



## WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

July 9, 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., July 14 -  
Sun., August 4  
10:30 A.M.

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

Sun., July 14  
6:30 P.M.  
7:00 P.M.

**Refreshments**  
**Hymn Sing**  
*Presbyterian Heritage Center*  
**(Note location change for this night only)**

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).



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

## 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!

From the Pastor's Desk

Keith & Vivian are on vacation and away from the office this week (July 8-12). **Lynn Bledsoe** is available in emergencies requiring a pastor: 828-989-1399.

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**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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Upcoming dates in the pastor's summer calendar include:

**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.*



### **Reception in Honor of Richard Ray**

The Presbyterian Heritage Center Board and staff dearly miss their leader, Dick Ray, after his recent passing. To recognize Dick's exemplary service and faithful commitment to the PHC and Montreat, you are invited to an informal reception in appreciation of him.

Join us on Sunday, July 14, at 2:00 P.M. at the PHC, 318 Georgia Terrace, Montreat, for this celebration of Dick and his contributions. Refreshments will be served. Dick's wife, Lila, will be present to receive cards, letters, and conversation about her beloved Dick.

If unable to attend, you are encouraged to send a card or letter to the PHC at PO Box 207, Montreat, 28757, and it will be given to Lila.



## 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!

July 9 David Smith  
July 10 Judy Shuford  
July 11 Bob Hudspeth  
July 13 Dora Hinkle  
July 15 Patsy Jackson  
July 18 Henry Neale  
July 20 Lynn Bledsoe  
July 21 Beth Casper  
July 22 Margo Smith  
July 23 Hank Ackerman  
July 25 June Peel  
July 25 Billie Martin  
July 27 Robert Gambrell  
July 29 Linda Shortridge

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

*Our deepest love and sympathy  
surround Chloe and David Duncan  
in the death of Chloe's mother, Barbara Hinkle,  
who had celebrated her 100th birthday in March.  
Barbara served the Presbyterian Historical  
Foundation in Montreat for many years.*

**The Montreat Presbyterian Church family  
is also 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  
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  
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.

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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

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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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## Contact Information

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**Rev. Lynn Bledsoe, pastoral visitor**  
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**Church Office hours: Monday-Friday**

**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon**  
**304 Lookout Road, Montreat**



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