



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

October 8, 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.

***"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

Calendar of In-Person Events Suspended Indefinitely

We are moving all our activity to online and possibly other forums until it is safe and healthy, for us and for the community, for people to return and for institutions to resume operation in Montreat.

Crews, staff, and volunteers are continuing their

noble work in Montreat and the surrounding areas.

**Any committee needing to set up a Zoom meeting,
please contact the church office.
office@montreatchurch.org.**

**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.**

MPC Worship Online This Sunday

**This Sunday morning, Oct. 13, a link for a home
worship service will be distributed to MPC
members and friends. If you are receiving the
Memo, you will receive the service.**

Conditions in Montreat

Astounding work is being done, and we commend the people who are doing it and give thanks to God for the tremendous progress. Meanwhile, water in Montreat very much needs to be conserved, and is under a strict boil order for households that have it. As of this writing, parts of some roads remain impassable; some homes remain without power and/or water; communication and internet availability are limited and spotty at best; and human and other resources are stretched thin (Town, Conference Center, etc.).

Going Forward

We will review the situation again next week and

decide whether to repeat the same pattern for worship on Oct. 20.

For the *very* near term, online worship will be our default expectation, as we continue to review conditions weekly.

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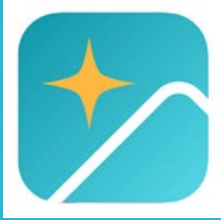


*The Olson Huff Service of Celebration of Life
and Witness to God's Love
scheduled for Saturday, October 26
in Anderson Auditorium
has been postponed.
A new date will be announced later.*

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

*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](#)**.

A Further Word on Contributions

Those who would like to contribute to recovery efforts in Montreat and the wider region **may donate financially online** through a link found on the Montreat Presbyterian Church website's homepage ([click here](#)).

When friends from other places say they are gathering supplies to bring, you may wish to encourage them--with gratitude for their kindness and generosity--to be in touch with a specific agency to be sure that what they are bringing is what is needed and useful, can get directly to where it's needed, and won't complicate the already

challenging logistics for overburdened agencies. In many instances, monetary contributions are a much more urgent, relevant, and immediately useful gift.

MPC itself is not currently a hub of goods distribution, and some other churches which have been heroic in that regard are beginning, or trying, to wind down that phase of their recovery ministries.



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

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

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!

Oct 8 Martha Campbell
Oct 11 Anne Stone
Oct 14 Lucy Dusthimer
Oct 15 Robert Hare
Oct 15 John Kipp
Oct 15 Nancy Midgette
Oct 17 Mary Standaert
Oct 17 Callum Trump
Oct 20 Steve Carter
Oct 24 Mary Brueggemann
Oct 24 Gary Henschen
Oct 25 Bob Montgomery
Oct 26 Isaac Dimmock
Oct 26 Charlene Woods
Oct 27 Betty Henderson
Oct 28 Olivia Lamotte
Oct 29 Willa Roberts
Oct 30 Hannah Kirschner
Oct 30 Susanne Query
Oct 30 Beth Ariss-Smith

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

The Montreat Presbyterian Church family

is in prayer for...

JoElla Bennett's great-grandson, serious health issue
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)
Bill Elderbrock (father of Lisa Rome) and family
Jack Gilliland
Brad Hestir
Marylyn Huff and family
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg)
Andrea McCallum and family (daughter of Jane & Hugh Alexander)
Meg (friend of Vivian Hare), leukemia
Kitty Neil, hospitalized
Bob Peel and family
Margaret Rada
Peggy Rada
Ellen Ramsey, under Hospice care
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), lung cancer treatments

We also lift up in prayer...

Florida

Displaced persons
All Western NC agencies, construction crews, and
volunteers involved in search, rescue, recovery, and
reconstruction
Carolina Beach, NC and all other areas impacted by
storms and flooding
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
All who are traveling

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!



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@montreachurch.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



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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