

THE MONTREAT MEMO



THE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 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.

Calendar

Tues., Apr. 28, 2026
9:00 A.M.

Presbytery Meeting
Worship begins c. 9:20 A.M.
Anderson Auditorium

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

Taizé Service
Upper Anderson

Thurs., Apr. 30, 2026
10:00 A.M.

**Christian Education
Committee Meeting**
Swannanoa Room

Sun., May 3, 2026
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Worship
*Upper Anderson and
livestream*

Sun., May 3, 2026
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Jamie & Neal Lloyd home

Tues., May 5, 2026
10:00 A.M.

**Evangelism & Membership
Committee Meeting**
Swannanoa Room

Sun., May 10, 2026
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Worship
*Upper Anderson and
livestream*

Sun., May 10, 2026
1:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal
Upper Anderson

Tues., May 12, 2026
9:30 A.M.

**Congregational Care
Committee Meeting**
Swannanoa Room

Tues., May 12, 2026
2:00 P.M.

Finance Committee Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Tues., May 12, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Mission Committee Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Wed., May 13, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Covered Dish Dinner
Upper Anderson

Sun., May 17, 2026
10:00 A.M.

MPC Sunday Worship
*Upper Anderson and
livestream*

Tues., May 19, 2026
10:00 A.M.

Presbyterian Women
Walkup Building

Tues., May 19, 2026
3:30 P.M.

Stated Session Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Taizé Service
Wednesday, April 29 at 8:00 P.M.
Upper Anderson



Montreat Presbyterian Church
and the Montreat Conference Center
present a service
in the contemplative tradition of
Taizé
in Upper Anderson
on Wednesday, April 29 at 8:00 P.M.

All are welcome!

See the worship bulletin [here](#).

Covered Dish Fellowship Dinner
Wednesday, May 13 in Upper Anderson
Gather at 5:45 P.M. - Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

**Bring food to share, friends, family, neighbors,
colleagues—or just come as you are!
In keeping with our Earth Care pledge,
we encourage people to bring washable
tableware if possible.**

The Legacy Committee



Montreat Presbyterian Church
(PCUSA)
The Legacy Circle

One way to think about faith commitment is to reflect on how our congregation is addressing needs in our community and world. An extension of that commitment is to think about enabling future generations to continue and grow our tradition of outreach to the needy. We can do so by building a healthy endowment fund. As gifts to endowment are received, they will grow in value over time while making an annual distribution to support current mission and ministry. The Legacy Committee encourages practicing the stewardship of accumulated assets by directing that the church endowment fund be a beneficiary in your estate plan. Such a gift reflects your faith values, strengthens the future outreach ministry of Montreat Presbyterian Church, and demonstrates your lasting concern for those in need. Advise the church office when you take this step and you will become a Charter Member of the Legacy Circle. Contact Jim Henderson or Lynn Gilliland if you have questions.

Looking Ahead: Summer 2026 Volunteers Sought (June, July, August)

MPC provides ushers and communion servers for some Sundays of the **Summer Worship Series**. The dates and descriptions of what is needed are listed below. **Please email MPC [Pastor Keith Grogg](#) with dates you would like to usher or serve communion.**

Twelve MPC Ushers Are Needed for These Sunday Services:

June 21 (volunteers still welcome)

July 5 (volunteers still welcome)

July 26 (volunteers still welcome)

August 9 (volunteers still welcome)

Ushers meet in the Anderson Lobby at 9:50 A.M. on Sunday. They welcome worship participants at the six Anderson doors and provide bulletins (regular and large print) and children's bags. Ushers collect the offering from the front to the back of the Auditorium at the appointed time. (Ushering involves navigating the uphill slope of the auditorium floor.) **Usher volunteers receive a free lunch ticket** for the Sunday buffet in the Galax Dining Room at Assembly Inn!

Please email [Keith Grogg](#) if you would like to volunteer to usher, **and include the specific date, or dates, you are available.**

Twenty-four MPC Communion Servers

Needed on Sunday, August 2

Servers for Holy Communion meet in Anderson Auditorium at 9:30 A.M. for instruction. Elements are sometimes brought forward from the back of the Auditorium to the stage. Communion is served in pairs by intinction. **The communion date for MPC servers is Sunday, August 2.** Please email [Keith Grogg](#) if you would like to volunteer to serve communion that day.



**SVCM has an immediate need for
(15 oz. cans) of:**

**Pinto, Kidney, Chili Beans
Pork 'n 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!

Apr 28 Jim Weyman
May 5 Grace Nichols
May 6 Bob Horowitz
May 8 Beth Fountain
May 10 Ann Neel
May 11 Vivian Hare
May 11 Kat Achtemeier
May 12 Jane Alexander
May 12 Skeet Ayscue
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

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
Joel Kirschner (Betsy's husband)
Bill Moore (former pastor of First Christian Church-
Black Mountain), cancer
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
Family of Jeremy Shoulta
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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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

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

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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