



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

June 11, 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., June 11
5:00 P.M.

Mission Committee Meeting
via Zoom

Sun., June 16 -
Sun., August 4
10:30 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
Summer Worship Series
Anderson Auditorium & livestream

Sun., June 16
7:00 P.M.

Sunday Hymn Sing
with Bekah Caruso
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.

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 Sunday evening!

New MPC Online Directory Update

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.



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

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. **Upcoming ushering dates for MPC are June 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. **The next Communion date is Sunday 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!

From the Pastor's Desk

Throughout the summer, all of our staff

members are happily at work, while taking appropriate advantage of whatever opportunities the season may bring to let God refresh and restore mind, body and soul.



Summer Office Hours are **Monday through Thursday, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon.** (Emails and phone messages are checked regularly both during and outside of office hours.)

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Keith's Summer Calendar includes...

In addition to office hours, pastoral availability, administrative responsibilities, preparation for the 2024-25 worship season, and being part of the liturgy team for the Summer Worship Series, some specific dates are filling in the pastor's summer calendar.

June 16: guest preacher, Canton Presbyterian Church, 11:00 A.M.

June 30: Sunday School guest teacher and visiting preacher, New Hope Presbyterian Church,

Asheville, 9:30/11:00 A.M.

July 7: Sunday School guest teacher and visiting preacher, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville, 9:30/11:00 A.M.

August 4: Vivian Hare & Keith Grogg lead hymn sing, 7:00 P.M., Assembly Inn Lobby

K.G.



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!

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

*Our deepest love and sympathy
surround Cis and the family and friends
of Henry Wilde,
who died June 3, 2024.*

*A Memorial Service will be held Friday, June 14, at
11:00 A.M. at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.*

A copy of his obituary can be found [here](#).

Well done, good and faithful servant.

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

Hank Ackerman, hip replacement surgery (June 10)
and recovery

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 hospitalization

John Hinkle

Derek Hudson (friend of Christina & Robin
Tutterow), praise for very successful surgery

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),

We also lift up in prayer...

Papua New Guinea landslide

Atrocities in Burkina Faso

Genocide and displacement in Sudan

Bayonnais, Haiti

Gaza; West Bank; Israel

Ukraine

Victims of gun violence, human trafficking, domestic violence, and hunger

The challenges of aging

All who are traveling

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
Russia
South Sudan
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.

Montreat Presbyterian Church

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
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.

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