

THE MONTREAT MEMO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA



May 13, 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., 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.

Covered Dish 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
Last Sunday service of 2024-25
worship year in Upper Anderson
Upper Anderson & livestream

Tues., May 20
11:00 A.M.

**Presbyterian Women's Circle
Luncheon**
Walkup Building

Tues., May 20
4:00 P.M.

Session
Swannanoa Room

Thurs., May 22
10:00 A.M.

Christian Education Comm.
Swannanoa Room

Sun., May 25
11:00 A.M.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service
Anderson Auditorium

Mon., May 25
Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Sun., June 1
10:30 A.M.

MRA/MPC/BMPC
Summer Worship Series
*Anderson Auditorium &
livestream*



Wednesday, May 14, in 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 ideals, we encourage people
to bring washable tableware if possible.



Service for Olson Huff This Saturday, May 17, 11:00 A.M. Anderson Auditorium

*Our love and sympathy
surround and embrace
Marylyn and the family and friends of
Olson Huff,
whose service
will be held
this **Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 A.M.**
in **Anderson Auditorium.***

*A reception will follow
in the Anderson lobby.*

Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, May 20 | **11:00 A.M.** | Walkup Building.

Please note the time change.

This is our annual salad luncheon. Please bring a salad to share. There will not be a lesson, just time to share as we prepare for the summer months.

Bring a friend and join us for lunch and time together!

Legacy Committee

Through an initiative of the Finance Committee, endorsed by the Session of MPC, a Legacy Committee has been formed. The purpose of this committee is to emphasize the importance of the stewardship of accumulated assets and build the church endowment. Placing the church in an estate plan and providing perpetual support for the ministry and mission of Montreat Presbyterian Church can be, for some, an opportunity for people of faith to express their spiritual values.

Members of the committee are Elizabeth Ayscue, Mary Donnelly, Jim Henderson, Bob Horowitz, and Will Stone. Dan Dean, Lynn Gilliland, and Keith Grogg are advisors to the committee.



The Kirkin' o' the Tartan



The Montreat Scottish Society presents
The Kirkin' o' the Tartan,
a Presbyterian service of worship
in Anderson Auditorium
on Sunday, May 25 at 11:00 A.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

10:15 A.M. Pipin' on the Green
Anderson Lawn

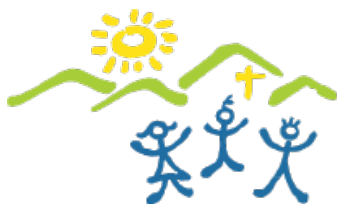
11:00 A.M. Worship Service
Anderson Auditorium

12:00 noon Luncheon
Assembly Inn
([purchase luncheon tickets here](#))

Carol Steele, preacher
Vivian Hare, organist
The Montreat Scottish Pipes & Drums
Harold Bost

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A live stream of the service
will be available
on the Montreat Presbyterian Church
YouTube page.



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

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 Ayscue and the team will have a basket at our remaining 2024-25 worship services where unopened HIV testing kits can be donated. **Thank you!**





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!



SVCM has an immediate need for

Men's Jeans - small sizes only

Women's Underwear - sizes 5 & 6 (new)

Men's Underwear - sizes small & medium (new)

Hangers for Children's Clothing

Twin Sheet Sets

Donations can be taken to
SVCM at 101 N. Ridgeway Ave., Black Mountain



All are invited to
**Hands and Feet of Asheville's
Program Celebration and Storytelling event**
Saturday, May 17, 3:00-5:00 P.M.
at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

The young adults will share personal stories
from their service year. More information [here](#).

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!

May 13 Mark Crawford
May 14 Wanda Neely
May 15 Peter Boggs
May 15 Bob Shaw
May 18 Alifa Dimmock
May 19 Peggy Ann Frank
May 19 Bill McCaskill
May 19 George Sawyer
May 20 Tom Donnelly
May 20 Peggy Williamson
May 21 Bill Roberts
May 22 Hugh Alexander
May 24 Carol Todd Thomas
May 24 Jody Welker
May 25 Karen Brown
May 29 Scarlett Parker

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.*

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
Arrington Cox, hospitalized
Bob Cumming
Marinell Davidson
Hal Demarest
Jackson Dimmock
Katalina Echavarri (niece of Lynn Gilliland)
Bob Hare, hospitalized, blood pressure issue
Cheryl Hartman (friend of Vivian Hare)
Susan Haws in the death of her father
Ann Herring and family
Marylyn Huff and family
Alun Jones (friend of Keith Grogg)
Andrea McCallum and family (daughter of Jane &
Hugh Alexander)
Susanne McCaskill, recent hip replacement
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...

All who are grieving the imminent closure of St. Andrews University (formerly St. Andrews Presbyterian College) in Laurinburg, NC
Western North Carolina and the many people sending contributions, work groups, and prayers to help with post-Helene recovery
U.S. government, citizens, elected officials, and public servants
Food-insecure populations
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., especially children subjected to terroristic enforcement tactics
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
Robert Gamble and This Child Here,
Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and gun violence
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
Kashmir (India, Pakistan)
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, formerly Israel & Palestine, now Global Ecumenical Liaison

Frank & Nancy Dimmock

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

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.

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!



**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.

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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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