



## WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

September 3, 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

**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**

**Montreat Wednesday**

4:00 P.M.

*Walkup Building*

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 P.M.

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Upper Anderson*

Tues., September 17  
10:00 A.M.

**Women's Circle**  
*Walkup Building*

Wed., September 18  
4:00 P.M.

**Montreat Wednesday**  
*Walkup Building*

Sun., September 22  
10:00 A.M.

**MPC Sunday Morning Worship**  
*Upper Anderson & livestream*

Sun., September 22  
1:30 P.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](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org).

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



A worship service reflecting the practices of the Taizé monastic community will be held  
**Wednesday evening, September 4**  
at **8:00 P.M.** in Upper Anderson.  
(See bulletin [here](#).)

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

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

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Upcoming Taizé/contemplative services:  
**Wednesday, Sept. 4, 8:00 P.M. (Taizé)**

**Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:00 P.M. (Taizé)**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5:30 P.M. (contemplative)\***  
**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5:30 P.M. (Taizé)**

*\*The prayer service on Nov. 6 will be contemplative only, designed as a space of quiet reflection, with music but without spoken words or singing.*

## Montreat Wednesdays



**Montreat Wednesdays will resume  
on Wednesday, September 11!**

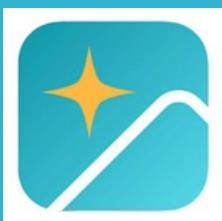
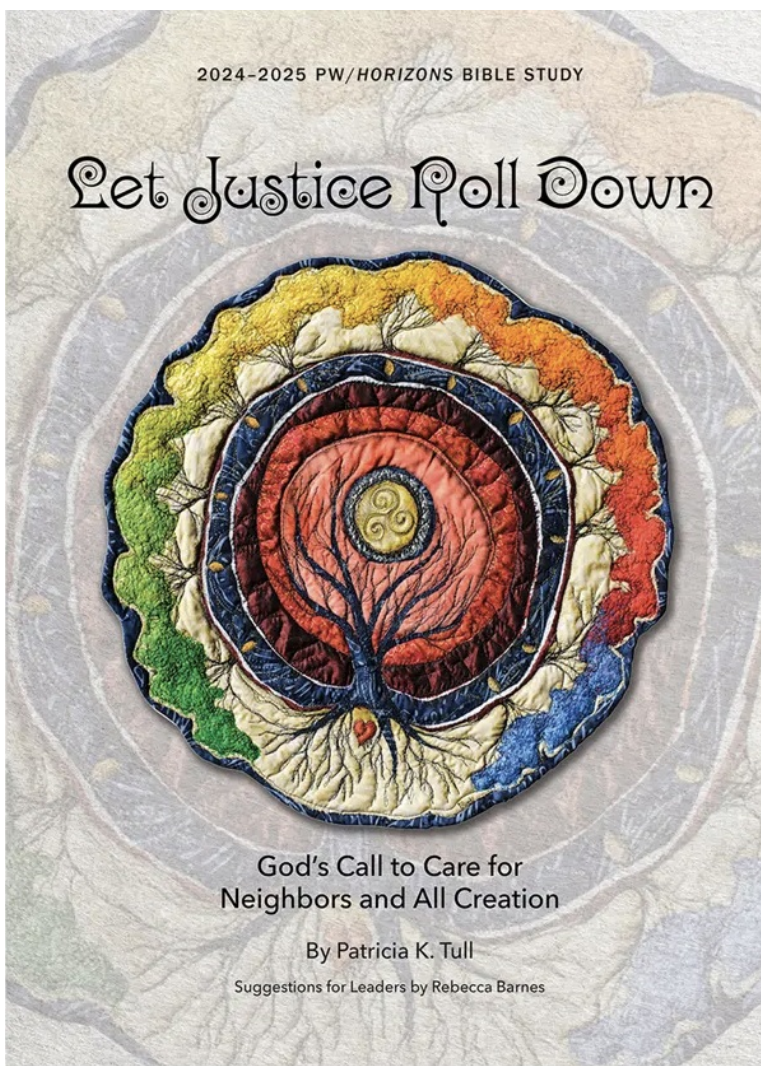
Join us in the Walkup Building  
at 3:45 P.M. for coffee and sweets;  
programs begin at 4:00 P.M.  
and last about an hour.

**Watch this space for the full calendar  
for Fall 2024!**

## 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.



## Online Membership Directory Update

**Our current CTRN Online Membership Directory has discontinued. 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](#).**

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## Sunday Morning Bible Story Time and Nursery Care

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.

**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.


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## Homeless Learning Series



# HOMELESSNESS LEARNING SERIES

Scan here to register:



**3-part community education series:**

**Session 1: Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

- Understanding Homelessness - causes and local landscape

**Session 2\*: Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

- Understanding Solutions to Homelessness - community response, present and future

**Session 3\*: Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

- Personal Response to Homelessness - how to partner with local agencies and take action

**Location**  
Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
101 Chapel Ln, Swannanoa NC 28778


**Time**  
All 3 sessions are from 5-6pm

**Presented by:**  
**Debbie Alford**  
Homeless Strategy Specialist  
- Training and Development  
Homeless Strategy Division  
City of Asheville

**For more information:**

**Email**  
dalford2@ashevillenc.gov

**Or call**  
828-203-0892



\*Sessions 2 and 3 are offered as a follow-up to Session 1. Please register for all 3!

An invitation to the community education series has been extended for anyone wishing to attend. It is a three part series on Tuesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, and Oct. 8, from 5-6 P.M., at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Please register at at the email above if you are able to attend.



**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

Swannanoa Valley  
Christian Ministry  
Hope for Tomorrow  
Campus

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, tune, 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](#).

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Montreat Presbyterian Church supports



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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!

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**

### ***A Message from Marylyn Huff***

*Dear Friends,*

*Your love, prayers, and support over these past months when Olson was in the hospital, and Hospice, and your kindness shown to us with his recent death mean so much to me and our family. Thank you, dear friends.*

*Love, Marylyn*



*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 in our prayers  
Joe & Mary Standaert and their family  
in the death of Joe's brother, Bill Standaert.*

**The Montreat Presbyterian Church family  
is also 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

Bill Grogg, shoulder replacement on Sept. 3

Brad Hestir, hospitalized after surgery

Marylyn Huff and her family

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

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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!

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## PWNC Newsletter

Click the image below  
to find the latest news from PWNC!



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**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

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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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**Ellen Dean, clerk of session**  
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**Rev. Lynn Bledsoe, pastoral visitor**  
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**Bonnie Shoemaker, office administrator**  
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