

WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



August 3, 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!

Church staff are continuing their work primarily from home offices or remote locations as we begin to move toward safe face-to-face gatherings.

Our Calendar

Tue., Aug. 3
by 8:00 P.M.

Evening Prayer Service
via Constant Contact

Thu., Aug. 5
4:00 P.M.

**Stewardship & Finance
Committee Meeting**
via Zoom

Sun., Aug. 8
9:30-10:00 A.M.

Church Chat
via Zoom

Sun., Aug. 8
10:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
(Summer Worship Series)
Anderson Auditorium

Tue., Aug. 10

Evening Prayer Service

by 8:00 P.M.

via Constant Contact

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

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

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

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson

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

Session Meeting
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.

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

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson

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

New Member Welcome
During Worship Service

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

Children's Virtual Gathering
via Zoom

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

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

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

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson

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

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

**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.

Under our current Covid protocols...

- MPC committees, small groups etc. may choose to meet in person, via Zoom, or in a hybrid arrangement.

- Office hours will gradually start to resume; a more settled schedule will begin the second week of August, and eventually we will move toward full re-opening.
- Some specific ministries are still being thought through; **thank you** for your continuing patience as we keep on feeling our way, cautiously and faithfully, toward the light at the end of a long tunnel.

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

A Message from the Pastor

We plan to resume our weekly Sunday services at 10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson starting on August 15.

So that we may have at least *some* singing, **we need to continue to mask (vaccinated or unvaccinated)**. So that we may be together, **we must discourage physical contact such as handshakes and hugs**, and encourage use of hand sanitizers etc. which will be provided. So that we may worship in Upper Anderson, **the duration of our services will be kept slightly shorter** for the time being. So that we may worship with the whole church family, we will continue to have an online worship presence. While we are taking steps toward live streaming, **the worship staff will provide an Online Chapel Service each Sunday morning**, about 25 minutes in length, in the 10:00 hour.

More than 110 regular MPC worshipers have notified me that they are fully vaccinated. We will continue to adapt to evolving circumstances, making faith-based decisions intended to protect and nurture the health and safety of our worshipers, the wider community, and the world while tending to the need of God's people to worship.

K.G.

**MPC Returns to In-Person Worship
August 15 at 10:00 A.M.**

in Upper Anderson

Following the last Sunday of the 2021 Summer Worship Series, which is Aug. 8 at 10:30 A.M. in Anderson Auditorium, MPC will begin meeting in person again to worship on **Sunday, August 15 at 10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson.**

Congregants will be invited to **come at 9:30 A.M. to meet, greet and catch up** with each other--in front of the lobby, inside the lobby, or in Upper Anderson--before the service gets underway promptly at 10:00. The Tarnished Brass will be there to welcome us! Refreshments will not be provided, in keeping with our safety protocols.

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!!

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 can plan to be with us on that Sunday to be formally

welcomed. Please let me know at pastor@montreatchurch.org.
Many thanks!

K.G.

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**

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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

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SVCAM 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 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 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. 4 Ruth Currie
Aug. 4 Jane Holt
Aug. 4 Sophia Keefe
Aug. 4 Heath Rada
Aug. 4 Linda Weyman
Aug. 6 Olson Huff
Aug. 7 Anne Straughan
Aug. 9 Kitty Fouche
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

Congregational Care Committee

Scholarship Support for William Wilson



If you would like to contribute to the **William Wilson** scholarship support fund, please see the [Online Giving page](#) of our website, scroll to select the William Wilson Scholarship Fund; **or, send a check** written to MPC, with "Wilson Scholarship" on the memo line, to MPC, P.O. Box 577, Montreat, NC 28757. Thank you!

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

Jim & Mary DuBard, in the death of their daughter, Margaret
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
Jane Holt
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer
Margaret Linton
Neal Lloyd, recovering from knee surgery
Tom & Samantha Maynard, in the death of Tom's brother
Scotty McAliley
Bev MacSherry
Lou Ogden, in the death of her husband, Bill
Ellen Ramsey
George Ramsey, cancer
Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)
Nancy Midgette and her brother, David Smith,
in the death of David's wife, Jane
Jane Sewell, brain tumor. Jane has a page at caringbridge.com.
Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)
John Shoop
Kit Smith, safety & mental health
Family & friends of Arline Taylor

We also lift up in prayer...

Conferees in Montreat
Seasonal travelers
Violence and terror in Haiti, Afghanistan, Ethiopia and
elsewhere
Cuba
All places ravaged by Covid and other diseases
Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, hunger, war,
and destruction

***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

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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@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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Website