

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

January 30, 2018

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Worship:  
February 4, 2018  
9:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson**  
The weekly worship service of  
Montreat Presbyterian Church

**Everyone is welcome! Please join us!**

## Our Calendar

<b>Wed., Jan. 31</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> <i>Church office</i>
<b>Wed., Jan. 31</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> Ina Hughs <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thu., Feb. 1</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 4</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Holy Communion

		Souper Bowl Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Tue., Feb. 6</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Music &amp; Worship Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Feb. 7</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> Jack Sadler <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 11</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Wed., Feb. 14</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> Hosted by MPC & BMBC <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 18</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Tue., Feb. 20</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Women's Circle</b> <i>Walkup Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Feb. 20</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>

**Please share scheduling info with the office administrator  
at [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto: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.

## **Montreat Wednesday, Jan. 31** **Ina Hughs**

This Wednesday, Jan. 31, we conclude our series exploring spiritual mindfulness as we look at and think about our own lives.

**Ina Hughs will lead us in a reflective program called "...and where are you from?"** Ina will walk us through private, individual reflection inviting us to access memories of things we remember from our childhood homes, our families, our individual pasts.

All are welcome! Montreat Wednesdays meet in the Swannanoa Room of the Allen Building, 5:00-6:00 P.M.

## Souper Bowl Offering

This Sunday, Feb. 4, we will receive the **Souper Bowl Offering** in support of the food pantry at SVCM. Congregants who wish to give will have an opportunity to drop a monetary contribution into the soup pot at the conclusion of the service.



SVCM also invites worshipers this Sunday to bring a can of soup, box of crackers, can of pinto or kidney beans, package of chili seasoning and/or a can of tomatoes to the service. All will be delivered--along with 100% of our financial offering--to the food pantry at SVCM.

More information about the Souper Bowl offering will be presented in the Minute for Mission this Sunday morning!

## 2018 Special Offerings

Below is a calendar of special offerings that will be received in 2018.

Sun., Jan. 7	Nickel-a-Meal
Sun., Jan. 28	Nickel-a-Meal
Sun., Feb. 4	Souper Bowl (benefiting SVCM)
Sun., Mar. 4	Nickel-a-Meal
Sun., Mar. 25	One Great Hour of Sharing (Denominational Offering)
Sun., Apr. 1	Nickel-a-Meal
Sun., May 6	Nickel-a-Meal
Sun., May 20	Pentecost Offering (Denominational/40% to Children & Friends)
Sun., Sept. 2	Nickel-a-Meal
Sun., Sept. 30	Peace & Global Witness (Denominational/25% to Helpmate)
Sun., Oct. 7	Nickel-a-Meal
Sun., Nov. 4	Nickel-a-Meal

Thu., Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Offering (Synod Offering: Barium Springs/Grandfather Home)
Sun., Dec. 9	Nickel-a-Meal
Sun., Dec. 16	Christmas Joy Offering (Denominational Offering)
Jan. 6, 2019	Nickel-a-Meal
Feb. 3, 2019	Souper Bowl Offering

## Montreat Wednesdays Coming in February-March

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 14 this year and lasts through Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday on March 25 and culminating in Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday before the triumph of Easter Sunday!

**For Montreat Wednesdays during Lent, we are inviting members of our community to lead us in encountering the Gospel according to John,** specifically focusing on readings listed for the days of Holy Week.

**Jack Sadler will begin our series on Wednesday, February 7 with a look at John 12:1-11. All are welcome!**

We will usher in Lent with an **Ash Wednesday service for Montreat Presbyterian Church and Black Mountain Presbyterian Church held jointly in Upper Anderson, 6:30 P.M.** on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The Gospel of John Lent series will continue on Feb. 21 and 28 and March 7.

**On Wednesday, March 14, the Montreat Conference Center and Montreat Presbyterian Church will co-host the weekly, ecumenical noon Lent worship and lunch** series in Upper Anderson. Keith Grogg will preach from John 6:27-40, and members of both entities will lead worship together. Our amazing MPC crew will provide lunch. That will be our main gathering for the day, and we will not hold an evening Montreat Wednesday program.

**For the Montreat Wednesday presentation on March 21,** Keith Grogg will introduce a daily prayer opportunity which will begin the Monday of Easter Week and continue through the next 49 days of the Easter Season until Pentecost. *An Easter Breviary* will be made available for all who would

like to give it a try, using a traditional spiritual discipline that goes back to the beginnings of Christianity and earlier.

## Spirituality Retreat Opportunity

**A Sacred Art** and the **Presbytery of Western North Carolina** invite you to experience:

**A Spirituality Retreat**  
**March 9 - March 10, 2018**  
at Bonclarken Conference Center outside  
Flat Rock, NC



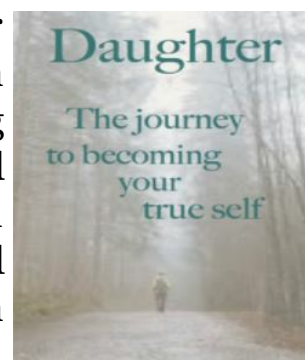
You can find more information and a registration for this special opportunity [here](#).

## Friends & Partners in Ministry

### **Room in the Inn Opportunity:**

If you would like to contribute food for lunch or breakfast on February 7, please call Anne at 669-2876. We need fruit, bread, and deli meat for 12 lunches and milk and juice for breakfast. Room in the Inn is a program which offers hospitality and shelter to homeless women. They are spending nights at the Methodist Church for two weeks.

Christ Community Church invites all women to join us for our **women's retreat**, March 2-3 at Asheville Christian Academy. The speaker is Tessa Afshar, an award-winning Christian author and pastor. Tessa served with Jey and Joan Deifell at their church in Connecticut. She is from Iran via England and earned her M.Div. from Yale. Find more information [here](#) or contact Joan for registration forms.



### **The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry**

is asking that church members bring a can of soup, box of crackers, can of pinto or kidney beans, package of chili seasoning and/or a can of tomatoes to the service this Sunday. Monetary gifts will also be received for the Souper Bowl Offering.



As always, donations can be dropped off or monetary donations mailed to SVCM. (send monetary donations 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  
Gordon Neville  
Kay Philips  
Bob Shaw  
Joe Standaert  
Maggie Tuggle

*We continue to pray for Marilyn Rowland and her family  
as they remember Marilyn's husband, Dick Rowland  
in a Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
this Saturday, February 3 at 11:45 A.M.  
at Caldwell Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.  
Keith Grogg will participate in the service.*

*and for Gordon & Betsy Neville and their family  
as they remember Gordon's sister, Virginia Neville White  
in a Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
Friday, February 9 at 11:00 A.M.  
at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.  
Howard Edington will officiate.*

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

Victims of harrassment and discrimination

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.*

**A Note from Westminster Presbyterian Church**



WPC YOUTH

January 2018

Dear Keith: Montreat Presbyterian,  
Thank you for welcoming us so warmly (literally: figuratively) to worship this past Sunday. What a wonderful service of worship with lovely music, a thought-provoking sermon: a meaningful sacrament of Communion! It was almost like a teaching tool for our middlers because of the many elements of worship. We are so grateful for the ties that bind us as a connectional Church: for your Christian hospitality.

Blessings for 2018 -

The WPC Middler Youth Group

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## 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](mailto: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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