

The Weekly Montreat Memo

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

November 13, 2018

All Are Welcome!



Sunday Worship, November 18
10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson
Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Tue., Nov. 13	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Building</i>
Tue., Nov. 13	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Nov. 14	3:30 P.M.	Christmas Choir Rehearsal <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Nov. 14	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Jane Alexander, Book Discussion of <i>Just Mercy</i> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Thu., Nov. 15	10:00 A.M.	Thursday Morning Bible Study <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Nov. 18	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>

Thu., Nov. 22	11:00 A.M.	Thanksgiving Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Nov. 25	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Wed., Nov. 28	2:00 P.M.	Christian Education Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Nov. 28	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Mark Achtemeier: Advent (1 of 2) <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Thu., Nov. 29	10:00 A.M.	Thursday Morning Bible Study <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sat., Dec. 1	10:00 A.M.	Rehearsal-Hanging of the Greens <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 2	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship Hanging of the Greens <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 2	5:00 P.M.	First Sunday Hymn Sing <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Dec. 5	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Mark Achtemeier: Advent (2 of 2) <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</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 Series Continues Oct. 31

**Montreat Presbyterian Church's Montreat Wednesday Series
Oct. 17-Nov. 14, 2018**

"I WAS IN PRISON, AND..."

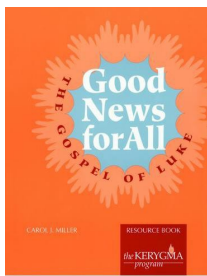
(Matthew 25:31-46)

Incarceration through the lens

of Christian faith and discipleship

The five-part series on incarceration concludes this **Wednesday, Nov. 14** with educator **Jane Alexander** moderating a discussion of the memoir ***Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson. Bryan Stevenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, "a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system." It is not necessary to have read the book; those who have will be encouraged to bring their thoughts.

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00 A.M. in the Allen Building



The Thursday Morning Bible Study continues this Thursday, Nov. 15. We will be looking at the 11th chapter in the Kerygma book, covering Luke 19:28-48; 20; 21:1-3.

The Luke study takes place each Thursday morning through Dec. 13 (excluding Thanksgiving Day), 10:00-11:15 A.M. in the Allen Building. **All are welcome!**

SVCM WINTER SHELTER

Again this year our church along with other churches in the valley will help to feed the homeless in our community during the winter months. Without the help of these churches many would have no place to go during the coldest nights of the winter and would have no warm meals. The shelter provides both. Our church is responsible for furnishing three meals from Jan. 6-9 and Jan. 27. Starting in December you will have an opportunity to sign up. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



Photo by Fred McCormick

Thanksgiving Service and Offering

The Thanksgiving Service will be held in Upper Anderson on Thanksgiving Day (November 22) at 11:00 A.M. The service lasts about 30 minutes and, as always, all are welcome. Margaret Neale will be the pianist, Keith Grogg will lead worship, and the Tarnished Brass will provide prelude music.



All who wish to contribute to the Synod **Thanksgiving Offering** will have the opportunity to do so in support of the Children's Hope Alliance, the consortium of Barium Springs Home for Children and Grandfather Home for Children. Information about Children's Hope Alliance can be found [here](#).

Stewardship Update

We now have 71 responses to the challenge made by the Stewardship committee! However, we still have 22 households that responded last year that we have not heard from this year.

If you feel led to join others in committing an estimated amount for 2019, please just send a note to the church c/o the Treasurer that indicates your estimate of giving for next year. Alternately, you could e-mail your plans to treasurer@montreatchurch.org. Thank you!

Gill Campbell, treasurer

Stock Transfer Information for Gifts to MPC

Change of Client Associate

The following is updated information that your Financial Advisor will need in order to transfer stock to the church's account at Merrill Lynch:

Merrill Lynch
One North Pack Square, 2nd Floor
Asheville, NC 28802

The account is listed as Montreat Presbyterian Church, Account #702-02200, and the DTC # is 8862.

Daniel Hewitt is the Financial Advisor for the account (daniel_hewitt@ml.com), and the contact information for his Client Associate Shelly Hillman is 828-258-4444; (shelly.hillman@ml.com). Please advise Shelly, as well as the church treasurer at treasurer@montreatchurch.org about securities gifts before they are transferred.

From the Pastor's Desk

Last month, on behalf of the congregation, the session presented Vivian and me with a gift certificate which holds the promise of a lovely evening out. It was presented as an expression of Pastor Appreciation Month, and as I said to the session, when you're the pastor of Montreat Presbyterian Church, every month feels like pastor appreciation month.

What a privilege it is to be part of this astonishing congregation. Friends and neighbors from Asheville, Black Mountain, Montreat, Swannanoa and elsewhere come together in body and in spirit to praise God, to be engaged in the world as followers of Jesus, and to delve deeply into holy mystery guided by the Spirit. God is doing wonderful, powerful, encouraging things with our church these days, and I am excited to see all that is in store for us as we continue on this road together.

Thank you for your constant expressions of love. It is a pleasure and a privilege to walk with you, and an honor to be called your pastor.

*With boundless gratitude~
K.G.*

Fall and Winter MPC Calendar

**Some upcoming events in the Fall-Winter schedule.
Please join us! All are welcome.**

Thu., Nov. 22	11:00 A.M.	Thanksgiving Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 2	10:00 A.M.	Advent 1: Service of Hanging of the Greens <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 2	5:00 P.M.	First Sunday Hymn Sing <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Dec. 9	10:00 A.M.	Advent 2: Service of Hope & Remembrance <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 16	10:00 A.M.	Advent 3: Service of Lessons & Carols <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 16	5:30 P.M.	Christmas Caroling <i>Gather at Montreat Gate</i>
Sun., Dec. 23	10:00 A.M.	Advent 4 Worship Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Mon., Dec. 24	5:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Service

Friends & Partners in Ministry



As we enter into the winter months SCVM is once again in need of some items for their clients. If you have any **blankets, coats and or space heaters** you could donate you may bring them to church and we will deliver them.



Sunday, Nov. 25 at 4:00 P.M. in the Graham Chapel, Montreat

All choral singers invited!

Rehearsals are Tuesdays Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20
in the Chapel of the Prodigal in Montreat, from 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Admission is free; donations are warmly welcomed. For tax-deductible donation information, please click [here](#) and visit the Donations page.

For information or questions, you can email me
at robert@messiahinmontreat.org.

Robert Boer, director

Our Prayer List

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

Kat Achtemeier, recovering from hand surgery
Becky Anderson (Sadlers' niece), urgent need for kidney transplant
Robert Boer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Robbin Buchanan
Terri Cornellier Jennison & her husband Cliff, recovering from car accident
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Sarah Feely (sister of Margaret Neale), acute leukemia
Derek Hudson (friend of the Tutterows)
Marylyn Huff
David Miller

Betsy Neville
Gordon Neville
Margaret Rada
Dick Ray
John Roark
Gabe Schell
Herb Smith
Maggie Tuggle
Cis Wilde

We celebrate with Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Ray
who will be ordained as Minister of Word & Sacrament
in a service at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
this Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 P.M.
Betsy is serving Old Fort Presbyterian Church
while continuing to teach at Asheville Middle School.

We also lift up in prayer...

Veterans and active military personnel
Victims of California fires
Refugees of war, famine and violence seeking asylum
Victims of war and terror in Yemen, Myanmar and elsewhere
All who are traveling
Victims of racial 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
Children & Friends
OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti
Kairos Prison Ministry

*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.

Memo Submissions and Responses

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.

The Memo is usually published on Tuesday. **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.)

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