



THE MONTREAT MEMO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA



April 15, 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

Tues., April 15
4:00 P.M.

Session Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Thurs., April 17
7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday Service
with Holy Communion
Upper Anderson

Fri., April 18
12:00 noon

Good Friday Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., April 20

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 A.M.

Easter Sunday

Upper Anderson & livestream

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received
Holy Communion will be celebrated

Mon., April 21

Office Closed

Tues., April 22
10:00 A.M.

**Presbyterian Women's
Circle**
Walkup Building

Tues., April 22
4:30 P.M.

Worship & Music Committee
Swannanoa Room

Wed., April 23
4:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Walkup Building

Thurs., April 24
10:00 A.M.

**Christian Education
Committee**
Swannanoa Room

Fri., April 25
1:00 P.M.

**Congregational Care
Committee**
Swannanoa Room

Sun., April 27
10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service
Upper Anderson & livestream

Sun., April 27
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Wed., April 30
4:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Walkup Building

Holy Week Services

This Wednesday, April 16, the Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association's last **Wednesday noon worship service** of this year's cycle will be held at Black Mountain United Methodist Church, 101 Church Street, Black Mountain.

The Open Table ministry, held each Wednesday at BMUMC, is keeping its doors open an additional half hour so that those who attend the service may also join the community for lunch afterward.

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Maundy Thursday Service

*observing the institution
of the Lord's Supper*

**This Thursday, April 17
7:00 P.M.**

Upper Anderson

Good Friday Service

*commemorating
the crucifixion of Christ*

**This Friday, April 18
12:00 noon**

Upper Anderson & livestream

Easter Sunday Service

celebrating the resurrection of Jesus!

**Sunday, April 20
10:00 A.M.**

**Presbyterian Women Montreat Circle
will meet Tuesday, April 22 at 10:00 A.M.
in the Walkup Building**

The lesson is on intergenerational justice, and we will focus on women in the Old Testament who dealt with issues of justice - both personal and intergenerational.



**Montreat
Wednesday**

**Montreat Wednesday
programs will resume
next Wednesday, April 23**

**MPC presents a two-part series
April 23 and April 30
in the Walkup Building
led by Christina Tutterow**

**April 23 - Hidden in Plain Sight:
The Biblical Disability We Have Overlooked**

Let's shift our attention from what we *know* about those with disabilities in the pages of our Bibles to

see four prominent Biblical characters in a new light.

**April 30 - Church Speak:
Communicating Accessibility, Inclusion, and
Solidarity**

The Church and its membership communicate verbally and nonverbally on a regular basis. We'll spend our evening together talking about ways we, both personally and corporately, can improve our messaging to those living with disability.

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**Refreshments at 3:45 P.M.
Program 4:00-5:00 P.M.
All are welcome!**

**You are invited to the
The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical
Society Spring Tour in Iredell/Rowan Counties
Friday & Saturday, April 25-26.**

Two speakers will discuss the Scots-Irish Presbyterians who flooded into the Yadkin Valley in the 18th century, and we will visit four of their churches. The tour will begin at Thyatira Church in Rowan County.

For more information and schedule
see the NC Presbyterian Historical Society

[newsletter](#) or email

[Don McLeod](#), Program Chairman



Montaña de Luz

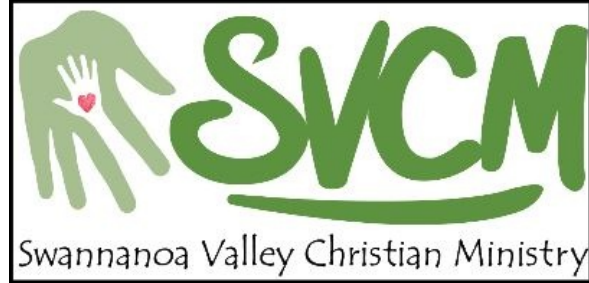
MPC will send a delegation to Montaña de Luz,
our mission partners in Honduras,
June 18-25, 2025.

HIV Testing Kits Urgently Needed: How You Can Help

Among the challenges connected with the sudden pause of USAID is the devastating effect of HIV in Honduras, especially on children, and the imminent loss of their ability to provide for crucial HIV testing. Anyone can visit a website that offers [two free HIV testing kits](#) per person per quarter (click on the underlined link).

Skeet and the team will take as many HIV testing kits as they can. Skeet will have a basket at worship services where unopened HIV testing kits can be donated.





The SVCM icon is a link to the SVCM website.

[SVCM 2024 Annual Report](#)

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



Hope For Tomorrow

The Mission Committee has begun setting up our apartment in Hope For Tomorrow for a new family.

Many thanks to those of you who have already offered to purchase items or who have contributed cash.

Please contact [Nancy Midgette](#) if you would like the most recent list of needs.

Cash is also welcome. Make a check out to MPC and put Hope for Tomorrow in the memo line.

We are eager to meet our new family and want the apartment to be awesome!



Click on this link for the
[BMCC 2024 Annual Report](#)

Montreat Presbyterian Church supports



(Click on the logo for the Helpmate site)

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!

Apr 16 Joan Deifell
Apr 16 Genie Sullivan
Apr 18 Ginny Brand
Apr 20 Bonnie Shoemaker
Apr 21 Amanda Rowe
Apr 21 Mell Ackerman
Apr 22 Ashley Gray
Apr 22 John Welker
Apr 25 Maggie Lauterer
Apr 27 Neal Lloyd
Apr 28 Jim Weyman
May 5 Grace Nichols
May 6 Bob Horowitz
May 8 Beth Fountain
May 10 Ann Neel
May 11 Vivian Hare
May 11 Kat Achtemeier
May 12 Jane Alexander
May 12 Skeet Ayscue
May 13 Mark Crawford
May 14 Wanda Neely
May 15 Peter Boggs
May 15 Bob Shaw

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

*Our love and sympathy surround and embrace
Phyllis and the family and friends
of Jack Sadler*

*(service information will be shared
as it is confirmed),*

*and Marylyn and the family and friends
of Olson Huff, whose service
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...**

Sallie Ackerman (Hank's sister), hospitalized
Harold & Shirley Bost
Timothy Boyer
Mary Brueggemann
Fred Connelly
Bob Cumming
Marinell Davidson
Hal Demarest
Jackson Dimmock
Katalina Echavarri (niece of Lynn Gilliland)
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg)
Cheryl Hartman (friend of Vivian Hare)
Bob Horowitz, recovering after hip replacement
Marylyn Huff and family
Andrea McCallum and family (daughter of Jane &
Hugh Alexander)
Susanne McCaskill, recovering after hip
replacement surgery
Henry Neale
Kitty Neil
The Rada family
Ellen Ramsey
Lila Ray
Pat Rogers (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer
Phyllis Sadler and family

Meg Samuels (friend of Vivian Hare), leukemia
Judy Shillinglaw
Gene Shuford
Goody Thomas (brother of Nancy Thomas), cancer
Christina Tutterow
Rosemarie Wanamaker (friend of the Tutterows)

We also lift up in prayer...

Firefighters, shelter operators, volunteers, and all
who are affected by WNC wildfires
Ministries and organizations that seek to bring
people together and work for peace and justice
U.S. government, citizens, elected officials, and
public servants
Federal aid recipients, federal agencies, and federal
employees, especially those whose funding or
positions have been or are being abruptly terminated
Vulnerable populations within the U.S.
Western NC and the many people sending
contributions and work trips to help with post-Helene
recovery
Church personnel, in Louisville and on the mission
field, whose positions have been eliminated, and the
administrative committees who have had to make
difficult choices
Bayonnais, Haiti
Victims of gun violence, human trafficking, domestic
violence, and hunger
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 environment

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...***

Robert Gamble, executive director, [This Child Here](#)
(Ukraine), a validated ministry in the Presbytery of
Western North Carolina

Doug Dicks, formerly Israel & Palestine, now Global
Ecumenical Liaison

Frank & Nancy Dimmock

Elmarie Parker, former Mission Co-worker in the
Middle East

Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner
congregation in Scotland

Cathy Chang, former 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 several volunteer "carpenters," Mark & Kat Achtemeier, Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Bryant McEntire, Eric Nichols, 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!



**PWNC invites you to use this daily Lent devotional;
Lament & Hope after Helene: A Lenten Devotional**

**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.

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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