

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

January 23, 2018

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Worship:  
January 28, 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. 24</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Christian Education (CE) Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Jan. 24</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> Jeannie DuBose <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 28</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 28</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b> Nickel-a-Meal Offering

		<i>Upper Anderson</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>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> <i>Church Office</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>

**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.

## Congregational Meeting January 28, 2018 Following 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

In accordance with the PC(USA) Book of Order and the Manual of Administrative Operations of Montreat Presbyterian Church, the Annual Congregational Meeting and concurrent annual meeting of the corporation have been duly called for the last Sunday in January: January 28, 2018, immediately following the 9:00 A.M. worship service. The proposed terms of call for the pastor will be presented. All members of the active roll have voice and vote in a congregational meeting.

## Nickel-a-Meal and the Souper Bowl Offering

The collection of the **Nickel-a-Meal Offering**, which ordinarily takes place on the first Sunday of each month, is moved up this month and will be received this Sunday, Jan. 28. [Click here](#) for information about the Nickel-a-Meal offering.

Next Sunday, Feb. 4, we will receive the **Souper Bowl Offering** in support of the food pantry at SVCM. More information about the Souper Bowl offering will be presented in a Minute for Mission this Sunday morning!



## Montreat Wednesdays in January



The Montreat Wednesday series invites us to explore spiritual mindfulness as we look at and think about our lives.

On January 24, **Jeannie DuBose** presents a program on the "The Spirituality of Aging."

The following Wednesday, Jan. 31, **Ina Hughs** will lead us in a program called, "...and

where are you from?"

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

## Ordination of the Rev. David B. Smith

We celebrated with David, his family, many friends, and the Presbytery of Western North Carolina as the Rev. David Smith was ordained as a Teaching Elder/Minister of Word & Sacrament on Saturday, Jan. 20 in Upper Anderson. MPC gifted David with a new communion set, which was used in the service. He continues as Pastor to Youth and Their Families at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Copies of the worship bulletin are available at the church office for any who were unable to attend the service.



## 2018 Communion Services

Below is a calendar of communion services scheduled for 2018. Ordinarily we celebrate communion monthly in Sunday morning worship services, usually (but not always) on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is also celebrated at several services of the liturgical year. (The full annual church calendar is available [here](#).)

Sun., Jan. 7

Sun., Feb. 4

Sun., Feb. 14      Ash Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. (MPC/BMPC at MPC)

Sun., Mar. 4

Thu., Mar. 29      Maundy Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

Sun., Apr. 1      Easter Sunday

Sun., Apr. 29

Sun., Sept. 9

Sun., Oct. 7      World Communion Sunday

Sun., Nov. 4

Sun., Dec. 9

Mon., Dec. 24      Christmas Eve, 5:00 P.M.

Jan. 6, 2019

## 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

**Creation Care Clergy Retreat: Inspiring Your  
Congregation to Care For God's Creation  
Thursday, January 25, 2018, 8:30 AM- 6:00 PM  
Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC**



Designed with clergy in mind, this day-long retreat allows you to spend the day with a Biblical scholar, a climate scientist, a forest biologist, and local colleagues and pastoral innovators. Find more information [here](#).

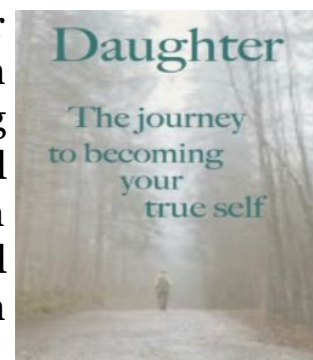
**AT THE RIVER** | Oral History Project

"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](#).

**On 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.

Christ Community Church invites all women to join us for our **woman's retreat**, March 2-3 at Asheville Christian Academy. The speaker is Tessa Afshur, 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.



**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

*Our deepest Christian love and sympathy are extended to  
Gordon & Betsy Neville on the passing of Gordon's sister, Virginia White.  
and to Marilyn Rowland and her family,  
in the death of Marilyn's husband, Dick Rowland.  
Service information will be shared as it is received.*

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

Victims of harrassment

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](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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