington and their family in the death of Howard's uncle, Robert Sherard Edington,

and Julia and Mark Sibley-Jones and all the family and friends of Julia's father, Bill Sibley.

***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

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

The family and friends of Robert S. Edington

Beth Fountain, recovering after shoulder surgery

Jane Frist

The family and friends of Jane Garrison

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

Zaida Gilmour and the family and friends of Fred Hale

Bob Hare

Josef Henschen, recovering well from surgery

Dora Hinkle, knee surgery on August 26

Dick Keefer

Maggie Lauterer

Margaret Linton

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry, cancer

Gordon Neville

Martha Anne Neville and her daughter, Cathy (area friends and neighbors),  
quarantining after positive covid-19 tests

Harry Philips

Margaret Rada

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey, continuing chemo and radiation treatments

George Sawyer, in the death of his brother, Rick

Sara Scarborough, recovering after surgery

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; sister of Lynn Gilliland  
and Katharine Echavarri), under advanced Hospice care

Byron Wade and family as he prepares to become

the new General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
The family and friends of Lamar Williamson

***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  
People earnestly grappling with issues and trying their best to be faithful  
All victims of war and destruction  
Worshipers 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.*

## 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



### **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)

**MPC Weekly Communications:  
Sunday Worship,  
The Montreat Memo (e-newsletter),  
"From the Pastor's Desk,"  
and occasional midweek prayers  
and special announcements**

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](mailto: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 opportunities such as Church Chat. **Responses intended for the pastor** may be sent to [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org).

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

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