

THE MONTREAT MEMO



THE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER OF MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 5, 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., May 5, 2026
2:00 P.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
following worship

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
5:45 P.M.

Covered Dish Dinner
Upper Anderson

Thurs., May 14, 2026
10:00 A.M.

**Christian Education
Committee Meeting**
Swannanoa Room

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
Upper Anderson

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

Stated Session Meeting
Swannanoa Room

Sun., May 24, 2026
11:00 A.M.

**Kirkin' o' the Tartan
Worship Service**
*Anderson Auditorium &
livestream*

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.

Presbyterian Women



The Montreat Circle of Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson. Kat Achtemeier will teach Lesson 8 on finding our identity as remember Jesus' baptism.

We will also enjoy our traditional salad potluck lunch!

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 (limited spaces remaining)

July 5 (limited spaces remaining)

July 26 (all spots covered)

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!

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

Evelyn Jarrett (mother of Esta Jarrett) recovering
from surgery
Joel Kirschner (Betsy's husband)
Bill Moore (former pastor of First Christian Church-
Black Mountain), cancer
Bob Peel
Ann Neel, recovering from wrist surgery
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.**

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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