

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly eNewsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

December 3, 2019

All Are Welcome!



Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday, December 8, 10:00 A.M.
Upper Anderson

"Service of Hope & Remembrance"

Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Wed., Dec. 4	2:00 P.M.	Stewardship of Finance & Property Committee Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Dec. 4	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday <i>Advent-Dr. Beverly Thompson</i> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Thu., Dec. 5	4:45 P.M.	Taize Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Fri., Dec. 6	2:00 P.M.	Set Up for Christmas Workshop <i>Moore Center</i>
Sat., Dec. 7	10:30 A.M.	Christmas Workshop for SVCM

Families

Moore Center

Sun., Dec. 8	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship Service of Hope & Remembrance Holy Communion Nickel-a-Meal Offering <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 8	1:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Dec. 8	3:30 P.M.	Children's Music <i>Location TBA</i>
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 Advent-John Rogers <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Dec. 15	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship Advent 3 <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Dec. 15	1:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Dec. 15	5:30 P.M.	Christmas Caroling <i>Meet at Montreat Gate</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.

**Montreat Wednesday Advent Series:
December 4 & 11, 5:00 P.M.
in the Allen Building**

Wednesday, Dec. 4

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?"



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!

Stewardship Update

We have now received commitments from a total of 86 families for a total of \$279,550. This meets about 97% of last year's total financial pledges (\$288,280). Of those received, 11 are new pledges.

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 it in the plate one Sunday, or simply contact the church office to tell us of your intentions. Letting us know 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!

Church address:

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G.C.

**Taize Worship Service
December 5, 4:45 P.M.
Upper Anderson**

Taize Worship in Montreat

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 5, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, March 31, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, May 12, 8:00 pm

Worship services will take place in Upper Anderson

Join us for a series of worship services reflecting the practices of the Taize monastic community.

Silences, candlelight, psalms, prayers, and brief, easily grasped, repeated chants are essential to the meditative character of Taize worship. In keeping with centuries-old monastic tradition, the atmosphere of the service is not broken by instructions or personal comments. An informative sheet will be made available as people enter the worship space. The service will last under an hour and is timed to coincide with sunset. There will still be twilight when each service concludes.

All are welcome!



These services are offered as a partnership of Montreat Presbyterian Church and Montreat Conference Center.



**Christmas Workshop for SVCMM Families
Sat., Dec. 7, 10:30 A.M., Moore Center**

The Women's Circle is once again hosting SVCMM families in a Christmas Workshop, Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Moore Center. If you have already agreed to provide items for crafts/food, etc., please bring everything to the Moore Center on Friday, Dec. 6, 2:00-4:00 P.M. or drop off at 152 Maryland Place any time before 1:00 P.M. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Dodson or Jane Alexander.



J.A./C.D.

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.**

- 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.

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



CHRISTMAS WAVES A MAGIC WAND OVER THIS WORLD
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

You are Invited to the PHC Christmas Tea
Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 3-5 pm

Please drop by the annual Christmas High Tea at the Presbyterian Heritage Center on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, from 3-5 pm and enjoy refreshments and socializing. This event is a thank you to the entire Montreat community for its support of our efforts.

318 Georgia Terrace, Montreat

www.phcmontreat.org



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)
Jey Deifell
The Family and Friends of Ned Bryan
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Jane Frist
Bob Hare, back pain
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
Arline Taylor
Maggie Tuggle
Lamar Williamson

Our deepest Christian love and sympathy is extended to
Mary & Jim DuBard, Jim & Betsy Bryan,
and all the family and friends of Ned Bryan, who died November 29.
A service of remembrance will be held at
Starmount Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC
Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 P.M.

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

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.**

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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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