

THE MONTREAT MEMO

WEEKLY ENEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA



January 11, 2022



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

Thu., Jan. 13
3:30 P.M.

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

Sun., Jan. 16
9:30 A.M.

Church Chat
via Zoom

Sun., Jan. 16
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship:
Online Chapel Service
Constant Contact

Sun., Jan. 16
1:30 P.M.

**MPC Committee Chairs &
Church Officers Orientation**
via Zoom

Tue., Jan. 18
10:00 A.M.

Women's Circle
via Zoom

Tue., Jan. 18
6:30 P.M.

Session Meeting
via Zoom

Sun., Jan. 23
9:30 A.M.

Church Chat
via Zoom

Sun., Jan. 23
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship:
Online Chapel Service
Constant Contact

Wed., Jan. 26
5:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
TBD

Sun., Jan. 30
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning In-person
Worship
Upper Anderson

Sun., Jan. 30
Following worship

Annual Congregational Meeting
Upper Anderson, pending public health and safety conditions. ACM may be moved to an online format if necessary. TBA

Sun., Jan. 30
10:00 A.M.

Online Chapel
Constant Contact

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 Jan. 11:

- **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.
- **On-site office hours** are M-T and Th-F, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon. (Office staff also work off-site.)

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You can find our full, currently operative protocol document **[HERE](#)** or on the church website (montreatchurch.org).

Online Worship Services
Jan. 16 & Jan. 23, 2022
10:00 A.M.

God continues to watch over and guide our way, and inspires our care for one another, our community, and the world.

MPC's next two Sunday Worship services will be held online. (In other words, we will not be holding in-person worship services on the 16th or

23rd of January.) Our Advisory Panel will continue to assess the situation and make recommendations accordingly.

On each of those Sundays, **the Congregational Care Committee has kindly reinstated our Sunday morning Church Chats!** The link will be included in the "From the Pastor's Desk" email in the latter part of each week. Chairperson Beth Fountain has asked me to share that she is available to offer technical help with Zoom in the meantime if anyone needs it (reach Beth at congregation.care.montreat@gmail.com).

Our standing protocols (see above) remain in place, and we continue to be grateful for our congregation's care for one another, the community, and the world, faithfully masking, distancing, encouraging vaccination, and working and praying for each other's well-being in all things.

K.G.

Jan. 11, 2022

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 30

In accordance with the PC(USA) Book of Order and MPC's [Manual of Administrative Operations](#), **the Annual Meeting of the Congregation is called for Sunday, January 30, 2022.**

Ordinarily, this meeting is held immediately following the 10:00 A.M. in-person worship service in Upper Anderson. That remains our default plan, but if circumstances require us to move to an online format, it will be duly announced, and we will do as we were able to do quite successfully in 2021.

Many thanks to the 2021 committee chairs who are diligently preparing reports for the overall Annual Report, which is introduced at the annual meeting. The pastor's terms of call will also be reviewed, with a recommendation from the Session presented by the Personnel Committee.

Online Directory News

If you have not received an email for the online directory or you need help with any part of the process, please email the office:

office@montreatchurch.org.

Email is the best way to receive help but if you would like to stop by for help in the office, that can be arranged. Customary on-site office hours at present are M-T and Th-F, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon.

Patty Smith
office administrator

Women's Circle via Zoom Jan., 18, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

The Women's Circle will meet 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, Jan. 18 via Zoom. The link to join the meeting is **[HERE](#)**.

Please do not use the link until a minute or two before 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 18.

Holy Communion and Special Worship Services in 2022

This worship/communion schedule was approved by the Session on January 2, 2022. Weekly Sunday worship ordinarily takes place at 10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson and online. **"HC" indicates a communion service.** Dates and formats are subject to change in response to health and safety conditions. Our services, and our table, are open to all, and all are welcome!

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February 6 - HC

March 2 - Joint Ash Wednesday evening service at BMPC

March 6 - HC

April 3 HC

April 14 - 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday service (HC)

April 15 - 12:00 P.M. Good Friday service

April 17 - Easter Sunday (HC)

May 1 - HC

May 29 - Kirkin' o' the Tartan – Anderson Auditorium

June 5-Aug. 7 - MRA/MPC Summer Worship Series (Aud.)

September 4 or 11 - HC

October 2 - World Communion Sunday (HC)

October 30 - Reformation Sunday/Stewardship Dedication

November 6 - HC

November 24 - 11:00 A.M. Thanksgiving service

November 27 - Hanging of the Greens

December 4 - HC

December 18 - Service of Lessons & Carols

December 24 - 5:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - Christmas Day is on Sunday

Jan. 1 or 8, 2023 - HC

Jan. 8, 2023 - Ordination & Installation

MRA Conference Opportunity

Poems for a Dangerous Time: A Gathering around the Psalms

This conference open to all will explore the varied ways in which the psalms give voice to the cries of believers in anger, lament, praise, and rejoicing. February 20-22, 2022.

Leaders include Brent Strawn, Nora Tubbs Tisdale, Aisha Brooks Johnson, and Marin Tel. For more information and registration visit www.montreat.org/psalms. Commuter rates are available.

Friends & Partners in Ministry



Swannanoa Valley Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Virtual Prayer Gathering

Due to Covid-19, the Swannanoa Valley Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast will be a virtual Prayer Gathering.

Our virtual event will be February 5, 2022, and will air on February 5, 2022 at 9 a.m. Our speaker will be Brandon Priester. Music will be provided by Beverly Hausley and David LaMotte.

See more information [HERE](#).



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.** 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!

Jan. 11 Eric Nichols

Jan. 13 Rebecca Moss

Jan. 15 Brown McCallum

Jan. 15 Eve Carter

Jan. 19 Savannah Parker

Jan. 19 Sara Scarborough

Jan. 19 Robin Tutterow

Jan. 20 Peggy Rada

Jan. 22 Dick Ray

Jan. 23 Trisha Edington

Jan. 23 Katie Pagan

Jan. 24 Corise Gambrell

Jan. 26 Jane Frist

Jan. 29 Clare Frist

Feb. 4 John Rogers

Feb. 5 Toby Savage

Feb. 8 Perry Alexander

Feb. 10 Larry Pagan

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)
Ken Boyer
Jake Currie (cousin of Lynn Gilliland), leukemia
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Mary Kathleen Duncan
Jane Frist
Elissa (Barbara Gaw's daughter), cancer surgery
Ana Heck, recovery after surgery
Leila Hinkle (daughter-in-law of Dora & John Hinkle)
John Jackson (friend of the Hare-Groggs), Covid
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer
Bev MacSherry
Ellen Ramsey
Jane Sewell (see page at caringbridge.com)
Belle Shipley
John Shoop (see page at caringbridge.com)
Kit Smith, safety & mental health
Joe Standaert
Christina Tutterow
Byron Wade (PWNC General Presbyter),
prostate cancer treatments

We also lift up in prayer...

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

***and our friends, neighbors,
and partners in ministry,***

including...

Alexandra "Alex" Banning, YAV 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

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

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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

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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

Jim Henderson, Ann DuPre Rogers (2022)
William Brown, Ellen Dean (2023)
Lynn Gilliland and Grace Nichols (2024)
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

Officers & Committee Chairs, 2022

Ellen Dean, clerk

Jim Henderson, assistant clerk

Gill Campbell, treasurer

Peggy Williamson, Christian Education

Beth Fountain, Congregational Care

Hal Demarest, Earth Care Subcommittee

Ellen Henschen, Evangelism & Membership

Grace Nichols, Fellowship

Jim Henderson & William Brown, Finance & Property

Nancy Midgette, Mission & Outreach

Ann DuPre Rogers, Personnel

Lisa Rome, 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.

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

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