

THE MONTREAT MEMO



THE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24, 2026



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., Mar. 24, 2026
4:00 P.M.

Worship & Music Committee
Swannanoa Room

Thurs., Mar. 26, 2026
10:00 A.M.

**Christian Education
Committee**
Swannanoa Room

Sat., Mar. 28, 2026
1:00 P.M.

Service for Henry Neale
*Anderson Auditorium and
livestream*

Sun., Mar. 29, 2026
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Worship
Palm Sunday
*Upper Anderson and
livestream*

Sun., Mar. 29, 2026
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Thurs., Apr. 2, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday Service
Holy Communion
Upper Anderson

Fri., Apr. 3, 2026
12:00 P.M.

Good Friday Service
Upper Anderson

Sun., Apr. 5, 2026
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Worship
Easter Sunday
*Upper Anderson and
livestream*

Wed., Apr. 8, 2026
4:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Walkup Building

Sun., Apr. 12, 2026
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Worship
*Upper Anderson and
livestream*

Sun., Apr. 12, 2026
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Tues., Apr. 14, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Mission Committee Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Wed., Apr. 15, 2026
4:00 P.M.

Montreat Wednesday
Walkup Building

Holy Week Services

Holy Week, which begins this Sunday, includes the most solemn observances of the Christian year, and is followed by Easter Sunday/Resurrection Day, our most celebratory observance, which begins seven weeks of the Easter Season.

All services will be held in Upper Anderson, and, as always, all are welcome.

Sunday, March 29, 10:00 A.M.

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday Service

Commemorating the culminating stages of Jesus' journey to the cross

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday Service

Celebrating the institution of the Lord's Supper, as Jesus gathered his disciples in the upper room for his last meal before his crucifixion

Friday, April 3, 12:00 noon

Good Friday Service

The most solemn service of the year, in which we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus

Sunday, April 5, 10:00 A.M.

Easter Sunday

The celebration of Christ's resurrection and the promise of new life for all creation!

Montreat Wednesday

**Montreat Wednesdays
will resume on April 8**

at 4:00 P.M. in the Walkup Building

**“A Magical Mystery Tour of Hospice
Philosophy and Care”
presented by Dr. Richard Deibert**

**(Third in a 5-part series on
“Matters of Life and Death”)**

Refreshments 3:45-4:00 P.M.

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

*For the complete Montreat Wednesday schedule
for spring 2026, click [here](#).*



The Presbyterian Women Meeting updates:

**April 21, with Marylyn Huff teaching
May 19, with Kat Achtemeier teaching**

10:00 A.M. in the Walkup Building



The video of Christina Tutterow's presentation "All Are Welcome" for the Presbytery of Western NC Lunch & Learn is available here:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=tFtH8qmvU7c>



SVCM has an immediate need for

(15 oz. cans) of:

Pinto, Kidney, Chili Beans

Pork ' Beans

Chef Boyardee beef ravioli/spaghetti & meatballs

Cereal

Ground Coffee

Boxed dry pasta

All purpose flour

Shampoo, Deodorant; Body Wash; Lotion

Toilet tissue

Complete list can be found [here](#)

Donations can be taken to

SVCM at 101 N. Ridgeway Ave., Black Mountain

Monday-Friday | 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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!

Mar 24 Jo Ella Bennett
Mar 26 Mary Jo Clark
Mar 26 Aletha Roper

Mar 28 Ginny Soll
Mar 29 Lila Ray
Mar 29 Phyllis Sadler
Mar 29 Susan Maffett
Mar 30 John Hare-Grogg
Mar 30 Rusty Douglas
Apr 4 Gayle Sawyer
Apr 6 Adam Engell
Apr 8 Logan Barnette
Apr 8 Ginny Porter
Apr 8 Jean Norris
Apr 9 Ann Herring
Apr 10 Jason Trump
Apr 10 Nan Van Der Puy
Apr 11 Carlton Wilde
Apr 14 Bob Cumming
Apr 14 Anne Seaman

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

*Our deepest love and sympathy
surround the family and friends
of Henry Neale,*

*whose service will be held
Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 P.M.
in Anderson Auditorium*

*with a reception to follow
in Upper Anderson.*

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**The Montreat Presbyterian Church family
is also in prayer for...**

Milt Bigger, hospitalized
Harold & Shirley Bost
Timothy Boyer
Mary Brueggemann
Jacquii Burgess (Marylyn Huff's daughter-in-law),
post-RSV/broken ribs
Nan Clarke
Fred Connelly
Bob Cumming
Marinell Davidson
Joan Deifell
Jackson Dimmock
Nancy Dimmock, broken femur
Frank Dodson
Katalina Echavarri (niece of Lynn Gilliland)
Jack Gilliland (Bill's father), CHF
Mari Gramling
Bob Hare
Cheryl Hartman (friend of Vivian Hare)
Ron Johnston (Dora Hinkle's nephew)
Joel Kirschner (Betsy's husband)
Nan Laird (sister of Mel Ackerman heart attack)
Bill Moore (former pastor of First Christian Church-
Black Mountain), cancer
The Neale family
Matt Olson (young relative of Keith Grogg),
infection requiring 24 hour dialysis
Bob Peel
Maggie Ray, recovering
after hip replacement
Pat Rogers (friend of Keith Grogg),
cancer
Meg Samuels (friend of Vivian Hare),
leukemia
Farkhunda and Elham Sarabi
(family of local friends, in Tehran)

Sara Scarborough
Judy Shillinglaw
Jeremy Shoulta
The Shuford family
Sheldon Smith
(friend of the Tutterows)
Julie Simpson
Rosemarie Wanamaker
(friend of the Tutterows)

We also lift up in prayer...

Refugees and all who are displaced
American universities
U.S. government, citizens, elected officials, and
public servants
U.S. citizens and all those being detained and/or
deported without due process
Food-insecure people
Law enforcement personnel and their families
Military personnel and their families
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.
Victims of human trafficking and domestic or
targeted violence
Those facing the challenges of aging
People with memory issues and their families
All who work on behalf of the environment
Institutions of higher education
Churches discerning their future

And all the peoples of:
Afghanistan

Displaced Armenians
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh (instability and violence)
Burkina Faso (atrocities)
Cambodia
Colombia
Cuba
Ethiopia
Eritrea
Gabon
Gaza
Guatemala
Guinea
Haiti
Honduras
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jamaica
Kashmir (India, Pakistan)
Kenya
Lebanon
Libya
Malawi
Mali
Morocco
Niger
Nigeria
North Korea
Peru
Russia
The Sahel region of West Africa
South Korea
South Sudan
Spain (floods)
Sudan (genocide and displacement)

Syria
Taiwan
Thailand
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
Venezuela
The West Bank
Yemen

***and our friends, neighbors,
and partners in ministry,
including...***

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
Doug Dicks, PC(USA) Global Ecumenical Liaison
El Refugio
Frank & Nancy Dimmock
Montreat College
Montreat Conference Center/MRA
OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti
The Presbyterian Heritage Center
Presbyterian Church of Taiwan
Presbytery of Western North Carolina
staff and volunteers
Resources for Resilience
Margery Rossi, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
Coordinator of Gun Violence Prevention
Craig & Lynn Sumey, Communitas International Staff
(Launch Scotland Leadership Team)

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry
[This Child Here](#) (Ukraine)

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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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**Click the image below
to find the latest news from PWNC!**



The Carpenters Are Here for You!

The Congregational Care Committee has several volunteer “carpenters.” Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Eric Nichols, Ashley Manson, Bryant McEntire, Anne Seaman, George Sawyer, Will Stone, Jody Welker, and Kat & Mark Achtemeier 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” like changing hard-to-reach lightbulbs, retrieving items from the attic, changing out those pesky chirping smoke alarm batteries, etc., or even helping with minor electrical and plumbing issues. You may contact them directly or reach them through their “straw boss,” [Kat Achtemeier](#).

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

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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

John Casper, George Sawyer (2026)
Ginny Soll, Anne Stone (2027)
Beth Frith, Bob Horowitz (2028)
Clerk: Ellen Dean
Moderator: Keith Grogg (pastor)

Officers & Committee Chairs, 2026

Clerk: Ellen Dean
Treasurer: Lynn Gilliland
Christian Education: Corise Gambrell
Congregational Care: Anne Stone
Earth Care Subcommittee: Hal Demarest
Evangelism & Membership: Ginny Soll & Jane Alexander
Fellowship: Beth Frith
Finance: Dan Dean
Mission & Outreach: Skeet Ayscue
Personnel: Lynn Gilliland
Property: John Casper
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 noon on Thursday 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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