

Weekly Montreat Memo

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church USA



April 13, 2021



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 continuing their work from home offices or remote locations.

Our Calendar

**Tue., Apr. 13
4:00 P.M.**

**Mission & Outreach Committee
Meeting**
via Zoom

**Wed., Apr. 14
11:00 A.M.**

**Worship & Music Committee
Meeting**

Wed., Apr. 14
5:00 P.M.

via Zoom

Montreat Wednesday
Registration required to view movie

Thu., Apr. 15
10:00 A.M.

Membership Discussion
via Zoom

Thu., Apr. 15
2:00 P.M.

Membership Discussion
via Zoom

Sun., Apr. 18
9:30-10:15 A.M.

Church Chat
via Zoom

Sun., Apr. 18
by 10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Worship Service
via Constant Contact

Tue., Apr. 20
6:00 P.M.

Session Meeting
via Zoom

Wed., Apr. 21
2:00 P.M.

Christian Education Committee Meeting
via Zoom

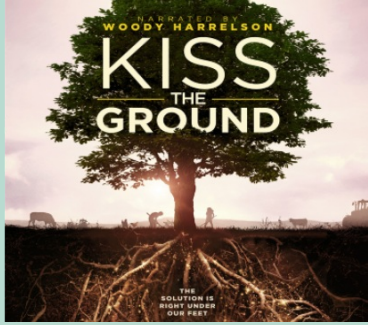
Please share scheduling info with the office administrator at office@montreatchurch.org.

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 Presents
A Special Program
Available April 10-26, 2021

KISS THE GROUND

A HOPEFUL AND



GROUNDBREAKING DOCUMENTARY MOVIE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Kiss the Ground is a new film how about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. This film explains why transitioning to regenerative agriculture could be key in rehabilitating the planet, while simultaneously invigorating a new sense of hope and inspiration. View the trailer by clicking [HERE](#).

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please note: you will **not receive a link from MPC as we normally do for Montreat Wednesday programs.**

Go to the Interfaith Power & Light web page by clicking [HERE](#). You will be asked to supply your name, address and other information by Interfaith Power & Light. They will then provide you a link for viewing.

Once you have registered you can view *Kiss the Ground* any time from April 10 to 26.

**Interested in Looking into Membership?
Join a Zoom Discussion with the Pastor
This Thursday, April 15
10:00 A.M. or 2:00 P.M.**

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in looking into membership possibilities at Montreat Presbyterian Church?

Whether you would just like to know more, or are ready to join now and are seeking information on how that happens, you can let us know at office@montreatchurch.org, or contact the pastor directly at pastor@montreatchurch.org, and we'll be sure to send you the Zoom link!

You may choose to join the 10:00 A.M. discussion or the 2:00 P.M. discussion.

For more information, please see the 2 1/2-minute video [here](#):



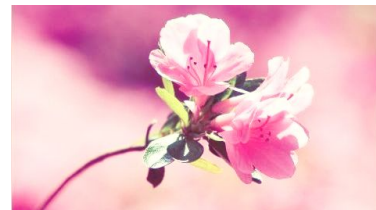
Women's Circle Tuesday, April 20, 10:00 A.M.

Please join us, Tuesday, April 20 for the next Women's Circle. Paulette Heck will lead Lesson 8: God Laments. The focus scripture is Hosea 11:1-9; Luke 19:41-44 (Matt. 23:37-39; Lk. 13:34-35).

You can join the meeting **on that day at 10:00 A.M.** by clicking this [LINK](#).

Spiritual Reflections Will Resume on Thursday, April 22, 10:00 A.M.

Our Lenten series is about to become an Easter series! If you would like to join the pastor, via Zoom, for an informal consideration of the Easter daily lectionary texts and reflections, please feel free to join us every (or any) Thursday morning, 10:00-10:45 A.M., from April 22 through May 20. The Zoom link will be distributed by early each Thursday morning. Everyone is welcome!



DROP IN THE BOX SATURDAY, MAY 1



The Mission Committee will hold its last drive-by "Drop in the Box" on Saturday, May 1.

Our congregation and friends were very supportive in helping the SVCM restock their food shelves with 64 boxes of canned goods and non-perishables.

PLEASE NOTE: On May 1st the "Drop in the Box" will focus on personal care items, toilet paper, dish washing soap and laundry detergent. This will be our last DITB until next fall so let's make this a big one.

You may drop off your boxes on May 1 between 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. at the side entrance of the Anderson Auditorium where friendly, masked volunteers will receive your donations.

Using Stimulus Payments to Help Others

If you receive a stimulus payment that your household doesn't need, and you would like to use it to make a real difference for someone, please consider donating it to SVCM to help them as they seek to provide short-term, emergency housing for people in dire situations.

You can give to SVCM directly [via their website](#), or through the church by sending a check made out to MPC with "SVCM stimulus" on the memo line to: MPC, P.O. Box 577, Montreat, NC 28757. See below for more information about Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry.

Friends & Partners in Ministry



Thank for your continued support.

SVCM has a continued need for perishable and non-perishable items, as well as diapers & wipes. 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. Monetary donations may be mailed to: PO Box 235 Black Mountain, NC 28711. Items can be dropped off during open hours or left on the porch.

Find our [Spring Letter](#) and the copy of [Tidings](#) by clicking on the links.



Do you have an extra car that needs to find a new home? Imagine how difficult your life would be without a car! Working Wheels repairs and recycles donated cars, transforming them into working wheels for working families. The process is simple, the donation is tax-deductible, and the impact is real. We also need volunteer drivers and administrative help. To donate, volunteer, or learn more, please visit www.workingwheelswnc.org or call 828-633-6888.

The Montreat Conference Center is offering

Grab and Go Meals

prepared by their kitchen staff!

Find more information on this week's menu

and how to order [here](#).

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!

Apr. 13 Jim Richardson

Apr. 14 Bob Cumming

Apr. 14 Anne Seaman

Apr. 16 Joan Deifell

Apr. 16 Genie Sullivan

Apr. 18 Ginny Brand

Apr. 22 Ashley Gray

Apr. 25 Maggie Lauterer

Apr. 27 Neal Lloyd

Apr. 28 Jim Weyman

May 5 Grace Nichols

May 5 Henry Wilde

May 8 Beth Fountain

May 10 Ann Neel

May 11 Vivian Hare

May 11 Kat Achtemeier

May 12 Jane Alexander

May 13 Mark Crawford

May 15 Peter Boggs

May 15 Bob Shaw

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Virginia Bibee (Jamie Bibee Lloyd's mother)

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Bob Hare

Ana Heck and family, in the death of her father

Thomas, Becky, Andrew & Lauren Hobson (Sam & Linda's

family), rare eating disorder in family
Daniel Huff (Marylyn & Olson's son)
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer
Margaret Linton
Scotty McAliley
Bev MacSherry
Margaret Rada
Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey
Matt Rhodes (son-in-law of Mark and Kat Achtemeier)
Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)
Jerilyn Scheef (Julie Simpson's sister)
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)
John Shoop
Elizabeth Sorenson (Keith Grogg's mother)
Sally Stansill, recovering from outpatient procedure
Sally Stetler (sister of jDub Simpson), in ICU
Arline Taylor
Beverly Thompson's granddaughter Mary Grace

*Our deepest love and sympathy are extended to
Ana and Doran Heck
in the death of Ana's father.*

*Congratulations and blessings
to David Smith and Chan Suksanguan,
who were married in an online ceremony
on Saturday, April 10. They are "off to Germany"
where David continues advanced studies.*

We also lift up in prayer...

All communities and peoples threatened by violence

Minneapolis

Atrocities in Ethiopia and elsewhere in the world

Girls and young women at risk in Nigeria

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

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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

Mason Blake, Beth Fountain (2021)
Jim Henderson, Ann DuPre Rogers (2022)
William Brown, Ellen Dean (2023)
Clerk Jane Alexander
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

Officers & Committee Chairs, 2021

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
Jim Henderson, Finance & Property
Nancy Midgette, Mission & Outreach
Ann DuPre Rogers, Personnel
Jane Alexander, 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 someone you know **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.

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.**

Responses intended for the director of music may be sent to music@montreatchurch.org.

A second weekly publication, "From the Pastor's Desk," is issued late in the week, usually on Saturday. FTPD is designed to offer concise updates and a brief word from the pastor during the time of social distancing. **FTPD also includes the link for the next morning's Church Chat.**

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(Office closed during the pandemic until further notice; staff are still available.)

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