

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



September 15, 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

Tues., Sept. 15	4:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <i>via Zoom</i>
Tues., Sept. 15	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting

		<i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Sept. 16	2:00 P.M.	C.E. Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Wed., Sept. 16	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Sept. 16	8:00 P.M.	Night Prayer <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Thurs., Sept. 17	5:00 P.M.	Thursday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Sept. 20	9:00-9:45 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Sept. 20	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Tue., Sept. 22	4:00 P.M.	Children's Virtual Gathering <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.

Montreat Wednesday
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020

MONTREAT WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 5:00 PM

Buen Camino: Experiencing the Camino de Santiago

Danny and Ann Sharpe



**PRESENTED ON-LINE: A LINK WILL
BE SENT TO YOU ON WEDNESDAY**

JOIN US FOR THIS PROGRAM!!

**Wednesday, September 16
8:00 P.M. Night Prayer Service**

This Wednesday night, September 16, a Night Prayer service of about 10 minutes' duration will be distributed a few minutes after 8:00 P.M. from Upper Anderson.

Please note that the Night Prayer service is scheduled one hour later than the recent Evening Prayer services.

**World Communion Sunday
October 4**



In preparation for World Communion Sunday on October 4, **if you have any of the following you would like to share**, and if you would allow us to include them in the online worship service, we would be delighted to receive them:

- A photo from your own collection from a church in another country or a specific culture, preferably of either a communion setting, or people of the church, or the interior or exterior of the gathering place.
- An audio recording of one or more of the following verses spoken in a language other than English:

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." (John 6:33)

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (I Corinthians 10:17)

Please send any of these you'd like to share to pastor@montreatchurch.org before Tuesday, Sept. 29. Thank you!

Women's Circle Zoom Meeting 10:00 A.M., September 29

The monthly circle meetings for Montreat Presbyterian Women will resume via Zoom on Tuesday, September 29 at 10:00 A.M. Zoom link will be sent

shortly in a separate email; please contact the church office if you do NOT receive an email with the Zoom link, but wish to join us!

Appropriately, this year's study is Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Psalms of Lament, by P. Lynn Miller, and study books are available for \$10. Please email Jane Alexander (JEAlexande@aol.com) If you wish to purchase one. Note: an AUDIO version of the study book is also available to download from the website for \$15 (presbyterianwomen.org)

MPC "Mission Fair"
Thursday, Oct. 1, 6:30 P.M.
Via Zoom

There are many folks in East Buncombe with Covid-related difficulties. Some of the ministries and agencies which are helping them are among the recipients of our Mission & Outreach Committee gifting. An excellent Zoom presentation is being prepared so you will know who they are and have an idea of what our recipients are doing. The event will take place on Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 P.M. by Zoom. Following is a list of eight presenters chosen from the seventeen entities which we support.

Benevolence Recipient Name	Presenter
Black Mountain Counseling Center (BMCC)	Vivian Hare, Board Member
Bayonnais Medical Clinic (aka Bethesda Centre de Sante de Bayonnais), Haiti	Pressley Gilbert, M.D. or Judy Nichols
Donald S Collins Early Learning Center, Black Mountain (formerly known as Children & Friends)	Corise Gambrell, Board Member
Hand in Hand of the Swannanoa Valley, Inc.	Lois Nix, Founder
Ministry of Hope (aka Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women Chaplaincy Program)	Rev. Dr. Priscilla Durkin, Chaplain
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Louisville, KY	Sy Hughes, Mission Engagement Advisor
OFCB Ministries (known as Organization of the Christian Force of Bayonnais), Haiti	Actionnel Fleurisma, Director/Co-Founder

Church Chats

We have **two** weekly MPC Church Chat online Zoom opportunities at different times to see friends and check in.

Sundays, 9:00-9:45 A.M.

(prior to our MPC worship at 10:00 A.M.)

and/or

Thursdays, 5:00-5:45 P.M.

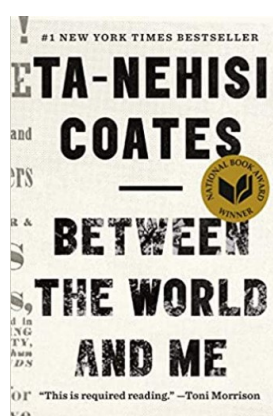
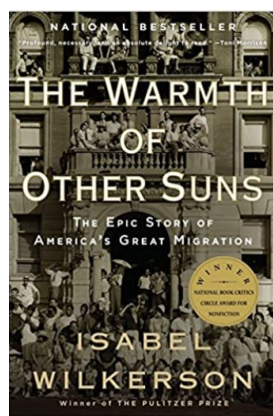
Drop in either or both and leave as you feel comfortable. A greeter will simply make sure that everyone who wants to check in and catch up can do so.

The links for each Church Chat time will also 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

Books Available to Borrow

The Christian Education Committee has made available copies of two of the books included on the recommended reading list, *The Warmth of Other Suns* and *Between the World and Me*, for members of our church family to borrow. They can be picked up from the green bin outside the MPC office door. **Most or all copies of *The Warmth of Other Suns* are currently in circulation; a few copies of *Between the World and Me* are available.**



The CE Committee

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.)

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



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!

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry Walk for Hunger Relief Sunday, October 11, 2020

This year's walk will be a little different. While we will not be walking together as a community group, you can still make a difference!

Find some ways you can participate [here](#).

Find a registration form [here](#).



SEPTEMBER IS
HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Please find detailed information in the flyer [here](#).

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!**

Sept. 16 Zack Allen

Oct. 5 Marylyn Huff

Sept. 18 Jesse Dimmock

Oct. 5 Everett Culpepper

Sept. 20 Katherine Savage

Oct. 7 Beth Frith

Sept. 21 Rowan Trump

Oct. 8 Martha Campbell

Sept. 24 Sylvia Boyer

Oct. 12 Harry Philips

Sept. 24 William Brown

Oct. 15 Helen Lancaster

Sept. 25 Rebekah Carpenter

Oct. 15 Nancy Midgette

Sept. 27 Janie Moore

Oct. 15 Robert Hare

Sept. 27 Jerone Herring

Oct. 15 John Kipp

Oct. 2 John Hinkle

Oct. 16 Beth Ariss

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

Our deepest Christian love and sympathy surround the Tuggle, Neil, Gilliland and Echavarri families in the death of Kitty Neil's daughter and Lynn Gilliland's sister, Maggie Tuggle, last Sunday, and in the death of David Neil, Bob's brother, the same day.

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)
Chandler Coggeshall (son of Genie Sullivan), recovering from heart surgery
Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle
Jey Deifell
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Jane Frist
Bob Hare
Dora Hinkle, recovering after knee surgery
Dick Keefer
Maggie Lauterer
Margaret Linton
Scotty McAliley
Bev MacSherry, cancer
Bob & Kitty Neil and their extended family in the deaths,
unrelated but on the same day, of Maggie Tuggle and David Neil
Gordon Neville
Harry Philips
Margaret Rada
Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey, continuing chemo and radiation treatments
Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister), recovering from viral meningitis
Bob Shaw
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)
Sarah Skinner & Chris Nelson in the birth of their new baby daughter,
Freya Alexandra
Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother)
Ginnie Stevens, cancer and other health problems
Arline Taylor
Bob Thompson (father of the late Jane Hansel), under Hospice care
Christina Tutterow, yearly evaluation at Mayo Clinic
Byron Wade and family as he prepares to become
the new General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Michael Wiseman (Dora and John's grandson) tested positive for covid

We also lift up in prayer...

Wildfires in Western states
People preparing for or dealing with hurricanes
Victims of human trafficking
Violence and unrest in U.S. cities and elsewhere
All communities, families and persons who are at risk
Victims of domestic violence
All throughout the world who are suffering from the coronavirus

and other illnesses

Our nation and all nations

Front line workers including: hospital workers, grocery workers, first responders, nurses, doctors, public health officials, national guard, nonprofits who serve in close contact with the public, nursing home and care facility employees, builders, police, post office employees, volunteers serving the community, elected and appointed officials and decision makers, market farmers, maintenance workers, food suppliers, medical technicians, factory workers, delivery packers, truck drivers, food distributors, waste and recycling industry workers, journalists covering public events, security details.

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

Worshippers longing for communal, face to face worship

Parents with children at home

Parents and children separated from each other

Neighbors vulnerable to poverty and hunger

Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs

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, and the
Near East School of Theology in Lebanon

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

Christ Community Church

Donald S Collins Early Learning Center, Black Mountain

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

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

Are you or a friend having trouble receiving our emails via Constant Contact? Be sure to check your "Promotions" category for email that may have been diverted from your main inbox, as well as checking Spam and other folders. For Vimeo and other broadcasts, sometimes it may be helpful to move your laptop a bit closer to your wifi router (*in my case, that just means coming in from the front porch - K.G.*).

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

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**Clara Hare-Grogg,
2019-20 YAV**

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

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