



THE MONTREAT MEMO

WEEKLY eNEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA



November 9, 2021



All Are Welcome!

Please contact the [church office](#) to be added to our email list or to sign up to receive our home worship services.

Our Calendar

Tue., Nov. 9
4:00 P.M.

Mission & Outreach Committee
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.

Thu., Nov. 11
3:30 P.M.

Evangelism & Membership Committee
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.

Sun., Nov. 14
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
Freeland Hall, 3rd Floor

Sun., Nov. 14
by 10:00 A.M.

Online Chapel Service
via Constant Contact

Tue., Nov. 16
10:00 A.M.

Women's Circle
Walkup Bldg.

Tue., Nov. 16
6:30 P.M.

Session Meeting
via Zoom

Wed., Nov. 17
2:00 P.M.

Christian Education Committee
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.

Wed., Nov. 17
5:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Walkup Building

Thu., Nov. 18
4:00 P.M.

**Stewardship of
Finance & Property**
via Zoom

Thu., Nov. 25
11:00 A.M.

Thanksgiving Service
Upper Anderson (scheduled)

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 Nov. 9:

- **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.

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***Please Note:
Montreat Wednesday programs
will not be held on November 10 or 24.***

Worship This Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021

Worship Location This Sunday: Freeland Hall, Third Floor

This Sunday, Nov. 14, we are planning on holding our Sunday morning Service again on the **Third Floor of Freeland Hall** in Montreat. It is 100% accessible via a ramp from the outside and a working elevator from the main floor.

(In the event that the elevator in Anderson can be repaired by the end of this week, we will distribute that information before Sunday. As for now, we're planning on Freeland 3.)

Updates and more information will be provided later this week.

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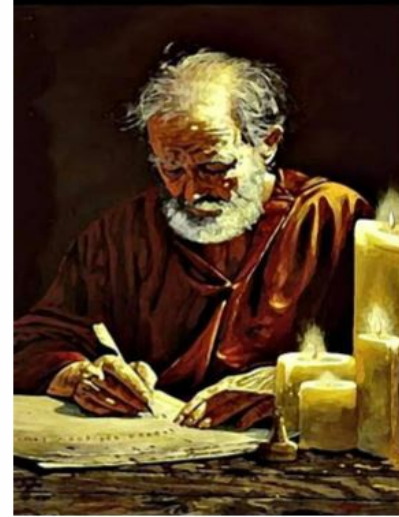
**Montreat Wednesday
Nov. 17, 2021**

MONTREAT WEDNESDAY

Next Week, November 17th, Walkup Building

(originally scheduled for November 10th)

Rusty Douglas FOCUSING IN ON ROMANS



SMPC Alternative Shopping Event Each Sunday Before Christmas



We are once again offering the opportunity to purchase Christmas gift cards, each benefitting Camp Grier, Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry Utilities Fund, or Bethesda Health Clinic in Haiti. Special needs of these missions will be shared during upcoming worship services.

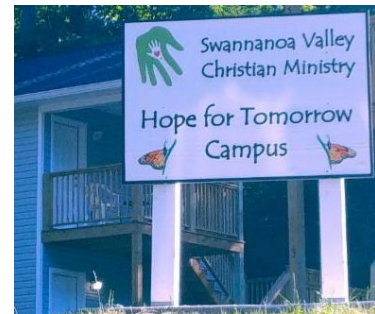
Each card is \$25. You may purchase these **during the worship service each Sunday until Christmas.** Please make checks payable to MPC. Designate the alternative gift card choice on memo line. You will receive your gift when you pay on Sunday.

Persons unable to attend worship in person can participate using MPC's **online giving**. If you choose this option, please be sure to **select "Alt Xmas"** and then **choose which of the three special offerings** you are purchasing from the list. Cards will be distributed to online donors.

Missions Committee

Television Needed

We are in need of a flat screen TV for a mother and child who are living in our apartment at Hope for Tomorrow. If you have one, please contact John Hinkle, 828-669-9134.



Women's Circle 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, Nov. 16 Walkup Building



The Women's Circle will meet next Tuesday, November 16 at 10:00 A.M. in Walkup. The lesson on Rahab will be taught by Marylyn Huff. Please invite friends and neighbors. All are welcome.

Arline Taylor Service of Witness to the Resurrection

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection giving thanks to God for the life of **Arline Taylor** will be held in Upper

Anderson on **Wednesday, November 24 at 2:00 P.M.** Arline's daughter, Margaret Taylor Almeida, will officiate with Keith Grogg, and Vivian Hare will be the musician. Masks and distancing will be required.

Stewardship 2022 Reminder

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign is Ending!



Your indication of your giving intentions in the coming year is very important to Montreat Presbyterian Church. Please help us complete a meaningful budget process by mailing your 2022 pledge card to:

Montreat Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 577
Montreat, NC 28757

In the alternative you may email your intentions to Gill Campbell at treasurer@montreatchurch.org. Thank you!

Stewardship Committee

Stock Transfer Information for Gifts to MPC

**The following is updated information
that your Financial Advisor will need
in order to transfer stock
to the church's account at Merrill Lynch:**

Merrill Lynch
One North Pack Square, 2nd Floor
Asheville, NC 28802

The account is listed as

Montreat Presbyterian Church, Account #702-02200,
and the DTC # is 8862.

Daniel Hewitt is the Financial Advisor for the account
(daniel_hewitt@ml.com).

The contact information for his Client Associate Shelly
Gripentrog is 828-258-4444 (shelly.gripentrog@ml.com).

Please advise Shelly, as well as the church treasurer at
treasurer@montreatchurch.org, about securities gifts
before they are transferred.

Thank you!

Upcoming Midweek Prayer Services for Home Worship

Wednesday, Nov. 17 - Morning Prayer (6:00 A.M.)
Wednesday, Nov. 24 - Morning Prayer (6:00 A.M.)

**Tuesday, Nov. 30 - Evening Prayer,
Advent 1 (7:00 P.M.)**

**Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Evening Prayer,
Advent 2 (7:00 P.M.)**

**Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Evening Prayer,
Advent 3 (7:00 P.M.)**

**Tuesday, Dec. 21 - Evening Prayer,
Advent 4 (7:00 P.M.)**

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!

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.



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!

Nov. 11 Terry Butler

Nov. 13 Jane Anderson

Nov. 13 David Neel

Nov. 14 Howard Edington

Nov. 18 Anne Hudspeth

Nov. 18 Joe Standaert

Nov. 19 Susanne McCaskill

Nov. 19 Jean Skidmore

Dec. 1 Bruce Rome

Dec. 4 Sally Richardson

Dec. 6 Kaius Pagan

Dec. 8 Cam Murchison

Dec. 9 Susanne Alexander

Dec. 12 Jackson Dimmock

Dec. 13 Sara Kipp

Dec. 14 Sophia Engell

Nov. 21 Jan Swetenburg

Dec. 17 Hal Demarest

Nov. 26 Kay Layman

Dec. 19 Anne Peck

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

**Our deepest love and support
surround Ellen Ramsey
and the family and friends of
George Ramsey, who died Sunday, Nov. 7,**

**and the family and friends
of Gladys Brooks, who died Nov. 3.**
A service to celebrate Gladys' life will be held
Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.
at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

**The Montreat Presbyterian Church family
is also 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
Jake Currie (cousin of Lynn Gilliland), leukemia
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Mary Kathleen Duncan
Jane Frist
Rick Giles, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer
Margaret Linton
Scotty McAliley
Bev MacSherry
Angie Murphy, covid
David Neel, upcoming procedure (this Wednesday morning)
Ellen Ramsey
Frances McCall Rosenbluth (niece of Robert Montgomery)
Jane Sewell (see page at caringbridge.com)

Belle Shipley (Susan Holcomb's mother)
John Shoop (see page at caringbridge.com)
Kit Smith, safety & mental health
Christina Tutterow
Bill Tyner (Mari Gramling's cousin's husband)

We also lift up in prayer...

Canton/Haywood County long-term flood recovery efforts
Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, hunger, war,
and destruction
All who are especially susceptible to Covid-19
Afghanistan
Yemen
Mali
Haiti
Cuba
Ethiopia
Iraq

***and our friends and partners in ministry,
including...***

Alexandra "Alex" Banning, YAV (PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer) working at AHOPE Day Center, Asheville ([Follow Alex's Blog](#))

Meredith Hammerslag, YAV working at Just Economics, Asheville ([Follow Meredith's Blog](#), "I Appointed You")

Genevieve Soucek, YAV working at 12 Baskets Cafe in Asheville ([Follow Genevieve's Blog](#))

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, and William Pender 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)

Elders-Elect: Lynn Gilliland and Grace Nichols (2024)

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

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 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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Jane Alexander, clerk of session
clerk@montreatchurch.org

**Rev. Margaret Peery,
volunteer pastoral visitor**
parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org

Patty Smith, office administrator
office@montreatchurch.org

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Church Office hours: M-T and Th-F,

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

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28757**

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

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