

"Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in." Isaiah 58:12



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

October 29, 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., October 29
6:00 P.M.

Community Vigil
Black Mountain Town Square

Wed., October 30
4:00 P.M.

Church Chat
via Zoom; link will be emailed

(If you receive the Memo and other mailings, you'll receive the link.)

**Sun., November 3
3:00/2:00 A.M.**

Daylight Saving Time ENDS
At 3:00 A.M., clocks go back to 2:00 A.M.

**Sun., November 3
10:00 A.M.**

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

**Sun., November 3
after worship**

Congregational Meeting
to elect 2025 Session class
Upper Anderson

**Sun., November 3
1:30 P.M.**

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

**Wed., November 6
5:30-6:00 P.M.**

Contemplative Service
Upper Anderson

**Sat., November 9
8:30 A.M.**

Choir Retreat
Upper Anderson

**Sun., November 10
10:00 A.M.**

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

**Sun., November 10
1:30 P.M.**

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

**Community Candlelight Vigil
Black Mountain Town Square
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6:00 P.M.**

"Purveyors of the Light"

As, with God's help, Western NC continues to work together in the aftermath of Helene, a vigil will be held tonight at 6:00 P.M. in Black Mountain at the Town Square (Montreat Road & State Street). All are welcome.

**MPC Worship
Returns to Upper Anderson
This Sunday, Nov. 3, 10:00 A.M.**



This Sunday, Nov. 3, we will return to worshipping in person in Upper Anderson and via live stream!

The service will include

- **holy communion**
- the **[Daily Change offering](#)** for hunger relief
- a **Congregational Meeting** after the service for the election of elders. The nominees are **Ginny**

**Contemplative Service
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5:30 P.M.
Upper Anderson**



**A contemplative, music-only service
will be held in Upper Anderson
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5:30-6:00 P.M.**

Vivian Hare, piano

Come for the whole time, or drop in and exit quietly any time during the 30-minute service. The service will consist entirely of time for private prayer and meditation.

Montreat Wednesdays



Montreat Wednesdays have not been possible since the storm, and the decision has been made to suspend

the remainder of the Fall 2024 program schedule until the new year.

One logistical issue--though far from the only one--is that the Walkup Building is a crucial staging site for Montreat infrastructure repair, and will be unavailable at least through the end of 2024.

When we are able to resume scheduling, our greatest problem will be having an embarrassment of riches! Thanks to all who have been preparing presentations.

Covered Dish Dinner Wed., Nov. 20 in Upper Anderson



We will hold a **covered dish dinner in Upper Anderson on Wednesday, Nov. 20!** All are welcome.

Our planned October Stewardship Season is being condensed into a few weeks in November; Nov. 20 will be a celebration dinner. (Stewardship mailings, with the original letter on one side and a post-Helene update printed on the back, went out last

week.)

More Worship Updates

Thanksgiving Day, 11:00 A.M.

We are at this point planning on holding the Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson.

Taizé Service on December 4, 5:30 P.M.

A contemplative Advent worship service in the Taizé tradition will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, at 5:30 P.M. in Upper Anderson.

Christmas Eve, 5:30 P.M.

We will be holding our traditional Christmas Eve service, with communion, at 5:30 P.M. in Upper Anderson.

A Note from the Treasurer

**As our fiscal end of year approaches,
you can download your statement in Realm.**

**If this is not possible,
please contact Lynn at
treasurer@montreatchurch.org
and she will be glad to send one to you!**

**Church Chat
Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:00-5:00 P.M.

**Join with friends and neighbors
on Wednesday afternoon via Zoom!**

**(A Zoom link
will be distributed separately.)**

**Feel free to join in
any time during the meeting!
No one is required to speak;
it's perfectly fine just to be there.**

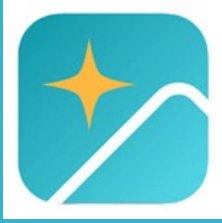


*The Olson Huff Service of Celebration of Life
and Witness to God's Love
will be held **Saturday, May 17**
at 11:00 A.M. in Anderson Auditorium;
a reception will follow.*

*The service for June Peel
originally announced for November 3
in Upper Anderson
will also be rescheduled.*

*We hold these families in our hearts
as we anticipate celebrating*

the amazing lives of their loved ones.



Online Membership Directory Update

Now more than ever, we need to be connected to each other, and the Realm Membership Directory is the way to go!

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!

For assistance with getting connected, 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](#).**





The SVCM icon above
is a link
to the SVCM website.

**For the latest information
from SVCM,
click here
to visit their Facebook page.**

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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!

Oct 29 Willa Roberts
Oct 30 Hannah Kirschner
Oct 30 Susanne Query
Oct 30 Beth Ariss-Smith
Nov 1 Mari Gramling
Nov 4 Bob Neil
Nov 5 Anne Wilde
Nov 6 Chet Alexander
Nov 6 Brenda Whiteker
Nov 11 Terry Butler
Nov 13 Jane Anderson
Nov 13 David Neel
Nov 14 Howard Edington
Nov 18 Ann Hudspeth
Nov 18 Joe Standaert
Nov 19 Susanne McCaskill
Nov 19 Jean Skidmore
Nov 20 Macie King
Nov 21 Jan Swetenburg
Nov 21 Sharon Welker
Nov 25 Pat Welker
Nov 28 Will Stone

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Nicola Ackerman
Harold & Shirley Bost
Timothy Boyer
Fred Connelly
Bob Cumming
Marinell Davidson
Jackson Dimmock
Beth Fountain
Marylyn Huff and family
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg)
Cheryl Hartman (friend of Vivian Hare)
Andrea McCallum and family (daughter of Jane &
Hugh Alexander)
Meg (friend of Vivian Hare), leukemia
Kitty Neil
Bob Peel and family
Margaret Rada
Peggy Rada
Ellen Ramsey
Lila Ray
Pat Rogers (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer
Judy Shillinglaw
Herb Smith
Goody Thomas (brother of Nancy Thomas), cancer
Rosemarie Wanamaker (friend of the Tutterows)
Mary Jo Wright

We also lift up in prayer...

All Western NC agencies, construction crews, and
volunteers involved in search, rescue, recovery, and
reconstruction

U.S. election officials

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

And all the peoples of, or in:

Afghanistan

Displaced Armenians

Azerbaijan

Bangladesh (instability and violence)

Burkina Faso (atrocities)

Central Europe (flood disaster)

Cuba

Ethiopia

Eritrea

Gabon

Gaza

Guatemala

Guinea

Haiti

Honduras

Iran

Iraq

Israel

Kenya

Lebanon

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
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 nine volunteer "carpenters," Mark & Kat Achtemeier, Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Bryant McEntire, Eric Nichols, William Pender, Anne Seaman, and Jody Welker, who stand ready to be of help! These folks 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., or even minor electrical and plumbing issues. 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!



**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.**

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.**

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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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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