

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

January 8, 2019

All Are Welcome!



Sunday Worship, January 13
10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson
Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Sun., Jan. 13	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship Kat Achtemeier preaching <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Jan. 13	after worship	Called Session Meeting for receiving new members <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., Jan. 15	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Building</i>
Tue., Jan. 15	10:00 A.M.	Program Staff Meeting <i>Church office</i>
Tue., Jan. 15	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Jan. 16	2:00 P.M.	Worship Staff Meeting <i>Pastor's office</i>
Sun., Jan. 20	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship

		<i>Upper Anderson</i>
Wed., Jan. 23	9:30 A.M.	Christian Education Committee Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Jan. 23	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Jan. 27	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Jan. 27	after worship	Annual Congregational Meeting <i>Upper Anderson</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.

Pastoral Care this Week

Pastor Keith Grogg is away from the office this week. If an emergency should arise requiring the presence of a pastor any time through Thursday, please contact Margaret Peery: 828-280-2524. Beginning Friday, the pastor may be contacted directly.

Committee Chairs at the Start of 2019

Some of our session's ministry committees are being chaired by new people; some of our committees are in the midst of tweaking, transforming or re-articulating their scope; some are carrying on without missing a beat; and some decisions are still being made! **Here is the list of committee chairs as we enter 2019.** Further information, including contact info, will be posted on the website, montreatchurch.org.

Christian Education - Mason Blake
 Earth Ministry Subcommittee - Hal Demarest
 Congregational Care - Beth Fountain
 Evangelism & Membership - Judy Shuford
 Fellowship - Grace Nichols
 Stewardship of Finance & Property - Everett Culpepper
 Human Resources - Steve Hansel
 Mission & Outreach - Eric Nichols

Worship & Music - Betsy Kirschner

Clerk/Assistant Clerk - Jane Alexander/Mason Blake

Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer - Gill Campbell/Everett Culpepper

Worship This Sunday: Kat Achtemeier preaching



PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

This Sunday, Jan. 13, we welcome to our pulpit **the Rev. Dr. Kat Achtemeier!** Kat recently concluded a long and celebrated pastorate at First Presbyterian Church, Dubuque, Iowa. She is married to Mark, and they have been attending our worship and participating in every facet of our congregational life.

Keith Grogg will also be on hand to lead worship and recognize, celebrate and give thanks to God for the many and varied ministries that some of our church members have been providing for several years. They include **Margaret Neale's** years of faithful service as our weekly musician, which will be recognized as the torch is passed to our new director of music, Vivian Hare.

We are keeping an eye on the weather forecast for this weekend. As always, in the event of a weather related cancellation, an announcement will be sent via email **by 8:00 P.M. Saturday evening**, and the news will be shared on the outgoing telephone message, our Facebook page, and area TV stations.

Receiving New Members Sunday, Jan. 13, following worship

Are you ready to join Montreat Presbyterian Church? The official step in joining is to meet with the session.

The Session has called a meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, January 13 for the purpose of receiving new members. We will meet in Upper Anderson and are happy to meet with anyone who is ready to join.

MPC is made up of people who come from many different circumstances, and our membership rolls are, accordingly, wide ranging. We have the traditional PC(USA) Book of Order categories of **active, baptized, and affiliate membership rolls**. We also have a roll of **Supporting Members**, who have formalized their dedication to and support for MPC, but are, for any number of worthy reasons, unable to join any of the regular Book of Order rolls. We have a roll of **Member Clergy**: ministers of Word & Sacrament who wish to identify as members of this church family. We have **Supporting Clergy** who are in a similar position but are unable to commit to the same level of involvement as a member. Regardless of your circumstances, if you are interested in any way in joining one of our rolls, please just ask. We probably have a membership category for you!

Women's Circle Tue., Jan. 15, 10:00 A.M.

The **Women's Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 15 at 10:00 in the Walkup building. Corise Gambrell will present Lesson 5: God With Us When We're Powerless. 2 Chronicles 20, Deuteronomy 20 and Esther. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Friends & Partners in Ministry



delivered.

SCVM has a continuing need of items for their clients. If you have any **blankets, coats or space heaters** you could donate, you may take them to SVCM in Black Mountain, or you may bring them to the church and we will be sure they are

Yokefellow Volunteer Training
Saturday, January 19, 2019
9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Trinity Presbyterian Church
17 Shawnee Trail
Asheville, NC 28805



Yokefellow Prison Ministry is an interdenominational, interracial Christian Ministry of listening, sharing, caring, encouragement, and support provided by community volunteers to the incarcerated. The ministry is not

focused on worship, Bible study, teaching, or preaching. Emphasis is on building committed relationships to foster spiritual growth and transformed lives. You are invited to a training opportunity, which will cover relational active listening, prison boundaries, and unity. Call 336-724-9801 or email yokefellowprisonministrync@gmail.com to register.

- RSVP by January 12 to reserve lunch. Lunch will be provided at no charge if RSVP received by Jan. 12.
- Photographs will be taken at this event. To opt out of being photographed, include this in your RSVP.

**Twenty-Ninth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Saturday, February 9, 2019
Prayer Breakfast
8:00-11:00 A.M. at Camp Dorothy Walls**



The singer-speaker for our 2019 Prayer Breakfast is **Mary D. Williams**, Adjunct Professor at Duke University's Documentary Studies.

There are many ways you can give your support:

- 1. Attend** the Prayer Breakfast by purchasing tickets by January 20, 2019, [here](#)
- 2. Contribute** to our scholarship fund. We acknowledge in our program: Patrons donating \$5-99, Sponsors donating \$100-499 and Benefactors donating \$500+
- 3. Volunteer** to become members of the MLK Jr. Board.
- 4. Purchase** an ad in our printed program by contacting a board member.

Our Prayer List

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

Evelyn Bannerman, health concerns
Glenn Bannerman, treatments for melanoma
Robert Boer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Fred Connelly
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Sarah Feely (sister of Margaret Neale), acute leukemia
Jane Frist
Margie Jones, recovering from back surgery

David Miller
Betsy Neville
Gordon Neville
Margaret Rada
John Roark
Mary Scott Robinson
Maggie Tuggle
Lynn Wegener (sister of Brad Hestir), Joe, and their children and families,
in the aftermath of a stroke

We also lift up in prayer...

People who are especially vulnerable to winter weather
Refugees of war, famine and violence
Victims of war and terror in Yemen, Myanmar and elsewhere

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.*

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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

Steve Hansel, Mary Jo Wright (2019)
Jane Alexander, Everett Culpepper (2020)
Beth Fountain, Mason Blake (2021)
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)



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.
Rev. Margaret Peery also provides pastoral care:
parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org

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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