

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

April 25, 2018

All Are Welcome!



**Sunday Worship:
April 29, 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. 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	10:00 A.M.	Staff Meeting <i>Church Office</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>
Wed., May 2	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Cam Murchison, Earth Care (3 of 4) "Our Relation to Animals" <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., May 6	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Worship Service Guest Preacher: Billy Robinson Nickel-a-Meal Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Wed., May 9	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Cam Murchison, Earth Care (4 of 4) "Before the Flood - the Movie and the Biblical Story" <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., May 13	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Worship Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., May 15	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Building</i>
Tue., May 15	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., May 20	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Worship Service Last service in Upper Anderson until August 12 Pentecost Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., May 27	11:00 A.M.	Kirkin' o' the Tartan Worship Service John Rogers preaching <i>Anderson Auditorium</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.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

A few brief items of appreciation to share:

Wednesday, April 25 is Administrative Professionals Day! Thanks to Patty for all that she does and the marvelous spirit in which she does it.

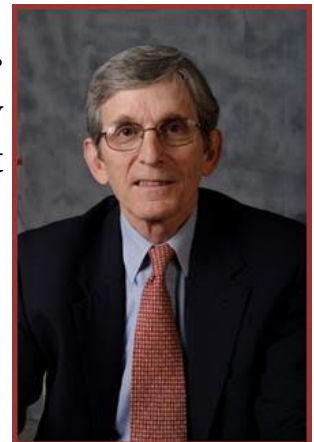
It was a great joy to hear people from across the presbytery expressing so much appreciation to Montreat Presbyterian Church and the Montreat Conference Center for making **yesterday's presbytery meeting** such a welcoming and hospitable event. Many, many thanks to all the members of our church family who helped in countless ways--if I try to name them all, I'm afraid I will inadvertently miss someone. For all the hard work that you put into it, and the time you gave simply by being there, **thank you.**

We have heard from **William Wilson** that his ordination service will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 27 at 4:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in Asheville. More details to follow. Will will then begin his ordained ministry as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Kilgore, Texas.

This Sunday, April 29, I am looking forward to welcoming **Lynn Bledsoe**, Ministry Associate at Givens Highland Farms, to co-officiate communion with me at our 9:00 worship service. Later that day, Vivian Hare and I will lead the **4:00 P.M. worship** service at Givens Highland Farms.

Montreat Wednesday, April 25

On April 25, we continue the four-part series on the **Biblical and Theological Explorations of Our Place In and Care For God's Creation** presented by Cam Murchison, Earth Care Theologian for Montreat Presbyterian Church.



April 25th Worrying About What We Eat

May 2nd Our Relation to Animals

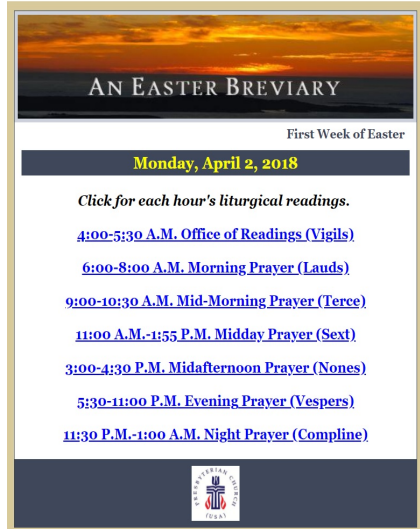
May 9th *After the Flood* - the movie and the
Biblical story

(Note that May 9 is not a screening of the complete film but a follow-up to the viewing we held last fall. It is not in any way necessary to have seen the movie before attending this event.)

Please join us in the Allen Building (304 Lookout Road, Montreat), 5:00-

Daily Prayer Practice Opportunity - It's Not Too Late to Start!

Anyone who has not opted into the Easter season breviary, but might like to have access to several daily prayer opportunities, can begin receiving the daily email which includes links for readings and reflections at different times of the day. You will not be "behind" in any readings; simply pick it up from the day you start receiving it. There are no requirements, and participants can choose which of the brief reflections, if any, to spend a few minutes with on any given day. Feel free to contact Keith Grogg (pastor@montreatchurch.org) with any questions.



The breviary will continue through May 19--the last day of the Easter season--and is sent out each day of the week except Sunday.

Please contact the church office by email at office@montreatchurch.org if you would to be added to the list of recipients. (This is a separate list from the Weekly Montreat Memo.)

Native Plant Sale This Saturday, 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

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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A prison ministry opportunity at Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women (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, **p l e a s e c o n t a c t 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

David Miller

Gordon Neville

Wendy Ricks

We also lift up in prayer...

Andrew Brunson, (imprisoned EPC mission worker in Turkey), next hearing set for May 7

Those most vulnerable to hunger, homelessness and poverty

Victims of terror, harassment, oppression and violence

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

Elmarie & Scott Parker, our Mission Co-workers in the Middle East

Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner church in Scotland

Montreat Conference Center, our partners in ministry in Montreat

Bounty & Soul, SVCM, and all food and shelter ministries

Children & Friends

OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti

Kairos Prison Ministry

Celebrate Recovery

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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