

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

January 16, 2018

All Are Welcome!



**Sunday Worship:
January 21, 2018
9:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson
The weekly worship service of
Montreat Presbyterian Church**

Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Tue., Jan. 16	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sat., Jan. 20	2:00 P.M.	David Smith Ordination <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Jan. 21	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Wed., Jan. 24	3:30 P.M.	Christian Education (CE) Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Jan. 24	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday

Jeanne DuBose
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.

Sun., Jan. 28 **9:00 A.M.** **Sunday Morning Worship**
Upper Anderson

Sun., Jan. 28 **10:00 A.M.** **Congregational Meeting**
Upper Anderson

Wed., Jan. 31 **5:00 P.M.** **Montreat Wednesday**
Ina Hughs
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.

Sun., Feb. 4 **9:00 A.M.** **Sunday Morning Worship**
Nickel-a-Meal Offering
Upper Anderson

**Please share scheduling info with the office administrator
at office@montreatchurch.org,**

and be sure to check availability of times, places, and people
before scheduling events, meetings etc.

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 them to the appropriate contacts at MRA.

The 2018 Session

On Sunday, January 7, Jane Alexander and Everett Culpepper were installed to the session, succeeding Gill Campbell and Linda Hobson. **Jane and Everett join Steve Hansel, Olson Huff, Betsy Kirschner and Mary Jo Wright** as ruling elders on session.

The new session met for their annual retreat immediately following the service. At that retreat, which included worship, Bible study, discussion of logistics, and some relaxed time over a meal together, the session members formed the outline of their structure for the coming year. Among the new roles, **Everett will chair the Stewardship & Finance Committee, and Jane will chair Christian Education.**



In order to help with continuity and ensure our ability to maintain our positive momentum, **the session decided to re-appoint Linda Hobson as clerk of session.** A session, as this action demonstrates, can appoint someone who is not a member of the session to be its clerk. Linda will serve in this capacity--keeping records and maintaining church rolls--by attending session meetings "without voice or vote," and can be granted the privilege of voice by the session when consultation would be helpful, but never the responsibility of voting. The prayerful discernment of all matters remains with those whom the congregation has entrusted with that task: the six ruling elders currently serving session terms, and the moderator, Pastor Keith Grogg.

Meanwhile, Jane Alexander will serve as Assistant Clerk, working closely together with Linda. As moderator of the session, any time I coordinate with the clerk, we will include the assistant clerk in those conversations.

While this is not necessarily the establishment of a pattern for the future, for this year's transition, the session is deeply appreciative of Linda's willingness to serve the church in this important capacity.

K.G.

Schedule Revision:
Montreat Wednesdays in January
(no event will be held on Jan. 17)

We join in mourning with Jeanne DuBose the passing of a close relative, whose funeral in another city is being held this Wednesday afternoon. **Jeanne has kindly offered to reschedule her program on Spirituality of Aging for next week.** With that in mind, and in view of

the anticipated arctic temperatures on Wednesday, the revised January calendar for Montreat Wednesdays is:

January 17: no program
January 24: **Jeanne DuBose**
January 31: **Ina Hughs**

More details to come! Montreat Wednesdays meet in the Swannanoa Room of the Allen Building, 5:00-6:00 P.M. All are Welcome!

David B. Smith Ordination Service Saturday, January 20, 2:00 P.M.

We are delighted to be hosting the ordination service of Montreat Presbyterian Church's own **David Smith!** David will be ordained as a Teaching Elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament here in Montreat on January 20 at 2:00 P.M. in Upper Anderson. A reception hosted by our fellowship team will follow.

David is the Designated Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of Princeton Seminary (Master of Divinity) and is completing a Master of Social Work degree at Rutgers.



Perrin Wright Book Orders

A few of you have placed an order with the church office for a copy of Perrin Wright's book, *Geographic Place Names in and around Montreat, N.C.* There is a minimum needed in order to print the books. If you did not get a chance to order a copy, please call or email the church office to put your name on the list. (828-664-9212 or office@montreatchurch.org)

Friends & Partners in Ministry

"What did white Southern Presbyterian ministers do during the Civil Rights Era? Often isolated in small towns in the Deep South, some chose to be brave in spite of dangerous circumstances." *At the River* is the oral history project which includes testimony from many of Montreat Presbyterian

Church's beloved church members, friends, neighbors and family members. See the list of interviews with ministers, colleagues and family members [here](#).

O n Sunday, January 28, 2:00-4:00 P.M. at the White Horse in Black Mountain, three short films from the AT THE RIVER oral history project will be screened. The event is free and open to the public. Profiles of Dick Harbison, Tom Engle, and Phil Noble will be shown and discussion will follow.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry has a **urgent need for blankets (gently used or new); coats, especially for men; and warm hats and gloves for men, women and children.** There is a continued need of food, hygiene items and clothing, as well as baby diapers (sizes 5-6 in particular) and wipes. Monetary donations designated to food are also welcome (send to P.O. Box 235). Drop off items 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at 101 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Thank You!

Our Prayer List

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

Micah Anderson (nephew of Olson & Marylyn's son Daniel Huff), 14, cancer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Andrew Brunson
John Coffey (friend of the Grogg family)
Bob Cumming
Eddie Deas, pancreatic cancer
Katie Dimmock
Sally DuBose
Jo Bales Gallagher
David Miller
Kay Philips
Dick Rowland
Bob Shaw
Maggie Tuggle

We also lift up in prayer...

All who are most vulnerable to harsh winter weather
Jerusalem and the rest of the Middle East

Andrew Brunson, imprisoned EPC mission worker in Turkey
Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar

SVCM, Bounty & Soul, and all food and shelter ministries
Children & Friends

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

Olson Huff, Betsy Kirschner (2018)
Steve Hansel, Mary Jo Wright (2019)
Jane Alexander, Everett Culpepper (2020)
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)
Clerk Linda Hobson



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 accuracy, clarity or brevity.)

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