

"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

November 5, 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., 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

Tues., November 12
2:00 P.M.

Finance Committee Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Tues., November 12
5:00 P.M.

Mission Committee Meeting
Swannanoa Room & Zoom

Thurs., November 14
3:30 P.M.

E & M Committee Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Sun., November 17
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., November 17
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Tues., November 19
10:00 A.M.

Presbyterian Women's Circle
Upper Anderson

Tues., November 19
4:00 P.M.

Session Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Wed., November 20
5:45 P.M.

Church Dinner
Upper Anderson

Sun., November 24
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., November 24
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Thurs., November 28
11:00 A.M.

Thanksgiving Service
Upper Anderson

Thursday & Friday,
November 28 & 29

Church Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sun., December 1
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
1st Sunday of Advent
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., December 1
11:30 A.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Sun., December 1
3:00 P.M.

Service for June Peel
Upper Anderson

Contemplative Service
Wednesday, November 6, 5:30-6:00 P.M.
Upper Anderson



**A contemplative, music-only service
will be held in Upper Anderson
Wednesday, November 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 at 5:45 P.M.**

Our planned October Stewardship Season is being condensed into a few weeks in November; Nov. 20 will be a celebration dinner.

In keeping with our status as an Earth Care Congregation, we encourage people to bring and take home washable tableware if possible.

More Worship Updates

Sunday, November 17, 10:00 A.M.

We welcome Dr. **William Yoo**, Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher, with Keith Grogg as our liturgist. William is a board member of the Montreat Conference Center.

Thanksgiving Day, 11:00 A.M.

We will hold the community Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 A.M. in Upper

Anderson. The service generally lasts just under 30 minutes and is a great time to pause with members of the community, including visitors in town for the long weekend, and acknowledge the blessings of our lives. The service is designed to allow any who will be participating in the [Thanksgiving dinner at Assembly Inn](#) to be there in plenty of time.

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!**

Thank You, Elders-Elect!

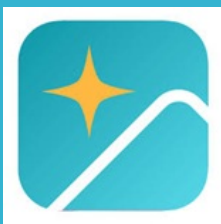
Anne Stone and **Ginny Soll** were unanimously elected to the Session in Sunday's congregational meeting. Congratulations and thanks to them, as well as to our returning elders John Casper, Ellen

Henschen, Lisa Rome, and George Sawyer; to the two who are concluding their terms, Lynn Gilliland and Gracie Nichols; and to our clerk, Ellen Dean. We are grateful to God for these and many other faithful, dedicated servants!



*The Service for June Peel
will be held **Sunday, December 1, 2024**
at 3:00 P.M. in Upper Anderson.*

*The Olson Huff Celebration of Life
and Witness to God's Love
will be held **Saturday, May 17, 2025**
at 11:00 A.M. in Anderson Auditorium.*



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.

Montreat Presbyterian Church supports



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!

Nov 5 Ann 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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