

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

THE WEEKLY ENEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA



December 15, 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 continuing their work from home offices or  
remote locations.

## Our Calendar

**Wed., Dec. 16**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**A Christmas Tapestry**  
*distributed via Constant Contact*

**Wed., Dec. 16**  
**by 8:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday Evening Prayer**  
**Service for the Third Week of**  
**Advent**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Sun., Dec. 20**  
**9:30-10:15 A.M.**

**Church Chat**  
*via Zoom*

**Sun., Dec. 20  
by 10:00 A.M.**

**MPC Sunday Worship Service:  
Service of Lessons & Carols**  
*via Zoom*

**Wed., Dec. 16  
by 8:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday Evening Prayer  
Service for the Fourth Week of  
Advent**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Thu., Dec. 24  
5:00 P.M.**

**Christmas Eve Service**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Thu., Dec. 24  
10:00 P.M.**

**Christmas Eve Late Compline  
Service**  
*via Constant Contact*

**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.

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## **Urgent Request from SVCMM**

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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, there is an urgent need for men's, women's, and children's underwear.** There is also a need for fall and winter clothing.

Please **check the weekly item in the MPC Memo titled "Friends & Partners in Ministry" to keep up with news of SVCMM** and other important ministries in our community. (See below.)

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## MONTREAT WEDNESDAY

### See All Our Fall Programs

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Did you miss the Hymns of Christmas Montreat  
Wednesday program? View it online  
at <https://vimeo.com/488344050>



CHECK OUT AND ENJOY OUR OTHER  
FALL 2020 PROGRAMS. JUST NAVIGATE  
TO THE MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH CHANNEL ON YOUTUBE!

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## Evening Prayer Service

### 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, Dec. 16

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This Wednesday, an Evening Prayer service of less than 10 minutes' duration will be distributed by 8:00 P.M. from the pastor's hearth. **A series of Wednesday Evening Prayer services** will be provided through Advent.

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## Recipe Sharing During Advent

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Keep the recipes coming! We will be sending this out throughout Advent. Along with your special recipe, please share why it is special.

Please submit one or two recipes to Grace Nichols at [grace5cents@gmail.com](mailto:grace5cents@gmail.com). Recipes will be shared via Constant Contact and will also be posted on our website for everyone to enjoy.

Submit to Grace Nichols as soon as convenient at:

[grace5cents@gmail.com](mailto:grace5cents@gmail.com)

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## Candle Photos for Christmas Eve

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The Worship & Music Committee would like to see if we can assemble photographs of our **congregation members holding a lit candle with a somewhat dark background**, if you would be willing to have your photo be part of a montage for Christmas Eve.

If you would like to participate, please do the following:

- take it as a **horizontal** photo
- email it with the subject line "**Candle Picture**"
- **send it to Vivian at [music@montreatchurch.org](mailto:music@montreatchurch.org)**
- **email it to us by this Friday, Dec. 18**

**THANK YOU!**

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## Epiphany Star Words

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### Star Words Returns!

Star Words is back for 2021, this time in a virtual format. We will be gathering over Zoom on the evening of Wednesday, January 6. Before unwrapping our words for 2021, we'll take a moment or two to reflect on how this year's word helped shaped our life in 2020. We'll then talk about ways we can experience our new Star Word as a spiritual gift and reflect on it throughout the year.

You will have the opportunity to safely receive your star for the coming year before the event. Details about distribution, as well as a link for the Zoom meeting, will be in an upcoming Memo. Hope to see you there!

*Christina Tutterow*  
*Worship & Music Committee*

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## The New MPC Directory

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The new directories will be a very nice Christmas gift for all of us this year. Since we are not together to distribute them, we will need to be creative. We plan to have a drive-through pickup at the Allen Building on Lookout Rd where the church office is located. We are watching the weather and the directory completion date before we definitely confirm the pickup date.

- Proposed pickup date: Monday, Dec 21, 2:00-3:30 pm (a confirmation email will be sent closer to the date)
- Highland Farms residents will have theirs delivered by Ann Wilde and Susan Maffett.
- Black Mountain residents will have theirs delivered by Linda Hobson.
- Please feel free to ask your friends or neighbors if you can pickup their directories for them.
- Seasonal Residents: Please email Ellen Dean ([ellengdean@gmail.com](mailto:ellengdean@gmail.com)) if and when you plan to be in Montreat in the coming weeks and can pick up your directory.

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## Year End Contribution Deadline

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All contributions for the tax year 2020 must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2020 (remember the 31st is a Thursday). All contributions can be mailed or hand delivered to Gill Campbell (by Dec. 31). If you have questions about your balance, please e-mail ([treasurer@montreatchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@montreatchurch.org)) or call Gill - 808-7237.

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## Advent Calendar

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Wed., Dec. 16  
5:00 P.M.

**"A Christmas Tapestry"**  
*Scenes of the scripture readings woven*

*together to tell the story of the nativity, presented by members of the Montreat Presbyterian Church family.*

**Wed. Dec. 16  
by 8:00 P.M.**

### **Evening Prayer for the Third Week of Advent**

**Sun., Dec. 20  
10:00 A.M.**

### **Service of Lessons & Carols**

*Humanity's need for a savior, the promise of the Messiah, and the coming of Christ in the nativity are told in scripture readings interspersed with carols, hymns, anthems, and meditations.*

**Wed. Dec. 23  
by 8:00 P.M.**

### **Evening Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent**

**Thu., Dec. 24  
5:00 P.M.**

### **Christmas Eve Service**

*The online traditional Christmas Eve service will include communion, the singing of "Silent Night" and an appropriate version of the ceremony of candlelight.*

**Thu., Dec. 24  
10:00 P.M.**

### **Christmas Eve Late Compline Service**

*In monastic and other worshipping communities, compline is the service for the "completion" of the liturgical day. Our late Christmas Eve service, made available online, will be quiet, meditative, and mainly musical, allowing for a moment to rest in the beauty of the coming of Christ.*

**Sun., Dec. 27  
10:00 A.M.**

### **The Service for the Lord's Day - First Sunday of Christmas**

*We are not finished with Christmas yet! In fact, we're just getting started. The 12-*



*day season that begins on December 25 continues the joyful observance of Christ's nativity and the holy mystery of his humanity and divinity.*

**Sun., Jan. 3**  
**10:00 A.M.**

### **The Service for the Lord's Day - Second Sunday of Christmas**

*On the Tenth Day of Christmas, we will celebrate holy communion, install our new session members, and observe one last Sunday of Christmas until December 2021!*

**Wed., Jan. 6**  
**Time TBA**

**Epiphany**  
*"Star Words" revisited*

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## **Friends & Partners in Ministry**

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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, there is **an urgent need for New/Unused men's, women's, and children's underwear**. If convenient, these may be left on the back porch during the week. There is also a need for fall & winter clothing. 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.

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## Tithes and Gifts for the Mission of Montreat Presbyterian Church

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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*

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## Upcoming Birthdays

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**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!

Dec. 17 Hal Demarest  
Dec. 19 Anne Peck  
Dec. 23 William Pender  
Dec. 24 Gill Campbell  
Jan. 2 Eade Anderson  
Jan. 7 Marinell Davidson  
Jan. 8 Ron Nalley  
Jan. 10 Steve Sewell

Jan. 11 Eric Nichols  
Jan. 13 Rebecca Moss  
Jan. 15 Brown McCallum  
Jan. 15 Eve Carter  
Jan. 19 Savannah Parker Jan.  
19 Sara Scarborough Jan. 19  
Robin Tutterow  
Jan. 20 Peggy Rada

*Congregational Care Committee*

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## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

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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), in palliative care

Virginia Bibee (Jamie Lloyd's mother), Covid-19.

Jamie is tending to her mother in Texas.

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)

Calvin Chesnutt, hospitalized with Covid and pneumonia

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

Pat Connelly, recovering after hip replacement surgery

Doris Cook, sister of Dora Hinkle

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

Joan Deifell  
Frank Dodson, broken leg  
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain  
Jane Frist, Covid  
Bob Hare, Covid  
Clara Hare  
Laura (Marylyn & Olson Huff's daughter-in-law), Covid  
Dick Keefer  
Maggie Lauterer  
Margaret Linton  
Bob Martin (son of Billie Martin), Covid  
Scotty McAliley  
Bev MacSherry, cancer  
William Pender, being treated for pulmonary embolism  
Margaret Rada  
Ellen Ramsey  
George Ramsey  
Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister)  
Bob Shaw  
Belle Shipley  
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

***We also lift up in prayer...***

Highland Farms residents and staff  
Deerfield residents and staff  
Communities, families and persons who are at risk  
Victims of human trafficking  
Victims of domestic violence  
People experiencing 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

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

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.*

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## The Carpenters

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**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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## PWNC Newsletter

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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](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)

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