

# WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



September 28, 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

**Tue., Sept. 28**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**Worship & Music Committee Meeting**  
*via Zoom*

**Wed., Sept. 29**  
**by 6:00 A.M.**

**Morning Prayer Service**  
*via Constant Contact*

**Wed., Sept. 29**  
**11:30 A.M.**

**Officer Preparation Meeting**  
*off-site*

**Thur., Sept. 30**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Personnel Committee Meeting**  
*Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*

**Sun., Oct. 3**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
*Location TBD*

**Sun., Oct. 3**  
**by 10:00 A.M.**

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

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**Tue., Oct. 5**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**Congregational Care Committee**  
*via Zoom*

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**Thurs., Oct. 7**  
**8:00 A.M.**

**Officer Preparation Meeting**  
*off-site*

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**Sun., Oct. 10**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

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**Sun., Oct. 10**  
**by 10:00 A.M.**

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

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**Sun., Oct. 10**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Walk for Your Neighbor**  
*First Baptist Church Black  
Mountain*

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**Tue., Oct. 12**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**Mission & Outreach Committee**  
*Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*

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**Wed., Oct. 13**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**Montreat Wednesday**  
*Walkup Bldg.*

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**Thur., Oct. 14**  
**3:30 P.M.**

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

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**Thur., Oct. 14**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Covid Advisory Committee**  
*Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*

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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. 26:**

- **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.

## Elevator Update - Pastor's Note

Our ministry partners at the Montreat Conference Center are doing everything in their power to restore the elevator in Anderson Auditorium as quickly as possible. As with many other aspects of pandemic life, getting parts is a longer and more complicated process than we have had in the past. Later this week, I will announce the location of worship this Sunday, Oct. 3. It will certainly be in the Anderson building, but whether we meet in the main auditorium or upstairs in Upper Anderson has yet to be determined. Please see "From the Pastor's Desk" in the latter part of this week for the latest update.

*K.G.*

# Montreat Wednesday Schedule

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

## Friends & Partners in Ministry

### "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 hot dogs 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!**



**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.



**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!

## 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. **Please see Mari's note below:**



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!

Oct. 2 John Hinkle  
Oct. 5 Everett Culpepper  
Oct. 5 Marylyn Huff  
Oct. 7 Beth Frith  
Oct. 8 Martha Campbell  
Oct. 15 Robert Hare  
Oct. 15 John Kipp  
Oct. 15 Helen Lancaster  
Oct. 15 Nancy Midgette  
Oct. 16 Beth Ariss Smith

Oct. 17 Callum Trump  
Oct. 17 Mary Standaert  
Oct. 20 Steve Carter  
Oct. 24 Mary Miller  
Brueggemann  
Oct. 25 Bob Montgomery  
Oct. 25 Margaret Neale  
Oct. 26 Isaac Dimmock  
Oct. 26 Charlene Woods  
Oct. 27 Betty Henderson

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

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

Nita Anderson (Huffs' extended family), cancer  
Elisabeth "Elbie" Bevis (great niece of Mari Gramling  
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)  
Will French (Berry's son)  
Jane Frist  
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer

Margaret Linton  
Neal Lloyd  
Scotty McAliley  
Bev MacSherry  
Kitty Peterson, under home Hospice care  
Ellen Ramsey  
George Ramsey, cancer  
Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)  
Jack Sadler  
Jane Sewell (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  
Bill Tyner (Mari Gramling's cousin's husband)  
Peggy Williamson

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

Those especially susceptible to Covid-19  
Haywood County  
Afghanistan  
All who are traveling  
Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, hunger, war,  
and destruction  
Hurricane Ida destruction  
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



## **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

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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