



## WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

August 20, 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 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**

**MPC Sunday Morning Worship**

10:00 A.M.

*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@montreachurch.org](mailto:office@montreachurch.org).**

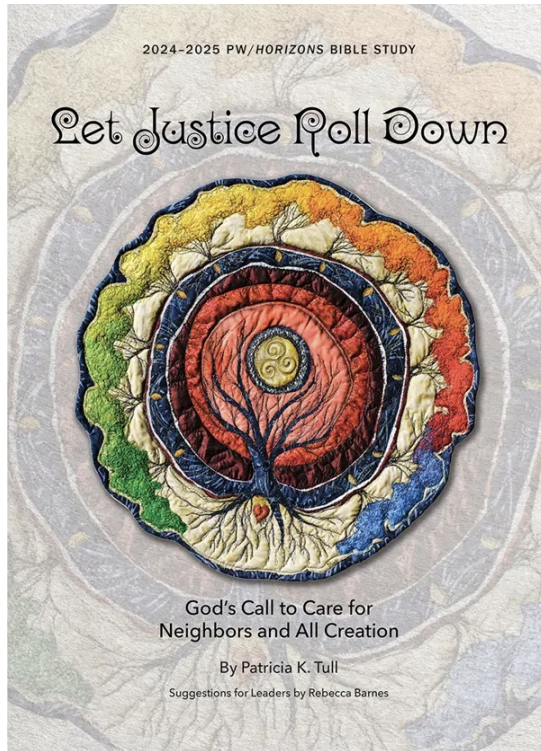
## **New Online Membership Directory Update**

**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. 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 not received an invitation from Realm Connect to join the directory, please notify the church office.**

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](#).

## 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!**

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On Sunday morning, August 18, MPC welcomed some new neighbors to the community when the six new volunteers serving as Hands and Feet of Asheville Fellows joined us for worship and were introduced by board chair Emma Goldrick and program director Galia Binder. The volunteers will be living at William Black Lodge until May.

Hands and Feet of Asheville is a young adult ministry service corps rooted in the Presbyterian Church with an interfaith, ecumenical approach centering social justice and intentional community. Hands and Feet of Asheville's values are respect, openness, curiosity, collaboration, anti-racism, transparency, inclusivity, and equity. Since its creation in 2012, Hands and Feet has hosted more than 35 Fellows for an unparalleled year of personal, spiritual, and professional growth.

Meet our new neighbors!





Hello, my name is **Ellie Stewart!** As a Hands and Feet Fellow, I will be working as a Storyteller and Communications Coordinator for Haywood Street Congregation. In May, I graduated from Davidson College with a major in Communication Studies and concentration in Gender and Sexuality Studies. My hometown is

Memphis, TN, but I've lived in Asheville, NC, Charleston, SC, Tallahassee, FL, and Davidson, NC.

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Hello, my name is **Christian Johnson!** I will be working as a Construction Craft Laborer on Habitat for Humanity's Home Repair Crew. I was born in Havelock, NC. After high school I enlisted with the Marines. I look forward to working with Hands and Feet of Asheville for the experience of community work; the feeling and accomplishment of reaching out to others who are in crisis and need.



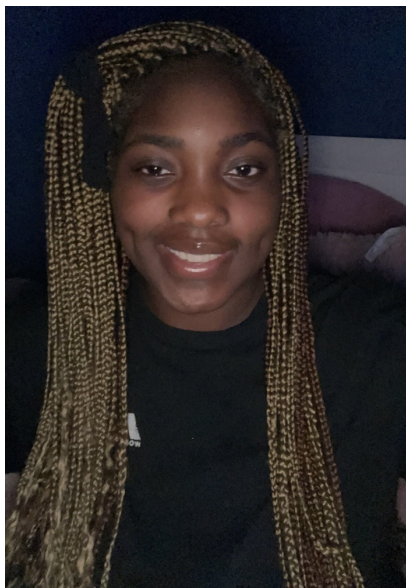
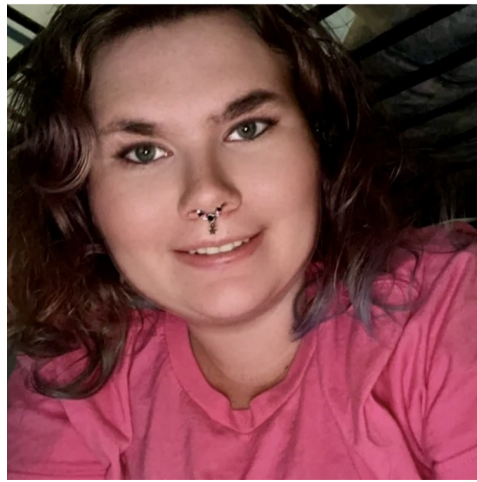
Hello, my name is **Amaya Tipps!** I will be working as a Watershed Outreach Coordinator for Asheville GreenWorks. My hometown is Hickory, NC. I graduated from Mars Hill University with a degree in Zoology and a minor in Environmental Studies. In my free time, you'll likely find me outdoors, exploring nature and hunting for

frogs and mushrooms.

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Hello, my name is **Megan Stacy!** I will be working as a Job Coach with The Arc of North Carolina's Project SEARCH. I studied at Tulsa Community College and in 2024 completed a certification in early child care known as the Certification of Mastery Teacher. I'm excited to make new friends, explore my spirituality, and along the way to become a stronger person than what I was before.

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Hello, my name is **JyMia Fann!** I will be working as a Case Manager with Homeward Bound's AHOPE Day Center. I graduated as an Honors student and attended South Georgia College, where I received my Marketing Degree. I enjoy singing, shopping, and cooking, and I really love music. I am also a hairstylist! My goals for the year are to excel in my work, to grow a positive bond with the other

Fellows, and to become part of a strong God-based community.

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Hello, my name is **Zoe Rumley!** I will be working as all-around Support Staff for SVCM and doing Development & Communications at Black Mountain Counseling Center. I am currently pursuing an MBA with a focus on Social Impact at Lenoir-Rhyne University. I'm passionate about service work,

especially through a ministry mindset. I aspire to be a compassionate listener and a supportive presence for individuals facing challenges.



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

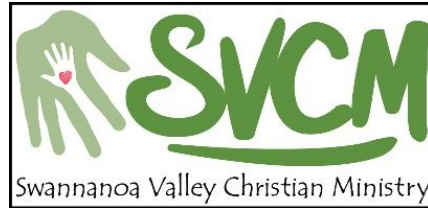


- **colored pencils**
- **pre-sharpened regular pencils**
- **pencil boxes**
- **crayons**
- **markers**
- **highlighters**
- **safety scissors**
- **construction paper**
- **regular copy paper**
- **post-it notes**
- **wide-ruled composition notebooks**
- **spiral notebooks**
- **2-inch binders**
- **glue sticks**
- **rulers**
- **Kleenex**



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

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## **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](#).**

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**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!

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...**

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.*

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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!

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**

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## **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



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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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