

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

February 27, 2018

All Are Welcome!



**Sunday Worship:
March 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

Wed., Feb. 28	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Amy & Mason Blake <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Mar. 4	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship Holy Communion Nickel-a-Meal Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Wed., Mar. 7	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Martha Jane Petersen <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>

Sun., Mar. 11	2:00 A.M.	Daylight Saving Time Begins Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday
Sun., Mar. 11	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship Super Bowl Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., Mar. 13	3:30 P.M.	Evangelism & Membership Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Mar. 14	12:00 P.M.	Lent Worship Service & Lunch MPC & Montreat Conference Center co-hosting <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Mar. 18	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., Mar. 20	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Building</i>
Tue., Mar. 20	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>

**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.

Montreat Wednesdays in Lent Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5:00 P.M.



This Wednesday, Feb. 28, we continue with our Lenten series on the Gospel according to John. **Amy & Mason Blake** will lead us in a look at John 13:21-32.

Next Wednesday, March 7, **Martha Jane Petersen** will lead the study of John 15:1-17.

All are welcome! Montreat Wednesdays meet 5:00-

6:00 P.M. in the Allen Building, 304 Lookout Road, in the Swannanoa Room.

Noon Worship Services & Lunch During Lent

Worship services for the whole community will be held on the first six Wednesdays in Lent and on Good Friday. Services begin at noon and last 30 minutes, followed by a simple meal.

Please note that in the last week of Lent (Holy Week), the service will not be held on Wednesday but on Friday, and lunch will not be served that day.

Feb. 28	First Christian Church, Black Mountain
March 7	Tabernacle United Methodist Church
March 14	Montreat Conference Center and Montreat Presbyterian Church (in Upper Anderson)
March 21	Black Mountain Presbyterian Church with Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church (at BMPC)
March 30 (Friday)	First Baptist Church of Black Mountain

Holy Week Services at Montreat Presbyterian Church



All services held in Upper Anderson.

March 25	Palm Sunday 9:00 A.M.
March 29	Maundy Thursday 7:00 P.M.
March 30	Good Friday

5:00 P.M.
April 1 Easter Sunday
9:00 A.M.

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Our Prayer List

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

All who are dealing with flu and other seasonal symptoms, and

Steve Alexander (Hugh's brother)

Micah Anderson (nephew of Olson & Marylyn's son Daniel Huff), 14, cancer

Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)

John Coffey (friend of the Grogg family)

Bob Cumming

Eddie Deas

Katie Dimmock

David Duncan

Sam Hobson, hand surgery & recovery

David Miller

Maggie Tuggle

*Our deepest Christian love and compassion surround
Martha & Gill Campbell in the death of Martha's uncle, Herb Dimmock,*

We also lift up in prayer...

Kidnapped Nigerian girls and their families

Victims of gun violence and their families and communities

Andrew Brunson, imprisoned EPC mission worker in Turkey

Victims of harrassment and discrimination

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

Kairos Prison Ministry

Celebrate Recovery

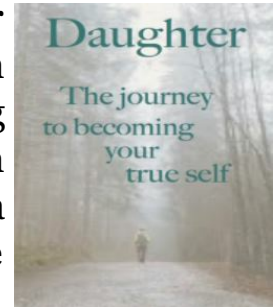
Victor and Sara Makari, our Mission Co-workers in Palestine

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.

Friends & Partners in Ministry

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.



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Prison Ministry Opportunities at Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women (SCCW)

General Prison Ministry Volunteer Training: Tuesday, April 24, 6:30-8:00 PM at SCCW, 55 Lake Eden Road, Black Mountain. This training introduces the participant to the facility and to the policies and regulations that govern volunteer activity at SCCW. Volunteers who complete this and who successfully pass a criminal background check are eligible to (a) participate in SCCW programs on a volunteer basis and (b) take residents out on community volunteer passes (to events like a church gathering or meal).

Yokefellow Prison Ministry Volunteer Training: Saturday, April 28, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at First Christian Church, 201 Blue Ridge Road in Black Mountain. This training is specifically to orient the volunteer to the Yokefellow Prison Ministry program, which is a listening ministry of presence. The Yokefellow program is in prisons statewide, and the chaplain at SCCW would like to have it at SCCW. Residents at SCCW who have participated in Yokefellow at other prisons have requested it to be offered at SCCW.

If interested, and/or for more information, **please contact Priscilla Durkin** (828-419-5068 or chaplaindurkin@gmail.com)

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Camp Grier is expanding its farm; so, they're looking for local weekly volunteers to assist in some of the general daily chores like planting, watering, seeding, mucking, etc. If interested, check out the link [here](#) (and pass it on)!

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The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

As always, donations can be dropped off or monetary donations mailed to SVCM (please 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!

Thank You

A note of thanks from Janie Moore & family:

Dear Montreat Presbyterian Church,

I want you all to know how grateful our entire family is for the love and support you showed mom during her illness. This church went above and beyond anything that anyone could ever dream of, and you truly demonstrated that love is a verb...full of action! This church also provided a glorious memorial service and as an amazing reception, and I cannot thank you enough!

*Love,
Janie & all of Charlotte's family*

A note of thanks from Rev. David B. Smith:

Dear members and friends of MPC, how can I even begin to express my gratitude for all that you have done to support me on my journey toward ordained ministry? I simply couldn't have imagined celebrating my ordination service anywhere else but with all of you a few weeks ago! Thank you all for the hard work you put into making the day so special!

You opened the door through which I entered the Presbyterian world. Who I am is due, in no small part to your support over the years! My experience of your faithfulness amidst great challenges and strife will always be the lens through which I reflect upon my own calling as a pastor. No matter where I go, our little church without walls will always be my spiritual home!

*In the deep love of Christ,
Rev. David B. Smith*

A note of thanks from Clara Hare-Grogg:

Dear Montreat Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Care Package!! I am always grateful for your support and well wishes.

*Love,
Clara Hare-Grogg*

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.)

The Weekly Montreat Memo is sent from the Montreat Presbyterian Church office email account. **Responses intended for the pastor** may be sent to pastor@montreatchurch.org.

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