



# WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

May 28, 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

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

**E & M Committee**  
*Swannanoa Room*

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

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**Summer Worship Series**  
*Anderson Auditorium & livestream*

Sun., June 2  
7:00 P.M.

**Sunday Hymn Sing**  
with Eric Wall  
*Assembly Inn Lobby*

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](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org).

## Summer Sunday Hymn Sings at Montreat

It's time for singing on Sunday nights at Montreat!

Each Sunday evening from June 2-August 4, all are welcome to join us at **7:00 P.M. in the Assembly Inn Lobby (except July 14 at PHC).**

Each hymn sing will feature a different music leader from the community. See the [full schedule here](#) and join us any time!

## The New MPC Online Directory!

Several have contacted us about a problem with connecting with the Realm app. We are in contact with Realm to correct the issue. Please bear with us.

If you need a QR code, please contact the [office](#) and one will be sent to you.

Thank you for your patience during this process.



## Thank you, MPC Fellowship Committee!



Peggy Ann Frank and committee chairperson Gracie Nichols are two of the many, many Fellowship Committee members who have been not only crucial but *extraordinary* in offering bounteous hospitality for our church family and large numbers of visitors with kindness, elegance, and faithful care. In just the last month alone, they have provided for the 10th Anniversary celebration in late April, the presbytery meeting held in Montreat on April 30, another church

dinner in May, and large scale receptions for the services for Dick Ray, Don Woods, and Margaret Neale - not to mention the hospitality table at our Sunday morning services. Tonight, several members of MPC's Fellowship Committee are providing dinner to welcome the Conference Center Summer Staff at 6:00 P.M. in Upper Anderson. Phenomenal.

I have tried repeatedly to get some photos of this amazing crew in action, but when they're not literally doing too much or moving too fast for the camera to catch up, they're having way too much fun together to get a usable shot. When you see them - any of them - please let them know how greatly we as a church family value and appreciate the ministry they carry out as Christ's own loving hands and feet.

K.G.

## Margaret Neale Service



*The recording  
of the Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
for Margaret C. Neale  
can be found at [this link](#).*

## 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 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!

# Scenes from the 2024 Kirkin' o' the Tartan



















***The link to the livestream recording of the 2024 Kirkin' service will be permanently available on MPC's YouTube livestream page ([click here for video](#)).***

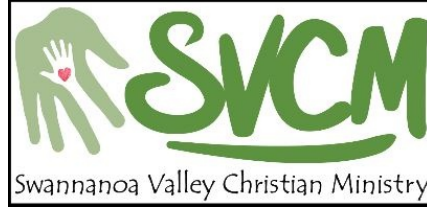
**Malawi Period Project**





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](#).**

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**Montreat Presbyterian Church supports**



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**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](http://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](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!

May 28 Rebekah Ayscue  
May 29 Scarlett Parker  
June 4 Clara Hare  
June 5 Keith Grogg  
June 10 Ann DuPre Rogers  
June 13 Sheri Pender  
June 15 Mary Jo Wright  
June 16 Linda Hobson  
June 16 Kitty Neil  
June 16 Anne Rogers  
June 17 Jim Henderson  
June 20 Tommy Brown  
June 22 Jamie Bibee Lloyd  
June 23 Perrin Wright  
June 23 Heath Phillips  
June 24 Clara Hare-Grogg



June 27 Rebecca Trump  
June 29 Fred Connelly  
June 29 Ellen Dean  
June 30 Ken Shortidge

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

*We give thanks to God  
and celebrate with the Gilliland family  
the birth of Lynn & Bill's first granddaughter,  
Katherine McKay Gilliland,  
named after her great-grandmother, Kitty Neil,  
on May 25, 2024.*



**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  
Jackson Dimmock (son of Frank & Nancy  
Dimmock)  
David Duncan  
Jack Gilliland  
Zaida Gilmour  
Betty Henderson, home after a hospitalization last  
week  
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)  
Kitty Neil  
Margaret Rada  
Ellen Ramsey, under Hospice care  
Lila Ray  
Judy Shillinglaw  
Herb Smith  
Goody Thomas (brother of Nancy Thomas), cancer  
Rosemarie Wanamaker (friend of the Tutterows),  
lung cancer treatments

***We also lift up in prayer...***

Papua New Guinea landslide catastrophe  
Atrocities being committed in Burkina Faso  
Our friends in Bayonnais, Haiti

Midwest and Southeast U.S. storms

All who are traveling

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 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.

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## 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

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

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## 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](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org).**

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

Midweek, pre-recorded online prayer services are ordinarily issued on Tuesday evenings near sunset.

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