



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

August 13, 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., August 13
2:00 P.M.

**Stewardship of Finance &
Property Committee**
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building

Wed., August 14
5:45 P.M.

Covered Dish Dinner
Upper Anderson

Sun., August 18
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Morning Worship
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., August 18
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Tues., August 20
4:00 P.M.

Session Meeting
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building

Thurs., August 22
10:00 A.M.

Christian Education Committee
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building

Sun., August 25
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Morning Worship
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., August 25
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Tues., August 27
4:30 P.M.

Worship & Music Committee
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building

Sun., September 1
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Morning Worship
Anderson Auditorium
(please note the change of location for this service only.)

Sun., September 1
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Mon., September 2

Labor Day
Office Closed

Wed., September 4
8:00 P.M.

Taize Service
Upper Anderson

**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.**

The church office will be closed today (Tuesday,

August 13). Staff are working off-site. The office will re-open Wednesday morning. Emails and phone messages will be checked regularly.

Regular office hours are M-F, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon.

New Online Membership Directory Update

Our current CTRN Online Membership Directory will be discontinued on August 31st. If you have not yet had a chance to sign up to use our **new directory through **Realm Connect** - now is the time to do so!**

It's easy, and Realm gives us more than just the membership directory, but right now the directory is our primary focus. **On Wednesday morning, you will receive an invitation to create a Realm account.** It's simple to do, and you'll create your own password. You can use your smart phone, tablet, or laptop to do so.

If you have any problems, **Bonnie Shoemaker will in Upper Anderson at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday afternoon (just before the covered dish dinner) to help you get started. Just bring your phone, tablet, or laptop to get your account activated.**

Thanks so much for helping us make this transition as smooth as possible! As always, **if you have any questions, please contact the [church office](#).**

**Covered Dish Dinner!
Wednesday, August 14, 5:45 P.M.**

Upper Anderson



Bring food to share, friends, family, neighbors, colleagues - or just come as you are, as we welcome the whole community to join us! **Gather at 5:45 P.M. with dinner at 6:00 P.M.**

In keeping with our status as an Earth Care congregation, we encourage people to bring and take-home washable tableware if possible.

All Are Welcome!

Worship This Sunday: Holy Communion

This Sunday, August 18, worship returns to its usual 10:00 A.M. start time on Sunday mornings in Upper Anderson and via livestream.

This Sunday's service will include the sacrament of communion, the choir, the welcoming of new members, and more!



If you are unable to attend in person, would like to receive communion after the in-person service, and are reasonably local, please [contact the pastor](#) as early as possible this week, by Thursday if possible, so that arrangements can be made for an elder or minister of word and sacrament to bring it to you.

Please note that this offering is **designed to respond to direct invitations**. If you believe a particular person might like to receive the sacrament at home this Sunday midday or afternoon, feel free to have a word with them and, if they are so inclined, please encourage them to respond.

Presbyterian Women's Circle

The Montreat Women's Circle will have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 10:00 A.M. in the Walkup Building. The new *Horizons* Bible study is ***Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation***, by Patricia Tull.

If you would like to order a copy of the Bible study, please contact [Sally Woodard](#) no later than

August 27, so she has time to get the books and deliver them. If you want to teach a lesson, please contact [Corise Gambrell](#).

Taize Service
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 8:00 P.M.
Upper Anderson



A worship service reflecting the practices of the Taizé monastic community in France will be held Wednesday evening, September 4 at 8:00 P.M. in Upper Anderson.

Silences, darkness, candlelight, readings, prayers, and singing are essential to the ruminative character of Taizé worship. Our services are designed to coincide with sunset.

Upcoming Taizé services:

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5:30 P.M.

These services are offered as a partnership
of Montreat Presbyterian Church
and the Montreat Conference Center.

All are welcome!



**Hand in Hand of Swannanoa Valley
is collecting back- to- school supplies!**



- colored pencils
- pre-sharpened regular pencils
- pencil boxes
- crayons
- markers
- highlighters
- safety scissors
- construction paper
- regular copy paper
- post-it notes
- wide-ruled composition notebooks

- spiral notebooks
- 2-inch binders
- glue sticks
- rulers
- Kleenex

**Donations may be taken to:
Grove Stone Baptist Church
1568 Grovestone Road
Black Mountain, NC**



Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

SVCM is in immediate need of:

Diapers and baby wipes; bath towels, laundry detergent pods, and queen size sheet sets. Hygiene products such as shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary pads, tampons, and toilet paper as always on the list as well.

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!

Aug 15 Jim Williamson
Aug 16 Sue Diehl
Aug 16 Julie Simpson
Aug 17 John Lamotte
Aug 19 Peggy Hollandsworth
Aug 19 Cameron Roberts
Aug 19 Zaida Gilmour
Aug 30 Elizabeth Mills
Aug 31 Robyn Josephs
Sep 2 Betty Lou Jeffrey
Sep 4 Frank Dimmock
Sep 5 Ellen Ramsey
Sep 12 jDub Simpson
Sep 13 Mary Nell Todd
Sep 14 Henry Neal, Jr.
Sep 14 Lyn Havard
Sep 16 Zack Allen
Sep 16 Cindy Morgan
Sep 18 Jesse Dimmock
Sep 20 Katherine Savage

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

*Our deepest love and sympathy
surround Marylyn Huff
and all the family and friends of Olson Huff.
A service of witness to the resurrection
will be held on October 26, 2024
at 11:00 A.M. in Anderson Auditorium.*

*We also surround with our love and care
Betty and Rusty Douglas and their family*

*in the death of Betty's brother, Hal Philips;
A service led by Rusty will be held
September 7, 2024
at 1:00 P.M. in Upper Anderson.*

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

Hank & Mell Ackerman, Covid
Harold & Shirley Bost
Timothy Boyer (William's dad/son of Ken & Sylvia),
cancer
David Brown (brother of Anne Rogers), recovering
after surgery
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
Marylyn Huff and her family in the death of Olson
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg)
Andrea McCallum and family (daughter of Jane &
Hugh Alexander)
Kitty Neil
Betty & Rusty Douglas & family in the death of
Betty's brother, Hal
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...

Students, teachers, parents, administrators,
and educational staff beginning school terms
Wildfires in California
Hurricane victims
Bayonnais, Haiti
Victims of gun violence, human trafficking, domestic
violence, and hunger
U.S. politics and government
Those facing the challenges of aging
People with memory issues and their families
Law enforcement personnel and their families
Military 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
All who are traveling

And all the peoples of, or in:

Afghanistan
Displaced Armenians
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh instability and violence
Burkina Faso atrocities
Cuba
Ethiopia
Eritrea
Gabon
Gaza
Guatemala
Guinea

Haiti
Honduras
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Kenya
Libya
Malawi
Mali
Morocco
Niger
Nigeria famine
Papua New Guinea landslide
Peru
Russia
The Sahel region of West Africa
South Sudan
Sudan genocide and displacement
Syria
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
U.K. cities unrest and violence
Venezuela unrest
The West Bank
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. Margery Rossi, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
Coordinator of Gun Violence Prevention
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@montreachurch.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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9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

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