

# The Weekly Montreat Memo

The e-newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 12, 2019

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**Sunday, November 17, 10:00 A.M.**  
**Upper Anderson**

**Everyone is welcome! Please join us!**

## Our Calendar

<b>Tue., Nov. 12</b>	<b>5:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Mission Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Nov. 13</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Christian Education Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Nov. 13</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> Black Mountain Counseling Center <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thu., Nov. 14</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Nov. 17</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Nov. 17</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>

<b>Sun., Nov. 17</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Children's Music</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Nov. 20</b>	<b>5:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Covered Dish Dinner</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Nov. 24</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b> <b>Christ the King Sunday</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Nov. 24</b>	<b>2:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Givens Highland Farms Assembly Room</i>
<b>Sun., Nov. 24</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <i>Givens Highland Farms Assembly Room</i>
<b>Thu., Nov. 28</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sat., Nov. 30</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sat., Nov. 30</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <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.**

**Montreat Wednesday, November 13**





**Please join us this Wednesday, Nov. 13, 5:00-6:00 P.M.** in the Allen Building for Montreat Wednesday.

**Ellen Begley, RN, NCC, LPC**, executive director of the Black Mountain Counseling Center, will be here to speak to us about the crucial non-profit ministry of our partners at BMCC. In 2007, Ellen joined other counselors in establishing a nonprofit counseling center to serve the community. The Black Mountain Pastoral Care & Counseling Center later became the Black Mountain Counseling Center.

## SVCM Cornucopia



This Sunday 11/17, and at the 11/20 covered dish supper, please bring and fill our cornucopia with non-perishable foods to be sent to Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry!

*G.N.*

## Stewardship Update

Our church is richly blessed by all the love and faithfulness that are reflected in the commitments we have received!

We have received an additional 13 pledges since Stewardship Sunday, bringing our total to 79 for a total of \$259,390. Of those received, nine are new pledges. We still have some families who pledged last year that we have not heard from yet. This meets about 91% of last year's total financial pledges (\$288,280).

If you have not yet informed the church of your giving plans for 2020, you may still mail a pledge card to the church office, or put a card in the offering plate (extras will be on a table in the back of the sanctuary). Or just contact the church office to tell us of your intentions. **Letting us know this week** about your estimated giving for 2020 will allow our church to put together a 2020 budget that shines as brightly as possible with the love Christ!

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*G.C.*

## Covered Dish Dinner, Wed., Nov. 20 5:45 P.M. in Upper Anderson

Please plan to join our church family and friends on Wednesday, November 20, 5:45 P.M. in Upper Anderson for a covered dish dinner!

Bring family, friends, neighbors, and a dish to share--  
or if that is not feasible, just come along anyway.

We will have food, fun, togetherness, and a special performance by  
the Swannanoa Correctional Institute Dance Team!

All are welcome. Please join us!



In accordance with our Earth Care Congregation status,  
attendees are invited to consider bringing plates, cups etc.  
that can be taken home, washed and re-used.  
Supplies will also be made available at the event.

## Upcoming Worship Services

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to all of our worship services, no matter what season or time of year! **All services listed here will be held in Upper Anderson unless otherwise indicated.**

**Sun., Nov. 24 10:00 A.M. Christ the King Sunday**  
*The triumphant culmination of the liturgical year*

**Sun., Nov. 24 4:00 P.M. 4th Sunday at Highland Farms**  
*A 30-minute service with our choir,*

*music director and pastor held in the Assembly Room at Givens Highland Farms*

- Thu., Nov. 28 11:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Service**  
*A 30-minute service of gratitude*
- Sun., Dec. 1 10:00 A.M. Hanging of the Greens**  
*The beginning of Advent, observed in a service of words, music, and symbols ushering in the season of expectant waiting for the coming of Christ*
- Thu., Dec. 5 4:45 P.M. Advent Taize Service**  
*A meditative candlelight worship service for Advent held between sunset and twilight*
- Sun., Dec. 8 10:00 A.M. Service of Hope & Remembrance**  
*A communion service for everyone which acknowledges that Christmastime can bring complicated and sometimes difficult emotions*
- Sun., Dec. 15 10:00 A.M. Advent 3**  
*Traditionally "Gaudete" Sunday, the Sunday of Advent reflecting joy--the day the pink candle is lit in the Advent wreath!*
- Sun., Dec. 22 10:00 A.M. Service of Lessons & Carols**  
*The need of humanity for a savior, the promise of the Messiah, and the coming of Christ in the nativity are told in scripture readings interspersed with carols, hymns, anthems, and meditations.*
- Sun., Dec. 22 4:00 P.M. Advent 4 Service at Highland Farms**  
*A 30-minute service with our choir, music director and pastor held in the Assembly Room at Givens Highland Farms*
- Tue., Dec. 24 5:00 P.M. 5:00 Christmas Eve Service**  
*The traditional Christmas Eve service will include communion, the singing of "Silent Night" and the ceremony of candlelight.*
- Tue., Dec. 24 10:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Late Compline Service**  
*In monastic and other worshipping*

*communities, compline is the service for the "completion" of the liturgical day. Our late service to complete the Advent cycle will be quiet, meditative, and candlelit, and will allow any who attend a moment to rest in the beauty of the coming of Christ. The service will last about 30 minutes and worshipers may enter and exit as they wish during that time.*

**Sun., Dec. 29 10:00 A.M. Christmas 1 Service**

*We are not finished with Christmas yet! The 12-day season that begins on December 25 continues the joyful observance of Christ's nativity and the holy mystery of his humanity and divinity.*

## Friends & Partners in Ministry



If you would like to help out the SVCM with food, hygiene products, baby diapers and wipes, as well as space heaters, blankets and winter coats, please drop off items at 101 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Black Mountain between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and

3:00 P.M., M-F. Monetary gifts can also be mailed to PO Box 235, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry continues to be blessed by your many contributions.

- The "Walk for Hunger" raised over \$57,000 and 5% will be given to Manna and Bounty and Soul
- The Homeless Shelter is open at First Baptist Church on any nights below 38 degrees. Contact Sonny Moore (669-9404) if you can volunteer.
- As Thanksgiving approaches, we will need turkeys and "fixings" for our clients
- You can "adopt" a needy child/family through the Johnny Raines Christmas Cheer Program. This year it will serve infants-18 year olds
- "Deck the Trees" will again be on display at the Monte Vista Hotel from Dec. 6th-Jan. 6th. All proceeds will be added to the Fuel Fund to keep our neighbors warm.

- HALO cards (alternative giving) will be available to honor a loved one.

JG

## Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Evelyn Bannerman  
Glenn Bannerman  
Ken Boyer  
Sylvia Boyer  
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)  
Ned Bryan  
Jey Deifell  
William DuBose  
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain  
Jane Frist  
Clara Hare  
Bob Hare, back pain  
Scotty MacAliley  
Bev MacSherry, cancer  
David Miller  
Betsy Neville  
Gordon Neville  
Margaret Rada  
Marilyn Rowland, moving to Pennsylvania with family  
Bob Schoenhals (Keith Grogg's uncle), cancer  
Arline Taylor  
Maggie Tuggle  
Lamar Williamson

*We also lift up in prayer...*

Neighbors vulnerable to cold weather, poverty and hunger  
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs  
Parents and children separated from each other  
Syria and all victims of war and destruction  
California wildfire victims

Clara Hare-Grogg, our Young Adult Volunteer in the Philippines  
(See the link to Clara's blog in "Contact Information," below)  
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

Black Mountain Counseling Center

Bounty & Soul

Children & Friends

Rev. Deanna Hollas, PC(USA) Gun Violence Minister

Kairos Prison Ministry

OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

Yokefellow 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.*

## PWNC Newsletter

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

## The Carpenters

**Fred Hale, Steve Hansel, Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Eric Nichols, Bill Roberts and Mark Achtemeier** are ready to assist anyone who needs a helping hand with the little household things like: change a light bulb, retrieve items from a hard-to-reach closet shelf, change the batteries in a smoke detector, move furniture and the like. You may contact these gentlemen individually or reach out to **Kat Achtemeier at 563.580.6489.**

## 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](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org),  
and we'll find a time that works.

Rev. Margaret Peery also provides pastoral care:  
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## **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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