

# WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



September 7, 2021



## 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

**Thur., Sept. 9**  
**3:30 P.M.**

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

**Sun., Sept. 12**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

**Sun., Sept. 12**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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

**Tue., Sept. 14**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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

**Wed., Sept. 15**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**CE Committee Meeting**  
*Swannanoa Room/Zoom option*

**Wed., Sept. 15**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Montreat Wednesday**  
**Tom Widmer**  
*Walkup Building*

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**Sun., Sept. 19**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

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**Sun., Sept. 19**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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

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**Tue., Sept. 21**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Taize (Contemplative) Service**  
**presented by MPC/MRA**  
*Upper Anderson*

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**Wed., Sept. 22**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Montreat Wednesday**  
**Frank Dimmock**  
*Location TBD*

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**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 Sept. 7:**

- **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.

## Flood Relief in Western NC; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

**Online giving** options are available to support **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** and **Haywood Co. Flood Relief**. (Checks can also be made and submitted to MPC with appropriate information on the memo line.)

## Montreat Wednesday Fall Schedule

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September 15	Tom Widmer – What in the World is God doing in the Middle East?
September 22	Frank Dimmock - The Modern Christian Mission Field in East Africa
October 13	Mary Brueggemann - The Parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew
October 20	Sally Woodard – The Teachings of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew
October 27	Nancy Midgette and Ron Vinson of the PHC – “Clash of Cultures: Presbyterian Missions and Native Americans” plus a Preview of Upcoming PHC Conferences and Exhibits.
November 3	Jim Lowder and Robert Stevenson of Homeward Bound WNC – Homelessness in Asheville
November 10	Rusty Douglas – Focusing in on Romans
December 8	Vivian Hare and John Rogers – The Hymns of Christmas III

## Presbyterian Women's Circle

Presbyterian Women will have its first meeting of the 21-22

season on Tuesday, September 21, at 10:00 A.M.!

Because of the increasing number of virus cases of the Delta variant, we have decided to continue having our meetings virtually for the time being. **All women are invited to participate**, whether or not they have attended before. Our study this year should be very exciting as we look at some of the women who are Jesus' ancestors. Anyone who would like a study book but has not yet requested one should contact Sally Woodard ([sallygwoodard@gmail.com](mailto:sallygwoodard@gmail.com)), who will order additional copies. All women who are interested are welcome!

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**Taizé Service**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 P.M.**  
**Upper Anderson**



**A worship service reflecting the practices  
of the Taizé monastic community**

**Tuesday evening, September 21,  
7:30 P.M. in Upper Anderson.**

Silences, candlelight, psalms, prayers and brief, easily grasped, repeated chants are essential to the meditative character of Taizé worship. In keeping with centuries-old monastic tradition, the atmosphere of the service is not broken by

instructions or personal comments. (An informative sheet will be made available as people enter the worship space.)  
The service will last under 45 minutes and conclude in twilight.

Future contemplative worship services  
in Upper Anderson will be held:  
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 5:30 P.M.  
Friday, Dec. 24, 10:00 P.M.

**These services are offered as a partnership of  
Montreat Presbyterian Church  
and the Montreat Conference Center.  
All are welcome!**

## **SVCM Hope for Tomorrow Apartment Needs**

*An update from Mission Committee chair Nancy Midgette:*

Good News! The apartment that MPC furnished in Hope for Tomorrow is about to get a new tenant and there are a few things we can provide that will really help!

John Hinkle will coordinate our assistance with a couple of requests for shelving. I will be the clearinghouse for items that we can purchase. Here are specific requests: Toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, laundry basket and detergent, 13 gallon trash bags and recycling bags, hand soap (bar and pump bottles). I think we can extrapolate from this list and come up with additional such items. If you can provide something, please email me ([midgette@elon.edu](mailto:midgette@elon.edu)) and let me know what you plan to bring so that we won't end up with ten laundry baskets. I will keep a list of what is being provided so should always be able to give you a quick answer as to unmet needs. You can deliver items to my house (168 Oak Lane) or I will arrange to pick them up. MANY THANKS!!!

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# Friends & Partners in Ministry



**September is Hunger Action Month**, a time focused on communities taking collective action by giving their time, raising essential funds, and educating themselves on food insecurity and its impact. **Bounty & Soul**, with the support of volunteers, local farmers, growers, partners and donors, takes action every day by providing fresh, nutritious food and wellness education and resources to over 1,500 individuals each week through our programs and services and collectively seek to find solutions that are driven by communities most impacted.

Taking action takes ALL OF US! By joining us for Hunger Action Month, [YOU](#) can be part of a movement that seeks food security and food justice for all.

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## "Walk For Your Neighbor"

**Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry's** annual hunger walk fundraiser will be **Sunday, October 10**. Registration begins at 1:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church Black Mountain. The walk begins at 2:00 P.M. This year the celebration will include music provided by KISS Country Radio and hotdogs, courtesy of Harwood Home for Funerals. Please save the date and plan to walk with us. If you can't walk, you can participate by supporting someone who is walking. **Sign Up Sheets will be available at the MPC Worship Service on Sunday morning!** The t-shirt orders need to be submitted by



September 20 so be sure to sign up **THIS SUNDAY!!!**

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## **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](http://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!

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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](#).



**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 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!

Sept. 12 jDub Simpson

Sept. 13 Mary Nell Todd

Sept. 14 Henry Neale, Jr.

Sept. 16 Zack Allen

Sept. 18 Jesse Dimmock

Sept. 25 Rebekah Carpenter

Sept. 27 Jerone Herring

Sept. 27 Janie Moore

Oct. 2 John Hinkle

Oct. 5 Everett Culpepper



Sept. 20 Katherine Savage

Sept. 21 Rowan Trump

Sept. 24 Sylvia Boyer

Sept. 24 William Brown

Oct. 5 Marylyn Huff

Oct. 7 Beth Frith

Oct. 8 Martha Campbell

*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

Will French (Berry's son), hospitalized with encephalitis

The family members covet our prayers and love, are being well cared for, and gratefully ask that we refrain from trying to make direct contact for the time being.

Jane Frist

Steve Huff (Marylyn & Olson's son), recovering after back surgery

Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer

Margaret Linton

Neal Lloyd

Scotty McAliley

Bev MacSherry

Kitty Peterson

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  
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  
Hurricane Ida destruction  
Western U.S. wildfires  
Haiti  
Cuba  
Ethiopia  
Iraq

***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 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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Website