

# THE MONTREAT MEMO



THE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7, 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

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  
*Upper Anderson*

**Sun., Apr. 19, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**MPC Sunday Worship**  
*Upper Anderson and  
livestream*

**Sun., Apr. 19, 2026**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Upper Anderson*

**Tues., Apr. 21, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Presbyterian Women**  
*Walkup Building*

**Tues., Apr. 21, 2026**  
**3:30 P.M.**

**Stated Session Meeting**  
*Swannanoa Room*

**Wed., Apr. 22, 2026**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**Montreat Wednesday**  
*Walkup Building*

**Sun., Apr. 26, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**MPC Sunday Worship**  
*Upper Anderson and  
livestream*

**Sun., Apr. 26, 2026**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**Choir Rehearsal**  
*Upper Anderson*

**Tues., Apr. 28, 2026**

**Presbytery of Western NC  
Meeting**  
*Anderson Auditorium*

**Wed., Apr. 29, 2026**  
**8:00 P.M.**

**Taizé Service**  
*Upper Anderson*

**MPC Partnership with Mountain  
Housing Opportunities**

Three years ago, our session set aside \$100,000 to be dedicated to alleviating the housing crisis in our community in a way, yet to be determined, that would contribute to making a meaningful, long-term impact.

With Helene having exacerbated the crisis and rearranged some of the dynamics on the ground, the 2026 session discerned that it was time to go ahead and convert this money into tangible help for people around us in dire housing circumstances.

After painstaking study and careful consideration, the session has identified [Mountain Housing Opportunities](#) as an established, highly regarded, demonstrably effective, and extremely active non-profit organization whose business is specifically to provide housing solutions for our unhoused neighbors. MPC is proud to partner with Mountain Housing Opportunities, and the session, in all of its configurations year to year (as two new elders are elected annually to the six-person team), rejoices in the faithfulness of the Montreat Presbyterian Church family.

See the formal presentation from the Easter Day service [here](#). Thanks and praise to God!

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## Montreat Wednesday

**Montreat Wednesdays  
resume this week  
on April 8 at 4:00 P.M.  
in the Walkup Building**

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

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

Do you know the difference between palliative care  
and hospice care?

What are the differences between for-profit and  
not-for-profit hospice?

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](#).***

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## **Worship This Sunday**

This Sunday, April 12, we welcome our own  
**Christina Tutterow** to the pulpit for the Second  
Sunday of Easter!

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## **Some Thank Yous**

**Thank you** for your contributions to the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering!** We have so far received a wonderful testimony of \$1822. There is still time to add to that testimony, up to and including this Sunday's worship service! Checks may be made to MPC with "OGHS" on the memo line, or you can visit our [online giving page](#) at the MPC website.

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So many people made our **Lent and Easter observances** possible, even as we also said farewell to dearly beloved and greatly missed friends and family members in services of witness to the resurrection this winter and spring.

The Fellowship Committee, Worship Committee, Livestream/sound/lighting/technical team, choir and other musicians, ushers and usher coordinators, liturgists, communion providers, table setters, Easter flower arrangers, all of our contributors, and all other leaders and participants in worship and all other aspects of our congregational life all worked together to give us the opportunity for a profound and faithful season. **Thank You, and thanks be to God**, on behalf of all of us.



## **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.**

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## **Montreat Presbyterian Church Supports**



**(Click on the logo for the Helpmate site)**

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**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 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**  
**Apr 16 Joan Deifell**  
**Apr 16 Genie Sullivan**  
**Apr 18 Ginny Brand**  
**Apr 20 Bonnie Shoemaker**  
**Apr 21 Amanda Rowe**  
**Apr 22 Mell Ackerman**  
**Apr 22 Ashley Gray**  
**Apr 22 John Welker**  
**Apr 25 Maggie Lauterer**  
**Apr 27 Neal Lloyd**  
**Apr 28 Jim Weyman**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

**The Montreat Presbyterian Church family**

## is also in prayer for...

Harold & Shirley Bost

Timothy Boyer

Mary Brueggemann

Jacquii Burgess (Marylyn Huff's daughter-in-law)

Nan Clarke

Fred Connelly

Bob Cumming

Marinell Davidson

Joan Deifell

Jackson Dimmock

Nancy Dimmock

Frank Dodson

Katalina Echavarri (niece of Lynn Gilliland)

Mari Gramling

Bob Hare

Cheryl Hartman (friend of Vivian Hare)

Kathy Horowitz, cancer treatments in Florida

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

Matt Olson (young relative of Keith Grogg),  
infection requiring 24 hour dialysis

Bob Peel

Maggie Ray

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  
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)

*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!**



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## **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](#).

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**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.

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**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**



## **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

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## MPC Weekly Communications

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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](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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**Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon**

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