October 13, 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

With our office administrator enjoying some well-earned time away, our regular office hours are suspended through this Friday, October 16.

We will welcome Bonnie back on Monday, Oct. 19!

Tues., Oct. 13, 2026 **5:00 P.M.**	**Mission Committee** *Swannanoa Room*
Wed., Oct. 14, 2026 **4:00 P.M**	**Montreat Wednesday** *Walkup Building*
Sun., Oct. 18, 2026	**MPC Sunday Worship**

10:00 A.M.	*Upper Anderson & livestream*
Sun., Oct. 18, 2026 **1:30 P.M**	**Choir Rehearsal** *Upper Anderson*
Mon., Oct. 19, 2026 **10:00 A.M.**	**Office Hours Resume** *Church Office*
Tues., Oct. 20, 2026 **10:00 A.M.**	**Presbyterian Women** *Walkup Building*
Tues., Oct. 20, 2026 **3:00 P.M.**	**Stated Session Meeting** *Swannanoa Room*
Wed., Oct. 21, 2026 **4:00 P.M**	**Montreat Wednesday** *Walkup Building*
Thurs., Oct. 22, 2026 **10:00 A.M.**	**Christian Education Committee** *Swannanoa Room*
Sun., Oct. 25, 2026 **10:00 A.M.**	**MPC Sunday Worship** *Upper Anderson & livestream*
Sun., Oct. 25, 2026 **1:30 P.M**	**Choir Rehearsal** *Upper Anderson*

Stewardship 2027:
MISSION POSSIBLE!
Helping to make our community and world a better place

The **Stewardship** theme highlights the energy and commitment of MPC to mission giving. When you think about our mission partners, which ones do you think about first? SVCM, Malawi, Helpmate, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance? We make a difference in Montreat, the Swannanoa Valley, nationally and internationally.

Thank you, and let's keep making a good difference, working side by side to spread God's love.

Save the Date!

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Stewardship Celebration Dinner

on

Wednesday, October 28!

Montreat Wednesday

Join us October 14 in the Walkup Building!

Monnie Wright, Director
Collins Early Learning Center

Monnie Wright, Director of the Donald S. Collins Early Learning Center will be our Montreat Wednesday speaker on October 14.

The Collins Center is a five star rated community-based learning program which has been an MPC mission partner for many years.

The Center serves children aged six weeks to kindergarten, and MPC members have had the

opportunity and joy of watching the Center grow and mature from its early iteration (as Children & Friends) to its current location and greatly expanded educational offerings.

3:45 P.M. for refreshments.
The program will begin at 4:00 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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The Fall 2026 Montreat Wednesday schedule can be found here.

Presbyterian Women
Next Tuesday, Oct. 20

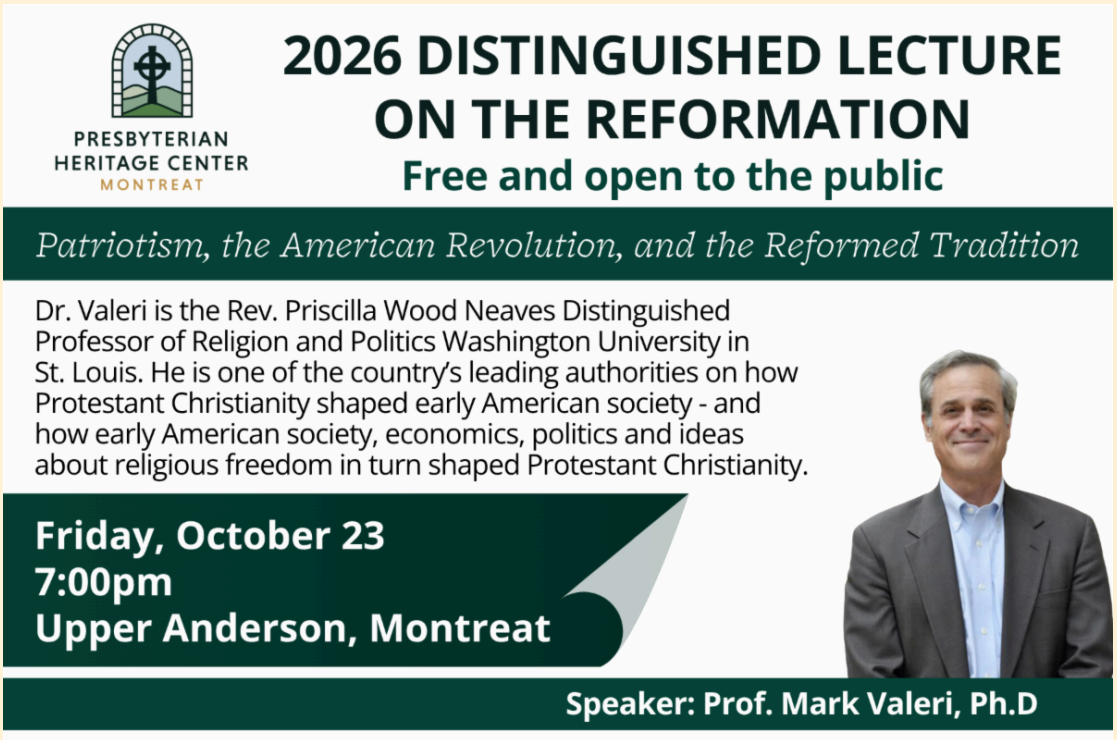
The Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, **October 20 at 10:00 AM** in Walkup.

The second lesson addresses our connection through baptism and the material and other familial images in Chapters 3 and 4 of First Corinthians.

Presbyterian Women
10:00 A.M.
Walkup Building



The Presbyterian Heritage Center
invites members and friends of Montreat Presbyterian Church to the
Distinguished Lecture on the Reformation
Friday, October 23 at 7:00 P.M.
Upper Anderson



SVCM
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

SVCM has an immediate need

...for the Food Pantry

Toilet paper
In-date baby formula
Ketchup, mayo, and mustard
Shaving cream and razors
Laundry detergent
Women's deodorant

...for the Clothing Closet

Pull-ups
Wipes
Size 4 and 6 diapers
Adult backpacks
Bedding (like blankets, comforters, and sheet sets)
Pots, pans, dishes, and silverware

The Neighborcare Clinic needs:

Tylenol - Adult, Children (liquid or chewable), Infant
Ibuprofen - Adult & Children (liquid or chewable)

Allergy Meds - Zyrtec or Claritin (NOT Benadryl)
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. - 2:30 P.M.

Montreat Presbyterian Church Supports



(Click on the logo for the Helpmate site)

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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!

Oct 14 Lucy Dusthimer
Oct 15 Robert Hare
Oct 15 John Kipp
Oct 15 Nancy Midgette
Oct 17 Mary Standaert
Oct 17 Callum Trump
Oct 20 Steve Carter
Oct 24 Mary Brueggemann
Oct 24 Gary Henschen

Oct 25 Bob Montgomery
Oct 26 Isaac Dimmock
Oct 26 Charlene Woods
Oct 27 Elizabeth Ayscue
Oct 29 Willa Roberts
Oct 30 Hannah Kirschner
Oct 30 Susanne Query
Oct 30 Beth Ariss-Smith

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

Our deepest love and sympathy surround Clara Hare and the Hare-Grogg family in the death of Clara's brother, Glenn Moore, during her recent hospitalization.

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

Harold & Shirley Bost
Timothy Boyer
William Brown
Mary Brueggemann
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

Clara Hare
Emily Harrin (friend of the Gillilands)
Cheryl Hartman (friend of Vivian Hare)
Kathy Horowitz, cancer treatments
Tom Horvath (friend of the Tutterows), cancer
Walter Jones (friend of Dora & John Hinkle), treatment for Leukemia
Joel Kirschner (Betsy's husband)
Judi Lehman, recently hospitalized
Bill Moore (former pastor of First Christian Church-Black Mountain), cancer
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
Bob Shaw
Julie Simpson

We also lift up in prayer...

Flood recovery in Nepal/Tibet
Flooding in the American Midwest
Wildfires in the U.S., Canada, Greece, Spain, France, and elsewhere
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
Canada
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
Nepal/Tibet border (catastrophic flood)
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.

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)
Elders-Elect: Mary Donnelly, David Hollowell

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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