



January 14, 2025



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

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| Tues., January 14 5:00 P.M. | Mission Committee Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room</i> |
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| Wed., January 15 5:45 P.M. | Church Dinner <i>Upper Anderson</i> |
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| Sun., January 19 10:00 A.M. | Sunday Worship Service <i>Upper Anderson & livestream</i> |
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| Sun., January 19 1:30 P.M. | Choir Rehearsal <i>Upper Anderson</i> |
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| Tues., January 21 | Women's Circle |
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10:00 A.M.

Upper Anderson

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

Stated Session Meeting
Zoom

**Wed., January 22
6:00 P.M.**

Taize Service
Upper Anderson

**Thurs., January 23
10:00 A.M.**

**Christian Education
Committee**
Swannanoa Room & Zoom

**Sat., January 25
9:00 A.M.**

Presbytery Meeting
*Brevard-Davidson River
Presbyterian Church*

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

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

**Sun., January 26
after worship**

**Annual Congregation
Meeting**
Upper Anderson

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

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

**Thank you, MRA/Montreat
Conference Center!**

Montreat Presbyterian Church is profoundly grateful for the generosity of our mission and ministry partners the **Montreat Conference Center**, who are making **Upper Anderson available to us for some February events** which ordinarily would have been

held in the Walkup Building (also thanks to MRA's kind hospitality).

It is not yet possible to determine how long Walkup will be unavailable due to its continuing use as a critical staging point for Helene recovery efforts.

MPC programs in February and beyond, made possible by the use of Upper Anderson, will include some of our Montreat Wednesdays, church family dinners, and Taize worship services.

Montreat Wednesdays Resuming in February!

The revised schedule of Montreat Wednesday offerings will be announced shortly, with programs **beginning on Wednesday, February 5 at 4:00 P.M. in Upper Anderson.** Watch this space for the Montreat Wednesday calendar and details!

Church Dinner Wednesday, January 15 5:45 P.M., Upper Anderson



All are welcome to join us for a church family

dinner this Wednesday evening, **January 15 at 5:45 P.M. in Upper Anderson!**

Bring food to share, friends, family, neighbors, colleagues - or just come as you are!

In keeping with our Earth Care values, we encourage people to bring washable tableware if possible.

Presbyterian Women

All ladies are invited to join us on **Tuesday, January 21 at 10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson.** Marylyn Huff will teach Lesson 5 on Air Quality from the book *Let Justice Roll Down*.

We will also be preparing Valentine's gift boxes for college students who are children of members of MPC. If you would like to contribute popcorn, cocoa mix, cider mix, granola bars, candy that travels well, etc. Please bring items on the 21st. We prepare these in cooperation with the Christian Education Committee.

Taizé Service
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:00 P.M.
Upper Anderson



**Montreat Presbyterian Church and
The Montreat Conference Center
welcome all to a prayer service
in the contemplative style of**

Taizé worship

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025
6:00 P.M. in Upper Anderson**

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!



Our beloved **Olson Huff** was the subject of an extraordinarily beautiful remembrance by Marylyn & Olson's son, David Huff, which appeared recently in the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Click to read the inspiring article "[Time Spent Hiking with My Father Olson Huff: Memories of Connection with Nature.](#)"

*A service for Olson will be held
in Anderson Auditorium
on Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 A.M.*



Our own **Ann DuPre Rogers** and her organization, MPC partner ministry Resources for Resilience, are featured in this national NPR story from a few days ago: "[After Helene's Floods, North Carolina Tries to Tame Trauma's Lasting Damage.](#)"

Ann DuPre was also asked to join CNN This Morning Weekend to discuss the mental health effects of the devastating California wildfires; see the interview segment [at this link](#).



Martin Luther King Prayer Gathering Saturday, February 8

The 2025 MLK prayer gathering will be held Saturday morning, February 8 at St James Episcopal Church in Black Mountain. All are welcome! More details to come.

A community choir, including members of MPC's choir, has begun practicing together under the direction of Mills Chapel Baptist Church's Bobby Stafford in preparation for the service.



Thank You

With an eye on celebrating generosity, sharing good news, and keeping our church family informed about the results of our congregational mission giving, we will be sharing more frequent reports and updates on our stewardship of resources in this section in the coming months.

The final totals are in for our **Alternative Gifts** this past Christmastime (the cards that are made available to let family and friends know that a gift to selected mission partners has been made in their honor). Members and friends of Montreat Presbyterian Church contributed the following to three such mission partners at the end of 2024:

\$1,300 for Bethesda Clinic in Haiti

\$1,270 for Montana de Luz in Honduras

\$1,530 for the Collins Early Learning Center

Thank you to all who were able to participate this year! That's \$4,100 in total giving through this special offering program alone (which is in addition to budgeted and other gifts through which we also support these most worthy partners). Alternative Christmas Gifts are an annual feature at MPC, so look for similar opportunities this fall!

K.G.



**Montreat Conference Center's
First Community Breakfast of 2025!**
We hope you will make plans to join us this
Thursday, January 16
8:30 A.M. in the Galax Dining Room

All are welcome!



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

**For the latest information
from SVCM,**

[click here](#)
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 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 Corise Gambrell
Jan 29 Clare Frist
Feb 5 Toby Savage
Feb 8 Perry Alexander
Feb 10 John Rogers
Feb 10 Laurence Pagan
Feb 10 Milt Bigger
Feb 13 Marcia Barstow
Feb 15 Jan McRae
Feb 18 Lucile Jackson
Feb 19 Ellen Henschen
Feb 20 Bill Mills
Feb 27 Herb Smith

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Nicola Ackerman (Hank & Mell's daughter-in-law),
cancer

Eade Anderson, shingles

Elizabeth Ayscue, broken wrist

Harold & Shirley Bost

Timothy Boyer

Fred Connelly

Bob Cumming

Marinell Davidson

Hal Demarest, adjusting to pacemaker

Jackson Dimmock

Robert Garrison, knee replacement

Bob Horowitz, 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, awaiting test results

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
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.**](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



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

Ellen Henschen, Lisa Rome (2025)
John Casper, George Sawyer (2026)
Ginny Soll, Anne Stone (2027)
Clerk Ellen Dean
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

Officers & Committee Chairs, 2025

Clerk: Ellen Dean
Treasurer: Lynn Gilliland
Christian Education: Corise Gambrell
Congregational Care: Anne Stone
Earth Care Subcommittee: Hal Demarest
Evangelism & Membership: Keith Grogg (interim)
Fellowship: Gracie Nichols
Finance & Property: Dan Dean
Mission & Outreach: Skeet Ayscue
Personnel: Lynn Gilliland
Women's Circle: Corise Gambrell & Sally Woodard
Worship & Music: Lisa Rome

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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