

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



February 26, 2019

All Are Welcome!



**Sunday Worship, March 3
10:00 A.M. in Upper Anderson
Everyone is welcome! Please join us!**

Our Calendar

Wed., Feb. 27	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday Haiti Delegation Presentation <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Mar. 3	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Mar. 3	3:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal Holy Communion Nickel-a-Meal Offering <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Mar. 3	5:00 P.M.	First Sunday Hymn Sing <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Tue., Mar. 5	3:00 P.M.	Congregational Care Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Mar. 6	6:30 P.M.	Ash Wednesday Service MPC & BMPC

*Black Mountain Presbyterian
Church*

- Thu., Mar. 7** **3:30 P.M.** **Evangelism & Membership
Committee**
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.
- Sun., Mar. 10** **10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Morning Worship**
Upper Anderson
- Sun., Mar. 10** **3:30 P.M.** **Choir Rehearsal**
Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.

**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, 5:00 P.M.
The Allen Building
304 Lookout Road, Montreat**

**This Wednesday, February 27, members of the delegation
recently returned from Bayonnais, Haiti** (which included Eric
Nichols, Jim Henderson and Steve Hansel) will bring us a presentation
updating us on the crucial ministry which this church is proud to support.

All are welcome at our Montreat Wednesday events! We hope you
can join us.

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 P.M. in the Allen Building

Community Lenten Worship Series



Sponsored by the Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association

The Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association is sponsoring Community Worship Services for Wednesdays in Lent and on Good Friday. Services will be held at various locations with a rotating series of worship leaders from throughout the area. **Each service begins at 12:00 noon** and lasts about 30 minutes. **A light lunch follows each service (with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).** An offering will be received at each service for the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries' "heating fund." All are invited.

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| March 6 | Ash Wednesday
St. James Episcopal Church (<i>no lunch</i>) |
| March 13 | Black Mountain United Methodist Church |
| March 20 | Montreat Presbyterian Church & Montreat Conference Center (in <i>Upper Anderson</i>) |
| March 27 | Tabernacle/Swannanoa UMC (<i>at Tabernacle UMC</i>) |
| April 3 | Warren Wilson/Black Mountain Presbyterian Churches (<i>at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church</i>) |
| April 10 | First Baptist Church of Black Mountain |
| April 19 | Good Friday Service
First Christian Church (<i>no lunch</i>) |

Each event begins at 12:00 P.M.
We welcome everyone to walk the Lenten journey with us.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 10



It's that time again! Daylight Saving Time begins Sun., Mar. 10. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Some Upcoming Lent/Easter Services

The Easter season, which begins with the First Sunday of Easter, usually called Easter Sunday, is the Church's commemoration and celebration ("feast") of the resurrection of Jesus. This year, Easter Sunday falls on April 21, almost as late in the year as it ever occurs.

The liturgical season leading up to Easter is called Lent. It is a time of grateful humility, an opportunity for Christians to

prepare for Easter by engaging in deep personal reflection on their own faithfulness in light of the cross and what God has done for us, and is doing for us, in Christ. Lent can be a challenging spiritual discipline for those who enter into it. The church's role is both to help disciples explore the challenge unflinchingly and to provide comfort and encouragement for those on the journey. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays), culminating in Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On behalf of Montreat Presbyterian Church and in the name of Christ, I invite you to come confidently with us on a life changing journey!

We continue our tradition of partnering with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church for our evening Ash Wednesday service. This year, BMPC is the host church. (A midday service for the whole community is also held at St. James Episcopal Church at noon that day. Both services are complete Ash Wednesday services which include communion and the imposition of ashes. It is perfectly OK to attend either, or both!)

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Wed., Mar. 6	6:30 P.M.	Ash Wednesday Service for MPC and BMPC <i>Black Mountain Presbyterian Church</i>
Wed., Mar. 20	12:00 P.M.	Lent Worship & Lunch Co-hosted by MPC & MRA <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Apr. 14	10:00 A.M.	Palm Sunday <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Thu., Apr. 18	7:00 P.M.	Maundy Thursday Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Fri., Apr. 19	12:00 P.M.	Good Friday Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Apr. 21	10:00 A.M.	Easter Sunday <i>Upper Anderson</i>

**The Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association
also sponsors a Lent series of noon worship services
followed by a simple lunch, Wednesdays during Lent.
(See article above.)**

Friends & Partners in Ministry

"Between the pain of those who are gone and the fear of those who may yet pay with their lives, we come together to say enough pain and enough war, and stress that peace is the only solution to stop the killing"

-Muhannad Najjar, Combatants for Peace

Combatants for Peace (CFP) was founded by former Israeli and Palestinian combatants.

CFP is a bi-national peace activist movement for ending the occupation and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 & 2018

February 6:30 PM Refreshments
28, 2019 7-9 PM Program



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229 Murdock Ave | 828-252-8660

Walking Each Other Home

March 13
6:00 pm

Swannanoa United Methodist Church
216 Whitson Ave

Emerging Options in End-of-Life Care

What is meant by "Dying Well"
Beyond hospice - filling gaps in care
Emotional & spiritual support is crucial
End-of-Life Doulas provide key services
After-death options: home funerals,
sustainable cremation, green burial

Let's have a conversation!

*We're at a turning point where we're
waking up - coming out of denial of
death, into consciousness; wanting to
meet death with greater awareness,
preparedness, grace and peacefulness.*
~Kori



Kori Waterman,
End-of-Life Doula, INELDA Certified

Camp Grier Work Day, April 6, 2019

We are just months away from our annual work day! We would love to have you join us for a day of service, friendship and community! This year's primary focus will be on staining our decks, cleaning up winter debris and neatening up our campus for summer. Register [here](#).



A luncheon to benefit **The Ministry of Hope** organization (**which supports the Chaplaincy at Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women**) will be held at **Lake Lure** on **April 25**. If you would like to purchase a ticket please let **Priscilla Durkin** know. The organization is also seeking donations for a silent auction which will be part of the occasion. If you have an item you'd be willing to contribute, please also let

me know.



SVCM 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 delivered.

Our Prayer List

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

Becky Anderson (Sadler's niece), kidney transplant surgeries
Evelyn Bannerman
Glenn Bannerman
Robert Boer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Jerry Chesnutt
Fred Connelly
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Sarah Feely (sister of Margaret Neale), acute leukemia
Jane Frist
Bruce Ganger (director, Bounty & Soul), recovering after hospitalization
John Hinkle, Jr.
Margie Jones, recovering from back surgery
Patricia McClurg
Bev MacSherry, cancer diagnosis
David Miller
David Neel, recovering after successful hand surgery
Betsy Neville
Gordon Neville
Kitty Peterson, shoulder and foot injuries from a near fall
Margaret Rada
John Roark
Cameron Roberts
Mary Scott Robinson
Arline Taylor, now living in Salisbury with her daughter
Maggie Tuggle
Robin Tutterow, upcoming heart surgery
Lynn Wegener (sister of Brad Hestir)
Lamar Williamson

We also lift up in prayer...

Those who are susceptible to cold and flu season
Neighbors who are vulnerable to poverty and hunger
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs
Victims of domestic violence
Children and parents separated from each other

Elmarie & Scott Parker, our Mission Co-workers in the Middle East
Victor and Sara Makari, our Mission Co-workers in Palestine
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.*

PWNC Newsletter

Find the latest news from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina [here](#).

Montreat Presbyterian Church

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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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