

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church USA



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## 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. 23**  
**by 6:00 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*

**Sun., Dec. 27**

**Church Chat**

**9:30-10:15 A.M.**

*via Zoom*

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

**MPC Sunday Worship Service:  
First Sunday of Christmas**  
*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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## **Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Calendar**

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**Wed. Dec. 23  
by 6:00 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 scripture readings, an evening meditation, and the singing of carols with the help of members of our church's music program who contributed individual recordings for our "virtual" choir.*

**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**

*The 12-day Christmas 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**  
**7:00 P.M.**

## **Epiphany**

*"Star Words" revisited, in an evening Zoom gathering: not a worship service, but an opportunity for some reflection together. 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. (See more info 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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## Epiphany Star Words

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Star Words, an Epiphany practice we began last year, is back for 2021, this time in a virtual format.

We will be gathering over Zoom at 7:00 P.M. 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.

**We will announce when the Star Words are available to be picked up** at the church office building, or other possibilities for those who aren't able to come by. The link for the Zoom meeting will be distributed via Constant Contact.

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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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## Friends & Partners in Ministry

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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.

There is also a need for men's, women's and children's underwear and for winter clothing.

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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**

**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. 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

Jan. 22 Dick Ray

Jan. 23 Trisha Edington

Jan. 23 Katie Pagan

Jan. 24 Corise Gambrell

Jan. 26 Jane Frist

Jan. 29 Clare Frist

*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), and Jamie, both  
diagnosed with Covid-19.

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

David Huff (Marylyn & Olson's son), recovering from hip surgery

Dick Keefer

Maggie Lauterer

Margaret Linton

Jamie Bibee Lloyd, Covid-19, and caring for her mother

Rob Martin (son of Billie Martin), Covid

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry, cancer

William Pender

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](#).

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## Montreat Presbyterian Church

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[MontreatChurch.org](http://MontreatChurch.org)



### 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@montreachurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreachurch.org),  
and we'll find a time that works.

Rev. Margaret Peery also provides pastoral care:  
[parishvisitor@montreachurch.org](mailto:parishvisitor@montreachurch.org)



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