**August 25, 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

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| **Tues., Aug. 25, 2026**<br>**10:00 A.M.** | **Congregational Care Committee**<br>*Swannanoa Room* |
| **Tues., Aug. 25, 2026**<br>**4:00 P.M.** | **Worship & Music Committee**<br>*Swannanoa Room* |
| **Tues., Aug. 25, 2026**<br>**5:45 P.M.** | **Covered Dish Dinner**<br>*Upper Anderson* |
| **Thurs., Aug. 27, 2026**<br>**10:00 A.M.** | **Christian Education Committee**<br>*Swannanoa Room* |

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| **Sun., Aug. 30, 2026**<br>**10:00 A.M.** | **MPC Sunday Worship**<br>*Upper Anderson & livestream* |
| **Sun., Aug. 30, 2026**<br>**1:30 P.M.** | **Choir Rehearsal**<br>*Upper Anderson* |
| **Tues., Sep. 1, 2026**<br>**2:00 P.M.** | **Finance Committee**<br>*Swannanoa Room* |
| **Wed., Sep. 2, 2026**<br>**8:00 P.M.** | **Taizé Worship**<br>*Upper Anderson* |
| **Fri., Sep. 4, 2026**<br>**10:30 A.M.** | **Gathering & Reception to remember Judy Shillinglaw**<br>*Upper Anderson* |
| **Sun., Sep. 6, 2026**<br>**10:00 A.M.** | **MPC Sunday Worship**<br>Jody Welker preaching<br>*Anderson Auditorium & livestream* |
| **Sun., Sep. 6, 2026**<br>**1:30 P.M.** | **Choir Rehearsal**<br>*Upper Anderson* |
| **Mon., Sep. 7, 2026** | **Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day** |

**Cpvered Dish Dinner**
**Tonight: Tuesday, August 25**

# WELCOME BACK!

**Our Church & Community**
## Covered Dish Dinner
**is being held tonight,**
**Tuesday, August 25, 2026,**
**at 5:45 P.M.**
**in Upper Anderson**

Bring your family, friends, or neighbors along with your favorite side dish or a something sweet to share. We will provide the drinks and fried chicken.

In keeping with our Earth Care ideals, we also encourage everyone to bring take-home, washable tableware if possible.

We will gather at 5:45 P.M., with dinner beginning at 6:00 P.M.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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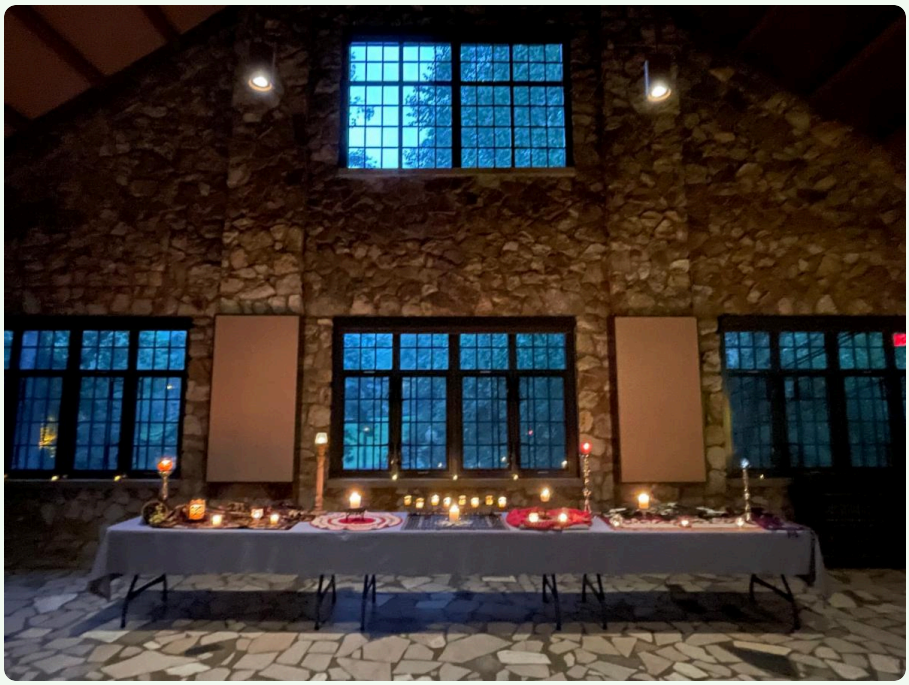
*(A misprint appeared in the announcements insert this week;* ***the dinner is happening tonight (Tuesday),*** *although this is not the customary night of the week for these kinds of events.)*

## Taizé Worship Service
## Wednesday, September 2



**Montreat Presbyterian Church**
**and the Montreat Conference Center**

*present*

**a service in Upper Anderson**
**in the contemplative tradition of**
**Taizé Worship**

**Wednesday, September 2**
**at 8:00 P.M.**

All are welcome!

## Judy Shillinglaw

***A Reception and Gathering***
***to remember Judy Shillinglaw***

***will be held***
***Friday, September 4, 2026***
***10:30 A.M.***
***Upper Anderson***

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***Casual attire***

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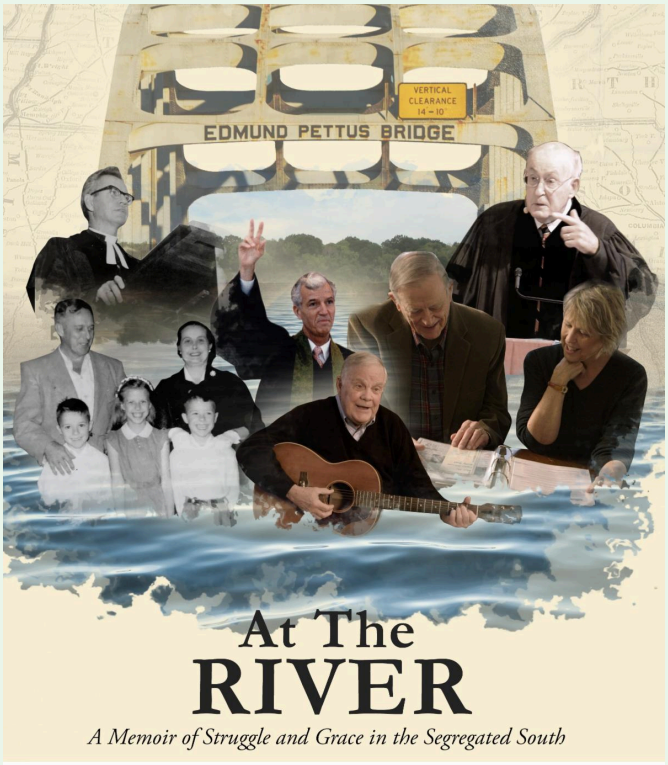
***Judy's children and their spouses will attend the gathering.***




**Upcoming PHC Event!**
**"At the River"**

**Tuesday, September 1 | 2:00-4:00 P.M.**
**Presbyterian Heritage Center**

Come celebrate the courageous spirits of our own Jane and Eade Anderson and other much-loved folks with deep Montreat connections for the first viewing in Montreat of "At the River." Even if you've seen the film before elsewhere, please come to be inspired again by the Presbyterians who stood strong in response to the Gospel during the Civil Rights era.

Q&A with filmmaker Carolyn Crowder 4:00-4:30 P.M.

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**Sowing Seeds of Understanding:**
**Ministry in a Global World**
**Tuesday, August 25-**
**Thursday, September 3**
**Montreat, NC**

The Rev. John McCall will be hosting 18 Taiwanese pastors for a retreat in Montreat. This has become a biennial event and takes place for the pastors to learn new skills as well as share their unique experiences in the life of the Taiwanese church. The pastors will be staying for most of their visit at the Glen Rock Inn where they will take most of their meals. **Although cooks have been arranged, we at MPC have the opportunity to support this mission by providing meal support and snacks.** This is a perfect chance to get to know these friendly and energetic pastors who will be our guests. **Please sign up here.**

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SVCM
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

## SVCM has an immediate need for

Pillows, Sheets - all sizes
Bath Towels, hand towels, wash cloths

Men's Socks, Women's Socks
Children's Socks
Men's Underwear - size small

**The Neighbocare Clinic needs:**
Tylenol - Adult, Children (liquid or chewable), Infant
Ibuprofen - Adult & Children (liquid or chewable)

Allergy Meds (NOT bendaryl) - Zyrtec or Claritin
Triple Antibiotic Cream
Hydrocortozone Cream
Arthiritis Cream (Volteran or Tylenol precise)

**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!

**Aug 30 Elizabeth Mills**
**Aug 31 Robyn Josephs**
**Sep 4 Frank Dimmock**
**Sep 11 Rick Giles**

**Sep 12 jDub Simpson**
**Sep 13 Mary Nell Todd**
**Sep 14 Lyn Havard**
**Sep 14 Henry Neale, Jr.**
**Sep 16 Cindy Morgan**
**Sep 18 Jess Dimmock**
**Sep 20 Katherine Savage**
**Sep 21 Rowan Trump**
**Sep 24 William Brown**
**Sep 25 Rebekah Carpenter**
**Sep 27 Janie Moore**
**Sep 27 Tim Rowe**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Harold & Shirley Bost
Timothy Boyer
William Brown
Mary Brueggemann
Tom Burdyl (friend of Mari Gramling) spinal surgery
Jacquii Burgess (Marylyn Huff's daughter-in-law)
Mason Charrier (friend of Corise Gambrell), brain tumor
Fred Connelly
Susan Denne
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
Tom Horvath (friend of the Tutterows), cancer
Joel Kirschner (Betsy's husband)
Bill Moore (former pastor of First Christian Church-Black Mountain), cancer
Glenn Moore (brother of Clara Hare), back surgeries
Bob Peel
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
Julie Simpson
Sarah Skinner and family, in the death of her husband Chris's father

**We also lift up in prayer...**

Flooding in the American Midwest
Wildfires in the U.S., Canada, Greece, Spain, and France
Earthquake in Japan
Legal immigrants and asylum seekers in jeopardy of deportation
Refugees and all who are displaced
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 (earthquake recovery)
Cuba
Democratic Republic of Congo (Ebola outbreak, violence, and displacement)
Ethiopia
Eritrea
Gabon
Gaza
Guatemala
Guinea
Haiti
Honduras
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jamaica
Japan (earthquake/tsunami)
Kashmir (India, Pakistan)

Kenya
Lebanon
Libya
Malawi
Mali
Morocco
Niger
Nigeria
North Korea
Peru
Russia
The Sahel region of West Africa
South Africa
South Korea
South Sudan
Sudan (genocide and displacement)
Syria
Taiwan
Thailand
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
Venezuela (earthquake recovery)
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
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.**

**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

**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.

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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**Ellen Dean, clerk of session**
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**Rev. Lynn Bledsoe, pastoral visitor**
visitor@montreatchurch.org

**Bonnie Shoemaker, office administrator**
office@montreatchurch.org

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**Website: montreatchurch.org**

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**Church Office hours:**

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

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