

THE MONTREAT MEMO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA



May 20, 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 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*

Sun., June 8
10:30 A.M.

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

Tues., June 10
5:00 P.M.

Mission Committee
Swannanoa Room

The Legacy Committee



Montreat Presbyterian Church
(PCUSA)
The Legacy Circle

The Legacy Committee was formed to encourage the stewardship of accumulated assets and promote an endowment to enhance the church ministry and mission in future years. A key element of this effort is emphasizing planned gifts to the church at the time of death.

In 2027 the church will mark the 20th anniversary of its reaffirmation of commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is a good time to celebrate the congregation's achievements and dreams of its ministry in the future. The committee announces the creation of a Legacy Circle to record the names of those who have placed the church in their estate plan. Persons who have already made the church a beneficiary in their estate plan, or do so before 2027, will become Charter Members of the Legacy Circle.

A person of faith makes a firm statement of that faith by sharing with the church a portion of assets resulting from the many blessings of God over a lifetime. If added to endowment, the gift keeps on giving in perpetuity. As an example, we have learned of a significant distribution from the estate of Zaida Gilmore. Through her careful planning, Zaida has made sure that her love of the Lord is known, and her generous gesture will serve the church ministry now and in future years.

We thank God for leading Zaida to this example of an enduring statement of faith.

Jim Henderson for the Legacy Committee



The Kirkin' o' the Tartan



**The Montreat Scottish Society presents
The Kirkin' o' the Tartan,
a Presbyterian Service of Worship
in Anderson Auditorium
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 P.M. Luncheon
Assembly Inn
([purchase luncheon tickets here](#))**

**Carol Steele, preacher
Vivian Hare, organist
The Montreat Scottish Pipes & Drums
Harold Bost, soloist
The Montreat Presbyterian Church Harp Circle**

**A live stream of the service
will be available
on the Montreat Presbyterian Church**



We are delighted to welcome our preacher for the 2025 Kirkin' service, the Rev. Carol Steele, vice president for program at the Montreat Conference Center! Carol is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary and Davidson College. She is married to the Rev. Dwight Christenbury, and when not at work, she likes “spending

time with horses (and mules) and driving the taxi” for their teens, Kaisa and Dean. Carol cites as her primary influences her parents (Don & Kay Steele), her schools, her summer camp (Camp Hat Creek), and her kids.

Urgently Needed HIV Testing Kits Can Be Brought to Sunday Services through June 15

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 can receive donations of
unopened HIV testing kits in the Anderson**

Auditorium Lobby prior to the upcoming **Sunday worship services** up until the Sunday before our mission delegation departs for Montana de Luz, our partner ministry in Honduras, on June 18.

Thank you!



The recording of the service for Olson Huff held this past Saturday in Anderson Auditorium has been posted to the [MPC YouTube](#) page (where it will remain) and can be seen in its entirety [here](#).



For our Sunday morning worship during the summer (June 1-August 3, 2025), Montreat Presbyterian

Church joins the Montreat Conference Center for the Summer Worship Series, also welcoming our siblings from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

Each Summer Worship Series Sunday service is held in Anderson Auditorium and begins at 10:30 A.M.

The full schedule can found on the [Montreat Conference Center website](#).

From the Pastor's Desk

Though the summer brings different schedules, the Montreat Presbyterian Church staff members--office administrator Bonnie Shoemaker, pastoral visitor Lynn Bledsoe, director of music Vivian Hare, and pastor Keith Grogg--are all continuing their work.

Vivian and Keith will lead the hymn sing on June 22, 7:00 P.M. in the Assembly Inn lobby.

Keith's Sundays will include being part of the Summer Worship Series liturgical team and sharing the Good News on behalf of Montreat with some siblings and partner churches:

June 22, Reems Creek-Beech Presbyterian Church

June 29, Mills River Presbyterian Church

July 13, New Hope Presbyterian Church (teaching and preaching)

July 20, Canton Presbyterian Church



Hope For Tomorrow

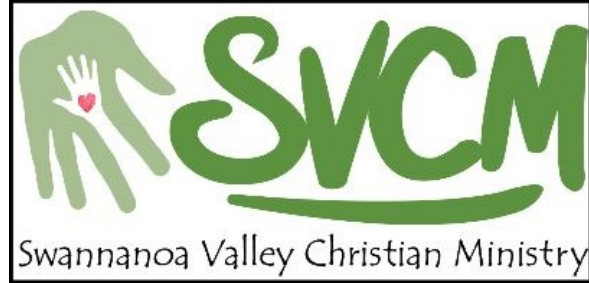
The Mission Committee has begun setting up our apartment in Hope For Tomorrow for a new family.

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**

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 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
June 4 Clara Hare
June 5 Keith Grogg
June 10 Ann DuPre Rogers
June 15 Mary Jo Wright
June 16 Linda Hobson
June 16 Kitty Neil
June 16 Anne Rogers

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

*Our love and sympathy surround and embrace
Jane and Hugh Alexander
and all their family and friends
in the death of their daughter,
Andrea Alexander McCallum.
The service will be held
Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 P.M.
at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church,
Columbia, SC.*

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)
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)
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 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

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
Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner
congregation in Scotland
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
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.

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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