



## WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

June 25, 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

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

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

Sun., June 30  
7:00 P.M.

**Hymn Sing**  
*Assembly Inn Lobby*

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

## PC(USA) General Assembly Begins This Week



Montreat Presbyterian Church's own **Martha Campbell** has been appointed by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to serve as a **commissioner to the [226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) in Salt Lake City, Utah!** The more than weeklong biennial denominational meeting, for which commissioners like Martha have been preparing for months, formally **begins this Tuesday, June 25**. GA begins with several days of all-day committee Zoom sessions dealing with many complex issues. Then it moves to Salt Lake City for the in-person plenary sessions beginning June 30, before concluding on July 4.



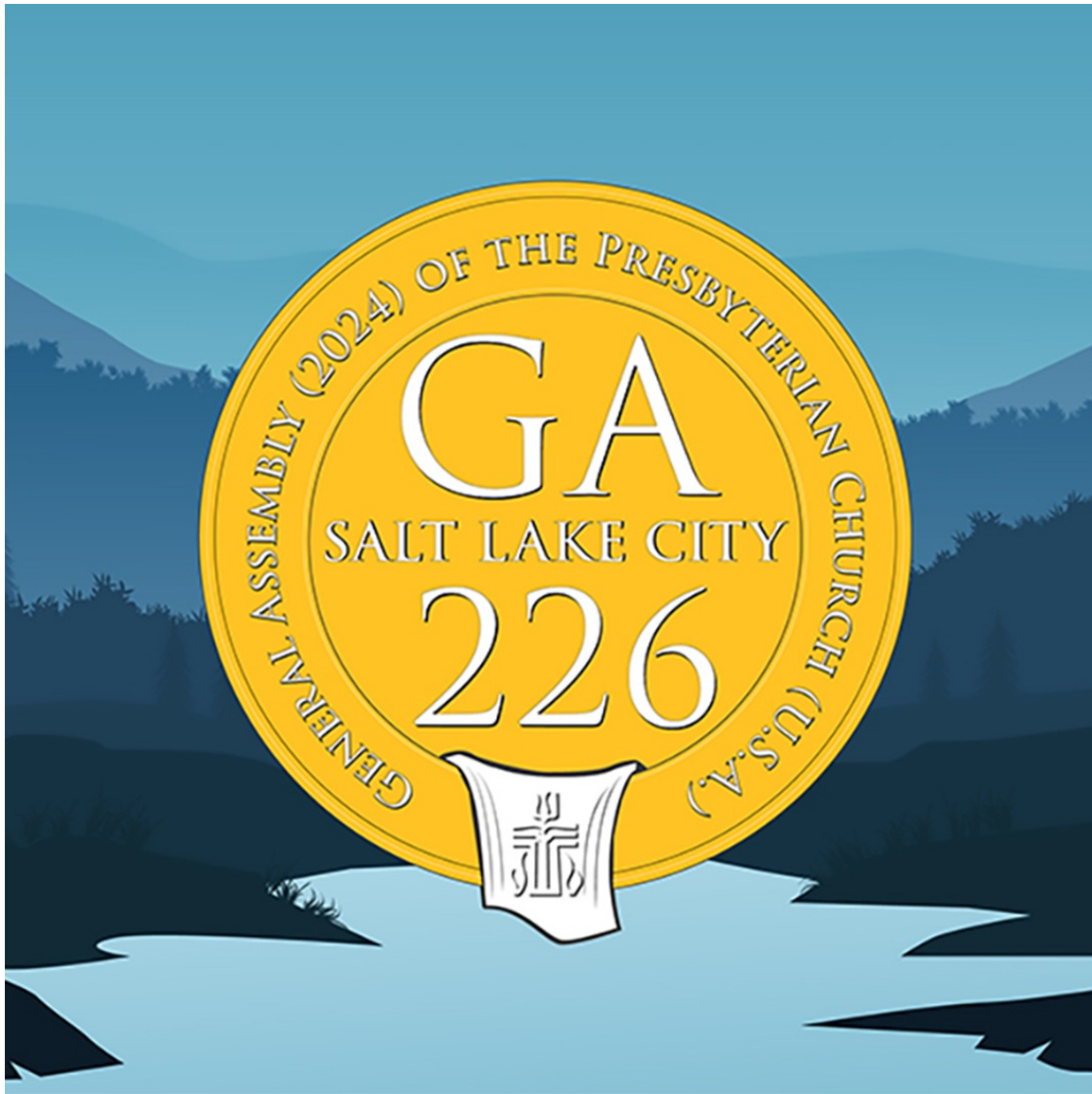
Serving as a GA delegate is an immense gift of time, energy, wisdom, and faithfulness. Martha and all those in attendance, along with our faithful denominational servants, are most worthy and deserving of our prayers and gratitude.

The General Assembly is the council of the whole church, representative of the unity of the synods, presbyteries, sessions, and congregations of the [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#).

The General Assembly constitutes the bond of union, community, and mission among all its congregations and councils, to the end that the whole church becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness. As it leads and guides the witness of the whole church, it keeps before it the marks of the true Church, the notes by which Presbyterian and Reformed communities have identified themselves through history, and the Great Ends of the Church.

Learn briefly about what Martha and the other GA delegates have been doing to prepare, and what they can expect over the next ten days, at [this link](#). For a deeper look, and to keep up in real time throughout the days of the GA meeting, click on the underlined link in the top paragraph, or **click**

anywhere on the graphic below.



**MPC Delegation to Honduras  
Departs This Wednesday**



This Wednesday, **Aletha Roper**, **Beth Fountain**, **Brenda Whiteker**, **Cherry Ayscue**, and group leader **Skeet Ayscue** are traveling to Honduras to visit Montaña de Luz. They were commissioned for this journey in worship on Sunday, May 19.

Montaña de Luz is an orphanage in Honduras for children with HIV. 14 children reside there currently. Montaña de Luz also cares for more than 40 families affected by HIV in the surrounding area as part of the Healthy Families program, which is part of an effort to keep families together instead of having the children come to Montaña de Luz and splitting the families.

Part of the Healthy Families program assists families with starting a small business so they will have enough money to travel to doctor's appointments and buy food and medicine. They also have a resident school program with about a half dozen students from the surrounding community who have fallen behind in school due to HIV.

These delegates from MPC will be working with all these programs in a variety of ways during their trip,

from **Wednesday, June 26 to Sunday, June 30**. We hold in our prayers our travelers, the ministry of Montana de Luz, and all whom they serve.



# Montaña de Luz

## Summer Sunday Hymn Sings at Montreat

Each Sunday evening through 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!

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

See the [2024 schedule and more information at the Montreat Conference Center website](#).

Please email [Lynn Gilliland](#)  
with 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. **Remaining ushering dates for MPC are 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**



Vivian was part of the 400-strong choir at the Worship & Music Conference last week. The conference is repeated this week for a whole new group of participants from all over the world! **M-F 11:00 A.M. daily worship and the Friday evening 7:30 P.M. closing concert are open to the public.** (Please note that parking availability is, at times, practically non-existent.)

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**Throughout the summer, all of our staff members are happily at work.**

**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 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.

**July 28:** Visiting preacher, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa, 11:00 A.M.

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

*K.G.*



Let's Celebrate Mental Health

Black Mountain  
COUNSELING CENTER

# AARON PRICE AND FRIENDS

FEATURING NICHOLAS POULOS, FANCY MARIE, GEORGE TROUBLE,  
MENÀGE, JOE SHELTON, AND THE BMPC CHOIR

## BENEFIT CONCERT

JULY 3, 2024 | START AT 7PM

 Black Mountain Presbyterian Church:  
Fellowship Hall

Tickets:  
\$20 Advance  
\$25 At the door



Use the QR code to purchase tickets or visit  
[blackmountaincounseling.org/events/julythird](https://blackmountaincounseling.org/events/julythird) for  
more info!

## 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](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!

June 24 Clara Hare-Grogg  
June 27 Rebecca Trump  
June 29 Fred Connelly  
June 29 Ellen Dean  
June 30 Ken Shortidge  
July 1 Theresa Cornellier Jennison  
July 2 Tom Frist  
July 3 Scott McCormick  
July 4 Louise Wolfe  
July 5 Katie Dimmock  
July 6 Christina Tutterow  
July 7 Jean Gettys  
July 7 Righton McCallum  
July 8 Miles Engell  
July 9 David Smith  
July 10 Judy Shuford  
July 11 Bob Hudspeth  
July 13 Dora Hinkle  
July 15 Patsy Jackson  
July 18 Henry Neale

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

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

Hank Ackerman, recovery after hip replacement  
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  
John Hinkle  
Derek Hudson (friend of Christina & Robin  
Tutterow), praise for 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  
Peggy Rada, hospitalized - not yet time for calls or  
visits, please  
Ellen Ramsey, under Hospice care  
Lila Ray

John Rogers

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...**

People in New Mexico and California dealing with  
the wildfires destroying homes and businesses

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

Those facing 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

Canton/Haywood County long term flood recovery

*And all the peoples of:*

Afghanistan

Azerbaijan

Burkina Faso

Cuba

Ethiopia

Eritrea

Gabon

Gaza  
Guatemala  
Guinea  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Iran  
Iraq  
Israel  
Libya  
Malawi  
Mali  
Morocco  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Peru  
Russia  
The Sahel region of West Africa  
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.*

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## **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](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

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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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