

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



January 14, 2020

All Are Welcome!



Taize Worship Service
Tuesday, January 14, 5:00 P.M.
Upper Anderson

Sunday Morning Worship
January 19, 10:00 A.M.
Upper Anderson

Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Tue., Jan. 14	5:00 P.M.	Taize Worship Service <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Wed., Jan. 15	3:30 P.M.	Christian Education Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Jan. 15	5:45 P.M.	Covered Dish Dinner <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Thu., Jan. 16	9:30 A.M.	New/Prospective Membership Talk with the Pastor

		<i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Thu., Jan. 16	2:00 P.M.	Bible Study & Quilting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Jan. 19	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Jan. 19	1:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Jan. 19	3:30 P.M.	Children's Music <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Tue., Jan. 21	10:00 A.M.	Women's Circle <i>Walkup Building</i>
Tue., Jan. 21	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Jan. 22	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sun., Jan. 26	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Jan. 26	After worship	Annual Congregational Meeting <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Sun., Jan. 26	2:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal <i>Givens Highland Farms</i>
Sun., Jan. 26	4:00 P.M.	Highland Farms Worship Service <i>Givens Highland Farms</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.

Contemplative Worship Service
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:00 P.M.

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.



**Wednesdays in January:
Covered Dish Dinner Jan. 15
Montreat Wednesday Series Jan. 22 & 29**

We hope you can join us for a **Covered Dish Dinner and Potato Bar this Wednesday, Jan. 15, 5:45 P.M. in Upper Anderson!** Everyone is welcome! A short presentation from the Worship Committee on "Star

Words" will be made.

Please bring a dish to share if you can. In keeping with our Earth Care Congregation status, we encourage attendees to bring plates, silverware etc. that can be taken home and reused. Dinnerware will also be made available.

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The following two Wednesdays, Jan. 22 & 29, our Montreat Wednesday programs resume as we are led by Bible scholar and teacher **Mary Miller Brueggemann** in a two-part study of "minor prophets."

Jan. 22 - "Minor Prophets?"
Jan. 29 - "Amos the Rancher"

Montreat Wednesdays are held in the Allen Building (304 Lookout Road, Montreat), **5:00-6:00 P.M.** All are welcome!

**Are You Interested in Church Membership?
A Discussion Event with the Pastor
Thursday, Jan. 16, 9:30 A.M.**

In the next few weeks we will be **welcoming new members** to our membership rolls!

If you are interested or would like more information, we have a couple of options:

1. Come and join me **this Thursday morning, 9:30 A.M. in the Swannanoa Room** (the main ministry space in the Allen Building, 304 Lookout Road, Montreat). We will go over our church's membership rolls, what it means to be a church member, how the process works, and any other questions you may like to explore,

OR

2. Contact Pastor Keith Grogg for an individual conversation (828-664-9212 or pastor@montreatchurch.org). For this New Member cycle, it will be most helpful if we can have that conversation this week.

We have several kinds of membership rolls to suit the many varying needs of our community, including:

Active Members Roll
Clergy Members Roll

Supporting Members Roll
Supporting Clergy Roll
Baptized Members Roll
Affiliate Members Roll

If you are interested in joining our church or changing from one membership status to another, please be in touch, or just come for the conversation this Thursday morning!

K.G.

Bible Study & Quilting

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

**An exciting new Christian learning
and fellowship opportunity.**

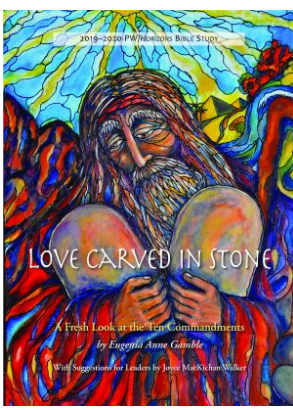
Women of the Bible will combine the study of prominent women of the Bible with quilting and other creative activities. The class will utilize an informal workshop format. Works of fabric art and decorations for the sanctuary will be created. No prior quilting experience is required or needed! Classes will be held the third Thursday of every month.

All are welcome!

**Thursday, January 16th, at 2:00 PM
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building**

Christian Education Committee

**Women's Circle
Walkup Bldg., Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10:00 A.M.**



All are invited to attend our next Women's Circle meeting, 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, Jan. 21 in the Walkup Building. Anne Rogers will lead us in the study from Words of Love-Do Not Kill.

J.A.

Sacred Time: Journeying with People Facing Hard Times Walkup Bldg., Sunday, Feb. 2, 11:30 A.M.

As siblings in Christ we are called to "bear one another's burdens." But sometimes that takes us into personally challenging situations as we walk with someone facing a crisis. We often feel inadequate and are not sure what might be helpful to do or to say.

On **Sunday, February 2**, the **Congregational Care Committee** will **present some reflections and resources** to help us as we think about journeying with neighbors, friends and loved ones who are facing hard times. Join us for a simple soup luncheon from **11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. in the Walkup Building. No registration required.** Through stories, conversation, presentations, scriptural illustrations, and shared resources, we hope to help our family of faith feel better-equipped to be present with and journey beside those who face difficult situations. (Snow/cancellation date: Feb. 9.)

K.A.

Friends & Partners in Ministry



“Souper” Bowl Sunday!

February 2, 2020

Souper Bowl Sunday began as an invitation from a Presbyterian church's youth group to their congregation: for each person in worship on

Super Bowl Sunday to place \$1 in a soup pot after the worship service, and that money would all be contributed to the local soup kitchen/food pantry. It has grown into a national phenomenon. **This Super Bowl Sunday, MPC will offer a similar invitation to worshipers: to contribute monetarily to keep the SVCM pantry stocked, and/or to donate cans of soup or chili.**

Thank you for helping feed our neighbors!

If you would like to help out SVCM with food, hygiene products, baby diapers and wipes, as well as space heaters, blankets and winter coats, please drop off times 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](#).

Upcoming Birthdays

If the information in our files is incorrect, or if you would prefer not to be listed, or if someone's birthday is missing from our list, please accept our apology and notify us at office@montreatchurch.org so we can make the correction. This listing is intended to be inclusive, not exclusive, and is not necessarily indicative of any particular church membership status. The list will appear weekly, and is intended to cover the next few weeks. **Blessings to you on your birthday and always!**

Jan. 15 Brown McCallum
Jan. 19 Savannah Parker
Jan. 19 Sara Scarborough
Jan. 19 Robin Tutterow
Jan. 20 Peggy Rada
Jan. 22 Dick Ray
Jan. 23 Katie Pagan
Jan. 23 Trisha Edington
Jan. 26 Jane Frist
Jan. 29 Clare Frist
Jan. 29 Fred Hale
Jan. 30 Bill Seaman

Congregational Care Committee

Our Church Family Prayer List

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

Kat Achtemeier, recovering from foot surgery
Evelyn Bannerman
Glenn Bannerman
Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom)
Ken Boyer
Sylvia Boyer
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)
Jey Deifell
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain
Jane Frist
Bob Hare
Dick Keefer
Margaret Linton
Scotty MacAliley
Bev MacSherry, cancer
Thomas Morgan (Priscilla Durkin's grandson), continuing recovery
Betsy Neville
Gordon Neville
Margaret Rada
George Ramsey
Bob Schoenhals (Keith Grogg's uncle), cancer
Linda Shortridge
Sally Stansill
Arline Taylor
Maggie Tuggle
Lamar Williamson

We also lift up in prayer...

Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and cold weather
Fires in Australia and elsewhere
Victims of domestic violence
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs
Parents and children separated from each other
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

Jane Alexander, Everett Culpepper (2020)

Mason Blake, Beth Fountain (2021)

Jim Henderson, Ann DuPre Rogers (2022)

Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

Officers & Committee Chairs, 2020

Jane Alexander, clerk

Jim Henderson, assistant clerk

Gill Campbell, treasurer

Bill McCaskill, assistant treasurer

Mason Blake, Christian Education

Beth Fountain, Congregational Care

Hal Demarest, Earth Care Subcommittee

Judy Shuford, Evangelism & Membership

Grace Nichols, Fellowship

Everett Culpepper, Finance & Property

Eric Nichols, Mission & Outreach

Ann DuPre Rogers, Personnel

Linda Hobson, Worship & Music

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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