

THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



February 18, 2020

All Are Welcome!



Sunday Morning Worship
February 23, 10:00 A.M.
Upper Anderson

Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Our Calendar

Tue., Feb. 18	6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Feb. 19	3:30 P.M.	CE Committee <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Wed., Feb. 19	5:00 P.M.	Montreat Wednesday <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sat., Feb. 22	8:30 A.M.	Lenten Choir Retreat <i>Belk Meeting Room, Assembly Inn</i>
Sun., Feb. 23	10:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Worship <i>Upper Anderson</i>

Sun., Feb. 23	2:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal <i>Highland Farms Assembly Room</i>
Sun., Feb. 23	4:00 P.M.	Highland Farms Worship Service <i>Highland Farms Assembly Room</i>
Wed., Feb. 26	6:30 P.M.	Ash Wednesday Service with Black Mountain Pres. <i>Upper Anderson</i>
Thu., Feb. 27	2:00 P.M.	Bible Study & Quilting <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sat., Feb. 29	9:00 A.M.	Handbell Practice <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
Sat., Feb. 29	10:30 A.M.	Instrumentalist Practice <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</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 February 19

Sam Thielman, MD, PhD

**"Using the Language of Psalms in
Crisis and Resilience Training"**

**5:00-6:00 P.M. in the Swannanoa Room
(Allen Building)**

All are welcome!

Find a schedule of all our spring programs on the church website.

**Temporary Change for Bible Study & Quilting
February 27**

The February Bible Study and Quilting class will be held on Feb. 27 instead of the 20th, **this month only**. Classes are usually held the third Thursday of every month.

Please bring your sewing supplies and 'Eve' square for show and tell. We will add 'Rachel', 'Sarah', & 'Noah's Wife' at this session. Julie Simpson will have sewing kits available for any new participants.

All are welcome!
Thursday, February 27 at 2:00 PM
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building

Children & Friends Invitation



CHILDREN & FRIENDS
ENRICHMENT CENTER

**The Board of Directors of Children and Friends
Invites You
to the Groundbreaking for Our New Facility**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020
4:00 P.M.
120 West Street
(Directly behind First Baptist Church)
Black Mountain, NC**

Handbell Practice

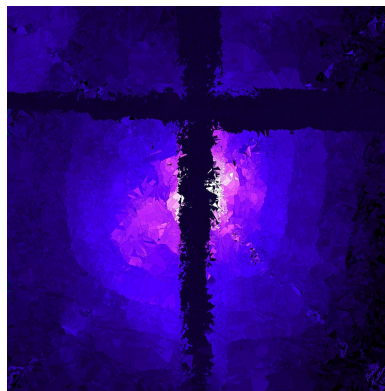


**Handbell Practice
Saturday, February 29
9:00 A.M.
Allen Building/Swannanoa Room**

Do you play handbells? We are hoping to include some handbell music at Easter and would like to include you. Please let Vivian know soon if you are interested. This will be our first practice together.

V.H.

Choir Lenten Retreat



**Choir Lenten Retreat
Saturday, February 22
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

NEW LOCATION:

**Belk Meeting Room (a.k.a. "Assembly 1"),
on the ground floor of Assembly Inn, Montreat
(At the reception desk, turn right.)**

Our focus this morning will be rehearsing music

we will share during Lent and Holy Week.
We'll have coffee and doughnuts ready at 8:15 as you arrive
**at the Belk Meeting Room
on the ground floor of Assembly Inn.**

You are welcome to bring a sweet or savory snack
to share when we have our mid-morning break.

If you didn't get to respond to let us know you will be able to sing at this
retreat, no worries! Come and sing anyway - we would love to have you join
us! Just send a reply email to Vivian to let her know.

"O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth."
Psalm 96:1

V.H.

From the Pastor's Desk



I will be away for one week beginning Thursday, Feb. 27. I am grateful to John Rogers who will be our preacher, worship leader (with liturgist Linda Hobson) and communion officiant on Sunday, March 1. Vivian will be here to lead music on that Sunday as always. I will have access to email at most times, but it may take a bit longer for me to respond.

I am honored to have been invited to offer the prayer at the memorial service for Peter Herald, who with his late wife Joan Herald was part of my host family as a Mission Volunteer in Bedford, England, in 1989-90. Vivian and I have regarded them as family ever since. I also have been given the privilege of offering the prayer at the Sung Evensong at St. Andrews Church in Bedford on Sunday, March 1--that's the church I served during that profound year. Along the

way I will be meeting with friends and mentors who in the course of that year played major roles in shaping the ministry God has given me. I will depart Thursday morning, Feb. 27, and return to Montreat Tuesday evening, March 3.

The next morning, March 4, Vivian and I will head to Columbia, SC where I have been invited to speak at Trinity Episcopal Church for their midday service and an evening event. I will be back, maybe a tad more disoriented than usual, on Thursday afternoon, March 5.

I am grateful beyond words to all those who do the work of ministry and whose faithfulness graciously allows me to tend to these important life moments.

K.G.

Upcoming Worship Services for the Seasons of Lent and Easter



The liturgical season leading up to Easter is called Lent. Lent is a time of grateful humility, an opportunity for Christians to prepare for Easter by engaging in deep personal reflection on their own faithfulness in light of the cross and what God has done for us, and is doing for us, in Christ. **Lent can be a challenging spiritual discipline** for those who choose to enter into it. The church's role is both to help disciples explore the challenge unflinchingly and to provide comfort and encouragement for those on the journey.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays), culminating in Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On behalf of Montreat Presbyterian Church and in the name of Christ, I invite you to come confidently with us on a life changing journey!

The Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association is again hosting **Wednesday noon services and lunches** throughout Lent. Our Sunday for hosting will be March 25.

The Easter season, which begins with the First Sunday of Easter, usually called Easter Sunday, is the Church's commemoration and celebration ("feast") of the resurrection of Jesus. This year, Easter Sunday falls on April 12.

Wed., Feb.26	12:00 P.M.	Ash Wednesday Noon Service St. James Episcopal (no lunch)
Wed., Feb. 26	6:30 P.M.	MPC/BMPC Ash Wednesday Service Upper Anderson
Wed., Mar. 4	12:00 P.M.	Noon Lenten Service & Lunch First Baptist Church
Wed., Mar.11	12:00 P.M.	Noon Lent Service & Lunch Black Mountain United Methodist Church
Wed., Mar. 18	12:00 P.M.	Noon Lent Service & Lunch Tabernacle United Methodist Church
Wed., Mar. 25	12:00 P.M.	Noon Lent Lunch Service Upper Anderson; co-hosted with MCC
Tue., Mar. 31	7:15 P.M.	Taize Worship Service Upper Anderson
Wed., Apr. 1	12:00 P.M.	Noon Lent Service & Lunch BMPC/Warren Wilson Presbyterian Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
Sun., Apr. 5	10:00 A.M.	Palm Sunday Upper Anderson
Thu., Apr. 9	7:00 P.M.	Maundy Thursday Upper Anderson
Fri., Apr. 10	12:00 P.M.	Good Friday Service Upper Anderson
Sun., Apr. 12	10:00 A.M.	Easter Sunday Worship Service Upper Anderson

Friends & Partners in Ministry



Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

If you would like to help out SVCM with food, hygiene products, baby diapers and wipes, as well as space heaters 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](#).



The Presbyterian Heritage Center (PHC) will continue the C.S. Lewis conversation by hosting a 3-part video series by Dr. Jerry Root entitled "**Communicating the Gospel C.S. Lewis Style.**" The series will begin Feb. 11, 10:30am - noon at the PHC. There is no cost or registration required. Refreshments will be available. The video lecture series will be shown February 11, 18, and 25.

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!

Feb. 18 Lucile Jackson

Feb. 18 Jane Sewell

Feb. 27 Herb Smith

Mar. 1 Amber Moss

Mar. 2 Gordon Neville

Mar. 4 Sam Hobson

Mar. 11 Ray Swetenburg

Mar. 12 Gene Shuford

Mar. 12 Dan Dean

Mar. 13 Andrew Dimmock

Mar. 14 Pat Connelly

Mar. 18 Ann Craven

Mar. 4 Richard Query

Mar. 7 Amanda Demarest

Mar. 7 Brad Hestir

Mar. 9 Richard Wolfe

Mar. 19 Darlene Griffin

Mar. 24 Susan Denne

Mar. 24 Jo Ella Bennett

Congregational Care Committee

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

David Duncan, continuing severe back pain

Jane Frist

Bob Hare

Dick Keefer

Margaret Linton

Scotty MacAliley

Bev MacSherry, cancer

Betsy Neville

Gordon Neville

Margaret Rada

Ellen Ramsey

George Ramsey

Bob Shaw

Linda Shortridge

Arline Taylor

Maggie Tuggle

Lamar Williamson

We also lift up in prayer...

All who are affected, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus

All victims of war and destruction

Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and cold weather

Victims of domestic violence

Those who are in grief

Parents and children separated from each other
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs

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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