



# THE MONTREAT MEMO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA



**April 22, 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 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**

**Christian Education**

**10:00 A.M.**

**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*

**Thurs., May 1  
3:30 P.M.**

**Evangelism & Membership  
Committee**

*Swannanoa Room*

**Sun., May 4  
10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship Service**

Holy Communion observed  
Daily Change Offering received  
*Upper Anderson & livestream*

**Sun., May 4  
1:30 P.M.**

**Choir Rehearsal**

*Upper Anderson*

**Sun., May 11  
10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship Service**

*Upper Anderson & livestream*

**Sun., May 11  
1:30 P.M.**

**Choir Rehearsal**

*Upper Anderson*

**Tues., May 13**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Finance Committee**  
*Swannanoa Room*

**Tues., May 13**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Mission Committee**  
*Swannanoa Room*

**Wed., May 14**  
**5:45 P.M.**

**Church & Community Dinner**  
*Upper Anderson*

**Sat., May 17**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**Olson Huff Service**  
*Anderson Auditorium*

**Sun., May 18**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
Pentecost Offering received  
*Upper Anderson & livestream*

**Sun., May 18**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Upper Anderson*

**Happy**  
**Administrative**  
**Professionals**  
**Week**  
**and THANK YOU**  
**BONNIE SHOEMAKER**  
**from**  
**Montreat Presbyterian Church!**

And thanks to all of the administrative professionals at Montreat Conference Center and in ALL of our partner and neighbor ministries who do so much to help make the Church's mission of loving service and worship effective.



## Montreat Wednesday

**Montreat Wednesday**  
programs resume this week  
on Wednesday, April 23

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

4:00 P.M. in the beautifully refurbished Walkup  
Building

**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 time together talking about ways we, both personally and corporately, can improve our messaging to those living with disability.

## Refreshments & Community at 3:45 P.M.

**Program 4:00-5:00 P.M.**

**All are welcome!**

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**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.



## 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!



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.**

Black Mountain  
COUNSELING CENTER



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](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!



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  
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.,*

*and Phyllis and the family and friends  
of Jack Sadler, whose service  
will be held in Upper Anderson  
on Saturday, August 16 at 2:00 P.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)  
Bob Hare, hospitalized, blood pressure issue  
Cheryl Hartman (friend of Vivian Hare)  
Susan Haws in the death of her father  
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...**

Western NC and the many people sending contributions, work trips, and prayers to help with post-Helene recovery

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.

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  
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 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](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.

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## 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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