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The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was organized by Charter issued by the State of Tennessee on October 4, 1882 for the purpose of: "...the advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination.

The mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, life-long inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

2018-19 MSSA Calendar

MSSA Board Meetings
February 16
Lessons & Carols
December 8-9



Mountain Voices

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Deadline to submit items for the next issue is December 25.
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From the President Much-Needed Maintenance Underway

Scott and his teams are making great progress on several projects that were recently approved by the board. Maintenance activities are not very exciting, but they are very important to the health of the Assembly.

- In the spring of 2019, the cracks in the mall tennis courts are scheduled to be repaired and then the courts will be resurfaced.
- The last phase of the perimeter fencing has been approved and should be completed prior to the opening of next season. Our maintenance staff is currently working on clearing and tree

removals on this section of the fence.

- The walk-in cooler in the dining hall has been scheduled for replacement.

Additional project news:

- The fall paving and road maintenance work has been delayed until the 2nd quarter of 2019. The paving contractor was unable to accommodate us in his schedule for 2018.
- We are currently investigating a foundation problem at Harton Hall and are working to determine the cause and extent of the problem.

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From the General Manager: Tis the season

A gift to MSSA's Annual Fund Campaign or Endowment Fund is a great way to honor people in your life and support the Assembly's mission. A gift to the Monteagle Assembly is always the right size, the right color, and will bring a smile to those you honor. This year's Annual Fund Campaign will be used to establish a Youth Adventure Endowment to sustain our

growing Youth Program and the thirst for more adventure activities. The MSSA Endowment provides funding for all of our Platform programming each season. A gift to either or both will make a lasting impact on the Assembly.

Your check must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018,
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From the President

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► I have requested that Scott and Rick, our facility superintendent, review our current management plan for the debris recycling facility and work to improve the aesthetics and functionality of this area.

As we begin the holiday season, I hope you will continue to support MSSA through your time, energy, and donations to the annual fund and/or the unrestricted fund. Everything you do and give continues to improve our community and strengthen its future.

*Best Regards,
Bill Cox*

From the Manager

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and credit cards must be processed by midnight December 21, 2018 to receive tax credit for this year. Online gifts may be made using the link on the right-hand side of the home page on the MSSA website.

Thanksgiving Blessings

Our generous members and guests truly came together to support our collaborative ministry with Morton Memorial United Methodist Church for Christmas on the Mountain. Over \$3,000 was collected both at the annual Thanksgiving potluck and through your online giving! Your generous donations will provide Christmas gifts for over 120 children in the community.

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I truly appreciate your expression of generosity and helping to give these children a Christmas to remember.

*With gratitude,
Ruth Patterson, Outreach Chair*



Prayers

MSSA member **Jim Swiggart**, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, from complications resulting from a stroke he suffered in September. He is survived by wife Stacy and children Jamey and Kylee Swiggart. Jim played college basketball at Western Kentucky University before transferring to Vanderbilt where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He received a master's degree in business from Rice University.

Jim ran tennis centers in San Antonio, Houston and for the last 25 years in Steamboat Springs, CO. After "12 hours" of retirement in Denver, he and Stacy have been running the Jewish Community Tennis

Center the last two years. Jim, while dealing with lung cancer, and Stacy also stayed active on the courts. In 2017, the Swiggarts won national outdoor hard court and indoor court championships in the husband-wife division, which helped the couple earn the No. 1 ranking in the country by the United State Tennis Association. Then in May, the Swiggarts placed second at another national tournament.

The family asks that donations be made to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Winfield Fund or Consolidated Capital Fund.

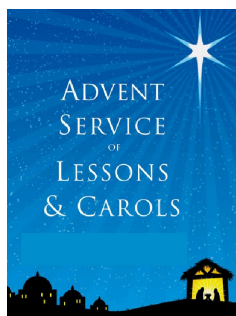
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Around the Grounds

Lesson & Carols, Dec 8-9
3 cottage rentals

Christmas
3 cottage rentals....so far

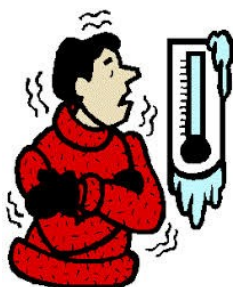


Holiday Trash Pick-up Schedule

Christmas/New Year's
Friday December 28th
Friday January 4th



Winter Prep: Don't Get Caught in the Cold



As we prepare for the colder months, it's important to assess your cottage's vulnerabilities and take care preventative maintenance:

1. Please check your smoke detector batteries.
2. Have your chimney inspected by a professional chimney sweep.

3. Shut off your water while you are away. Every year several cottage owners experience water leaks while their cottage is not occupied. Some of the leaks have been quite expensive. The Assembly does not allow for leak adjustments due to our utility relationship with the Town of Montegale.

4. It gets really cold! Many of our cottages are built so the air circulates under the floor. This is great to keep us cool during the summer, but it plays havoc with the water

pipes during the winter (see #3).



5. Please let the office know when you loan your cottage to friends and family. We like for our security officers to keep a watch out for people and cars which are not familiar to the campus.

6. Don't be a stranger! The Assembly is beautiful in every season; try to enjoy it year-round.

COR Spotlight

As you may or may not know, the Assembly is regulated by two very important documents. One is the bylaws, and the other is the rules and regulations.

The bylaws are the specific rules that outline precisely how the Assembly is governed. The rules and regulations focus on our day-to-day life, including behavior and expectations. Both are included in the membership directory, and every member should read them every year.

That said, we continue a series of articles that will spotlight a different subject from the code

of regulation. This month: G9, alcohol.

The possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees except as follows:

During the season, alcoholic beverages may be allowed and may be consumed only at a location approved by the Board of Trustees on not more than four occasions per season and only during special events approved in

advance by the board of trustees.

During the off-season, alcohol beverages shall be allowed and may be consumed only in connection with a private, invitation-only, function in one of the following areas set aside and reserved exclusively for such purpose private use and not then open to the public, and approved in advance by the board of trustees:

- ⇒ dining hall
- ⇒ gymnasium and adjacent tennis court
- ⇒ art pavilion
- ⇒ any tents temporarily attached to the above
- ⇒ other locations at the board's discretion

MSSA Fees Made Easy!

MSSA offers ACH Bank Draft processing for the payment of your monthly account charges. It is simple, secure, efficient and will keep you in the good graces of Crystal Hill, our bookkeeper.

Please read the letter at this link for more information. You will probably have to copy and paste the link into your search engine.

<http://files.constantcontact.com/41c9e071701/cf51c0a5-da81-414c-abd3-a842b8502447.pdf>



Prayers

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Robert Wayne "Bob" Monfore, Jr. passed away on Friday, November 23. Bob is survived by his wife of 35 years, Anne Cox Monfore, and her sons Thomas Edward Montgomery II (Eleanor) of Birmingham and William Matthew Montgomery of Chattanooga, daughter Tracie Monfore Turner of Tuscaloosa, and son William David Monfore of Nashville. He is also survived by grandchildren, his brothers Jon Harvey Monfore (Kelseyville, CA) and Dr. Robert Gene Monfore (Bali, Indonesia), and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews. Bob was born in Springfield, South Dakota and enjoyed a diverse and impressive career, including attaining

the rank of Lance Corporal in the USMC, earning his Master of Divinity, working as a police officer for the Atlanta Police Department, and earning his Juris Doctor and a masters of law in Taxation. In 1987, he established Monfore Group, Inc. He was also a committed volunteer and philanthropist, serving the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church of Tuscaloosa, and the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly as a member of the board of trustees, and much more. The family requests memorials to be made to Christ Episcopal Church Foundation or Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Endowment Fund. Plans for a memorial in Monteagle next summer will be shared as available.



Let there be Peace on Earth

Cottages Available for Transfer:

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#11	Stone Court	\$390,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$595,000
#56	Southern Comfort	\$450,000
#58	Fleur de Lis	\$330,000
#82	Veranda	\$385,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$495,000

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ARC Project Submission Deadlines

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trust for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the General Manager. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

January 15 May 1 July 15 September 30

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the General Manager first.

MSSA Alcohol Policy

The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the board of trustees.

Reminder: **No Smoking** is allowed within fifty feet of any Assembly public building.