

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

December 17, 2019

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Morning Worship  
Service of Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, December 22, 10:00 A.M.**

**Traditional Christmas Eve Service  
Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 P.M.**

**Christmas Eve Late Compline Service  
Tuesday, December 24, 10:00 P.M.**

**Upper Anderson**

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

## Our Calendar

<b>Sun., Dec. 22</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Service of Lessons and Carols Christmas Joy Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
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<b>Sun., Dec. 22</b>	<b>2:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Highland Farms Assembly Room</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 22</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Advent 4 Service at Highland Farms</b> <i>Givens Highland Farms</i>
<b>Tue., Dec. 24</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Tue., Dec. 24</b>	<b>10:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Late Compline Service</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Wed., Dec. 25- Fri., Dec. 27</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b> In observance of Christmas
<b>Sun., Dec. 29</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Dec. 29</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Jan. 31- Wed., Jan. 1</b>		<b>Office Closed</b> In observance of the New Year
<b>Sun., Jan. 5</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 5</b>	<b>After Worship</b>	<b>Session Retreat</b> <i>Private home</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 5</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 5</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Children's Music</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 5</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>First Sunday Hymn Sing</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Jan. 7</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Congregational Care Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thu., Jan. 9</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 12</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 12</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Jan. 14</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Taize Worship Service</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Wed., Jan. 15</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Christian Education Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>

Wed., Jan. 15

5:45 P.M.

Covered Dish Dinner

*Upper Anderson*

**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.

## Alternative Christmas Gift

A great alternative Christmas gift is the purchase of gift cards announcing your contribution to a worthy cause in the name of friends and family. **Before and after worship this Sunday, cards can be purchased, starting at \$10, in support of the Black Mountain Counseling Center,** which provides counseling regardless of clients' ability to pay.



Celebrate Christmas by sending loved ones the gift of helping to support the only nonprofit mental health organization in the Swannanoa Valley in its mission to provide emotional and behavioral counseling by licensed, professional counselors for clients who have financial difficulties or are uninsured or underinsured.

## Year End Contributions Deadline

All contributions for the tax year 2019 must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2019 (remember the 31st is a Tuesday). All contributions can be mailed or taken to the church office (M-F, 9-12), placed in the offering Dec. 22 or 29th or hand delivered to Gill Campbell or to Bill McCaskill (by Dec. 31). If you have questions about your balance, please e-mail ([treasurer@montreatchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@montreatchurch.org) or call Gill - 808-7237 or Bill - 669-8101.

## 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. 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.*

Montreat Community

# WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

**REV. GEORGE K. LOGAN**

Pastor, New Day  
Christian Church  
Morganton, N.C.



**5:30 PM**

**December 31st**

**GRAHAM CHAPEL**

**Sponsored by Montreat Cottagers Association**

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Swannanoa Valley Christian 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.

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

## Our Church Family Prayer List

*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, recovering from knee surgery  
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 (January)  
Arline Taylor  
Maggie Tuggle  
Lamar Williamson

***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.*

## 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

[montreatchurch.org](http://montreatchurch.org)



### 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:  
[parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org](mailto: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](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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