



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

May 21, 2024



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

Tues., May 21
11:30 A.M.

Presbyterian Women's Salad Luncheon
Walkup Building

Sat., May 25
10:00 A.M.

Service for Margaret Neale
Upper Anderson

Sun., May 26
10:15 A.M.

Pipin' on the Green
Anderson Lawn

Sun., May 26
11:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
Kirkin' o' the Tartan
Anderson Auditorium & livestream

Mon., May 27

Church Office Closed
in observance of Memorial Day

Thurs., May 30
3:30 P.M.

E & M Committee
Swannanoa Room

Sun., June 2-
Sun., Aug. 4
10:30 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
Summer Worship Series
Anderson Auditorium & livestream

Tues., June 18
4:00 P.M.

Session Meeting
Gilliland home

Sun., Aug. 11
11:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Morning Worship
Upper Anderson & livestream
(please note the unusual start time
for August 11 only.)

**Please submit all requests
for *Memo* announcements
by Thursday of the week before they appear.**
Send information to the office administrator at
office@montreatchurch.org.



The Kirkin' o' the Tartan



The Montreat Scottish Society presents
The Kirkin' o' the Tartan,
a Presbyterian service of worship
in Anderson Auditorium
on Sunday, May 26 at 11:00 A.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

10:15 A.M. Pipin' on the Green
Anderson Lawn

11:00 A.M. Worship Service
Anderson Auditorium

12:00 noon Luncheon
Assembly Inn
([purchase luncheon tickets here](#))

Rusty Douglas, preacher
Vivian Hare, organist
The Montreat Scottish Pipes & Drums
Harold Bost
Tom Donnelly

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A live stream of the service

**will be available
on the Montreat Presbyterian Church
YouTube page.**

Coming Soon: New Online Directory!

Over the next few weeks we will be transferring our online church directory to **Realm Connect**.

When we activate our membership within Realm Connect, you will automatically receive an email (from Realm) telling you that your privacy information has changed. The only change being made is that your information will be active within the Realm Connect directory.

Stand by for more information, which will be presented in upcoming emails with details and explanations on how to set up your account.



Help Needed: MPC Providing Dinner for Summer Staff

MPC's Fellowship Committee will be providing dinner to welcome the Conference Center Summer Staff on **Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 P.M.** in Upper Anderson.

We are in need of salads and desserts to help feed the 100+ college students and adults who help make summer programming in Montreat possible. If you are able to provide a dish, please contact Mary Jo Clark for further instructions. Thank you for being part of this important welcoming ministry!

**Summer Worship Series:
The Sunday morning worship service
of Montreat Presbyterian Church
and the Montreat Conference Center
with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church**



Each Sunday morning of the summer season (June 2-Aug. 4), the community gathers to worship God with prayer, singing, artistic expressions, and the Word proclaimed. All are welcome to join this holy gathering **Sundays at 10:30 A.M. in Anderson Auditorium and online.**

See the 2024 schedule and more information at the Montreat Conference Center website.

Opportunities to Participate in Summer Worship

MPC helps to provide ushers, communion servers, and flowers for the Lobby table. The dates and descriptions for what is needed at this time are listed below. Please email Lynn Gilliland at lynng@montreat.org with the dates you are interested in serving.

Ushers: Ushers meet in the Anderson Lobby at 9:55 A.M. on Sunday. They welcome worship participants at the six Anderson doors and provide bulletins (regular and large print) and children's bags. Ushers collect the offering from the front to the back of the Auditorium at the appointed time. **Ushering dates are June 2, 16, and 23; July 7; and August 4. Usher volunteers receive a free lunch ticket for the Sunday buffet in the Galax Dining Room at Assembly Inn!** Please be sure you have emailed Lynn to volunteer, even if you have already mentioned it in person.

Communion Servers: Servers for Holy Communion meet in Anderson at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday for instruction. Elements are sometimes brought forward from the back of the Auditorium to the stage. Communion is served in pairs by intinction. **Communion dates are June 9 and August 4.**

Flowers for Auditorium Lobby: The large wooden table in the front of the Lobby serves as the focal point as people enter Anderson for worship. Last summer, we began providing flowers for this table –

most often from our own gardens. Simple is key and flowers need to be in place by 9:30 A.M. on Sunday. They can be removed following the service or retrieved later in the week. **This is a need for every week except July 14.**

Thank you for your willingness to serve in these important roles! You will receive email confirmation and instructions for each of the above activities. Please let Lynn Gilliland know if you have any questions. Blessings!

L.G.

Malawi Period Project



Pictured here are girls in Malawi receiving the pads that many of our members and friends helped to fund and make. Thanks to our Mission Committee and Mary Jo Clark for overseeing this program

which has been a huge success!



Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

SVCM is in great need of hygiene items (new and unopened): shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary pads, tampons, toilet paper.

Also needed: peanut butter, jelly, and canned items in pop-top cans (soup, baked beans, etc).

Please take your generous donations to the SVCM Office, 101 N. Ridgeway Ave., Black Mountain, Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Thanks so much for supporting our neighbors in need!

**More information from SVCM
is available [HERE](#).**

Montreat Presbyterian Church supports



Do you have a car that needs to find a new home? Imagine how difficult your life would be without a car! **Working Wheels repairs and recycles donated vehicles**, transforming them into working wheels for working families.

The process is simple, the donation is tax-deductible, and the impact is real. 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!

May 21 Bill Roberts

May 22 Hugh Alexander
May 24 Carol Todd Thomas
May 24 Jody Welker
May 25 Karen Brown
May 28 Rebekah Ayscue
May 29 Scarlett Parker

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

***We celebrate with Jody Welker
and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church
in Newton, NC that Jody has been called as their
Transitional (Interim) Pastor beginning in late July.
Jody was the pastor of that church from 1991-2004.***

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***The service for Margaret Neale
will be held in Upper Anderson
on Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 A.M.***

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

Harold Bost, recovering after pacemaker surgery
Timothy Boyer (William's dad/son of Ken & Sylvia),
cancer
Fred Connelly
Bob Cumming
Marinell Davidson
Susan Denne
Jackson Dimmock (son of Frank & Nancy)

Dimmock)
David Duncan
Jack Gilliland, blood clot in lung
Zaida Gilmour
John Hinkle
Derek Hudson (friend of Christina & Robin
Tutterow), upcoming surgery on transplanted kidney
Olson Huff, under Hospice care at home
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg)
Andrea McCallum and family (daughter of
Jane & Hugh Alexander)
Henry Neale and the family of Margaret Neale
Kitty Neil
Margaret Rada
Ellen Ramsey, under Hospice care
Lila Ray
Amanda Rowe
Judy Shillinglaw
Herb Smith
Patty Scott Smith (former office admin), awaiting
kidney specialist
Goody Thomas (brother of Nancy Thomas), cancer
Rosemarie Wanamaker (friend of the Tutterows),
lung cancer treatments
Charlene Woods and the family of Don Woods

We also lift up in prayer...

Our friends in Bayonnais, Haiti
Midwest storm victims
All who are traveling
Covid, RSV, norovirus, or seasonal illnesses
Gaza; West Bank; Israel
Ukraine
Victims of gun violence, human trafficking, domestic
violence, and hunger

The challenges of aging
People with memory issues and their families
Law enforcement personnel and their families
Refugees and all who are displaced
All who work on behalf of the natural environment
U.S. politics and government

And all the peoples of:

Afghanistan

Azerbaijan

Burkina Faso

Cuba

Ethiopia

Eritrea

Gabon

Gaza

Guatemala

Haiti

Honduras

Iran

Iraq

Israel

Libya

Malawi

Morocco

Nigeria

Peru

Sudan

Syria

Turkey

Uganda

Ukraine

Yemen

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

Doug Dicks, Israel & Palestine
Frank Dimmock, Africa Partnership Liaison,
The Outreach Foundation
Elmarie Parker, Mission Co-worker in the Middle
East
Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner
congregation in Scotland
Cathy Chang, Mission Co-Worker in Philippines
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
Jose La Lont Jones, Democratic Republic of Congo
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 Are Here for You!

The Congregational Care Committee has six

volunteer "carpenters," **Mark Achtemeier, Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Eric Nichols, William Pender, and Jody Welker**, who stand ready to be of help! All of these gentlemen are glad to lend a hand to help people for whom physical limitations make it difficult to to do household "little things:" change a light bulb, retrieve items from a hard-to-reach closet shelf, change the batteries in a smoke detector, etc. You may contact them directly or reach them through their "straw boss," **Kat Achtemeier**. If you feel led to add your name to this list of "carpenters," please let Kat know!

PWNC Newsletter

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



All of our MPC mailings, including the Memo, are part of the same subscription. We cannot yet offer a menu from which to choose different mailings to receive or decline, so to be subscribed to the Memo is to receive all other church emails as well. Anyone who has unintentionally unsubscribed from all MPC mailings may resubscribe or contact the **office** for assistance at any time.

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 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

Lynn Gilliland, Grace Nichols (2024)
Ellen Henschen, Lisa Rome (2025)
John Casper, George Sawyer (2026)
Clerk Ellen Dean
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

Officers & Committee Chairs, 2024

Ellen Dean, Clerk
Lynn Gilliland, Treasurer
Peggy Williamson, Christian Education
Anne Stone, Congregational Care
Hal Demarest, Earth Care Subcommittee
Ellen Henschen, Evangelism & Membership
Grace Nichols, Fellowship
Dan Dean, Stewardship of Finance & Property
Nancy Midgette, Mission & Outreach
Lynn Gilliland, Personnel
Corise Gambrell & Sally Woodard, Women's Circle
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

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.

The Memo is usually published on Tuesday afternoon. **Please submit items for the Memo by the Thursday 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, pre-recorded online prayer services are ordinarily issued on Tuesday evenings near sunset.

Contact Information

Rev. Keith Grogg, pastor
pastor@montreatchurch.org

Vivian Hare, director of music
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Rev. Lynn Bledsoe, pastoral visitor
visitor@montreatchurch.org

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