

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

February 25, 2020

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 1, 10:00 A.M.**  
**Upper Anderson**  
**John Rogers preaching**

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

## Our Calendar

<b>Wed., Feb. 26</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service with Black Mountain Pres.</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Thu., Feb. 27</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Bible Study &amp; Quilting</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sat., Feb. 29</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Handbell Practice</b> <i>Location TBA</i>
<b>Sat., Feb. 29</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Instrumentalist Practice</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>

<b>Sun., Mar. 1</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Mar. 1</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Mar. 1</b>	<b>3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Children's Music</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Mar. 1</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>First Sunday Hymn Sing</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Mar. 3</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Congregational Care Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Mar. 4</b>	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Noon Lenten Service &amp; Lunch</b> <i>First Baptist Church</i>
<b>Wed., Mar. 4</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> Deke Arndt from NOAA <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</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.

**Ash Wednesday Service  
February 26, 6:30 P.M. in Upper Anderson**



We have an annual tradition of **partnering with our Black Mountain Presbyterian Church siblings for the Ash Wednesday service** at the beginning of each Lent. This year, the joint service will be held in Upper Anderson. All are welcome. The imposition of ashes will be available to any who choose to come forward to receive it. David Carter Florence, Keith

Grogg, Vivian Hare and Mary Katherine Robinson will be among the worship leaders, along with the MPC choir.

**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent, which is the penitential season of preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. All are welcome to attend this and every worship service at Montreat Presbyterian Church.

## **Lent Wednesday Community Noon Services & Lunches**

# Lent



## 2020 Community Lenten Worship Series

Sponsored by the Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association

The Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association is sponsoring Community Worship Services for the Wednesdays of Lent and on Good Friday. Each service begins at noon and lasts for about 30 minutes. A light lunch follows each service (with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday). An offering will be taken at each service for the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries' "heating fund." All are invited to these services which help us to prepare ourselves for our holiest day of Easter. The schedule is as follows:

- February 26 - Ash Wednesday, St. James Episcopal (*No Lunch*)
- March 4 – First Baptist Church
- March 11 – Black Mountain United Methodist Church
- March 18 – Tabernacle United Methodist Church
- March 25 - Montreat Presbyterian Church & Montreat Conference Center (In Upper Anderson Hall)
- April 1 – Black Mountain Presbyterian/Warren Wilson Presbyterian (at Black Mountain Presbyterian)
- April 10 - Good Friday Service, First Christian Church (*No Lunch*)

Each event will begin at 12:00 pm.

We welcome everyone to walk the Lenten journey with us.

**Bible Study & Quilting**  
**February 27**

The February Bible Study and Quilting class will be held on Feb. 27.

(Classes are ordinarily held the third Thursday of each 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.

*J.S.*

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

## Handbell Practice



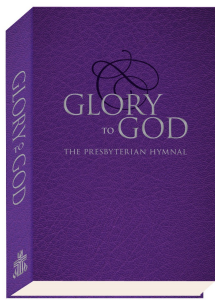
**Handbell Practice**  
**Saturday, February 29**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Allen Building/Swannanoa Room**

**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.*

## First Sunday Hymn Sing





**Join us for the hymn sing this Sunday,  
led by Vivian Hare.**

**Sunday, March 1, 5:00-6:00 P.M.  
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building**

## **Children & Friends Invitation**



**CHILDREN & FRIENDS  
ENRICHMENT CENTER**

**The groundbreaking for the new Children & Friends  
facility will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 4:00 P.M. at  
First Baptist Church of Black Mountain.**

## **Montreat Wednesday March 4: NOAA**

Deke Arndt, representing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a U.S. government scientific agency, will bring us a crucial presentation on climate change on Wednesday, March 4. Everyone is welcome!

**Wednesday, March 4, 5:00-6:00 P.M.  
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building**

## **Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network**

**AGING CONFERENCE COMING TO MONTREAT**

Do you know someone who has reached the "golden years?" Perhaps you are seeking guidance on care-giving for a loved one, or perhaps advice on important subjects such as future housing or loneliness in advancing years. Coming to Montreat on April 30-May 1, 2020, the

conference "Faith in Action Across Generations" is a must for those who work with older adults in the congregation (lay or clergy), want to build relationships across generations, or seek to thrive after 55 in body, mind, and spirit.

The event is sponsored by the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network, which seeks to encourage ministries that affirm the dignity and value of the multiple generations of aging adults with a focus on spirituality, wellness, care, and social involvement.

**To obtain the early-bird commuter registration fee of \$61, you must apply before March 1.** See details of this wonderfully arranged event [here](#). (Note: MPC's Montreat Wednesday series will be offering classes on spirituality of aging in late April.)

*Bill Seaman*

## 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. I will have occasional but unpredictable access to email, so it may take a bit longer than usual for me to respond.

At the instruction of the session, I will be bringing greetings from our congregation and the Montreat community, and will represent you in worship, at St. Andrew's (Anglican) Church in Bedford, England, and offering prayers at a memorial service on Monday at All Saints

Church, Houghton Conquest. I will return to Montreat Tuesday evening, March 3 and the next morning 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 on Wednesday.

I am grateful beyond words to all those whose faithfulness graciously allows me to tend to these important life moments. I will be proud to be representing you and our ministries.

*K.G.*

## Fine Films & Fellowship Field Trips

The MPC Fellowship Committee presents  
**Fine Films & Fellowship Fieldtrips: Spring 2020**

Join us for movie matinees and an opportunity to discuss afterwards over coffee or dinner. The 2020 Spring theme: "BRITISH influences at the CINEMA." Those who would like to carpool, please meet at Montreat Gate 45 minutes prior to showing.

If interested, **email Mary Jo Clark ([maryjoelark57@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoelark57@gmail.com))** and she will put you on the email 'blast list' as details become available.

**These are the films being considered for this spring:**

### **EMMA**

**Monday, March 9** (time to be announced).

Published by Jane Austen in 1815

FINE ARTS THEATRE, 36 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville  
[fineartstheatre.com](http://fineartstheatre.com)

Following: treats at French Broad Chocolate Lounge  
or supper at The Noodle Shop or White Duck Tacos

### **WENDY**

Date and time TBA.

Published by J.M. Barrie in 1902

GRAIL MOVIEHOUSE, 45 South French Broad Avenue, Asheville  
[grailmoviehouse.com](http://grailmoviehouse.com)

Following: treats at Olarie  
or early supper at Hopey and Company Asheville



## NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES ALWAYS

Date and time TBA.

Teenager faces unexpected pregnancy.

British-American Sundance

Festival winner guarantees lively discussion!

GRAIL MOVIEHOUSE, 45 South French Broad Avenue, Asheville  
grailmoviehouse.com.

Following: early supper at Jerusalem Garden (floor seating)

## THE SECRET GARDEN

Published by Frances Hodgson Burnett in 1911

Date, time, and location TBA

## THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD

Published by Charles Dickens in 1850

Date, time, and location TBA

*M.J.C.*

## 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.

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Wed., Mar. 18	12:00 P.M.	Noon Lent Service & Lunch Tabernacle United Methodist Church
<b>Wed., Mar. 25</b>	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Noon Lent Lunch Service Upper Anderson; co-hosted with MCC</b>
<b>Tue., Mar. 31</b>	<b>7:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Taize Worship Service Upper Anderson</b>
Wed., Apr. 1	12:00 P.M.	Noon Lent Service & Lunch BMPC/Warren Wilson Presbyterian Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
<b>Sun., Apr. 5</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Upper Anderson</b>
<b>Thu., Apr. 9</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Upper Anderson</b>
<b>Fri., Apr. 10</b>	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Good Friday Service Upper Anderson</b>
<b>Sun., Apr. 12</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Worship Service Upper Anderson</b>

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**Also: the Montreat Presbyterian Church family  
has been invited to join Black Mountain Presbyterian**

**Church at 6:30 P.M. each Sunday evening during Lent  
for a contemplative prayer service  
guided by Beverly Thompson.**

## **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](#).

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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](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. Blessings to you on your birthday and always!**

**Feb. 27 Herb Smith**

**Mar. 1 Amber Moss**

**Mar. 2 Gordon Neville**

**Mar. 4 Sam Hobson**

**Mar. 18 Ann Craven**

**Mar. 19 Darlene Griffin**

**Mar. 24 Susan Denne**

**Mar. 24 Jo Ella Bennett**

**Mar. 4 Richard Query**  
**Mar. 7 Amanda Demarest**  
**Mar. 7 Brad Hestir**  
**Mar. 11 Ray Swetenburg**  
**Mar. 12 Gene Shuford**  
**Mar. 12 Dan Dean**  
**Mar. 13 Andrew Dimmock**  
**Mar. 14 Pat Connelly**

**Mar. 26 Mary Jo Clark**  
**Mar. 26 Jim Pickett**  
**Mar. 27 Olive Timberlake**  
**Mar. 29 Lila Ray**  
**Mar. 29 Phyllis Sadler**  
**Mar. 29 Susan Maffett**  
**Mar. 30 John Hare-Grogg**

*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  
Andrew Flake (friend of Ann DuPre Rogers)  
Jane Frist  
Ken Grogg (Keith's brother), upcoming surgery  
Fred Hale  
Bob Hare  
Dick Keefer  
Margaret Linton  
Scotty MacAliley  
Susan Maffett, recovering from knee replacement  
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**.

## 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)

### **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](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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**Clara's YAV Weblog page [Link](#)**

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