

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA



March 10, 2020

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 15, 10:00 A.M.**  
**Upper Anderson**  
**Everyone is welcome!**

**This week we are pleased to be joined by**  
**the Confirmation Class of**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church,**  
**Greenville, SC!**

## Our Calendar

<b>Tue., Mar. 10</b>	<b>5:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Mission &amp; Outreach Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Mar. 11</b>	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Noon Lenten Service &amp; Lunch</b> <i>Black Mountain United Methodist</i>
<b>Wed., Mar. 11</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> Mark Achtemeier: The Trinity

		<i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Fri., Mar. 13</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Safety Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Mar. 15</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Mar. 15</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Mar. 15</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Children's Music</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Mar. 17</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Women's Circle</b> <i>Walkup Building</i>
<b>Tue., Mar. 17</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Mar. 18</b>	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Noon Lenten Service &amp; Lunch</b> <i>Tabernacle United Methodist Church</i>
<b>Wed., Mar. 18</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>CE Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Mar. 18</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sat., Mar. 21</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Handbell Practice</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sat., Mar. 21</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Instrumentalist Practice</b> <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.

**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' "healing 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.

## Children & Friends Groundbreaking



Congratulations to Children & Friends  
on the groundbreaking for their new facility  
in Black Mountain!

Pictured:

Linda Hobson, President of Children & Friends,  
and Jasmine Beach-Ferra, Buncombe County Commissioner  
at the groundbreaking  
for the new Children & Friends facility on March 4

## Montreat Wednesdays

**5:00-6:00 P.M., March 11 & 18**

**Montreat Wednesday**

**This week: March 11th**

**Dr. Mark Achtemeier**

**The Trinity:  
Knowing God/Divine and  
Human Personhood**

**5:00-6:00 P.M.  
Swannanoa Room, Allen Building  
All are welcome!**

## **Fine Films & Fellowship News**

### **Fine Films & Fellowship**

A number of people who signed up for Montreat Presbyterian Church's FINE FILMS AND FELLOWSHIP have been in touch about their concern for attending the films at this time of new awareness about the Coronavirus. Many are in 'at risk' demographics. In addition to being in the theater and in the restaurant, both large gatherings, they would be in close proximity for carpooling. For all of those reasons, the first outing had to be cancelled. We look forward to the time when we will be able to resume this great new program!

*M.J.C.*

## **Women of the Bible Class on Hold for March**

As a precautionary measure,  
the previously scheduled Women of the Bible class,  
planned for March 19, will not meet.

Please stay tuned for information and updates

on when we will reconvene!

## 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., 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

<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>
<b>Wed., Apr. 1</b>	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	Noon Lenten 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



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](#).

## 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!**

**Mar. 11 Ray Swetenburg**

**Mar. 26 Mary Jo Clark**

**Mar. 12 Gene Shuford**

**Mar. 26 Jim Pickett**

**Mar. 12 Dan Dean**

**Mar. 27 Olive Timberlake**

**Mar. 13 Andrew Dimmock**

**Mar. 29 Lila Ray**

**Mar. 14 Pat Connelly**

**Mar. 29 Phyllis Sadler**

**Mar. 18 Ann Craven**

**Mar. 29 Susan Maffett**

**Mar. 19 Darlene Griffin**

**Mar. 30 John Hare-Grogg**

**Mar. 20 Mark Achtemeier**

**Apr. 2 Jack Sadler**

**Mar. 24 Susan Denne**

**Apr. 4 Gayle Sawyer**

**Mar. 24 Jo Ella Bennett**

**Apr. 4 Kitty Wilson**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## **Our Church Family Prayer List**

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

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom), recovering from stroke

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), surgery on March 31

Fred Hale

Bob Hare

Margaret Linton  
Scotty MacAliley  
Susan Maffett, recovering from knee replacement  
Bev MacSherry, cancer  
Betsy Neville  
Gordon Neville  
Kitty Peterson, pneumonia  
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  
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs  
Parents and children separated from each other

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.*



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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