

The Weekly Montreat Memo



THE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA

November 3, 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.**

**A Prayer for Today
from prayers in the Book of Common Worship**

Lord, your glory shines throughout the world.
We commend to your merciful care

our nation, states, and communities,
that we may live securely in peace
and may be guided by your providence.

Give all in authority the wisdom and strength
to know your will and to do it.

Bless those who hold office,
that they may do their work
in a spirit of wisdom, kindness, and justice.
Help them use their authority to serve faithfully
and to promote the general welfare.

Under your law we live, great God,
and by your will we govern ourselves.

Help us as good citizens
to respect neighbors whose views differ from ours,
so that without partisan anger,
we may work out issues that divide us,
and elect candidates to serve the common welfare.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

Bless the leaders of our land,
that we may be a people at peace among ourselves
and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Help us elect trustworthy leaders,
contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare,
and thus serve you faithfully in our generation,
to the honor of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/PVO-JR-BCW-2018.pdf>

Our Calendar

Wed., Nov. 4	by 6:00 A.M.	Wednesday Morning Prayer Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Wed., Nov. 4	11:30 A.M.	Worship & Music Committee

		<i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Nov. 8	9:30-10:15 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Nov. 8	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Mon., Nov. 9	4:30 P.M.	Congregational Care Committee <i>via Zoom</i>
Thu., Nov. 12	3:30 P.M.	Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Nov. 15	9:30-10:15 A.M.	Sunday Church Chat <i>via Zoom</i>
Sun., Nov. 15	by 10:00 A.M.	MPC Sunday Worship Service distributed <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Sun., Nov. 15	1:00 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.

Morning Prayer Service **6:00 A.M. Wednesday, Nov. 4**

This Wednesday morning, a Morning Prayer service of less than 10 minutes' duration will be distributed at 6:00 A.M. from the pastor's porch.

Black Mountain Counseling Center **Nov. 10 Fundraiser**



Culinary Fundraiser for the Black Mountain Counseling Center

Tues., Nov. 10, 7:30-8:30 P.M. (EST)

Cost: \$25 per household

All receipts donated to BMCC

Executive Chef Ken Grogg (brother of Keith) will take you through cooking lessons and methods to make the most out of your grocery store run during the pandemic. Ken will talk about the relationship with food across different cultures, the important role food plays during the holidays, what makes comfort food comfortable, why his own mental health inspired him to do this presentation, and more! He will demonstrate how to get the most uses out a whole protein (i.e. fish, chicken, etc.) to get the most out of a trip to the grocery store during this challenging time, with tips on simple butchering techniques, use of different cooking methods, global spices and ingredients, and beverage pairing.

You do not cook during this hour! You get to sit back and follow along with the tips and recipes. Sign up to enjoy a special evening of chef skills and fun See information and link to pay/sign up here:

<https://www.blackmountaincounseling.org/events>

Ken Grogg studied at the L'Hotel Sofitel School of French Culinary Skills, created all the stocks and sauces for Café Royale, part of the Sofitel's restaurant business, and served as executive chef at the Minnesota Governor's Residence for twelve years. Living and working in Minnesota, Grogg loves Minnesota food - and he's exceptional at making it. So it's fitting that Grogg finds himself at Lunds & Byerlys, a family-owned Minnesota company where he's been the executive chef in charge of L&B Meal Creations, the meal-kit program that makes at-home cooking faster and more enjoyable, and makes meals more memorable. Join BMCC and Ken on November 10 for a culinary good time!

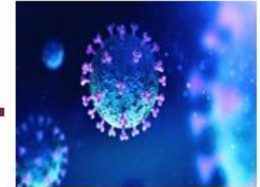
**Next Week: Montreat Wednesday
5:00 P.M., November 11, 2020**

MONTREAT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday Nov. 11th

The Covid Crisis and Our Local Community Service Organizations - Part Two

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry, Donald S. Collins Early Learning Center and Buncombe County



PRESENTED ON-LINE: A LINK WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT WEDNESDAY

JOIN US FOR THIS PROGRAM!!

A Talk in the Woods Nov. 12 Event



via ZOOM

Western North Carolinians are fortunate to live among such wondrous mountains that show an abundant display of color in the fall. How can we both enjoy and respect this natural world that is all around us?

Listen and share as we create community across the Presbytery and discuss environmental issues and earth care concerns with others who have similar interests. Join our monthly gathering of people who have an interest in earth care ministry by ZOOM on November 12 at 7:00 PM. [Please register in advance](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The next Talk in the Woods will be December 10 and the topic will be the Christmas tree industry.

A Talk in the Woods is sponsored by the Earth Care Team of the Presbytery of WNC. For more information about A Talk in the Woods or the Presbytery's Earth Care Team contact Jane at janelaping@sbcglobal.net.


Church Chat

Are you missing seeing faces without masks? Do you miss the friends you connected with around the coffee pot on Sunday mornings? If so, you may enjoy joining **Church Chat** on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15!

This is a light conversation amongst our MPC family, a time we share with each other anything from our favorite saints, to our favorite hymns, to our favorite sports events, to what is happening in our lives. Catching up with our church family is the goal. No one is required to speak, but the greeters will invite you to share if you want. Currently, William & Sheri Pender and Amy & Mason Blake alternate being our greeters. Take a break from separation and join us! The Zoom link will be sent via Constant Contact later this week (and uses the same link each week). See you Sunday morning at 9:30!

Stewardship 2021

If you have not yet had a chance to return your 2021 estimate of giving card, your stewardship team and church committee leaders would greatly appreciate your letting us know your estimated giving for 2021 **this week**. Your thoughtful gifts will enable us to plan a realistic budget for our ministries in the coming year. Thank you!

	
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	
NAME(S) _____	Keep this portion as a record of your financial pledge for the year 2021.
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____ ST. _____ ZIP _____	
FINANCIAL PLEDGE FOR 2021	
Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following Commitment to support the mission of the church.	
\$ _____ per <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> year	Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church.
<small>(This commitment may be revised or cancelled due to changing circumstances.)</small>	\$ _____ per <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> year
<small>"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts." -Henri Frederic Amiel</small>	<small>(This commitment may be revised or cancelled due to changing circumstances.)</small>

Books Available to Borrow

Copies for borrowing and returning are still available of *The Warmth of Other Suns* and *Between the World and Me*. They can be picked up from the green bin outside the MPC office door any time.

Friends & Partners in Ministry

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

SVCM is still taking food donations at the door at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. We are also taking donations of small, snackable items, including water, for the Blessing Box in front of the church. As it gets colder the shelter situation is limited and more people stop by for emergency supplies. Emergency packages usually contain things like nuts, granola bars, pop top foods like Vienna sausages, and some personal care items like masks, hand sanitizer, and hand cream, etc.

Apart from food and here is a need for fall & winter clothing as well. The regular food donations are taken to SVCM after 4 on Mondays. You can drive by the front of the church and leave your donations in the marked bins. You may also donate to the Blessing Box located by the White Horse parking lot.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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

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!

Nov. 4 Bob Neil

Nov. 5 Ann Wilde

Nov. 6 Chet Alexander

Nov. 11 Terry Butler

Nov. 13 Jane Anderson

Nov. 13 David Neel

Nov. 18 Ann Hudspeth

Nov. 20 Macie King

Nov. 21 Jan Swetenburg

Nov. 26 Kay Layman

Nov. 26 Jim Layman

Dec. 4 Sally Richardson

Dec. 6 Kaius Pagan

Dec. 8 Cam Murchison

Nov. 18 Joe Standaert

Nov. 19 Jean Skidmore

Nov. 19 Susanne McCaskill

Nov. 20 Les Butler

Dec. 9 Suzanne Alexander

Dec. 11 Calvin Chesnutt

Dec. 12 Jackson Dimmock

Dec. 13 Sara Kipp

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

*Our love surrounds Evelyn Bannerman
and the family and many friends of
Glenn Bannerman.*

*The full extent of his impact on us all,
and on the Church, can never be known
but will always be celebrated.*

*We remain in fervent prayer for all who are battling Covid--
our family and friends at Highland Farms and everywhere.*

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

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom), ongoing health concerns

Evelyn Bannerman, diagnosed with Covid

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)

Chandler Coggeshall (son of Genie Sullivan), recovering from heart surgery

Pat Connelly, hip replacement postponed

Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle

Roy Davidson (friend of Mason Blake), fighting lung cancer

Jey Deifell

Frank Dodson, broken leg

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Bob Hare

Clara Hare

Dick Keefer

Maggie Lauterer

Margaret Linton

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry, cancer
Margaret Rada
Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey
Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister)
Bob Shaw
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)
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
Michael Wiseman (Dora and John's grandson) tested positive for covid

*Our love and congratulations are extended to
Jane Gurley and Steve Hansel
who were married last week in a small, private ceremony.
Congratulations to the happy couple!*

We also lift up in prayer...

Highland Farms residents, particularly those being treated for Covid
Voters, poll workers, election officials, and postal employees
All who are running for office
Communities, families and persons who are at risk
Victims of human trafficking
Victims of domestic violence
People experiencing loss of, or undesired change in, employment
Teachers
Worshippers longing for communal, face to face worship
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
People earnestly grappling with issues and trying their best to be faithful
All victims of war and destruction
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

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
Resources for Resilience
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry
Yokefellow Prison Ministry

*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.*

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)

Elders-elect (to be seated in January): William Brown, Ellen Dean

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?

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.)

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 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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