

# this week in MONTREAT

A publication of Montreat Conference Center.

Your guide to summertime events, activities, shopping, and dining.

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## SPOTLIGHT

Did you know you can read the TWIM online? Just visit [montreat.org/twim](http://montreat.org/twim).

## MONTREAT E-NEWS

If you want to stay up to date with Montreat Conference Center during the non-summer months, sign up for our regular e-newsletter at the bottom of our homepage [montreat.org](http://montreat.org).

## CONFERENCES THIS WEEK

Youth Conference Week 6: July 28–August 3 Theme: “Let Love Lead” More info? [montreat.org/myc](http://montreat.org/myc).

## MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER APP

Montreat has an app! Use it to keep up to date with conferences and events, maps, and more. To download the app, download “Yapp” in the Google Play or Apple Store. Enter the Yapp ID “MONTREAT.” Enjoy!



**MONTREAT**  
CONFERENCE CENTER

*Encountering God through  
Relationships, Renewal,  
Recreation, and Rest*

## TWIM SUBMISSIONS

This is the last issue of the TWIM for the summer. Thank you so much for reading!

Sincerely,  
Hannah Beaver  
Creative Assistant

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the summer arcs across the last few weeks, the conference center orients its gaze toward different work, beginning in August and carrying into the fall.

Check our fall calendar on our website (<https://montreat.org/events>) to appreciate the full breadth of Montreat’s hospitality challenge. The busy schedule, combined with a greater variety of our programming, brings old friends and the unacquainted, the returning and the unfamiliar, in large numbers. We’ll welcome conferees and retreat guests, but also Road Scholars, nature and arts enthusiasts, the “crafty” and the spiritual, and the just-plain-curious. For all, we make every effort to provide an open stance of welcome. In our efforts to do so, we live out the calling of biblical faith, and bear particular witness to the true reality God has in store for all people.

And yet, that’s only a part of our missional commitment. Where we can, we do our best to nurture and deepen the Christian discipleship of our guests. It can get a little sticky sometimes, given the diversity of backgrounds and beliefs. Thankfully, the Reformed tradition bequeaths us wide latitude to engage, understand, and appreciate the differences of those who come. And it helps to remember the timeless truth that, “for now, we see through a glass darkly.” God’s plan is unfolding for all of us, requiring a certain humility in our interactions, conversations, and testimony. (Such a humble posture can be a challenge for me, and may be for you.)

If you’re leaving soon, I hope you’ll check the calendar and come back before next summer. Regardless, may God bless you for your role in defining God’s purposes for this valley and its work, until we meet again!

## THIS SUNDAY IN MONTREAT

We are delighted to continue our summer worship series in which leading preachers from across the country join with visual and performing art professionals and volunteers in a service of worship open to the surrounding community. All are welcome and all are invited.

### Preaching Sunday, July 28



Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill *founder and pastor of New Faith Presbyterian Church in Greenwood, SC.*

Dr. Ridgill’s sermon draws on Romans 8:35-39 and Psalm 136:1-3.

*All summer worship services take place in Anderson Auditorium at 10:30am*

[montreat.org/events/summer-worship](http://montreat.org/events/summer-worship)

## THE MONTREAT STORE

Express yourself with your very own changeable and versatile letter board. We have a variety of sizes and styles to showcase your thoughts or share a quote.



Mon–Fri 10:00am–7:00pm  
Sat 10:00am–5:00pm  
Sun Closed  
828.669.5298  
2nd floor, Moore Center

## TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

“Every journey begins with a single hop.” Let your next adventure start with this charming frog bracelet. Find these and other treasures at Ten Thousand Villages.



Mon–Fri 10:00am–7:00pm  
Sat 10:00am–5:00pm  
Sun 1:00pm–5:00pm  
828.669.1406  
3rd floor, Moore Center

## GALAX SUNDAY BUFFET

Stop by the Galax Dining Room at the Assembly Inn after worship to catch up with friends and family as you enjoy a feast for the body and the soul. This Sunday’s menu:

Herb Baked Chicken  
New England Stuffed Crabs  
Rice Pilaf  
Peas and Pearl Onions  
California Vegetable Medley  
Rolls and Butter  
Fruit and Salad Bar  
Assorted Desserts

Adults	Ages 5–11	under 5
\$15.00	\$7.50	FREE

## PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE CENTER

**For more info:**

www.phcmontreat.org  
828.669.6556  
318 Georgia Terrace in Montreat

**Free admittance**

**HERITAGE CENTER HOURS:**

Mon	10:00am–4:00pm
Tues–Fri	10:00am–4:00pm
Sat	1:00pm–4:00pm
Sun	1:30pm–4:00pm

More than 75,000 visitors have toured the PHC over the past decade to view more than 50 exhibits and scores of special events. With free admission and free parking, the center highlights the history of Montreat and Western North Carolina, as well as the heritage of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches and worldwide missions in its various exhibits.

### What is It?

It’s gold and was last used the week the Titanic sunk in 1912. Why is it historic? Come to the Presbyterian Heritage Center and find out.

### C.S. Lewis, Tolkien, and more! Nearing Sold-Out Capacity

There are less than 100 reservations available for the nation’s largest C.S. Lewis & Inklings Conference, November 6 – 8, 2019, in Montreat. Join the more than 425 participants who already have signed up. Registration will close soon, so take action if you want to attend the PHC’s **International Symposium on C.S. Lewis: Influence & Relevance Today**.

From Malta to Montreat, world-renowned scholars will assemble in Montreat to explore the continuing influence of Lewis, Tolkien, and mystery writer Dorothy Sayers on literature, religion and the public’s imagination. Among the speakers is the only surviving member of the Lewis family, stepson Douglas Gresham, who also serves as executor of the estate and executive producer of the Narnia Films by Disney and soon-to-be films and series from Netflix. Gresham makes very few speaking appearances. There also will be a one-man C.S. Lewis play performed one evening and a major exhibit on “The Impact of C.S. Lewis & the Inklings” created by the PHC. See more details at [www.montreat.org/events/cslewis](http://www.montreat.org/events/cslewis) or at [www.phcmontreat.org](http://www.phcmontreat.org).

### Exhibits Now at the PHC:

- Age of Reform: Child Labor
- Diplomats, Missionaries & Montreat: WWII
- Summers in Montreat: Youth Clubs & Camps
- Montreat Environment: History of Forest, Fires, and Floods
- Presbyterians & Civil Rights
- Who Are Presbyterians?
- Montreat Pioneering Photographer: Alice Margaret Dickinson
- Minting A Tradition: Communion Tokens
- Won’t You Be My Neighbor? Fred Rogers
- Knowledge: 250th Anniversary of the Encyclopedia Britannica

## MONTREAT CAMPGROUND

Montreat’s campground has 28 beautiful, private, wooded sites waiting for you to enjoy. There are two well-kept bathhouses, picnic tables, grills, and firepits at each site with water spigots at the road. Eight sites are alongside the creek. Bring your children for an unforgettable experience. Reserve early. The cost for a site is \$25.00 per night plus tax. Contact the Assembly Inn front desk at **828.419.9844** or go online to [montreat.org/campground-reservations](http://montreat.org/campground-reservations) to reserve your spot.

## THE RUNDOWN

All events are open to the public.

### SUN ..... JULY 28, 2019

- 10:30am Summer Worship Service in Anderson Auditorium
- 11:45am Sunday Buffet at the Galax Dining Room
- 7:00pm Community Hymn Sing led by Grant Holcomb
- 7:30pm Youth Conference Opening Celebration in Anderson Auditorium

### MON ..... JULY 29, 2019

- 8:45am Yoga in Freeland Hall
- 10:15am Pickleball at the Patricia Cornwell Tennis Courts. Cost is \$3.00 and can be paid to the BWYC staff.
- 7:30pm Youth Conference Worship in Anderson Auditorium

### TUES ..... JULY 30, 2019

- 7:00pm **Geology and Environmental Issues in Montreat** lecture by Dr. Christopher Swezey for the Arts, Music, and Theology Series at Lower Left Bank - [montreat.org/amt](http://montreat.org/amt)
- 7:30pm Youth Conference Worship in Anderson Auditorium

### WED ..... JULY 31, 2019

- 8:45am Yoga in Freeland Hall
- 2:30pm Montreat Adult Summer Club lecture by D. Craig Horn in Upper Anderson
- 7:30pm Youth Conference Worship in Anderson Auditorium

### THURS ..... AUGUST 1, 2019

- 7:30pm Youth Conference Worship in Anderson Auditorium

### FRI ..... AUGUST 2, 2019

- 7:30pm Barn Dance
- 9:00pm Youth Conference Worship in Anderson Auditorium

### SAT ..... AUGUST 3, 2019

- 8:00am Second Loaf at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
- 10:00am Annual Cottagers Meeting in Upper Anderson



## DISCOVERY BACKPACKS

Discovery Backpacks, sponsored by Montreat Landcare, are available for nature exploration! Visit the Bell Library to check out a discovery backpack. Each backpack is equipped to explore a specific aspect of nature. Discover plants and trees. Learn about birds and insects. Become a junior naturalist (backpack designed for young children). Explore Flat Creek with the amphibians backpack.

## BUSINESS PATRONS

We are thankful for the support of our local businesses. To learn more about our business patrons, visit [montreat.org/support/business-patrons](http://montreat.org/support/business-patrons).

## SECOND LOAF

Second Loaf collection will take place every Saturday from 8:00–11:00am at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. Bring unused food (including leftovers) for distribution in the Swannanoa Valley. Stop by and help make a difference!

## TOWN OF MONTREAT

The Town will be accepting specially printed green trash bags and specially printed blue recycling bags. These trash bags and recycling bags can be purchased at the Town Services Building. A box of five bags is \$5.00. Filled, pre-printed bags can be dropped off at the Town Services Building from 8:00am–5:00pm Monday through Friday. ONLY the special pre-printed bags will be accepted by the Town for disposal at the Town Services Building.

## JULY YOGA CLASSES

Beginning on July 1, yoga classes will be offered on the third floor of Freeland Hall at 8:45am. Tickets for classes can be purchased for a single class or for the entire month of July. For more information and to purchase tickets visit:

[eventbrite.com/e/a-multi-level-hatha-yoga-flow-class-with-martha-nelson-tickets-62643664888](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-multi-level-hatha-yoga-flow-class-with-martha-nelson-tickets-62643664888)

## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE BARN

Join us for “Friday Night at the Barn.” This Friday join us as we welcome special guests Cole Mountain Cloggers who will perform at 8:15pm and 9:15pm. The last barn dance for the summer is on Friday, August 2. From 7:30pm–10:00pm we’ll have music from the Stoney Creek Boys and calls by the Bannerman family. All are welcome and admission is free. *Best of the Barn* CDs of the novelty dances are available at the Montreat Store.





## WILDERNESS HIKING PROGRAM

The Ranger staff will offer two public hikes each Tuesday and Thursday during the summer conference season. There will be three Saturday full-day trips. Hikes will leave at 9:00am (unless otherwise noted) from the Nature Center located just below the Lake Susan dam. Please arrive by 8:50am. Half-day hikes are designed to return in time for Clubs pick-up at noon; full-day hikes will return mid to late afternoon. Wear sturdy, well-broken-in hiking shoes and bring water, snacks, and for longer hikes, a lunch. All hikes are free and open to the public. You must be 13 or older to attend a hike without an adult guardian. In the event of inclement weather, hikes may be altered, truncated, or cancelled. Please feel free to call the Nature Center at 828.669.9540 to check on trail conditions or hike cancellations.

Before you hike on your own, please come by the Nature Center or the Montreat Store for trail maps and advice. Remember to always file a “flight plan” with someone who is not hiking with you and follow it. Always bring food and water and wear appropriate clothing.

Emergency Services: 911  
Montreat Nature Center: 828.669.9540

### PACE GUIDELINES FOR HIKES:

**Leisurely:** There is no time crunch for this hike.

**Moderate:** This hike can afford a few non-scheduled stops.

**Fast:** This hike must leave on time; hikers may need to walk briskly to get back on time.

### TUESDAY ..... JULY 30, 2019

**Half Day: Lookout Loop**—Pace: Moderate

**Full Day: The “Top O’ the Valley” Hike**—Pace: Strenuous; 9.3 miles total; 3,000 ft. gain.

From the Nature Center we’ll walk up to the family campground and then up the Rocky Head Trail to the top of Rocky Head. After a quick rest we’ll head North to Potts Cove Gap, follow the Trestle switchbacks to Walker’s Knob, and then on to the top of Graybeard. After lunch, we’ll travel down the West Ridge to Big Piney and then return to Montreat on the Big Piney Ridge Trail.

### THURSDAY ..... AUGUST 1, 2019

**No Half Day hike today**

**Full Day: Pinnacle**—Pace: Moderate with strenuous sections; 16.4 miles total; 3,300 ft. gain.

The second longest hike of the summer takes us to Pinnacle Mountain, just south of the Blue Ridge Parkway near the entrance to Mount Mitchell State Park. We’ll take the Graybeard Trail to the foot of Graybeard Mountain, walk along the Mitchell Toll Road all the way to the Parkway, and then double back along the ridge line to Pinnacle. We’ll have a leisurely lunch at the top with plenty of time to take in the excellent view (and a nap), and then return via the Toll Road to Buck Gap, Lookout Trail, and home. Be sure to bring rain gear and plenty of water.

## SUMMER STAFF CORNER

From running projectors to running after children, summer staff gets things done. We want to say a huge thank you to our amazing summer staff!

