October 20, 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

We welcome home our office administrator Bonnie! Regular office hours have now resumed.

Tues., Oct. 20, 2026 **10:00 A.M.**	**Presbyterian Women** *Walkup Building*
Tues., Oct. 20, 2026 **3:00 P.M.**	**Stated Session Meeting** *via Zoom*
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*
Tues., Oct. 27, 2026 **4:00 P.M.**	**Worship & Music Committee** *Swannanoa Room*
Wed., Oct. 28, 2026 **5:45 P.M.**	**Catered Fellowship Dinner** *Upper Anderson*

Stewardship 2027: Mission Possible!

A Stewardship Note from Sharon Welker

Generosity, joyful engagement, a ripple effect of good! Positive feelings and outcomes happen when Christians follow God's command to love one another, when we show up with our time, money, heads and hearts. MPC shows up!

Mission Possible! Helping make our community and world a better place.

Thank you, MPC, for encouraging and supporting members to use our gifts to help others in the church and beyond. As we consider our Stewardship pledge and the impact for the church budget, I'm thinking this week about **Open Table**, the free

community meal offered each Wednesday downtown. When we moved here after retirement, I was invited to explore and volunteer with Open Table.

What a gift to the people of our town! The meal is a weekly feast of respect, kindness, comfort, friendship - and great food. Each week around 68 people come and 125 meals are served (guests can take extra meals for themselves and neighbors - a ripple effect!). MPC responded with extra funds to help provide even more supplemental meals when our SVCM neighbors were faced with changes to food assistance programs. The money matters.

What a gift to me! The people matter. I've deepened friendships with MPC members who also currently volunteer with Open Table: Grace, Ann, Mary, David, Righton, Sally, Sarah, and when needed Will, Brown, Jody, Eric and others also pitch in! Together we are helping make our community a better place.

Please respond with generosity when you share your Stewardship Pledge so that the church can respond as needs arise.

*"They **WILL** know we are Christians by our Love!"*

Montreat Wednesday

Join us October 21 in the Walkup Building

A Bible Study led by
Tommy Brown

Tommy is a member of the MPC family, a PC(USA) minister, and the director of William Black Lodge.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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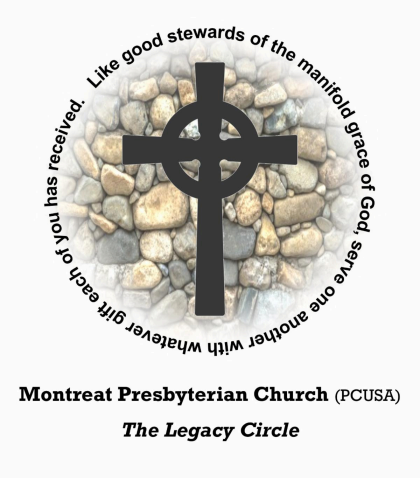
The Fall 2026 Montreat Wednesday schedule can be found here.

News from the Legacy Committee



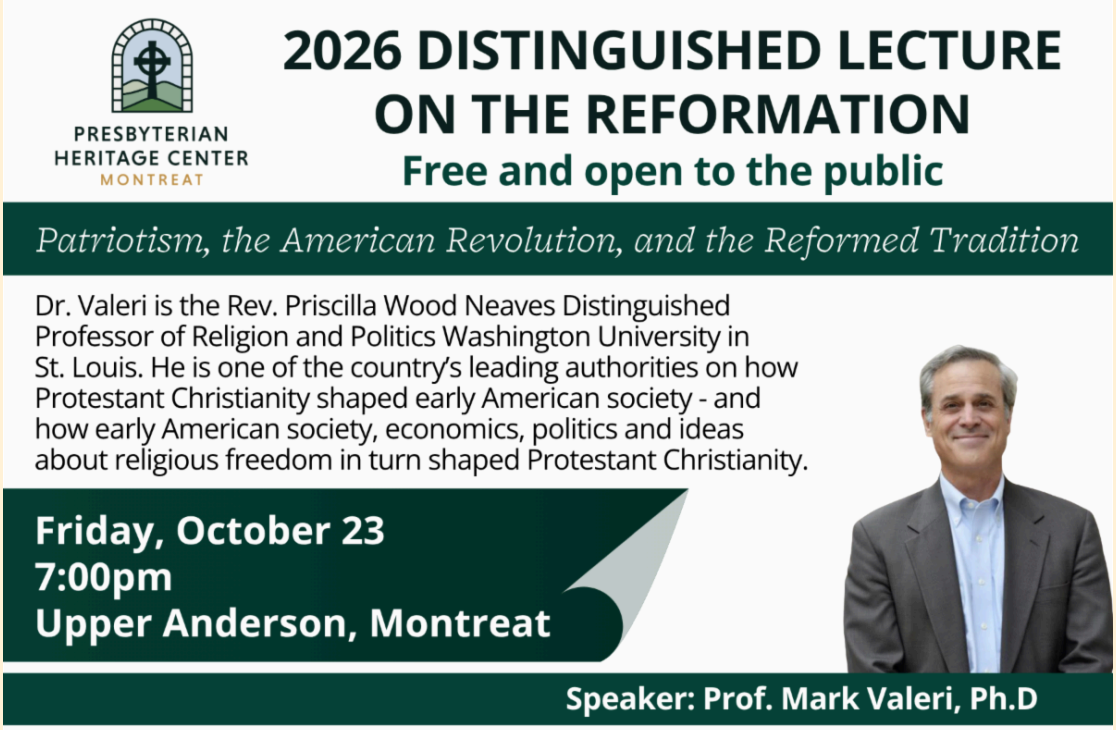
Margaret & Henry Neale joined Montreat Presbyterian Church in 2007, bringing with them a deep experience in the Presbyterian tradition. They quickly became leaders in the congregation. Margaret served as Church Musician and prepared a weekly newsletter. Henry was elected to Session and began a long tenure on the Finance Committee, helping guide the church's future in both roles. In many ways, their life in the church reflected a strong faith in God and a steadfast commitment to the congregation's mission and ministry. A recent and significant gift from the Neale estate stands as a living testimony the faith of Margaret and Henry, their love of God, and their support of the church. Through their gift to endowment, that testimony will continue in perpetuity. Thanks be to God for the faithful and enduring presence of Margaret and Henry Neale in the life of Montreat Presbyterian Church.

Jim Henderson

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





The Ministry of Hope

is collecting candy and chocolate treats for the Fall Festival Fun Day at the Western Correctional Center for Women (WCCW)

WCCW has a fall festival themed FUN DAY scheduled for Friday, October 30th and we would really love to have some Halloween candy as a "treat" for everyone at the facility. We are at full capacity right now, so that means 366 residents!

Jamie Bibee Lloyd is coordinating the collection on Sunday, Oct. 25th or you can drop it off at the church office before then. Please note: only commercially produced candy (nothing homemade can be accepted) and it must be individually wrapped.

The Ministry of Hope is a ministry partner of Montreat Presbyterian Church.

SVCM has an immediate need

for the Food Pantry

Toilet paper
Canned Meat
Laundry detergent (and canning jars for dividing)
Deodorant
Period Pads

for the Clothing Closet

Pull-ups
Baby Wipes
Blankets and Comforters, all sizes
Adult backpacks
Sheet sets, all sizes - *highest priority for Queen size)*

Incontinence bed underpads

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

Allergy Meds - Zyrtec or Claritin (NOT bendaryl)
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)

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 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 Beth Ariss-Smith
Nov 1 Mari Gramling
Nov 5 Ann Wilde
Nov 6 Chet Alexander
Nov 6 Brenda Whiteker
Nov 11 Terry Butler
Nov 13 Jane Anderson
Nov 13 David Neel
Nov 14 Howard Edington

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

*We were saddened on Sunday to share news of the passing of **Judi Lehman,** who very recently became part of the Montreat Presbyterian Church family, but whose health precluded her from being able to return to MPC in person after a recent fall and other issues. We were looking forward to an opportunity to welcome her in worship, and now trust in Christ that*

her glorious welcome takes place on another shore. A fuller remembrance of Judi will be provided in another mailing. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced as they are known. In the meantime, our prayers remain with Julie Lehman and Michael Poulos, Judi's daughter and son-in-law, their family, and Judi's many friends.

The Montreat Presbyterian Church family is 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 Lynn Gilliland)
Cheryl Hartman (friend of Vivian Hare)
Kathy Horowitz
Tom Horvath (friend of the Tutterows), cancer
Walter Jones (friend of Dora & John Hinkle), treatment for Leukemia
Joel Kirschner (Betsy's husband)
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

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

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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 (2029)

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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