

The Weekly Montreat Memo

The e-newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 19, 2019

All Are Welcome!



Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday, November 24, 10:00 A.M.
Upper Anderson

Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

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| Wed., Nov. 20 | 5:45 P.M. | Covered Dish Dinner <i>Upper Anderson</i> |
| Sun., Nov. 24 | 10:00 A.M. | Sunday Worship Christ the King Sunday <i>Upper Anderson</i> |
| Sun., Nov. 24 | 2:30 P.M. | Choir Rehearsal <i>Givens Highland Farms</i> <i>Assembly Room</i> |
| Sun., Nov. 24 | 4:00 P.M. | Worship Service <i>Givens Highland Farms</i> <i>Assembly Room</i> |
| Thu., Nov. 28 | 11:00 A.M. | Thanksgiving Service <i>Upper Anderson</i> |

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| Sat., Nov. 30 | 10:00 A.M. | Rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens <i>Upper Anderson</i> |
| Sat., Nov. 30 | 11:00 A.M. | Choir Rehearsal <i>Upper Anderson</i> |
| Sun., Dec. 1 | 10:00 A.M. | Sunday Worship Hanging of the Greens <i>Upper Anderson</i> |
| Sun., Dec. 1 | 1:30 P.M. | Choir Rehearsal (subject to confirmation) <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i> |
| | | No December Hymn Sing; First Sunday Hymn Sings resume on Jan. 5. |
| Tue., Dec. 3 | 4:30 P.M. | Congregational Care Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i> |
| Wed., Dec. 4 | 5:00 P.M. | Montreat Wednesday Advent--Dr. Beverly Thompson <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i> |
| Thu., Dec. 5 | 4:45 P.M. | Taize Service <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.

**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.

SVCM Cornucopia



Help our cornucopia overflow by bringing **non-perishable foods to be sent to Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry** when you join us for the covered dish dinner this Wednesday!

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 commitments from a total of 83 families for a total of \$275,650. This meets about 96% of last year's total financial pledges (\$288,280). Of those received, 11 are new pledges. We have about 10 families who pledged last year that we have not heard from yet.

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 promptly about your estimated giving for the year will allow our church to put together a 2020 budget** that shines as brightly as possible with the love Christ!

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Thanksgiving Service Nov. 28, 11:00 A.M., Upper Anderson

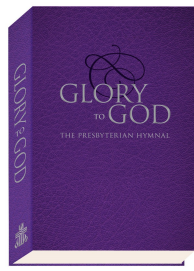
The community Thanksgiving Service hosted by Montreat Presbyterian Church and the Montreat Conference Center will be held in Upper Anderson (Anderson Auditorium, Montreat) on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, at 11:00 A.M. Please join us!

The service is informal and lasts about 30 minutes, and includes singing, prayers and gratitude. Those who wish to contribute financially to The Children's Hope Alliance (Barium Springs/Grandfather Home) will have an opportunity to do so. All are welcome!

First Sunday Hymn Sing Next Gathering: Sunday, January 5



Please note that
the regular Hymn Sing will not be held in December
as we focus on providing Christmas music throughout the month.
We will start up again on Sunday, January 5
at 5:00 P.M. in the Allen Building!



Next Montreat Wednesday: December 4, 5:00 P.M. in the Allen Bldg.

Wednesday, Nov. 20: Covered Dish Dinner, 5:45 P.M. Upper Anderson

Wednesday, Nov. 27 - No Montreat Wednesday--Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, Dec. 4 Montreat Wednesday

Beverly Thompson presents the Advent topic: "What If?"

"In Matthew's Gospel we hear God's great disappointment and frustration with the condition of the day. What if this time of Advent calls us to build a new kind of ark...together?"

5:00 P.M.

Allen Building, Montreat (304 Lookout Road)

All are welcome!

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 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.

J.G.



A Christmas Tapestry

A musical celebration with Montreat College
featuring choral and instrumental music.



*The evening will feature music performed by the Montreat College Choir
and an orchestra composed of Montreat College students and alumni,
community members, and professional musicians.*

12.07.19 at 7:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION
Anderson Auditorium
Lookout Road, Montreat, NC

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
Jan, Rob and Mariam McRae
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

Our deepest Christian love and sympathy are extended to Rob & Mariam McRae and Rob's mother, Jan McRae, as Rob & Mariam's unborn daughter Emilia Grace McRae has entered the Church Triumphant at 6 months. Service information will be shared as it is determined.

We also lift up in prayer...

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

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,
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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Clara's YAV Weblog page [Link](#)

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