

# WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



August 10, 2021

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**All are Welcome!**

Please contact the church office  
([office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org)) to  
be added to our email list or sign  
up to receive home worship  
services!

## Our Calendar

**(For best results if using a cell phone,  
please view the device horizontally.)**

**Tue., Aug. 10  
by 8:00 P.M.**

**Evening Prayer Service**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Thu., Aug. 12  
3:30 P.M.**

**Evangelism & Membership  
Committee Meeting**  
*Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*

**Sun., Aug. 15  
9:30 A.M.**

**Fellowship Before Worship**  
*Anderson Lobby; Upper Anderson*

**Sun., Aug. 15  
10:00 A.M.**

**In-Person Sunday Worship  
Service**

**Sun., Aug. 15  
by 10:30 A.M.**

**Tue., Aug. 17  
6:30 P.M.**

**Sun., Aug. 22  
10:00 A.M.**

**Sun., Aug. 22  
10:00 A.M.**

**Sun., Aug. 22  
by 10:30 A.M.**

**Sun., Aug. 22  
after worship**

**Sun., Aug. 22  
1:00 P.M.**

**Tue., Aug. 24  
4:00 P.M.**

**Sun., Aug. 29  
10:00 A.M.**

**Sun., Aug. 29  
by 10:30 A.M.**

**Sun., Sept. 5  
11:00 A.M.**

*Upper Anderson*

**Online Chapel Service**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Session Meeting**  
*Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*

**Sunday Worship Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

**New Member Welcome**  
*During Worship Service*

**Online Chapel Service**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Ruling Elder Nominating  
Committee**  
*Church Office/Pastor's Study*

**Children's Virtual Gathering**  
*via Zoom*

**Worship & Music Committee  
Meeting**  
*Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*

**Sunday Worship Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

**Online Chapel Service**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Kirkin' o' the Tartan  
Worship Service**  
*Anderson Auditorium*

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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### **Under our current Covid protocols, as of Aug. 10:**

- **For Sunday worship** and other large group gatherings, **masks** are a requirement for all, vaccinated or unvaccinated; we will need to **refrain from physical contact** such as handshakes and hugs; disposable masks and hand sanitizers will be made available; the duration of our services will be limited; **distanced seating** is requested; and congregational singing, when it is possible at all, will be kept to a minimum.
- **MPC committees**, small groups etc. may choose to meet in person, via Zoom, or in a hybrid arrangement.
- **Office hours** are starting to resume; a more settled schedule will be announced in next week's Memo.
- Some specific ministries are still being thought through; **thank you** for your continuing patience.

You can find our full, currently operative protocol document [HERE](#). This document is also posted on our website.

## **The Fellowship of the People of God This Sunday Morning at Anderson**

For this first Sunday of in-person MPC worship in Upper Anderson since March, 2020, **congregants who choose to attend the service in person are welcome to gather safely and greet each other before the service outside the Anderson Auditorium lobby, inside the lobby, or upstairs in Upper Anderson starting at 9:30 A.M.** The Tarnished Brass will be there to greet us outside the lobby! (Please be mindful that a small ensemble of singers will be rehearsing in UA until 9:30 A.M.)

**In order to help protect our congregation, visitors, and community** against transmission of the virus or its variants, refreshments will not be provided. Please remember to mask, keep distance, and refrain from physical contact such as hugs and handshakes.

**For those who choose not to attend in person or are unable to do so, an Online Chapel Service** will be distributed during the 10:00 hour on Sunday morning. It will include the sermon for the day and some liturgy.

## Montreat Wednesday Survey

The **Christian Education Committee** needs your help! Please assist us in our planning for future Montreat Wednesday programs and online offerings by taking the short survey about our online 2020-21 programs. It should only take a few minutes. To take the survey, click [HERE](#) for the PDF form, print, mark your answers and return it to the church office at **P. O. Box 577, Montreat, NC 29727** or send electronically to [education@montreatchurch.org](mailto:education@montreatchurch.org).

*Thank you from the Christian Education Committee!!*

## New Member Welcome Sunday, August 22

A New Member Welcome, 18 months in the making, will be part of our worship service on Sunday, August 22!

**All who have joined our rolls or changed membership categories in 2020 and 2021 are invited to let the Pastor know if they are planning to be with us on that Sunday to be formally welcomed.** Please let me know at [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org). Many thanks!

*K.G.*

## Friends & Partners in Ministry

**Matching Fund Grant for First-Time Donors to Black Mountain**



**Black Mountain  
COUNSELING CENTER**



**Counseling Center:** A special grant through the Pisgah Investments Foundation has been given to BMCC which, for a limited time, will provide **matching funds (up to \$500 per individual donor) for those who have not previously donated.** Your gift of \$100 would mean \$200 for the Counseling Center; a \$500 gift would mean \$1000! The number of people seeking mental health care has increased drastically as a result of the pandemic. Many are in financial need, and BMCC is one of the few counseling centers who take in clients regardless of their ability to pay. All money donated through this grant will be used to assist people who are not able to pay for counseling. Please make your gift online at [blackmountaincounseling.org](http://blackmountaincounseling.org) or send your check directly to:

**Black Mountain Counseling Center  
201 N Ridgeway Ave.  
Black Mountain, NC 28711**

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### **Open Table seeking volunteers**

Join Open Table any Wednesday, 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church in Black Mountain (101 Church Street) for a free, hearty and nutritious community meal, supported by local churches. Everyone is welcome at no cost, but donations are appreciated. **Volunteers are always needed** so if you are free on Wednesdays, please come check it out and bring a friend or two. For more information, contact Mari Gramling at 828-713-8296.

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**SVCM has an urgent need for bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, laundry detergent, mason jars for the detergent, and linens such as washcloths, towels, and sheets..** They are also taking donations of small, snackable items, including water, for the Blessing Box in front

of the church. 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 Current Newsletter [here](#).

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**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](http://www.workingwheelswnc.org) or call 828-633-6888.

## 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!

Aug. 11 Lynn Gilliland  
Aug. 12 Paulette Heck  
Aug. 12 Betsy Kirschner  
Aug. 12 Cis Wilde  
Aug. 15 Jim Williamson  
Aug. 16 Sue Diehl  
Aug. 16 Julie Simpson  
Aug. 17 John Lamotte  
Aug. 18 Cameron Roberts

Aug. 19 Zaida Gilmour  
Aug. 19 Peggy Hollandsworth  
Aug. 23 Gladys Brooks  
Aug. 30 Elizabeth Mills  
Aug. 31 Robyn Josephs  
Sept. 2 Betty Lou Jeffrey  
Sept. 4 Frank Dimmock  
Sept. 5 Ellen Ramsey  
Sept. 12 jDub Simpson

## Our Church Family Prayer List

A service to honor and remember

**Sally Sutherland Baisley**

Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, VA

*Sally, Christina Tutterow's mother, who transferred her membership into MPC during the pandemic lockdown, died in March of this year.*

*Our love and prayers surround Christina & Robin  
as they travel to Virginia for the service,  
which will be streamed live on [Facebook](#)  
and will remain available for later viewing.*

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

Nita Anderson (Huffs' extended family), cancer

Virginia Bibee (Jamie Bibee Lloyd's mother)

Jim Bowden, cancer treatments

Ken Boyer

Sylvia Boyer

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Mary Kathleen Duncan

Jane Frist

Thomas, Becky, Andrew & Lauren Hobson (Sam & Linda's family), rare eating disorder in family

Jesse Dimmock Huber (niece of Martha Campbell),  
diagnosed with Covid-19 with a baby due within 2 weeks

Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer

Margaret Linton

Neal Lloyd, recovering from knee surgery

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey, cancer

Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)  
Jane Sewell, brain tumor (see page at [caringbridge.com](http://caringbridge.com))  
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)  
John Shoop (see page at [caringbridge.com](http://caringbridge.com))  
Kit Smith, safety & mental health

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

Those especially susceptible to Covid-19 variants  
All who are traveling  
Fires in West Coast states  
Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, hunger, war,  
and destruction, including those in Haiti, Afghanistan,  
Ethiopia, and Cuba

***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**

**Mark Achtemeier, Gill Campbell, Steve Hansel, John Hinkle, Eric Nichols, William Pender, and Bill Roberts** 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**

[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**

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](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)

**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 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](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org).**

**Responses intended for the director of music** may be sent to [music@montreatchurch.org](mailto: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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