



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

August 27, 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 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

Sat., September 7
1:00 P.M.

Service for Hal Philips
Upper Anderson

Sun., September 8
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Morning Worship
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., September 8
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Tues., September 10
5:00 P.M.

Mission Committee
Swannanoa Room

Wed., September 11
3:45 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Swannanoa Room

Thurs., September 12
3:30 P.M.

E & M Committee
Swannanoa Room

Sun., September 15
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Morning Worship
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., September 15
1:30 A.M.

Choir Rehearsal
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.**

**This Sunday's 10:00 A.M. worship service
will be held in Anderson Auditorium.**

Live streaming will not be available this Sunday due to technical issues.

Next Sunday, Sept. 8,
we will return to Upper Anderson
and live streaming!

New Online Membership Directory Update



Our current CTRN Online Membership Directory will be discontinued on August 31st. If you are a member of the MPC family and 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](#).**

Sunday Morning Bible Story Time and Nursery Care Resumes this Sunday, September 1!

A **Bible Story time** for children is provided each Sunday morning in the Allen building by our Children's Sunday morning leadership team. This is a special time of faith formation as we hear and explore Bible stories together, 9:00-9:30 A.M.

Nursery care during the worship service for infants through age 3 is also provided in the Allen building by the same volunteer leadership team, each of whom has participated in and been approved by our child/youth protection program. Families should meet leaders before worship in Upper Anderson (except this Sunday, September 1, when families may meet in the main auditorium, where MPC will be worshipping for this week only.)

Thank you to our MPC Children's Sunday Leadership Team for their dedication and faithful leadership for these weekly ministries: Jane Alexander, Amy Blake, Karen Brown, Beth Fountain, Betsy Kirschner, Janie Moore, Sheri Pender, Amanda Rowe, Anne Stone, and Sharon Welker.

If you would like more information and/or would like more information please contact our Montreat Presbyterian Church Christian Education Committee Chair.

Welcome New Members!



Bob & Kathy Horowitz have been welcomed to our membership rolls and were formally welcomed in worship on Sunday, August 18! Kathy is a retired elementary school teacher; Bob held top executive positions in the aerospace industry. Since moving to our area several years ago, they have been deeply involved in helping to integrate Afghan refugees into the community. We are delighted to have them as part of the Montreat Presbyterian Church family!

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

Let Justice Roll Down



God's Call to Care for
Neighbors and All Creation

By Patricia K. Tull

Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes

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 c o n t a c t [Corise Gambrell](#).

Taize Service Wednesday, September 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!



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.

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

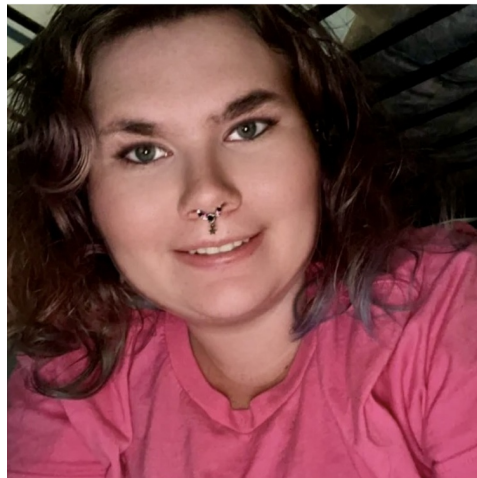
Marines. I look forward to working with Hands and Feet of Asheville for the experience of community work; the feeling and accomplishment of reaching out to others who are in crisis and need.



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.

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.



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.

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.



**Hope for Tomorrow
Back to School Open House
September 9 | 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.**

DROP BY OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Monday, Sept. 9
4:30-6:30 pm
Charlotte View Lane
Black Mountain



Make a donation



*Learn about life on campus
&
make new friends!*



Everyone is invited to the Open House to see a model apartment, meet the staff, and learn about the programming.

from the Mission and Outreach Committee



Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

SVCM "Most Wanted" List

Easy to open (pop-top) protein sources such as vienna sausages, tuna, and other canned meats.

Easy to open (pop top) nourishing meals such as canned ravioli, soups, spaghetti.

Constantly needed are 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 are 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 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
Sep 21 Roland Trump
Sep 24 William Brown
Sep 25 Rebekah Carpenter
Sep 27 Jerone Herring
Sep 27 Janie Moore
Sep 27 Tim Rowe

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.*

*And we pray for Joe & Mary Standaert
and their family
in the death of Joe's brother, Bill Standaert.*

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

Harold & Shirley Bost
Timothy Boyer (William's dad/son of Ken & Sylvia),
cancer
Fred Connelly
Bob Cumming
Marinell Davidson, upcoming eye procedure
Jackson Dimmock (son of Frank & Nancy
Dimmock)
David Duncan

Jack Gilliland
Zaida Gilmour
Brad Hestir, hospitalized after surgery
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
Margaret Rada
Peggy Rada
Ellen Ramsey, under Hospice care
Lila Ray
Judy Shillinglaw
Herb Smith
Joe Standaert
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
U.S. election officials
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

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**](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

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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