

# WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE ENEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA



**November 22, 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

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

**Community Thanksgiving Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

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

**Office Closed**  
in observance of Thanksgiving

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**Sat., Nov. 26**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens service**  
*Upper Anderson*

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

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

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**Sun., Nov. 27**  
**2:30 P.M.**

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Assembly Room, Givens Highland Farms*

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

**Worship at Highland Farms**  
*Assembly Room, Givens Highland Farms*

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

**Montreat Wednesday**  
Mark Achtemeier: The Nicene Creed  
*Walkup Building*

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

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
*Upper Anderson*  
*in person & live streamed*

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**Sun., Dec. 4**  
**after worship**

**Called Session Meeting**  
for membership changes  
*Upper Anderson*

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**Sun., Dec. 4**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Upper Anderson*

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**Tue., Dec. 6**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Stated Session Meeting**  
*via Zoom*

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**Wed., Dec. 7**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**JoiMPC/MRA Taize Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

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**Sun., Dec. 11**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
*Upper Anderson*



*in person & live streamed*

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**Sun., Dec. 11**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Upper Anderson*

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**Tue., Dec. 13**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Mission & Outreach Committee**  
*via Zoom*

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**Wed., Dec. 14**  
**12:00 P.M.**

**Christian Education Committee**  
**(Note change of date)**  
*Allen Bldg. and via Zoom*

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**Wed., Dec. 14**  
**4:30-6:00 P.M.**

**Carols & Cookies**  
*Assembly Inn Lobby*

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

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**Montreat Wednesday**  
**Nov. 30, 5:00 P.M.**  
**Walkup Building**

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**In observance of Thanksgiving,  
Montreat Wednesday  
will not take place this week.**

Our next Montreat Wednesday will be at 5:00 P.M.,  
Wed., **Nov. 30** in Walkup Bldg.

**Mark Achtemeier** will present  
**The Nicene Creed.**

**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.

**The Service of the  
Hanging of the Greens  
Marks the Beginning of Advent**

This Sunday's 10:00 A.M. worship observes the  
beginning of Advent in a service of words, music,  
and symbols ushering in the season of expectant  
waiting and preparation for the coming of Christ.

**Upcoming Thanksgiving, Advent,  
and Christmastime Services**

**Thur., Nov. 24**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**Thanksgiving Day Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

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

**Sunday Worship - Advent 1**  
**The Hanging of the Greens**  
*Upper Anderson*

The beginning of Advent, observed in a service of words,

music, and symbols ushering in the season of expectant waiting for the coming of Christ

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

**4th Sunday Worship Service**  
**(Advent 1)**  
*Givens Highland Farms*  
*Assembly Room*

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

**Sunday Worship - Advent 2**  
**Hope and Remembrance**  
*Upper Anderson*

A communion service for everyone which acknowledges that Christmastime can bring complicated and sometimes difficult emotions

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**Wed., Dec. 7**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**Taize Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

A meditative candlelight worship service held between sunset and twilight

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**Sun., Dec. 11**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship - Advent 3**  
*Upper Anderson*

Traditionally “Gaudete” Sunday (“Rejoice!”), the Sunday of Advent reflecting joy

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**Wed., Dec. 14**  
**4:30-6:00 P.M.**

**Carols & Cookies**  
*Assembly Inn Lobby*

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**Sun., Dec. 18**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship - Advent 4**  
**Service of Lessons & Carols**  
*Upper Anderson*

The need of humanity for a savior, the promise of the Messiah, and the coming of Christ in the nativity are told



in scripture readings interspersed with carols, hymns, anthems, and meditations.

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**Sat., Dec. 24**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**Christmas Eve Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

The traditional Christmas Eve service will include communion, the singing of “Silent Night” and the ceremony of candlelight.

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

**Christmas Day Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

The 12-day season begins on December 25 which, happily, falls on a Sunday this year. Come as you are!

A collection of recent online Advent and Christmas services will be made available to those worshiping from home or elsewhere.

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**Sun., Dec. 25**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**Christmas Day Service**  
*Givens Highland Farms*  
*Assembly Room*

## **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](#).

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## 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](http://www.workingwheelswnc.org) or call 828-633-6888.

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## 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](mailto: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. 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  
Dec. 15 Eve Carter  
Dec. 17 Hal Demarest  
Dec. 19 Anne Peck  
Dec. 23 William Pender  
Dec. 24 Gill Campbell  
Dec. 24 Bill Neeley

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

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

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)  
Bob Neil, hospitalized at Mission  
Ellen Ramsey  
Dick Ray  
Jim Richardson  
Bob Shaw  
Gene Shuford



Will Stone  
Bill Straughan, recovery from heart surgery  
Zsofi Tordai (Sally Woodard's friend), undergoing treatment  
Robin Tutterow, recovering after heart valve replacement surgery

***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:

Indonesia  
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

[MontreatChurch.org](http://MontreatChurch.org)



### 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@montreachurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreachurch.org)  
or call the church office: 828-664-9212.

## **MPC Weekly Communications**

Are you, or is 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@montreachurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreachurch.org).**



**Responses intended for the director of music** may be sent to [music@montreatchurch.org](mailto:music@montreatchurch.org).

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

## **Contact Information**

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**Vivian Hare, director of music**  
[music@montreatchurch.org](mailto:music@montreatchurch.org)

**Ellen Dean, clerk of session**  
[clerk@montreatchurch.org](mailto:clerk@montreatchurch.org)

**Patty Smith, office administrator**  
[office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org)

**Church office: 828-664-9212**

**Website: [montreatchurch.org](http://montreatchurch.org)**

**P.O. Box 577, Montreat, NC, 28757**

**Church Office hours: M-T and Th-F,**

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

**304 Lookout Road, Montreat**

**(828) 664-9212**

**MontreatChurch.org**

**P.O. Box 577, Montreat, North Carolina,  
28757**

**Church Office hours: Weekdays 9:00 A.M. - Noon**

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

**304 Lookout Road, Montreat**



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