

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

April 10, 2018

All Are Welcome!



**Easter Sunday Worship:
April 15, 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., Apr. 11	5:45 P.M.	Covered Dish Dinner Cheryl Wilson, SVCM, speaker <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Apr. 15	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Worship Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., Apr. 17	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Building</i>
Tue., Apr. 17	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Apr. 18	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday

		Cam Murchison, Earth Care (1 of 4) "The Fire This Time" <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Apr. 22	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Worship Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., Apr. 24	9:00 A.M.	Presbytery Meeting and Worship Service <i>Anderson Auditorium</i>
Wed., Apr. 25	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Cam Murchison, Earth Care (2 of 4) "Worrying about What We Eat" <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Thu., Apr. 26	3:30 P.M.	Evangelism & Membership Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Apr. 29	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Worship Service Holy Communion <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.

**Covered Dish Dinner
Wednesday, April 11
5:45 P.M in Upper Anderson**

Montreat Presbyterian Church welcomes all to a Covered Dish Dinner this Wednesday, April 11, 5:45 P.M. in Upper Anderson! Please bring a covered dish to share. Desserts and beverages will be provided.



We are pleased to welcome Cheryl Wilson, executive director of Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry, who will bring us an update on the work of the ministry and the progress of the Plans to Give Hope and a Future campaign.

In accordance with our status as an Earth Care congregation, we invite participants to bring plates, cups, silverware etc. that can be taken home for washing and reuse.

As always, folks are invited to bring friends, sit with someone you'd like to get to know, and treat everyone to a welcoming experience of our church's hospitality.

Andrew Brunson Trial Set for April 16

The trial, in Turkey, of missionary Andrew Brunson is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 16. Christ Community Church has put together a prayer guide, which Montreat Presbyterian Church is making available as well: simply click on the link [here](#).

A 24-hour Prayer Watch, for which people can sign up to take an hour (please call the Christ Community Church office), will be held beginning at noon on April 15, and CCC will host a prayer service for Andrew on Sunday afternoon, April 15 at 3:00 P.M. The trial is set to begin at 2:00 A.M. (Montreat time).

An Easter Breviary



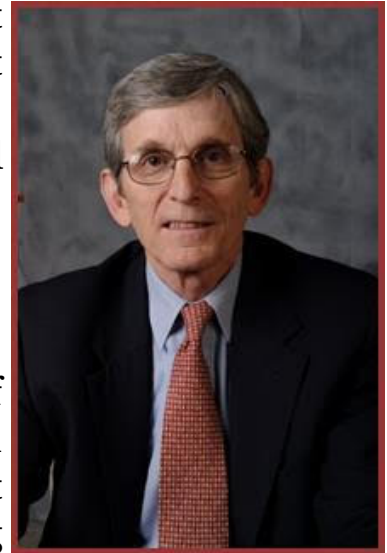
You are still welcome to sign up to receive *An Easter Breviary* in your email inbox each morning through the seven weeks of Easter (excluding Sundays).

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.

Montreat Wednesdays, April 18-May 9: Biblical and Theological Explorations of Our Place In and Care For God's Creation

Cam Murchison, Earth Care Theologian for Montreat Presbyterian Church, will present a four-part program offering Biblical and theological explorations of our place in and care for God's creation in April and May.



The series seeks a recovered awareness of the Bible's summons to humanity that recognizes all creation is intended for praise. Our place in this greater arc of God's purpose is to participate in the preservation and protection of not only humanity, but of all that God has made. This will involve remembering creation's chief end, exploration of its current crisis, consideration of how fundamental aspects of our lives are implicated, and investigation of our right relation to other animals and what they have to teach us.

The themes of the four presentations are:

- April 18th The Fire This Time
- April 25th Worrying About What We Eat
- May 2nd Our Relation to Animals
- May 9th *After the Flood* - the movie and the biblical story

Please join us for any or all of the four Wednesdays, April 18-May 9, in the Allen Building (304 Lookout Road, Montreat), 5:00-6:00 P.M. All are welcome!

**Native Plant Sale
April 28, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

Montreat Native Plant Sale and Arbor Day Celebration

**4/28/18 / 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Moore Center Field, Montreat**

The Montreat Native Plant Sale and Arbor Day Celebration is a unique springtime happening celebrating native plants and trees. **The MPC Earth Care Ministry team actively participates in the Montreat Landcare Committee,**



which sponsors the event. Shop from five Western North Carolina nurseries offering a wide variety of native and other plants. Learn about gardening and native plants and trees from a number of gardening and plant experts such as Extension Master Gardeners, the Hemlock Restoration Initiative and Montreat College. Enjoy informative programs planned throughout the event, including programs presented by the North Carolina Forest Service, The American Chestnut Foundation, and The North Carolina Arboretum. Children's activities are included and admission is free.

Friends & Partners in Ministry

Widow's Retreat, April 26

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church is hosting "**A Widow's Tale Retreat,**" a fun-filled day just for widows, developed by writer, storyteller, and Certified Grief Recovery Specialist Donna Marie Todd, with a grant from the National Storytelling Network.

There is a registration fee of \$25. Pre-registration is required.

You can find the flyer [here](#).

DATE: Thurs., April 26, 2018

TIME: 9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

WHERE: Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

117 Montreat Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711

CONTACT: Ginny Soll, 828-669-2725 | Email: gsoll@bmpnc.org

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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!

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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.

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.

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

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

Robert Boer

Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)

John Coffey (friend of the Grogg family)

Bob Cumming

Eddie Deas

Katie Dimmock

David Duncan

Bill Grogg (Keith's Dad), cancer treatments

David Miller

Kitty Neil

Wendy Ricks

Sam Sloan

Mia Topple

Maggie Tuggle

Christina Tutterow (pastor), surgery on Wednesday, April 11

We also lift up in prayer...

Victims of domestic abuse

Andrew Brunson, imprisoned EPC mission worker in Turkey

Those most vulnerable to hunger, homelessness and poverty

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.*

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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