

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

May 8, 2018

All Are Welcome!



**Sunday Worship:
May 13, 2018
9:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson
The weekly worship service of
Montreat Presbyterian Church**

Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Tues., May 8	4:00 P.M.	Finance Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., May 9	3:30 P.M.	Christian Education Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</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

		Congregational Meeting (election of nominating committee) Choral ensemble practice after congregational meeting <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., May 15	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Building-(carpool to Jane Anderson's Home)</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 Pentecost Sunday 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.

Montreat Wednesday, May 9



We look forward to the fourth presentation in Cam Murchison's four-part series on the **Biblical and Theological Explorations of Our Place In and Care For God's Creation**. Cam, our church's Earth Care Theologian, will discuss the movie *Before the Flood* and explore the biblical narrative of the flood. (It is not necessary to have seen the movie before attending this event.)

Please join us in the Allen Building (304 Lookout Road, Montreat), 5:00-6:00 P.M. All are welcome!

Called Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 13, immediately following worship

Each year, in accordance with the PC(USA) Book of Order and our Manual of Administrative Operations, we call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of **electing members to the Nominating Committee**, which will be tasked with identifying and presenting a slate of nominees for the next year's session class.



The session has called the meeting to elect members to the Nominating Committee for Sunday, May 13 immediately following the 9:00 A.M. worship service. **The nominees being presented to serve on the nominating committee are Bill McCaskill, Janie Moore, and Bob Shaw.**

The congregationally elected members of the Nominating Committee will join **Jane Alexander and Betsy Kirschner**, who are (in accord with the Book of Order and MAO) the two elders appointed to it by the session.

Summer Worship Schedule



We have two more Sunday Worship Services in Upper Anderson, and then we will begin our schedule for the summer months! Our weekly services will return to Upper Anderson on Sunday, August 12.

Sun., May 27	11:00 A.M.	Kirkin' o' the Tartan <i>Anderson Auditorium</i>
June 3-Aug. 5	10:30 A.M.	Summer Worship Series <i>Anderson Auditorium</i>
June 16-July 28	10:30 A.M.	Saturday Morning Worship Doors open at 10:30; 30-minute service begins at 11:00 A.M. <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>

Our own **Rev. John Rogers** will be the preacher for the Kirkin' service on May 27.

[Click here](#) to see the roster of preachers for the Summer Worship Series in Anderson Auditorium. Our pastor, Keith Grogg, works closely with the summer worship team in crafting liturgy and leading worship.

Women's Circle, May 15 Meeting



The Women's Circle will meet on May 15 at 10:00 A.M. at the Walkup Building. We will then carpool to the home of Jane Anderson for Bible study and a salad lunch. Please bring a salad to share.

Friends & Partners in Ministry

Would you like to learn more about a Christian-based volunteer program that visits the women who are incarcerated at Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women? Come join us on Thursday, May 17th from 7:00-8:00 P.M. at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church St., Asheville, NC. The evening will include information about the Kairos Prison Ministry program, ways you can help. We will even have some Swannanoa Correctional residents speaking about their experience in the program. More information on Kairos can be found [here](#). If you would like to attend, please email Elizabeth Devereaux at re.devereaux@gmail.com or call 828-505-3618.



Kairos Prison Ministry
International

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!

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

David Duncan

Darlene Griffin, as she moves back home

Bill Grogg

David Miller

Betsy & Gordon Neville

Wendy Ricks

Maggie Tuggle

We also lift up in prayer...

Andrew Brunson (imprisoned EPC mission worker in Turkey), next hearing set for July 18. See the U.S. government's official response, issued by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, by clicking [here](#).

The Brunson family and Richard White, returning from attending the court proceedings in Turkey (Richard's powerful May 8 letter to Christ Community Church is available to be forwarded from office@montreatchurch.org for any who wish to read it.)

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

High school and college seniors and their parents and families

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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