



# THE MONTREAT MEMO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA



**April 8, 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 8**  
5:00 P.M.

**Mission Committee**  
*Swannanoa Room*

**Wed., April 9**  
5:45 P.M.

**Church & Community**  
**Covered Dish Dinner**  
*Upper Anderson*

**Thurs., April 10**  
3:30 P.M.

**E & M Committee**  
*Swannanoa Room*

**Sun., April 13**

**Sunday Worship Service**

10:00 A.M.

**Palm Sunday**

*Upper Anderson & livestream*

**Sun., April 13**  
1:30 P.M.

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Upper Anderson*

**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 P.M.

**Good Friday Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

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

**Sunday Worship Service**  
**Easter Sunday**

One Great Hour of Sharing  
offering

Holy Communion

*Upper Anderson & livestream*

**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**  
Christina Tutterow  
*Walkup Building*

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

Christian Education Committee  
*Walkup Building*

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

Sunday Worship Service  
*Upper Anderson & livestream*

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

Choir Rehearsal  
*Upper Anderson*

**Wednesday Noon  
Community Lent Services  
through April 16**

**Wednesday, April 9 and 16**, the Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association will host two more **short midweek worship services starting at 12:00 P.M.** 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 services may also join the community for lunch afterward.

**Church Dinner  
Wednesday, April 9 at 5:45 P.M.  
Upper Anderson**



**Bring food to share, friends, family, neighbors, colleagues - or just come as you are!  
Gather at 5:45 P.M. with dinner at 6:00 P.M.**

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

## **Special Services During Lent**

**Palm Sunday** (this Sunday, April 13) is the last Sunday in Lent and the beginning of a series of days traditionally called Holy Week. Our **10:00 A.M. worship** will reflect and commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and journey to the cross.

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MPC's **Maundy Thursday** service will be held in **Upper Anderson** on **April 17** at **7:00 P.M.**

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MPC will host a **Good Friday** service on **Friday, April 18** at **12:00 P.M.** in **Upper Anderson.**



# Montreat Wednesday

## Montreat Wednesday programs will resume 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**

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

Refreshments at 3:45 P.M.  
Program 4:00-5:00 P.M.

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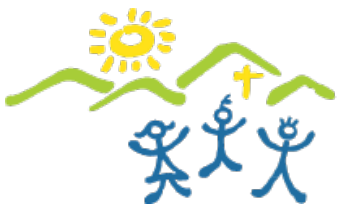
### *Upcoming Wednesdays*

*On April 9, MPC will host a church & community dinner at 5:45 P.M. in Upper Anderson.*

*April 16 is in Holy Week, and we welcome all to the noon service at Black Mountain United Methodist*

*Church that day, as well as our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services in Upper Anderson.*

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## Montaña de Luz

**MPC will send another delegation to Montaña de Luz, our mission partners in Honduras, June 18-25, 2025!** Financial assistance is available. Please let [Skeet Ayscue](#) know if you are interested (the sooner the better, regarding costs).

### **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.

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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.



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

## Montreat Presbyterian Church supports



### 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 8 Logan Barnette  
Apr 8 Jean Norris  
Apr 9 Ann Herring  
Apr 10 Jason Trump  
Apr 11 Joan Murchison  
Apr 11 Carlton Wilde  
Apr 14 Bob Cumming  
Apr 14 Anne Seaman  
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

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

*Our love and sympathy surround and embrace  
Phyllis and all the family and friends  
of R. Jackson "Jack" Sadler,  
who died this morning after a long illness.  
Service information, and needs of the family,  
will be shared as they become available.*

*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...**

Harold & Shirley Bost  
Timothy Boyer  
Mary Brueggemann, home after hospitalization  
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 (hip replacement)  
Henry Neale  
Kitty Neil  
The Rada family  
Ellen Ramsey  
Lila Ray  
Pat Rogers (friend of Keith Grogg), cancer  
Phyllis Sadler and family, in the death of Jack on April 8  
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  
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!

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## 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**

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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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