February 14, 2017

Our Calendar

Office hours may be somewhat erratic this week as staff and church members deal with the effects of cold and flu season.

Wed., Feb. 15	**5:00 P.M.**	**Montreat Wednesday** Rev. Dr. Edna Banes *Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*
Sun., Feb. 19	**9:00 A.M.**	**Sunday Worship Service** With youth from Kirk of Kildaire *Upper Anderson*
Sun., Feb. 19	**10:30 A.M.**	**Meeting of Session Members and Committee Chairs** *Upper Anderson*
Tue., Feb. 21	**10:00 A.M.**	**Women's Circle** *Walkup Building*
Tue., Feb. 21	**6:30 P.M.**	**Session Meeting** *Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*
Wed., Feb. 22	**5:45 P.M.**	**Fellowship Dinner Fun Night** *Upper Anderson*
Sun., Feb. 26	**9:00 A.M.**	**Sunday Worship Service** *Upper Anderson*
Wed., March 1	**6:30 P.M.**	**Ash Wednesday Service (MPC/BMPC joint service)** *Black Mountain Presbyterian*

Please share all scheduling info directly with the office administrator at **office@montreatchurch.org**, and be sure to check availability of times and places before scheduling events, meetings etc.

Montreat Wednesdays
5:00 P.M. in the Allen Building

On Wednesday, February 15, Edna Banes will be back to conclude the study of the Book of Lamentations with chapters 3-5, on February 15.

Montreat Wednesdays are in the Allen Building, 304 Lookout Road, Montreat, from 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. All are welcome.

Women's Circle
10:00 A.M. in Walkup Building

The next **Women's Circle** meets Tuesday, February 21. Marylyn Huff will lead our discussion as we learn how the early believers viewed Jesus in the book of Hebrews. These early Jewish believers were given encouragement during times of adversity. Please join us 10:00 A.M. in the Walkup Building and bring a friend!

MLK Prayer Breakfast

Camp Dorothy Walls is hosting the **Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast on February 25**. If you would like to attend, you can find information from the Swannanoa Valley Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Corporation or by clicking here. The guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Larry Hill, pastor of Woodland Presbyterian Church in Paw Creek, NC.

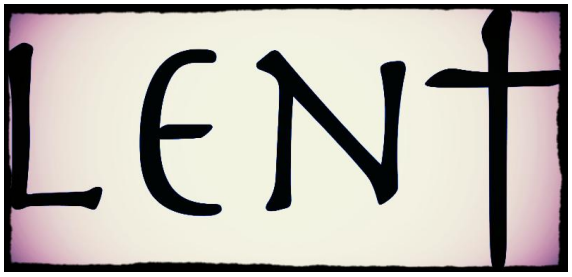
Wednesdays in Lent
at Montreat Presbyterian Church
(See Below for Complete Schedule of Ecumenical Noon Lenten Worship Services)

March

1	**6:30 P.M.**	**Ash Wednesday Service (MPC/BMPC)** *Black Mtn. Presbyterian Church*
8	**5:00 P.M.**	**What Is Lent? Jesus' Temptation in the Wilderness - Keith Grogg** *Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*

15	**5:30 P.M.**	**Simple Meal Provided with Film, *Country Remedy*** *Upper Anderson*
22	**12:00 P.M.**	**MPC/MRA Co-host Community Lent Service and Lunch** *Upper Anderson*
22	**5:00 P.M.**	**St. John's Bible - Ann Laird Jones** *Presbyterian Heritage Center*
29	**5:00 P.M.**	**The Requiem As Musical Art - Perrin Wright** *Swannanoa Room*
April		
5	**5:00 P.M.**	**The Last Supper (Reader's Theater) - Sally Woodard** *Upper Anderson*

Community Worship Services for Lent



The Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association will once again be sponsoring Community Worship Services for the first Wednesdays of Lent and on Good Friday. **Each service begins at 12:00 noon** and lasts for about 30 minutes. A light lunch follows each service, except for the first Wednesday (which is a full, 60-minute Ash Wednesday service). An offering will be taken at each service for the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries' fuel fund. All are invited to these services which help us to prepare ourselves for Easter. The Schedule is as follows:

March 1, Ash Wednesday	**St. James Episcopal (no lunch)**
March 8	**First Christian**
March 15	**Ridgecrest (First Baptist as host)**
March 22	**Montreat Presbyterian Church and Montreat Conference Center**
March 29	**Black Mountain United Methodist**
April 5	**Tabernacle United Methodist**
April 12	**Black Mountain Presbyterian**

The Good Friday Service will be something new for these services: a Stations of the Cross observance. There will be more details about this service nearer

to time.

Friends & Partners in Mission

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry is in need of the following: Canned-Red kidney beans, pinto beans, pork and beans, corn, cereal, oatmeal; hygiene items-bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes. We are also in need of coats (all sizes, all ages), and blankets (new or used in good condition). Monetary donations designated to food are also welcome (send to P.O. Box 235). Drop off items at 101 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina launched the "Creation Care Action: Initiating the First Hundred Days,"on January 20, 2017. MPC is one of numerous partner churches in the Alliance. Other events planned in our region for January through late April include a contemplative hike, study of Pope Francis' encyclical, and planting trees along eroded riverbanks.
For more information, visit creationcarealliance.org.

Holy Communion and Special Worship Services Spring/Summer 2017 Calendar

Wed., Mar. 1	**6:30 P.M.**	**MPC/BMPC Ash Wednesday Service at BMPC**
Sun., Mar. 5	**9:00 A.M.**	**First Sunday Holy Communion**
Sun., Mar. 19	**9:00 A.M.**	**Worship in Anderson Auditorium with Foothills Presbytery, OR**
Wed., Mar. 22	**12:00 P.M.**	**Worship & Lunch with Montreat Conference Center (Ecumenical Lent Series)** *Upper Anderson*
Sun., Apr. 2	**9:00 A.M.**	**First Sunday Holy Communion**
Sun., Apr. 9	**9:00 A.M.**	**Palm Sunday**

Thu., Apr. 13	**7:00 P.M.**	**Maundy Thursday (Communion)** *Upper Anderson*
Fri., Apr. 14	**5:00 P.M.**	**Good Friday** *Upper Anderson*
Sun., Apr. 16	**9:00 A.M.**	**Easter Sunday (Communion)**
Tue., Apr. 25		**MRA/MPC co-host Presbytery Worship** *Anderson Auditorium*
Sun., May 7	**9:00 A.M.**	**First Sunday Holy Communion**
Sun., May 28		**Kirkin' of the Tartans** *Anderson Auditorium*
June 4-Aug. 6		**MRA/MPC Summer Worship Series** *Anderson Auditorium*
June 17-July 29		**MPC Summer Saturdays** *Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.*

Special Offerings Calendar - 2017

February 5	**Souper Bowl Offering**
March 5	**Nickel-a-Meal**
April 2	**Nickel-a-Meal**
April 9	**One Great Hour of Sharing**
May 7	**Nickel-a-Meal**
May 21	**Pentecost Offering**
September 3	**Nickel-a-Meal**
September 24	**Peace & Global Witness**
October 1	**Nickel-a-Meal**
November 5	**Nickel-a-Meal**
November 24 (Thursday)	**Thanksgiving Offering**
December 10	**Christmas Joy Offering**

Our Prayer List

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

Ken & Sylvia Boyer
Charlotte & Calvin Chesnutt
Katie Dimmock
David Duncan
Sissy Jones
Fran McCaskill, surgery on Thursday
David Miller
Pete Petersen
Daniel Peterson
Kay Philips
Maggie Tuggle
Linda Weyman

A Caring Bridge Site has been created for Charlotte Chesnutt. The family will use this online space to share health news, and you can write messages of encouragement in return. Please visit often to keep updated and show your support.

Site Link: **www.caringbridge.org**
Site Name: charlottechesnutt

CaringBridge is a nonprofit offering trusted spaces where family and friends can connect and share during any type of health event.

We also lift up in prayer...

Everyone for whom Valentine's Day is difficult
All who are dealing with illnesses
Refugees fleeing from unliveable circumstances and searching for safety
Evacuees in California
Cameroon, Syria, Sudan, and all countries deteriorating into calamity
Andrew Brunson, imprisoned EPC mission worker in Turkey
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries, Bounty & Soul,
and all ministries that provide food, shelter, and care
OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti

Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner church in Scotland
Victor and Sara Makari, our Mission Co-workers in Palestine
Elmarie & Scott Parker, our Mission Co-workers in the Middle East

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.

Montreat Presbyterian Church

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

Gill Campbell, Linda Hobson (2017)
Olson Huff, Betsy Kirschner (2018)
Steve Hansel, Mary Jo Wright (2019)
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

Want to talk? Need a pastor? Come on in!
Call the office at 664-9212,
or email Keith at pastor@montreatchurch.org,

and we'll find a time that works.

Montreat Memo Submissions

The Memo is usually published on Tuesday or, occasionally, Monday. **Please submit items for the Memo by the Friday morning** before the week in which they are to appear. Thank you! (Articles submitted may be edited for clarity or brevity.)

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