

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

December 4, 2018

All Are Welcome!



**Sunday Worship, December 9**  
**Service of Hope & Remembrance**  
**10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson**  
**Everyone is welcome! Please join us!**

## Our Calendar

<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>Thu., Dec. 6</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership Committee Meeting</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Fri., Dec. 7</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</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>
<b>Tue., Dec. 11</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Women's Circle</b> <i>Walkup Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Dec. 11</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> <i>Home of Linda Hobson</i>
<b>Wed., Dec. 12</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Dec. 12</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Christmas Carol Sing</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thu., Dec. 13</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Thursday Morning Bible Study</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 16</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Service of Lessons & Carols Christmas Joy Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 16</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Christmas Caroling</b> <i>Meet at the Montreat Gate</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.

## Weather Watch for This Week-end



**The safety of our church family and guests is our priority in planning worship.** With that in mind, church events, including Sunday worship, are subject to postponement or cancellation if weather or travel conditions become hazardous. **We are carefully monitoring the weather forecast for Sunday morning, Dec. 9.**

**If cancellation appears to be a possibility, a decision will be announced by 8:00 P.M. Saturday evening.** The

information will be sent via email (Special Announcement), posted on Facebook ("Montreat Presbyterian Church, PCUSA") and the church website (MontreatChurch.org), and placed on WLOS-TV and as an outgoing message on the office phone.

**Until that time, the service is still scheduled to take place as usual at 10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson.** This Sunday we are preparing for the Service of Hope and Remembrance, including Holy Communion, the Nickel-a-Meal Offering, and an acknowledgement that for some, along with seasonal celebrations of joy and good cheer, Christmastime can bring some complicated emotions as well.

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

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

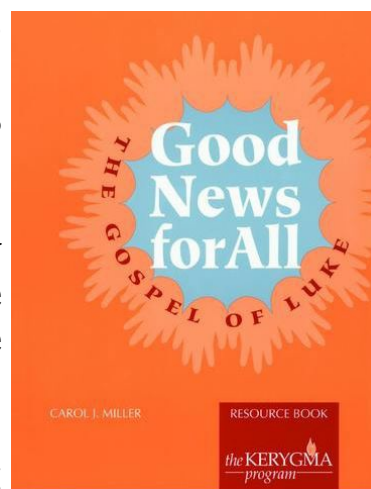


## Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00 A.M. in the Allen Building

**The Thursday Morning Bible Study meets this Thursday, Dec. 6, led by Sally Woodard.** The Luke study concludes next Thursday, Dec. 13 with Cathie & Frank Dodson.

Each Bible Study session can stand alone, so **it is by no means too late to come and join us!** We meet 10:00-11:15 A.M. in the Allen Building. All are welcome!

Many thanks to our teaching team for sharing insights from the resource and their own perspectives, and for leading great, respectful class discussions: Mark Achtemeier, Cathie Dodson, Frank Dodson, Priscilla Durkin, Keith Grogg, and Sally Woodard.



## Women's Circle Tue., Dec. 11, 10:00 A.M.

Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet in Walkup on December 11 at 10:00 A.M. Members are asked to bring a favorite Advent Bible verse or short devotion to share with the group. We will have Holiday refreshments. Come and share the fellowship.

## 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 this past Sunday and continuing through Advent, we have an opportunity to purchase cards for:

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry "Angel Tree" - \$10  
Children & Friends - \$15  
Help feed the children in Bayonnais School, Haiti - \$25

Last year, we raised \$1,600 through alternative gift cards!

## Poinsettia Orders

We are receiving orders for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary for the worship service on Dec. 23. Each poinsettia costs \$10. If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in honor or memory of loved ones, the order form can be found in the worship bulletin or downloaded and printed by clicking [here](#). The deadline to order is December 17. If writing a check, please make check payable to MPC and designate "Poinsettia" in the memo line. You may mail, email or stop by the office with your order. Thank you!



## 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

## Advent & Christmas Events at MPC

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

<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: <span style="color: green;">Service of Lessons &amp; Carols</span></b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 16</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b><span style="color: red;">Christmas Caroling</span></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>

## 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.

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If you would like to help minister to the **residents of the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women with Christmas cards this year, please bring unused cards to the church office** by Monday, Dec. 17.

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Each year, Paul & Joellen Maurer host Montreat College students for Christmas goodies during finals week. This year the event will be on **Tuesday, December 11, 8:00-11:00 P.M.** If you are baking Christmas cookies, bars, or candies, would you like to make an extra dozen for MC students to enjoy? If so, you can drop them off at 111 Connally St. in Black Mountain. **Please bring them by the end of the day Monday the 10th, and indicate what you have made and anything they should know about it (contains peanuts, gluten free etc). Thank you!**

## 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

Fred Connelly, hospitalized in Concord, NC after a stroke.

Speech and facial muscles were not affected. Family are nearby.

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Sarah Feely (sister of Margaret Neale), acute leukemia

Marylyn Huff

David Miller

Betsy Neville

Gordon Neville

Margaret Rada

Dick Ray

John Roark

Mary Scott Robinson (daughter of Mary Katherine & Billy)

Anne Rogers, shingles

Elizabeth Shaw, hospitalized Monday evening

for treatment of atrial fibrillation

Herb Smith

Patty Smith, shingles

Maggie Tuggle

Jim & Linda Weyman & family, in the death of Jim's mother

Our deepest love and sympathy are extended to Jim & Linda Weyman  
in the death of Jim's mother, Saraellen Weyman.

A service will be held this Friday afternoon  
and the family will meet at the cemetery on Saturday morning.

Those wishing to send a card or note to Fred Connelly  
as he continues with hospitalization and rehab in the Charlotte area  
may send cards to the church office  
and we will be sure they are delivered:  
MPC, P.O. Box 577, Montreat, NC 28757.

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

People who are especially vulnerable to cold weather  
Refugees of war, famine and violence seeking asylum  
Victims of war and terror in Yemen, Myanmar and elsewhere  
People suffering from HIV/AIDS, and all who have lost loved ones  
Victims of domestic violence  
Those for whom Christmastime brings painful memories  
and complicated emotions

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  
Bounty & Soul  
Children & Friends  
Kairos Prison Ministry  
OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti  
Swannanoa Valley Christian 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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