

WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE ENEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA



November 15, 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

Tue., Nov. 15
6:30 P.M.

Session Meeting
via Zoom

Wed., Nov. 16
12:00 P.M.

Christian Education Committee
Allen Bldg. & Zoom

Wed., Nov. 16
5:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Mary Donnelly: Living Next Door to
Dementia Part 3
Walkup Building

Thu., Nov. 17
7:00 P.M.

Finance & Property Committee
via Zoom

Sun., Nov. 20
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
Upper Anderson
in person & live streamed

Thu., Nov. 24
11:00 A.M.

Thanksgiving Day Service
Upper Anderson

Thu., Nov. 24 &
Fri., Nov. 25

Office Closed
in observance of Thanksgiving

Sun., Nov. 27
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
Hanging of the Greens
Upper Anderson
in person & live streamed

Sun., Nov. 27
4:00 P.M.

Worship at Highland Farms
Assembly Room, Givens Highland Farms

Wed., Nov. 30
5:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Mark Achtemeier: The Nicene Creed
Walkup Building

Sun., Dec. 4
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
Upper Anderson
in person & live streamed

**Please share scheduling information,
as well as changes to
church member contact information,
with the office administrator at
office@montreatchurch.org.**

Unless otherwise stated, 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 those requests to the appropriate contacts at MRA.

**Montreat Wednesday
Nov. 16, 5:00 P.M.
Walkup Building**

Mary Donnelly concludes her series: **Living Next Door to Dementia: How Can I Help?** tomorrow evening.

Wed. | Nov. 17 | 5:00 P.M.
in the Walkup Building

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We give thanks to Gracie Nichols
and Julie & jDub Simpson
for the generous provision of coffee and sweets
during our Montreat Wednesdays.

Next Week

We will not be meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving, but will resume Montreat Wednesdays on Nov. 30 with **Mark Achtemeier** presenting **The Nicene Creed**.

Mission & Outreach News

The Mission & Outreach Committee is happy to report that \$2000 was collected to support SVCAM's Walk for Your Neighbor! In addition, Montreat Presbyterian will be donating \$5000 to both SVCAM and Haywood Street Mission in Asheville to help alleviate the situation of those people who are unhoused as colder temperatures arrive.

N.M.

Stewardship Update



GROUNDING IN FAITH, GROWING TO SERVE.

This has been our theme for the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. This is the cornerstone of who we are as a congregation, and this has been our mission.

Stewardship should not just focus on tithing. Webster defines stewardship as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. Is this not what God has requested of us, to be stewards of all that God has given us? He has asked us to manage our time, talents, and our financial resources to serve others.

As we continue to receive pledge cards, we are encouraged by the generosity of our congregation which will enable this congregation to fulfill its ministry and outreach. If you have not yet made a commitment, we would ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do to support our ministry.

The Finance Committee would like to prepare and submit the 2023 budget to the session by the end of November, so we are hoping to wrap up the stewardship campaign as soon as possible.

J.H.

Upcoming Holiday Services

Thur., Nov. 24 **Thanksgiving Day Service**
11:00 A.M. *Upper Anderson*

Sun., Nov. 27 **Hanging of the Greens**
10:00 A.M. *Upper Anderson*

Sun., Dec. 4 **Sunday Worship - Advent 2**
10:00 A.M. *Upper Anderson*

Wed., Dec. 7 **Taize Service**
5:30 P.M. *Upper Anderson*

Sun., Dec. 11 **Sunday Worship - Advent 3**
10:00 A.M. *Upper Anderson*

Wed., Dec. 14 **Carols & Cookies**
4:30-6:00 P.M. *Assembly Inn Lobby*

Sun., Dec. 18 **Service of Lessons & Carols**
10:00 A.M. *Upper Anderson*

Sat., Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Service**
5:30 P.M. *Upper Anderson*

Sun., Dec. 25
10:00 A.M.

Christmas Day Service
Upper Anderson

Friends & Partners in Ministry

URGENT NEED



With cold weather upon us, there is a **special need for blankets and/or comforters**, especially for double, queen, and king size beds. They have a few twin bed blankets but none of the larger sizes.

There is also a great need for **hygiene products** and **men's pants, size 28-32**. 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.

Tidings from SVCM newsletter can be found [HERE](#).

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.

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 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. 18 Anna Hudspeth
Nov. 18 Joe Standaert
Nov. 19 Susanne McCaskill
Nov. 19 Jean Skidmore
Nov. 20 Macie King
Nov. 21 Jan Swetenburg
Nov. 21 Sharon Welker
Nov. 26 Kay Layman

Dec. 1 Bruce Rome
Dec. 4 Sally Richardson
Dec. 6 Kaius Pagan
Dec. 8 Cam Murchison
Dec. 9 Suzanne Alexander
Dec. 12 Jackson Dimmock
Dec. 13 Sara Kipp
Dec. 14 Sofie Engell

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

**The Montreat Presbyterian Church family
is in prayer for...**

Spencer Clark (brother of Mary Jo)

Jake Currie (cousin of Lynn Gilliland), leukemia
Marinell Davidson
Patricia Evans Denz (daughter of Patricia Evans), breast cancer
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Bernie Echavarri, Lynn Gilliland's brother-in-law
Jane Frist
Zaida Gilmour
Susan Holt, back injury
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer
Rachel Lee (friend of Mari Gramling), cancer
Bev MacSherry
Ron Maffett
Andrea McCallum and family (daughter of Jane & Hugh
Alexander)
Bill McCaskill
Polly Miller (relative of Campbells/Dimmocks)
Ellen Ramsey
Dick Ray
Jim Richardson
Bob Shaw
Gene Shuford
Will Stone
Bill Straughn, recovery from heart surgery Nov. 11
Zsofi Tordai (Sally Woodard's friend), undergoing treatment
Robin Tutterow, valve replacement surgery Thursday

We also lift up in prayer...

Victims of gun violence, including families
Unhoused people
Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence,
hunger, war, and destruction
Canton/Haywood County long-term flood recovery
People with memory issues and their families
Law enforcement personnel and their families
Refugees and all who are displaced
All who are suffering from Covid-19

And the people of:
Malawi
Puerto Rico

Ukraine
Iran
Yemen
Haiti
Ethiopia and Eritrea
Iraq
Afghanistan

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

Lane Green, PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) serving
Just Economics
Jamal Hyrums, YAV: Asheville Poverty Initiative
Logan Recob, YAV: Homeward Bound
Frank Dimmock, Africa Partnership Liaison,
The Outreach Foundation
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
Cathy Chang (Mission Co-Worker in Philippines), endangered
Black Mountain Counseling Center
Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
Bounty & Soul
Christ Community Church, Montreat
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

Click the image below to find the latest news from PWNC!



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?

Contact the pastor at pastor@montreatchurch.org
or call the church office: 828-664-9212.

MPC Weekly Communications

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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.

Midweek prayer services are also sometimes issued in the earlier part of the week.

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

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are still available.)

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