

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



January 7, 2020

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Morning Worship  
January 12, 10:00 A.M.**

**Upper Anderson**

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

## Our Calendar

<b>Tue., Jan. 7</b>	<b>5:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thur., Jan. 9</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership</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>
<b>Wed., Jan. 15</b>	<b>5:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Covered Dish Dinner</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Thu., Jan. 16</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Bible Study &amp; Quilting</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 19</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 19</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 19</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Children's Music</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Jan. 21</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Women's Circle</b> <i>Walkup Building</i>
<b>Tue., Jan. 21</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Jan. 22</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 26</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 26</b>	<b>After worship</b>	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 26</b>	<b>2:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Givens Highland Farms</i>
<b>Sun., Jan. 26</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Highland Farms Worship Service</b> <i>Givens Highland Farms</i>

**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.

**Homeless Shelter Volunteers Needed**



Montreat Presbyterian Church has volunteered to provide meals for the homeless members of our community from Sunday, January 5 through Saturday, January 11, 2020 at First Baptist Church Black Mountain. Please contact Jane Alexander if you are able to help.

*J.A.*

## 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.

Make plans to attend the initial class!!

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

*Christian Education Committee*

## Message from Ardrishaig

Anne & Bill Seaman, representing MPC in our ec-congregations partnership, have corresponded this Christmastime with our partners at **Ardrishaig Parish Church in Scotland**. See highlights of a gracious letter from Ardrishaig [here](#).



## Are You Interested in Church Membership? A Message from the Pastor

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

**If you are interested or would like more information**, please contact Pastor Keith Grogg (828-664-9212 or [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org)). For this New Member cycle, it will be most helpful for us to have a conversation by Sunday, January 19.

**We have several kinds of membership rolls** to suit the many varying needs of our community. In addition to the traditional Book of Order categories (active roll; baptized roll; affiliate roll), other means of expressing support of or commitment to the mission of Montreat Presbyterian Church include Supporting Members, Clergy Members, and Supporting Clergy. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions!

*K.G.*

## Friends & Partners in Ministry



**“Souper” Bowl Sunday!**

**February 2, 2020**

- 48 million Americans live in poverty.
- 1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day.
- 16 million children live in food insecure households.

- More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless.

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 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](#).

## **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](mailto: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. (We're starting off by listing some from the first week of January.) **Blessings to you on your birthday and always!**

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<b>Jan. 2</b> Eade Anderson	<b>Jan. 19</b> Sara Scarborough
<b>Jan. 3</b> Bill Scheu	<b>Jan. 20</b> Peggy Rada
<b>Jan. 7</b> Marinell Davidson	<b>Jan. 22</b> Dick Ray
<b>Jan. 8</b> Ron Nalley	<b>Jan. 23</b> Katie Pagan
<b>Jan. 10</b> Steve Sewell	<b>Jan. 25</b> Trisha Edington
<b>Jan. 11</b> Eric Nichols	<b>Jan. 26</b> Jane Frist
<b>Jan. 13</b> Rebecca Moss	<b>Jan. 29</b> Clare Frist
<b>Jan. 15</b> Brown McCallum	<b>Jan. 30</b> Bill Seaman
<b>Jan. 19</b> Savannah Parker	

## 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)  
Jey Deifell  
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain  
Jane Frist  
Bob Hare  
Dick Keefer  
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, 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  
Fires in Australia and elsewhere  
Our nation and its elected and appointed officials  
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.**

## 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**

Jane Alexander, Everett Culpepper (2020)  
Mason Blake, Beth Fountain (2021)  
Jim Henderson, Ann DuPre Rogers (2022)  
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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