

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

November 27, 2018

All Are Welcome!



**Sunday Worship, December 2**  
**The Hanging of the Greens**  
**10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson**  
**Everyone is welcome! Please join us!**

## Our Calendar

<b>Wed., Nov. 28</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Christian Education Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Nov. 28</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Nov. 28</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> Mark Achtemeier: Advent (1 of 2) <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thu., Nov. 29</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Thursday Morning Bible Study</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sat., Dec. 1</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Rehearsal-Hanging of the Greens</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 2</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> The Hanging of the Greens <i>Upper Anderson</i>

<b>Wed., Dec. 5</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Dec. 5</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> Mark Achteimeier: Advent (2 of 2) <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thu., Dec. 6</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Thursday Morning Bible Study</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sat., Dec. 8</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Women's Circle Christmas Party</b> <i>Walkup Building</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 9</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Service of Hope & Remembrance Communion Nickel-a-Meal Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>

**Please share scheduling info with the office administrator at [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto: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.

## Office Note

**Normal office hours are temporarily suspended this week** as staff are mainly working off site and/or unusual hours. If you have business in the church office, please call ahead to be sure someone will be here. Emails and phone messages are being checked regularly and all staff are on duty.

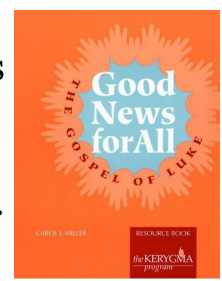
## Montreat Wednesday Nov. 28, 5:00 P.M. in the Allen Building



Please join us for Montreat Wednesday this week when **Mark Achteimeier** will present the first of a two-part Advent series. 5:00-6:00 P.M. in the Allen Building. All are welcome!

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

**The Thursday Morning Bible Study** resumes this Thursday, Nov. 29, led by **Cathie & Frank Dodson**.



The Luke study takes place Thursday mornings through Dec. 13, 10:00-11:15 A.M. in the Allen Building. All are welcome!

## **Sunday Worship This Week: The Hanging of the Greens 10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson**

From his cell in Tegel prison camp, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote to his parents in 1943: *We can, and also should, celebrate Christmas, despite the ruins around us... I think of you as you now sit together with the children and with all the Advent decorations, as in earlier years you did with us.*

**Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ** comprising the four weeks before Christmas. We celebrate the beginning of the season in worship with the presentation of liturgical reminders of Advent, as a means of expressing the gospel using words, music, and symbols which point beyond themselves to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please join us for a special worship service this Sunday at 10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson!

## **Alternative Christmas Gifts**

**CHILDREN & FRIENDS:** For the next four Sundays we will be collecting mittens and scarves to be placed on the mitten tree for the children at C&F.



**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS:** A great alternative Christmas gift is the purchase of gift cards to send to friends. Starting Sunday you will have an opportunity to purchase cards for SVCM, Angel Tree, \$10 - Children and Friends, \$15 - help feed the children in Bayonnais School, \$25. Last year we did \$1,600 in gift cards.

## **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

## Fall and Winter MPC Calendar

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

<b>Sun., Dec. 2</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Advent 1: Service of Hanging of the Greens</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Wed., Dec. 5</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday: Advent</b> Mark Achtemeier <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 9</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Advent 2: Service of Hope &amp; Remembrance</b> Communion Nickel-a-Meal offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Wed., Dec. 12</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday: Christmas Carol Sing</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 16</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Advent 3: Service of Lessons &amp; Carols</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 16</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Christmas Caroling</b> <i>Gather at Montreat Gate</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 23</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Advent 4 Worship Service</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Mon., Dec. 24</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>

Giving Hope on #GivingTuesday

# #GIVING TUESDAY

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**Help change lives in Christ's name on #GivingTuesday**

On this global day of giving, you can help address poverty and its causes, start New Worshiping Communities that inspire and give hope, shape a more inclusive PC(USA), and rebuild lives that have been shattered by disasters. These are just a few examples of the work of Presbyterian Mission. Give as an offering of gratitude to God and help change lives in the name of Christ. Find a comprehensive list of giving opportunities [here](#).

## Friends & Partners in Ministry

### #GivingTuesday



A meaningful Holiday gift that you can give is a donation to Bounty & Soul. Every \$1 donated becomes 3-4 days of fresh produce and whole grains for a local family who struggles to put enough food on the table.

On **#GivingTuesday (Nov. 27)**, your donation to Bounty & Soul will be matched dollar for dollar thanks to a generous donor who wants you to stretch your support. **Your \$1 becomes \$2!** If you do this, we will send an acknowledgement card to those you are honoring prior to the Holidays. Or, we can fill out an acknowledgement card that you can give to them. Everyone wins - Your issue with what to get that person is handled. That person gets a thoughtful gift. Local families will have food on their tables for the Holidays. You can donate online by going [here](#).



As we enter into the winter months SVCM 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.

Do you have an extra car that needs to find a new home? Imagine how difficult your life would be without a car! Working Wheels repairs and recycles donated cars, transforming them into working wheels for working families. The process is simple and the donation is tax deductible, plus your donation benefits local nonprofits whose clients need these cars. We also need volunteer drivers and mechanics. To donate or volunteer, please call (828) 633-6888 or visit [www.workingwheelswnc.org](http://www.workingwheelswnc.org).

## Working Wheels

Transforming donated cars into working wheels for working families

### Our Prayer List

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

Becky Anderson (Sadlers' niece), urgent need for kidney transplant  
Robert Boer  
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)  
Robbin Buchanan  
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain  
Sarah Feely (sister of Margaret Neale), acute leukemia  
Clara Hare  
Brad Hestir, pacemaker installed this week  
Marylyn Huff  
David Miller  
Betsy Neville  
Gordon Neville  
Margaret Rada  
Dick Ray  
John Roark  
Mary Scott Robinson (daughter of Mary Katherine & Billy),  
hand injury requiring multiple surgeries  
Anne Rogers, shingles  
Gabe Schell  
Herb Smith  
Patty Smith, shingles  
Maggie Tuggle  
Cis Wilde

#### *We also lift up in prayer...*

Victims of California fires  
Refugees of war, famine and violence seeking asylum  
Victims of war and terror in Yemen, Myanmar and elsewhere  
Victims of domestic 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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