



January 21, 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

<b>Tues., January 21</b> <b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Stated Session Meeting</b> <i>Zoom</i>
<b>Wed., January 22</b> <b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Taize Service</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Thurs., January 23</b> <b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Christian Education Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room &amp; Zoom</i>
<b>Sat., January 25</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Presbytery Meeting</b> <i>Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church</i>

**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*

**Tues., January 28**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Women's Circle**  
(re-scheduled)  
*Upper Anderson*

**Tues., January 28**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**Worship & Music Committee**  
*Zoom*

**Sun., February 2**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
Holy Communion & Daily Change  
*Upper Anderson & livestream*

**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

***(In the event of cancellation  
due to hazardous weather conditions,  
notice will be given  
by an emailed announcement  
and on MPC's Facebook page  
no later than 5:00 P.M.)***

### Presbyterian Women Circle

The January PW Circle gathering for January has been re-scheduled for **Tuesday, January 28 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 to our meeting on Jan. 28. We prepare these in cooperation with the Christian Education Committee.

Many thanks to the Montreat Conference Center for their hospitality in making the space available to us again next week.

## 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!

## 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!

## 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:

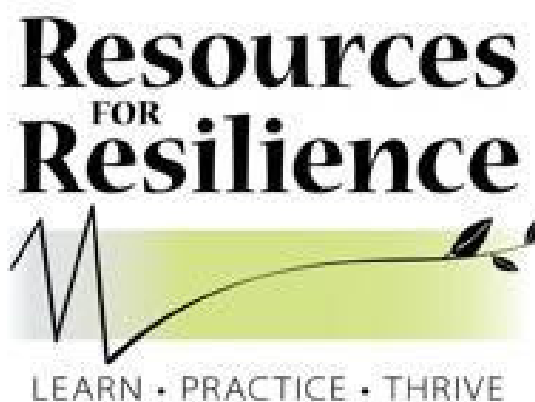
\$1,300 for Bethesda Clinic in Haiti

\$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!

*Jan. 14, 2025*



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](#).



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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](mailto: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 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

*Congregational Care Committee*

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## Our Church Family Prayer List

*Our deepest love and sympathy surround Jane  
and all the family and friends of  
Victor Wilson,*



*who died peacefully on Sunday, January 19.  
A celebration of Victor's life will be held  
at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 8, 2025  
at Tryon Presbyterian Church in Tryon, NC.*

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

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

Eade Anderson  
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, non-invasive breast cancer  
Laura Wolfe, in the death of her mother, Louise

**We also lift up in prayer...**

LA fire victims  
Unhoused people facing winter weather  
Western NC  
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.*

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## **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!

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## PWNC Newsletter

Click the image below  
to find the latest news from PWNC!



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**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](mailto: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](http://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

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## 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](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org).**

**Responses intended for the director of music may be sent to [music@montreatchurch.org](mailto:music@montreatchurch.org).**

Midweek, pre-recorded online prayer services are ordinarily issued on Tuesday evenings near sunset.

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**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon**



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