

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

December 10, 2019

All Are Welcome!



Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday, December 15, 10:00 A.M.
Upper Anderson

Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Tue., Dec. 10	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Building</i>
Tue., Dec. 10	5:15 P.M.	Mission Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Tue., Dec. 10	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Dec. 11	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday <i>Advent-John Rogers</i> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Dec. 15	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Advent 3</i> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 15	1:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal

		<i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Dec. 15	3:30 P.M.	Children's Music <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Dec. 15	5:30 P.M.	Christmas Caroling <i>Meet at Montreat Gate</i>
Sun., Dec. 22	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship Service of Lessons and Carols Christmas Joy Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 22	2:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Dec. 22	4:00 P.M.	Advent 4 Service at Highland Farms <i>Givens Highland Farms</i>
Tue., Dec. 24	5:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Tue., Dec. 24	10:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Late Compline Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Wed., Dec. 25- Fri., Dec. 27		Church Office Closed In observance of Christmas

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 Advent Series:
December 11, 5:00 P.M.
in the Allen Building**



Wednesday, Dec. 11

John Rogers presents The Hymns of Christmas

We'll sing our way through many of the great songs of Christmastime as John discusses their origins and meanings.
Pianist Vivian Hare will accompany our singing.

Montreat Wednesdays: 5:00 P.M.
Allen Building, Montreat (304 Lookout Road)
All are welcome!

**"In the face of an opioid epidemic,
make a safer home for the holidays"**
**An article co-authored by Anne Seaman
appearing in USA Today**

We can all be grateful for Anne who, with Dr. Blake Fagan, has written an important piece which originally ran in the Black Mountain News, then was picked up by the Asheville Citizen-Times and, this Monday morning, by USA Today.

The article by Anne Seaman and Blake Fagan can be found [here](#).

Thank You, Ruling Elders

On Sunday, January 5, **Ann DuPre Rogers** will be ordained, and she and **Jim Henderson** will be installed, to the Session of Montreat Presbyterian Church! They will join **Jane Alexander, Mason Blake, Everett Culpepper, and Beth Fountain**, whose terms will be continuing in 2020.

This is a good time to say a very special thank you to **Steve Hansel** and **Mary Jo Wright**, whose current session terms will conclude with the installation of their successors, Jim and Ann DuPre. Their faithfulness, dedication and humanity have helped to steer our congregation as it has been led by God through three years and numerous kinds of growth--in participation, membership, spirit and mission, to name only a few. God is at work in Montreat Presbyterian Church and we are grateful to have had Mary Jo and Steve among our spiritual leaders.

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., 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.



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.

Please find the SVCM Tidings Newsletter [here](#).

Our Church Family Prayer List

We are deeply saddened to report learning of the death of **Jerry Chesnutt**, after a long illness, on December 8, 2019. Jerry was not only a member of one of our church families but a longtime friend and supporter of Montreat Presbyterian Church in his own right. More information will be made available as we learn it. We surround all Jerry's family members and friends with the love of Christ.

We continue to hold the family and friends of **Ned Bryan** in our hearts and give thanks for his friendship and support of the mission of this church. His service was held in Greensboro last Saturday.

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

Evelyn Bannerman
Glenn Bannerman
Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom)
Ken Boyer
Sylvia Boyer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
The Family and Friends of Ned Bryan
The Family and Friends of Jerry Chesnutt
Jey Deifell
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Jane Frist
Bob Hare
Dick Keefer, knee replacement surgery this Friday
Scotty MacAliley
Bev MacSherry, cancer
Jan, Rob and Mariam McRae
David Miller
Betsy Neville

Gordon Neville
Margaret Rada
Bob Schoenhals (Keith Grogg's uncle), cancer
Linda Shortridge, upcoming surgery
Arline Taylor
Maggie Tuggle
Lamar Williamson

We celebrate the upcoming ordination
of Douglas Huntington Brown Clark,
son of Mary Jo Clark and William Brown,
as Minister of Word & Sacrament
on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 3:30 P.M.
Lingle Chapel of Davidson College Presbyterian Church
100 North Main Street, Davidson, NC.
A reception will immediately follow in the parlor.
Everyone is invited!

We also lift up in prayer...

Neighbors vulnerable to cold weather, poverty and hunger
Victims of domestic violence
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs
Parents and children separated from each other
Syria and all victims of war and destruction
Our nation and its elected and appointed officials

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.*

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.**

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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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