

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

March 20, 2018

All Are Welcome!



**Sunday Worship:
March 25, 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., 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>
Wed., Mar. 21	12:00 P.M.	Lent Worship Service & Lunch BMPC & WWPC co-hosting Steve Runholt preaching <i>Black Mtn. Presbyterian Church</i>
Wed., Mar. 21	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Keith Grogg, "An Easter Breviary"

		<i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Mar. 25	9:00 A.M.	Palm Sunday Worship Service One Great Hour of Sharing Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Thu., Mar. 29	7:00 P.M.	Maundy Thursday Service Holy Communion <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Fri., Mar. 30	5:00 P.M.	Good Friday Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Apr. 1	9:00 A.M.	Easter Sunday Worship Service <i>Upper Anderson</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.

Community Lent Worship Services

The two remaining midday community Lent worship services are:

This **Wednesday, March 21**, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church & Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church will co-host the service **at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church**. Steve Runholt will preach. A light lunch will be served following the 30 minute service.

On **Friday, March 30**, First Baptist Church of Black Mountain will host a Good Friday service. There will be no lunch served following that service.

Montreat Wednesday Presentation: 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*.

Monastic life builds each day around 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 classics of Western devotional literature and some 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 cycle of readings 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) to be added to the list of recipients. **This is a separate list from the Weekly Montreat Memo. The breviary will be sent to all who specifically sign up for it.**

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!

One Great Hour of Sharing



On Sunday, March 25, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by bringing relief to those affected by natural disasters,

providing food for the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Find information for this special offering [here](#).

Holy Week Services at Montreat Presbyterian Church



All services held in Upper Anderson.

March 25	Palm Sunday	9:00 A.M.
March 29	Maunday 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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Easter Lily Orders

Easter lilies can still be ordered which will be placed in the sanctuary 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](#). Please write clearly, in the space provided, the names of those whom you would like to honor or remember, and be sure to indicate whether you are giving in honor or in memory so we can be sure to list it properly. Thank you!

Montreat Wednesday, April 4



Frank Dimmock, Africa Mission Specialist for The Outreach Foundation, will be our featured speaker on Wednesday, April 4, at 5:00 P.M. in the Allen Building. Having recently moved to Atlanta, Frank and Nancy and their family have been long-time members of Montreat Presbyterian Church (Frank is the brother of our own Martha Campbell).

Frank served the church in Africa for more than thirty years as a PC(USA) mission co-worker, focusing on ministries of health and development. Before joining the Outreach Foundation, he worked for four years with Presbyterian World Mission as the global poverty alleviation catalyst. Frank will bring his insightful perspective and decades of accumulated firsthand knowledge to illuminate the issues involved in his life's work. All are welcome! Please join us.

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)
Jim Burt, CarePartners Hospice Solace Center
John Coffey (friend of the Grogg family)
Bob Cumming
Eddie Deas
Katie Dimmock
David Duncan
David Grogg (Keith's nephew), fractured sternum
Jane Hansel, CarePartners Hospice Solace Center
Sam Hobson, recovering from hand surgery
David Miller
Sarah Skinner, recovering from wrist surgery
Sam Sloan, recovering from hip surgery
Mia Topples, recovering from hip surgery
Maggie Tuggle

We also lift up in prayer...

Andrew Brunson, imprisoned EPC mission worker in Turkey

Victims of gun violence and their families and communities
Bombing victims in Austin
Kidnapped Nigerian girls and their families
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
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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The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will be in the beautiful city of Wilmington for its Spring Tour on Friday and Saturday, April 6-7. Tour will include historic churches and sites such as the magnificent Bellamy House Museum. Registration begins Friday at noon at Thalian Hall; the cost is \$20. The schedule, registration form, and motel information will be on the website at www.ncphsociety.org after March 15, or contact Program Chair Steve McRae at smcrae@stevemcraelaw.com or (336) 693-1929. Transportation will be provided by van from Raleigh for \$15; if you would like a seat, please contact Barbara Cain, btcain@nc.rr.com, 919-782-0944.

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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,

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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