



## WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

August 6, 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., August 11  
11:00 A.M.

**MPC Sunday Morning Worship**  
*Upper Anderson & livestream*  
*(please note the unusual start time for August 11 only.)*

Sun., August 11  
after worship service

**Called Session Meeting**  
for Receiving New Members  
*Upper Anderson*

Sun., August 11  
1:30 P.M.

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Upper Anderson*

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

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

Wed., August 14

**Covered Dish Dinner**

5:45 P.M.

*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*

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

**Worship & Music Committee**  
*Swannanoa Room, Allen Building*

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).

Regular office hours have resumed! M-F, 9:00  
A.M.-12:00 noon. Emails and phone messages are  
checked regularly, both during and outside of office  
hours.

**Worship This Sunday:**

# Special Start Time

This Sunday, August 11, MPC returns 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 following the Women's Connection service, which will be held in the main auditorium starting at 9:00 A.M.

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 A.M. service that day.

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

## Are You Interested in Joining MPC or Finding Out More?

**The Session will hold a called session meeting on Sunday, August 11, after worship, in order to meet with and welcome new members.** (New members will be welcomed by the congregation in worship on August 18.)

If you are also interested in either joining one of our unusual variety of membership rolls or simply finding out more about them, please [email Pastor Keith Grogg](#) this week to learn more!

In addition to the PC(USA) church rolls for active

members and affiliate members, MPC also offers some additional categories beyond those defined by our denomination: "supporting members" (involved with MPC, but not on the active membership roll), "clergy members" (clergy who wish to declare MPC as their home congregation), and "supporting clergy" (supportive clergy, but more as a visitor than a congregant).

**Please speak with Keith Grogg to find out more!**

## **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.



# 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 want 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](#).



**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](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 7 Anne Straughan  
Aug 9 Kitty Fouche  
Aug 11 Lynn Gilliland  
Aug 12 Betsy Kirschner  
Aug 12 Cis Wilde  
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

*Congregational Care Committee*

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## 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 remember  
Charles & Ann Brooke Raynal  
in the death of Charles's mother, Rosemary.*

**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...**

Ukraine  
Wildfires in California  
Instability and violence in Bangladesh  
Unrest in Venezuela  
Gaza; West Bank; Israel  
Hurricane victims  
Papua New Guinea landslide  
Atrocities in Burkina Faso  
Genocide and displacement in Sudan  
Bayonnais, Haiti  
Famine in Nigeria  
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

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

*And all the peoples of, or in:*

Afghanistan

Displaced Armenians

Azerbaijan

Bangladesh

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  
Venezuela  
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@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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**Church Office hours: Monday-Friday**

**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon**

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