

WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



The eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church USA

January 4, 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. 6
6:00 P.M.

**Epiphany Communion Service
(Home Worship Service)**
via Constant Contact

Sun., Jan. 9
10:00 A.M.

**Sunday Worship:
Online Chapel Service**
Constant Contact

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

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

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

Service for the Lord's Day
Upper Anderson

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

Online Chapel Service
Constant Contact

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

Committee Chairs 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

Wed., Jan. 19
5:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Walkup Bldg.

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. 4:

- **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 Communion Service for Epiphany Thursday, Jan. 6, 6:00 P.M.



Holy communion had been anticipated as a part of both the online and in-person services this past Sunday. Due to current health and safety conditions, it was decided **to move our communion to this Thursday evening as an at-home service** to celebrate Epiphany, the Church's observation of the revelation of the child Jesus to the travelers who had been sent to find him.

That service will be distributed via email in time for

participation at 6:00 P.M. or any time thereafter. We invite you to check your email and, if you wish, to prepare your own environment for holy communion using whatever elements of bread and wine are most appropriate and meaningful to you. The service will be in the general style of the midweek prayer services offered from the pastor's porch or office, and accordingly will be around 10-12 minutes in duration.

In whatever ways God chooses to provide for us in a time when faithfulness sometimes requires physical distance, let us break bread together.

K.G.



**One Worship Service, Online
This Sunday, Jan. 9
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.

This Sunday, January 9, we will offer one Sunday worship service for all, which will be held online. (In other words, we will not be holding an in-person worship service this Sunday.) Our Advisory

Panel will continue to assess the situation on a weekly basis for the time being, and make recommendations accordingly.

In the meantime, 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.

Online Directory News

Holiday delays and closings have slowed the process of getting the online directory link to everyone. Thank you for your patience. **If you have not received an email by this weekend, please email the church office (office@montreatchurch.org)** for updated information and assistance.

Each person listed in our directory with an email address should receive an email with instructions. You will be given a username and a link to access your record and will be directed to set up a password for your personal and exclusive use. The office administrator is the only other person who can change your information or add photos, etc. and will do so only if asked. Otherwise, the responsibility for updating your record and adding your photo is in the hands of each of you. Please reach out to the office if you need any help at all! Email is the best and preferred form of communication for directory assistance.

Customary on-site office hours at present are M-T and Th-F, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon.

Patty Smith
office administrator

P.S. It is very encouraging to see the directory being populated with your wonderful faces!

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. For this meeting, however, it has become necessary to change from an in-person meeting to a **virtual gathering by way of Zoom**. Check next week's Montreat Memo for the link to the meeting.

2022 Session & Committee Chairs

God has blessed our whole congregation, working together, to carry out the ministry with which Christ, the Head of the Church, has entrusted us. Many thanks in particular to our 2021 session members and committee chairs, who with God's guidance, and by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, accomplished amazing things under extraordinary circumstances.

This past Sunday, **we rejoiced at the installation of Lynn Gilliland and Gracie Nichols to the Session!** Later that day, during the Session Retreat, our new roster of church officers and committee assignments was approved. This year, more of the standing committees of the session than ever before will be chaired by non-session members. The list below includes the session members who will be serving as liaisons between the session and those committees. God continues to bless us richly with the people who are being called to these offices of the church!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SESSION LIAISONS

Christian Education

2021 Chairperson: Mason Blake

2022 Chairperson: Peggy Williamson

Session Liaison: William Brown

Congregational Care

2021 Chairperson: Beth Fountain

2022 Chairperson: Beth Fountain

Session Liaison: Grace Nichols

Evangelism & Membership

2021 Chairperson: Judy Shuford

2022 Chairperson: Ellen Henschen

Session Liaison: Ellen Dean

Fellowship

2021 Chairperson: Grace Nichols

2022 Chairperson: Grace Nichols

Mission & Outreach

2021 Chairperson: Nancy Midgette

2022 Chairperson: Nancy Midgette

Session Liaison: Ann DuPre Rogers

Personnel Committee (Rogers, Henderson, Gilliland)

2021 Chairperson: Ann DuPre Rogers

2022 Chairperson: Ann DuPre Rogers

Worship & Music

2021 Chairperson: Jane Alexander

2022 Chairperson: Lisa Rome

Session Liaison: Lynn Gilliland

Stewardship of Finance & Property

2021 Chairpersons: Jim Henderson & William Brown

2022 Chairpersons: Jim Henderson & William Brown

2022 OFFICERS

Clerk of Session: Ellen Dean

Assistant Clerk: Jim Henderson

Treasurer: Gill Campbell

Moderator: Keith Grogg (pastor)

From the Pastor's Desk: A Word of Appreciation from Your Grateful Staff

On behalf of my colleagues Patty Smith and Vivian Hare, I bring sincerest thanks, love and appreciation from the staff of Montreat Presbyterian Church! The Session, in coordination with the Personnel Committee and in the name of the Montreat Presbyterian Church family, honored our work in 2021 and gifted each of us personally with lovely and generous financial bonuses at year's end.

Speaking for myself, it is a great pleasure to work with my professional colleagues Vivian and Patty, and all of us enjoy and are inspired by the work and ministry of this amazing congregation and community.

Thank you for all that you do for Christ's Church--and for making things a little bit easier in our own lives, through the kindness and generosity that have been shown to us in such a tangible way. Your support and encouragement magnify our efforts and make it a real, daily joy to be part of what God is doing in Montreat Presbyterian Church!

Grateful to God and to you~
Keith, Vivian & Patty

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. 7 Marinell Davidson
Jan. 8 Ron Nalley
Jan. 10 Steve Sewell
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

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)
Jere Bowden, in the death of Jim Bowden
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)
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, pain and mobility concerns

We also lift up in prayer...

All who are vulnerable to winter weather
Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, hunger, war,
and destruction

All who are especially susceptible to Covid-19

Canton/Haywood County long-term flood recovery efforts

Afghanistan

Yemen

Mali

Haiti

Cuba

Ethiopia

Iraq

***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.

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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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