

WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



August 24, 2021



All are Welcome!

Please contact the church office (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. 24
4:00 P.M.**

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

**Wed., Aug. 25
2:00 P.M.**

**Christian Education Committee
Meeting**
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.

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

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson

**Sun., Aug. 29
by 11:00 A.M.**

Online Chapel Service
via Constant Contact

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

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

	<i>Anderson Auditorium</i>
Sun., Sept. 5 by 11:00 A.M.	Online Chapel Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Thur., Sept. 9 3:30 P.M.	Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Sept. 12 10:00 A.M.	Sunday Worship Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Sept. 12 by 11:00 A.M.	Online Chapel Service <i>via Constant Contact</i>
Tue., Sept. 14 6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Tue., Sept. 21 7:30 P.M.	Taize (Contemplative) Service <i>Upper Anderson</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.

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Under our current Covid protocols, as of Aug. 24:

- **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. Please take every possible reasonable precaution.
- **Office hours** are M-T and Th-F, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon.

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

Session Notes

At its stated meeting in August, the Session...

- cheerfully endorsed the appointments of Corise Gambrell and Sally Woodard as co-moderators of the Women's Circle
- heard a report from the July meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina ([Presbytery in Brief 2021-07-31.pdf \(presbytery-wnc.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://presbytery-wnc.s3.amazonaws.com/Presbytery%20in%20Brief%202021-07-31.pdf))
- reviewed the Covid protection protocols currently in place, and agreed that they are adequate as written for the time being, while instructing the pastor to reconvene the advisory panel within the next few weeks
- received the report of the appointed Disability Task Force and approved a disability self-audit to be conducted using the PC(USA) self-audit resource for congregations
- approved updates and revisions to the Child & Youth Protection Policy upon review of the intensive work of a task force of the CE committee
- discussed preliminary thoughts regarding a sabbatical for the pastor in 2022
- rescheduled the September session meeting for Sept. 14, with a Taize service scheduled for Sept. 21
- prayed together, sharing joys and concerns within the congregation and beyond

These are some items from the moderator's notebook and are not intended to be read as the complete minutes of the meeting.

Flood Relief in Western NC; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

We have added two new categories in our [online giving](#) options: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** and **Haywood Co. Flood Relief**. (In both cases, checks can also be made and submitted to MPC with appropriate information on the memo line.) See below for more information on each.

PDA - Haiti



And after the earthquake, a sound of sheer silence. Then there came a voice that said,

"What are you doing here?" (1 Kings 19:12–13)

The scale of the disaster facing Haiti after the Aug. 14 earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left almost 1,300 people dead, thousands more injured and an unknown number still missing. At least 13,000 homes were destroyed and roads, bridges and communication systems have been severely damaged. This catastrophe comes on top of Haiti's ongoing struggles with endemic hunger and poverty, COVID-19 and continuing civil unrest, and as Tropical Storm Grace bears down on the region.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through our established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance and its members. The PC(USA), through PDA and together with regional World Mission colleagues, will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience.

Haywood County Flood Relief

The Rev. Esta Jarrett, pastor of Canton Presbyterian Church, is part of the consortium of local faith leaders and emergency

systems coordinators who are working in disaster relief mode in Haywood County following last week's catastrophic floods. Financial contributions are urgently needed as dire immediate human needs are met and the massive project of recovery, cleanup and renewal gets underway.

Our contributions to the community effort are being administered through Canton Presbyterian Church. Esta recently provided an update, saying in part, "no relief centers in Canton are accepting any more items for donation, because of the overwhelming response. Thanks for talking with your congregations about this. It's SUCH a blessing to be part of the connectional church in the midst of all this."

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.

Thank you from the Christian Education Committee!!

Friends & Partners in Ministry



Matching Fund Grant for First-Time Donors to Black Mountain 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 or send your check directly to:

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

Thank you for your faithfulness, care and support!

The invitation features a stylized logo with two black figures facing each other, surrounded by a banner that reads "EST. 1999". Below the logo, the text reads: "JOIN US for the ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON benefiting the MINISTRY OF HOPE SAFE SPACE FOR ALL FAITHS". At the bottom, it specifies the date as "Wednesday, September 8th 2021" and the times as "11:00 am SILENT AUCTION" and "12:00 pm LUNCHEON".

We will continue to monitor conditions, and keep our website & guests informed of any changes.

The Chaplaincy Committee of the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU...

WHEN: Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

WHERE: Assembly Inn, Montreat

TIME: 11:00 am for the Silent Auction
12:00 Noon for Luncheon

\$40 per Person (\$30 tax-deductible)

SPECIAL LEVELS OF GIVING:

- \$100: Patron
- \$250: Sustainer
- \$500: Sponsor
- \$1000: Benefactor

(Special giving levels of \$250 and above include 2 lunches.)

This invaluable program is funded solely by contributions. If you are able to make an additional gift, you will help the chaplaincy program better serve our 300+ women from throughout the state.
We thank you for your generosity.

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



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](#).



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.

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 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. 30 Elizabeth Mills

Aug. 31 Robyn Josephs

Sept. 18 Jesse Dimmock

Sept. 20 Katherine Savage

Sept. 2 Betty Lou Jeffrey
Sept. 4 Frank Dimmock
Sept. 5 Ellen Ramsey
Sept. 12 jDub Simpson
Sept. 13 Mary Nell Todd
Sept. 14 Henry Neale, Jr.
Sept. 16 Zack Allen

Sept. 21 Rowan Trump
Sept. 24 Sylvia Boyer
Sept. 24 William Brown
Sept. 25 Rebekah Carpenter
Sept. 27 Jerone Herring
Sept. 27 Janie Moore

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

***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
Nova Effler (Montreat post office), recovering from emergency surgery
Jane Frist
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
Kitty Peterson, anemia and recovering from a fall
Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey, cancer
Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)
Jane Sewell, brain tumor (see page at caringbridge.com)
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)

John Shoop (see page at caringbridge.com)
Kit Smith, safety & mental health

We also lift up in prayer...

Those especially susceptible to Covid-19
Haywood County
Afghanistan
All who are traveling
Fires in Canada, West Coast states and elsewhere
Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, hunger, war, and destruction
Haiti
Cuba
Ethiopia
Iraq
Students starting college, and their parents

***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](#).

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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 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@monttreatchurch.org.**

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

A second weekly publication, "From the Pastor's Desk," is sometimes issued in the latter part of the week. FTPD is designed to offer concise updates and a brief word from the pastor during times of social distancing.

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

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