

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

March 13, 2018

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Worship:  
March 18, 2018  
9:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson  
The weekly worship service of  
Montreat Presbyterian Church**

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

## Our Calendar

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| <b>Tue., Mar. 13</b> | <b>3:30 P.M.</b>  | <b>Evangelism &amp; Membership Committee</b><br><i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>                  |
| <b>Wed., Mar. 14</b> | <b>12:00 P.M.</b> | <b>Lent Worship Service &amp; Lunch</b><br>MPC & Conference Center co-host<br><i>Upper Anderson</i> |
| <b>Sun., Mar. 18</b> | <b>9:00 A.M.</b>  | <b>Sunday Morning Worship</b><br><i>Upper Anderson</i>  |
| <b>Tue., Mar. 20</b> | <b>10:00 A.M.</b> | <b>Women's Circle</b><br><i>Walkup Building</i>   |

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| <b>Tue., Mar. 20</b> | <b>6:30 P.M.</b>  | <b>Session Meeting</b><br><i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>  |
| <b>Wed., Mar. 21</b> | <b>12:00 P.M.</b> | <b>Lent Worship Service &amp; Lunch</b><br>BMPC & WWPC co-hosting<br>Steve Runholt preaching<br><i>Black Mtn. Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <b>Wed., Mar. 21</b> | <b>5:00 P.M.</b>  | <b>Montreat Wednesday</b><br>Keith Grogg, <i>An Easter Breviary</i><br><i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>                             |
| <b>Sun., Mar. 25</b> | <b>9:00 A.M.</b>  | <b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b><br>One Great Hour of Sharing<br>Offering<br><i>Upper Anderson</i>                                  |
| <b>Thu., Mar. 29</b> | <b>7:00 P.M.</b>  | <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b><br>Holy Communion<br><i>Upper Anderson</i>   |
| <b>Fri., Mar. 30</b> | <b>5:00 P.M.</b>  | <b>Good Friday Service</b><br><i>Upper Anderson</i>   |
| <b>Sun., Apr. 1</b>  | <b>9:00 A.M.</b>  | <b>Easter Sunday Worship Service</b><br><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.

## **Wednesday Noon Community Lent Worship Services & Lunch**

*The Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association presents*  
**Worship services for the whole community,  
Wednesdays in Lent and on Good Friday.  
Services begin at noon and last 30 minutes  
and are followed by a simple meal.**

**This Wednesday, March 14, Montreat Presbyterian Church and  
the Montreat Conference Center host the event in Upper  
Anderson!**

**If you would like to help provide soup and/or sandwiches and have not yet signed up, please contact Betsy Neville** at 669-7493. All food items must be delivered to Upper Anderson by 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 14th. Many thanks to all who have already volunteered.

The Rev. Katie Cashwell of MCC will be liturgist, Keith Grogg will preach from John 6, and music will be led by MPC member (and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church musician) Vivian Hare. Our fellowship team will provide the meal, and the Conference Center arrangements crew will arrange Upper Anderson so that we can easily move from worship to the meal.

This is a great opportunity for our whole church family not only to come together for worship and a meal, but also to welcome our neighbors in the wider community.

(Please note that during Holy Week, the service will not be held on Wednesday but on Friday, and lunch will not be served that day.)

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| March 14             | Montreat Conference Center<br>and Montreat Presbyterian Church (in Upper Anderson)    |
| March 21             | Black Mountain Presbyterian Church<br>and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church (at BMPC) |
| March 30<br>(Friday) | First Baptist Church of Black Mountain  |

## **9:00 A.M. Worship This Sunday, March 18 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)**

We are delighted to be joined in worship this Sunday by the **9th Grade Confirmation Class of Westminster Presbyterian Church** from Greenville, SC! We welcome the students, their mentors, and Associate Pastor for Youth the Rev. Mary Kathleen Dalton.

Following our service on Sunday morning, Upper Anderson will be used for morning worship by our good friends in **Foothills Presbytery**, so while we will still have time to linger and greet one another, we will be conscious of their needs as they prepare to begin their worship service. One of the special things about our congregation continues to be our ability to share this sacred space with siblings in Christ who value Montreat as we do and come from far and wide to worship here.

# An Optional Prayer Discipline for the Easter Season



**The Montreat Wednesday program on Wednesday, March 21 at 5:00 P.M. in the Allen Building will introduce *An Easter Breviary*.**

Abbeys and monasteries build each day around seven traditional times of worship called the Liturgy of the Hours, from pre-dawn Vigils through nighttime Compline. A book that contains those liturgies--also known as the Divine Office or *Opus Dei* (Work of God)--is called a breviary.

It is not necessary to enter a monastery or abbey in order to participate in a liturgy of the hours; anyone can do it, in community or on their own.

Under the direction of Catherine Gonzalez at Columbia Seminary, Keith Grogg has designed a breviary for the seven weeks of Easter, following the traditional pattern and geared toward contemporary life, using a combination of old and new liturgical sources. For any who would like to participate in the prayer practice which William Law called "the best, the happiest, and most perfect way of life," MPC will make *An Easter Breviary* available online for each day during the seven weeks of this Easter season.

Those who request it will receive each new day's prayer cycle in their email inbox in the wee hours. (Printed copies may be requested in advance.) Each daily breviary will contain links for seven short prayer services during the day, with suggested times for each. Contact the church office ([office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org)) to be added to the list of recipients.

**Pastor Keith Grogg will introduce this new breviary in a Montreat Wednesday presentation on March 21 at 5:00 P.M. in the Swannanoa Room of the Allen Building, 304 Lookout Road in Montreat. Everyone is welcome!**

# Holy Week Services at Montreat Presbyterian Church



*All services held in Upper Anderson.*

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| <b>March 25</b> | <b>Palm Sunday</b>      | <b>9:00 A.M.</b> |
| <b>March 29</b> | <b>Maunday Thursday</b> | <b>7:00 P.M.</b> |
| <b>March 30</b> | <b>Good Friday</b>      | <b>5:00 P.M.</b> |
| <b>April 1</b>  | <b>Easter Sunday</b>    | <b>9:00 A.M.</b> |

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## Easter Lily Orders

It's time to order Easter Lilies to be placed on Easter Sunday (April 1)! A special insert in the bulletin will list those being honored or memorialized with a lily.



If you would like to order a lily in honor or memory of loved ones, please use the form found [here](#), and please write clearly, in the space provided, the names of those whom you would like to honor or remember. Please indicate whether you are giving in honor or in memory so we can be sure to list it properly. Thank you!

## Our Prayer List

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

Steve Alexander (Hugh's brother)  
Micah Anderson (nephew of Olson & Marylyn's son Daniel Huff), 15, cancer  
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)  
John Coffey (friend of the Grogg family)  
Bob Cumming  
Eddie Deas  
Katie Dimmock  
David Duncan  
David Grogg (Keith's nephew), fractured sternum  
Jane Hansel, hospitalized  
Sam Hobson, recovering from hand surgery  
David Miller  
Sarah Skinner, recovering from wrist surgery



Maggie Tuggle

*Our deepest Christian love and compassion surround  
Anne & Bill Seaman and their family in the death of Anne's father,  
Richard "Dick" Arnold Little, Jr., on March 2.*

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

Victims of gun violence and their families and communities  
Kidnapped Nigerian girls and their families  
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  
Christ Community Church, our neighbors in ministry in Montreat  
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**

**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 and 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!

## **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.)

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](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org).

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