



WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO



THE E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

December 31, 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., January 1

Church Office Closed
Happy New Year!

Sun., January 5
11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
Install & Ordain New Elders
Special 11:00 start time for
Jan. 5 service only
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., January 5
after worship

Session Retreat
Gilliland home

Thurs., January 9
3:30 P.M.

E & M Committee Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Sun., January 12
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., January 12
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Wed., January 15
5:45 P.M.

Church Dinner
Upper Anderson

Sun., January 19
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., January 19
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Tues., January 21
4:00 P.M.

Stated Session Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Sun., January 26
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
Annual Congregation Meeting
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., January 26
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

At our invitation, **the MRA is using the Swannanoa Room for the College Conference for the entirety of this week.** The room will be available to us again this Sunday morning for Bible Story Time and nursery.

Please always consult the church office for scheduling meetings and events in the Swannanoa Room.

**Later Start Time for Worship
This Sunday: 11:00 A.M.**

**Sunday, January 5, 2025
11:00 A.M.**

(Special start time for this Sunday only)

Sunday Worship

**Communion
Installation of Elders
Second Sunday of Christmas**

Upper Anderson and livestream

Holy Communion and the Installation of Elders will be celebrated in worship this Sunday, the last day of the 2024-25 Christmas season and the first Sunday of the new year. Please note the unusual start time.

We will resume meeting at our normal time the following Sunday.

Thanks to Our Elders and Elders-Elect!

Our Worship Service this Sunday, January 5, will begin at 11:00 A.M. (We will resume our usual 10:00 start time the following week.)

The January 5 service will include the installation of our two new session members, elders **Ginny Soll** and **Anne Stone**. They succeed **Lynn Gilliland** and **Gracie Nichols**, who have served faithfully and with great distinction. Lynn will continue to hold the office of treasurer, and Gracie will continue to chair the Fellowship Committee, into 2025.

Other officers and committee chairs for the new year will be formalized at the annual session retreat which will be held immediately following next week's service.

We give prayerful thanks to God for all officers, committee leaders, session members, and volunteers!

Church Dinner Wednesday, January 15



All are welcome to join us for a church family dinner on Wednesday evening, January 15 at 5:45 in Upper Anderson!

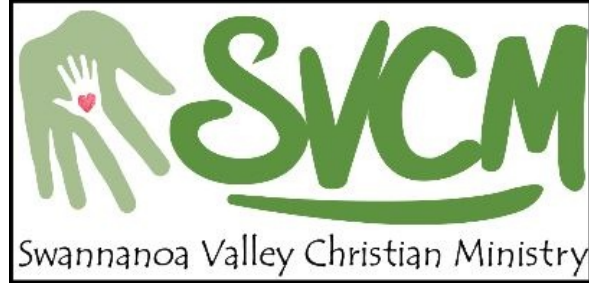
More details to follow. Friends, neighbors, and family are always welcome!

New Member Conversations

Montreat Presbyterian Church has a number of different membership categories available, some traditional and some non-traditional, in order to include all the members of our church family, including seasonal residents, clergy, and others.

In the coming weeks, the pastor will be having conversations with anyone who is interested in, or perhaps just curious about, membership at MPC. If you have not yet indicated a desire to have that conversation but would like to do so, please contact [Pastor Keith Grogg](#), and we'll go from there!





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is a link
to the **SVCM** website.

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from SVCM,
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to visit their Facebook page.**

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!

Jan 2 Eade Anderson
Jan 7 Marinell Davidson
Jan 7 Kathy Horowitz
Jan 11 Eric Nichols
Jan 13 Rebecca Moss
Jan 15 Brown McCallum

Jan 15 Eve Carter
Jan 19 Savannah Parker
Jan 19 Sara Scarborough
Jan 19 Robin Tutterow
Jan 20 Peggy Rada
Jan 23 Katie Pagan
Jan 24 Coris Gambrell
Jan 29 Clare Frist

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

*Our deepest love and sympathy surround
Laura Wolfe and her family
in the death of her mother,
Louise Wolfe, just before Christmas.*

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

Nicola Ackerman (Hank & Mell's daughter-in-law),
cancer
Eade Anderson, shingles
Harold & Shirley Bost
Timothy Boyer
Fred Connelly
Bob Cumming
Marinell Davidson
Hal Demarest, adjusting to pacemaker
Jackson Dimmock
Bob Horowitz, recovering after hip replacement
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
Henry Neale
Kitty Neil
Jean Norris, hospitalized over Christmas
Heath, Peggy, and Margaret Rada
Ellen Ramsey
Lila Ray
Peggy Roberson (sister of Lila Ray)
Pat Rogers (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer
Jack & Phyllis Sadler
Judy Shillinglaw
Gene Shuford
Goody Thomas (brother of Nancy Thomas), cancer
Rosemarie Wanamaker (friend of the Tutterows)
Christina Tutterow
Laura Wolfe, in the death of her mother, Louise

We also lift up in prayer...

Everyone for whom the holidays are difficult
Unhoused people facing winter weather
All Western NC agencies, construction crews, and
volunteers involved in search, rescue, recovery, and
reconstruction
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 recovery

And all the peoples of:

Afghanistan

Displaced Armenians

Azerbaijan

Bangladesh (instability and violence)

Burkina Faso (atrocities)

Cuba

Ethiopia

Eritrea

Gabon

Gaza

Guatemala

Guinea

Haiti

Honduras

Iran

Iraq

Israel

Kenya

Lebanon

Libya

Malawi

Mali

Morocco

Niger

Nigeria (famine)

North Korea

Papua New Guinea (landslide)

Peru

Russia

The Sahel region of West Africa

South Korea

South Sudan

Spain (floods)
Sudan (genocide and displacement)
Syria
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
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

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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)
Elders-Elect: Ginny Soll and Anne Stone (2027)

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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