



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

July 23, 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., July 25
3:30 P.M.

**Evangelism & Membership
Committee**
Henschen home

Sun., July 28
10:30 A.M.

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

Sun., July 28
7:00 P.M.

Hymn Sing
Assembly Inn Lobby
Led by Eunice Stackhouse

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

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

Sun., Aug. 4

Hymn Sing

7:00 P.M.

Assembly Inn Lobby

Led by Vivian Hare & Keith Grogg

Sun., Aug. 11

11:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Morning Worship

Upper Anderson & livestream

(please note the unusual start time for August 11 only.)

Tues., Aug. 13

2:00 P.M.

Stewardship of Finance &

Property Committee

Swannanoa Room, Allen Building

Wed., Aug. 14

5:45 P.M.

Covered Dish Dinner

Upper Anderson

Sun., Aug. 18

10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Morning Worship

Upper Anderson & livestream

**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.**


MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER'S

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

June 2–August 4, 2024

Worship begins in Anderson Auditorium at 10:30 am.

See the 2024 schedule of preachers
at the [Montreat Conference Center website](#).



From the Pastor's Desk

May God continue to bless this season of growth and restoration!

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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Looking just a few weeks ahead, the concluding Sunday of the Summer Worship Series will be August 4.

The following Sunday, August 11, MPC will return to our Sunday morning worship in Upper Anderson for

our 2024-25 worship year! **On that first Sunday back, August 11, our worship service in Upper Anderson will begin at 11:00 A.M.** in order to ease the transition time following the Women's Connection service, which will be held in the main auditorium that day starting at 9:00. MRA is kindly asking attendees of the earlier event to be mindful that our congregants will need access to parking and other considerations for our 11:00 service that day.

The next Sunday, August 18, we will be back to our usual start time of 10:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings in Upper Anderson.

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Remaining dates in the staff's summer calendars include:

July 28: Keith preaching at 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





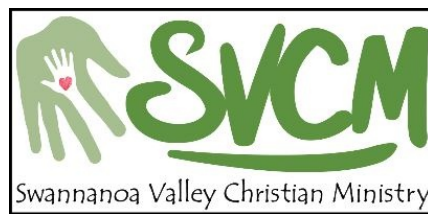
A Note from Bounty & Soul

Hi Montreat Presbyterian Church! I hope you all are having a great summer! I just wanted to reach out and extend a *huge* THANK YOU for your continued support of Bounty & Soul through your generous donations.

Every dollar is going towards ensuring families, seniors, and children have access to nourishing foods this summer.

Thank you for coming alongside us and making a difference!

Warm regards, Ali Casparian, founder



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!

July 23 Hank Ackerman
July 25 June Peel
July 25 Billie Martin
July 27 Robert Gambrell
July 29 Linda Shortridge
Aug 1 Betsy Bryan
Aug 4 Jane Holt
Aug 4 Heath Rada
Aug 4 Linda Weyman
Aug 4 Sophia Keefe (Woods-Chang)
Aug 6 Olson Huff
Aug 7 Anne Straughan
Aug 9 Kitty Fouche
Aug 11 Lynn Gilliland
Aug 12 Betsy Kirschner
Aug 12 Cis Wilde

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Hank Ackerman
Harold Bost, recovering after pacemaker surgery
Timothy Boyer (William's dad/son of Ken & Sylvia),
cancer
Mary Boyd Brown (sister of Anne Rogers)

Fred Connelly
Bob Cumming
Marinell Davidson
Jackson Dimmock (son of Frank & Nancy
Dimmock)
David Duncan
Jack Gilliland
Zaida Gilmour
John Hinkle
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
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...

Victims of Hurricane Beryl
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
U.S. politics and government

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
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
Kenya
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.

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.**](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.

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

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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