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Dear Former and Future Montreaters,

We are looking forward to attending the 2025 Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, June 14-21, 2025, and invite you to join us. Lord willing, Montreat is less than 245 days away!!

The week-long conference is for anyone interested in worship and music in the church. Seminars and choirs are designed to enrich understanding and develop skills in corporate worship. Each conferee attends worship services, appropriate choir rehearsals, Bible seminars, and other elective courses. Each conferee is responsible for the early bird registration fee of \$440/adults or \$400/youth (church deposit included) and the food cost of \$95 per person. As you know, there is a tremendous amount of planning that assures a stellar week.

**The Montreat Committee is asking for a commitment prior to November 11 so that arrangements can be made for housing and transportation.**

Please submit the enclosed postcard and check for \$100 per conferee to Mitch Rorick no later than November 11. The check should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with a notation of Montreat deposit.

First Presbyterian Church provides lodging and transportation to and from Montreat through the money raised by Montreat fairshare fundraisers. Each conferee is being asked to contribute a minimum of fifteen hours of fairshare hours towards the cost of housing and transportation. The 15 hours may be acquired through numerous fundraising opportunities scheduled this year. You may also choose to contribute \$150 per conferee for housing and transportation. Please contact the coordinators listed on the enclosed Montreat fairshare fundraising list to sign up for an event. This list is also posted outside the choir room door. Those who chair a fundraising event are given additional fairshare hours. If you are interested in coordinating any of the fundraisers, please contact Mitch Rorick. Fairshare is due by May 4, 2025.

I am pleased to announce the Arnold Penland, Carol Israel, Barbara Fearney, Ted Fearney, Marshall M. and Paula P. Criser, and David and Phyllis Little Montreat Worship and Music Scholarships. The Montreat Worship and Music Committee will award these scholarships to any child or youth choir member based on their participation in the liturgy and life of First Presbyterian Church from September 2024-May 2025. The scholarships will cover the cost of registration. An application form is enclosed with this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Mitch Rorick

Montreat Worship and Music Committee Members: Carol Israel, Chair; Kim Ball, Kris VanSickle, John Rayl, Susan Roland, Evelyn Lewis, Greg Dowling, Mimi Carr, Troy Bleeker