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Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

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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, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

### 2018 MSSA Calendar

MSSA Board Meeting and  
MAEFC Board  
February 17

MSSA Board Meeting and  
MAEFC Board  
May 19

Trails & Trilliums  
April 13-15

136th Season Opens  
June 10

#### Mountain Voices

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Deadline to submit items for  
the next issue is Feb. 25.  
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## From the President Time waits for no one!

Although variations of this expression date back to the early 1200s, this phrase always comes to mind at the start of the New Year. Even when I resolve to eat only a "Mediterranean diet," worry less, play more golf, exercise more, or my favorite catch phrase of all "be a better person," I can't help but think, "didn't I just make these same resolutions last year? Where has the time gone?"

Throughout the year between our summers together, we may celebrate the birth of new babies and mourn the loss of family

members or friends. This year is no exception as we welcome new life into the Assembly family and say goodbye to beloved members. It is definitely a time of taking stock of our lives.



Perhaps this is one of the reasons the Assembly is such a special place to all of us. Visitors often  
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## From the General Manager Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Endowment Tops \$5 Million

On January 17, the MSSA endowment fund topped \$5 million. This is a seminal moment in the history of the fund and the future of MSSA. Eight years ago, when I was going through my orientation, the person who was appointed to bring me up to date on the endowment told me "The endowment fund is about \$3 million. It has always been around \$3 million and will probably always be."

Thinking this statement was the precursor of "fake news," I checked

for myself. The first half of the statement was indeed true. The fund languished just above or just below \$3 million for over a decade.

The second half of the statement thankfully has been proven wrong. During the past eight years, the awareness of the importance of a strong endowment has produced  
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## Time waits for no one

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comment, "it's like time stands still here," and, in many ways, it does. We are fortunate to have a place where it often feels that there are a few more hours in the day to spend with family and friends. As we endure "the coldest winter" in years, we can dream of the upcoming summer season in this special place. I think I will add "spend more time at the Assembly" to my list of resolutions! This may be the one that I will actually keep!



*Barry Moody,  
MSSA President*

## MSSA Endowment

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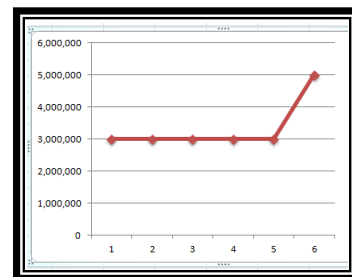
significant increases in giving. The Monteagle Assembly Endowment Fund Board has provided visionary stewardship of the funds and investment strategy, and of course, the booming stock market of late has certainly helped.

Ultimately, it is you, our endowment donors who have effected this change. The MSSA Endowment is the principal funding agent for our summer program and provides some assistance across all operations. It is a consistent funding source that is central to the financial sustainability of the Monteagle Sunday School

Assembly. We are grateful for your continued philanthropic support of all things Monteagle...and future generations will be as well.

*All the best for 2018,  
Scott Parrish*

PS. If you are interested in establishing an endowed fund, or want more information regarding giving opportunities, please give me a call.



## PLATFORM: Week 7 Spotlight

Every week at the Assembly is exciting and interesting, and **Week Seven** is no exception.



On Thursday, July 26, Rev. Becca Stevens will give an evening lecture entitled "How Love Heals." The next evening, Friday, July 27, there will be a farm-to-table dinner in Harton Hall followed by a free concert by Becca's husband, singer/songwriter Marcus Hummon in the auditorium.

His music is familiar to many of us. In addition to writing and performing his own music, Hummon has also co-written songs for many country music artists, including Top 40 singles for Tim McGraw, Wynonna Judd and Alabama, as well as three No. 1 country hits: "Cowboy Take Me Away" by the Dixie Chicks, "Born to Fly" by Sara Evans, and "Bless the Broken Road" by Rascal Flatts.

Whether you know him or not, his music is inspiring and will appeal to all ages.

Advance reservations for the Farm to Table dinner are required and **must be made through the MSSA office**; \$25 - Adults, \$10 - children 12 & under.

Saturday, July 28, brings the annual cottage owners meeting, the Mountain Market and the annual fish fry at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church (\$12, Children - \$6).

Mark your calendars; this weekend is very full, and we will all be educated, entertained and well fed!



## Prayers

### Judith Ann Simmons

**Humphreys** died December 12 surrounded by her family. Judith was an avid volunteer, sharing her gifts and talents with the Nashville Symphony Guild, the Italian Street Fair, Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, and the Herb Society of Nashville. She was a board member of Oak Hill School, Monteagle Sunday School Assembly (MSSA), Center for Youth Ministry Training and Brentwood United Methodist Church (BUMC). Judith led and accompanied numerous choirs at both BUMC and MSSA. She served on various church committees including chairing the BUMC Administrative Board for two years.

Judith was predeceased by her father, William Richard Simmons; brother, Phillip Wade Simmons; and brother-in-law, Charles James Friddell. She is survived by her husband, Jim; children, Rob (Hillary) Humphreys; Clark (Erin) Humphreys; and Pace (Brandon) Verner; eight grandchildren; mother, Jackie Simmons and her husband Charles W. Gilliland; and sister-in-law, Mary Carol Humphreys Friddell.

### Frances Hill Caldwell Jackson

died on January 1 after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her three children and spouses, Frances Jackson Ambrose (Albert), Harold Edward Jackson III (Annie) and Kathleen Jackson Estes (Alec); grandchildren, (who affectionately referred to her as "Mumsie") Kathleen Ambrose Kestermann, Anna Clark Ambrose, Benjamin Estes Ambrose, Harold E. Jackson IV,

Margaret Elizabeth Jackson, Caroline Scofield Jackson, Allister Caldwell Estes, John McDougall Estes, and Thomas William Estes II, as well as her sister Anne Caldwell Parsons, brother Wentworth Caldwell (Barry), sister-in-law Bette Sue McNeilly and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Harold Edward Jackson Jr., granddaughter Frances Hill Ambrose, and sister May Caldwell Brown.

She loved reading, travel, and playing bridge. Some of her fondest memories were of the many years spent with family and friends at Rock Island, TN. She especially wanted to be remembered as a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and a responsible citizen.

**Evelyn Charlotte Kunkel**, 81, of Louisville, passed away January 6. She is survived by her husband, Neil; sons Eric (Kathy) of Clovis, CA, and Neil, Jr. (Paula) Walker of Nashville, TN; and granddaughters Kristina (Raphael) Leiblum of Arcata, CA, Maggie and Sarah Kunkel of Nashville, TN; sister-in-law Carmen Menneg of Cal-lawassie Island, SC; also four nieces and nephews, five grandnieces and grandnephews, as well as many family in Northern Ireland. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, David and Rebecca Sadlier, sister, May Burden, and brother, David V. Sadlier

Evelyn never met a stranger and was happy talking and sharing stories with those she met throughout her life. She will be forever loved and missed by her family and

friends.

**Mary Hudgins Gainey** went home to be with her Lord and Savior, on Saturday, January 6, after complications from pneumonia. Mary married her college sweetheart, Richard Douglas Hudgins, and was "that mom" who was the envy of all the other kids. She was kind, wise, understanding and stunningly beautiful. Following the loss of Doug in 1993, Mary married her high school sweetheart, John Lee Gainey, Jr., in 1999. Mary and John were very active in their respective Churches, Christ United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church Jackson, directing Sunday School classes and serving as Leaders of Cursillo.

Mary is preceded in death by: her first husband, Richard Douglas Hudgins; her parents, Evelyn McCall Brown and Clarkson Armfield Brown her inlaws, Dr. William Douglas Hudgins and Blanche Jones Hudgins; her sister in law, Margaret Murphy Brown; and her niece, Dr. Catherine Hudgins Tuck.

"Manny" is survived by: Her loving husband, John Lee Gainey, Jr. her children: Richard Douglas Hudgins Jr., Dianne Hudgins Lloyd (Scot) and William Clarkson Hudgins (Patti Rose) her precious grandchildren: Colby McCall Black, Alexander Hudgins Black, Tyler Randolph Black, Abigail Rose Hudgins, Travis Walton Hudgins and Mary Evelyn Hudgins. She is also survived by her wonderful stepchildren: Debbie Gainey, John Lee Gainey III, Robin Lang and Rene Yanity; her brother, Clarkson Armfield Brown Jr.;

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her sister, Nancy Brown Strong (Michael); Her brothers in law William Robert Hudgins (Cyndy), James Judson "Jim" Hudgins (Adele McGowan); her nieces and nephews Robert David Hudgins (Meghan), Anne Hudgins Williams (Steve), Laurie Hudgins Peacock (David), Jud Hudgins, Will Hudgins, Adele Hudgins Wolf (Travis), Caroline Brown Bennett (David), Suzanne Brown Eversberg (Drew), Morgan deRossett Strong, Hunter

deWolfe Strong (Karla Pan) and a slew of brilliant great nieces and nephews.

**Bradford Earl Roberts, Jr.** son of the late Bradford Earl, Sr. and Annie Byrn Roberts, passed away January 24.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his wife, Linda Roberts; daughters, Andrea (Ken) Norberg, and Malinda Roberts Perdsock; granddaughter, Kendra Norberg; sister, Anne Byrn Roberts; brother, Jim Rich (Carty) Roberts; special friend, Stoney Johnson, and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Roberts was the former president of Southern States Electric Company a member of Calvary Baptist Church where he was a youth Sunday School teacher. He was the founder of junior pro basketball in Murfreesboro and, for many years, coached girls softball and basketball and served as a counselor at Camp Ocoee in Cleveland, Tenn., for many years. He was also the timekeeper for MTSU football games for decades.



## Fun Facts About Valentine's Day

### When was Valentine's Day first celebrated?

The exact origins of Valentine's Day are difficult to determine, but there are indications that the holiday may have roots in both Roman and Norman tradition dating back to ancient Roman history and about 300 C.E.

"Valentinus" is derived from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful. Because of this, "Valentinus" became a popular name for several martyrs between the second and eighth centuries A.D. The official list of Catholic martyrs recognizes approximately a dozen with name of Valentine or some type of variation. One was even a Pope.

Some credit Geoffrey Chaucer, the medieval English poet, with inventing the Valen-

tine's Day that people celebrate today. In around 1375, Chaucer's poem "Parliament of Fowles" spoke about a tradition of love in association with the celebration of the St. Valentine's Day feast. Before this work, there were no known records of Valentine's Day. The United States, Canada, Mexico, France, Australia, and the United Kingdom all celebrate Valentine's Day. Americans began exchanging Valentine's Day cards in the early 1700s when Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced cards. She is known as the "Mother of the Valentine."

### What is the most popular candy given for Valentine's Day?

Chocolate, of course!

## Howorth Honored

The name Howorth is almost as tightly tied to the artistic history of the Assembly as the name McCarty.

Longtime Assembly member Joe Howorth, also a Mississippian, was a respected lawyer and avid painter, and many of the Assembly's youth took art lessons from him during the summer. He was also known for setting up his pallet and paint on the edge of the mall during the fourth of July picnic and capturing it year after year - - even if it looked pretty much the same year after year. Many of us will remember his signature narration while he was painting... "Little red, little red, little blue, little blue"

This summer, the Assembly will host a show of his art at

the Pulliam Center with a special reception in his honor on Sunday, June 24, 3-5 p.m. We are asking Assembly members to participate in this exciting event.

If you have a Howorth painting(s) and you are willing to share for the show or reception, please send information to Scott Parrish, including:

- painting size
- detailed description
- and/or photo and
- short 3-to-5 sentence story about the painting (if you have it)

Don't know if you have a Howorth? Since cottages are often bought and sold with furnishings, some Assembly members may be unaware they have one of these treasures. Almost anyone who came to MSSA before 1980 will likely be able to help you.

## A Short Howorth History

In the 1920s, Joe practiced law in Greenville, Miss., with his wife, Lucy. After five years of practicing law, she was appointed as a judge, and in 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Lucy Somerville Howorth to the Board of Veterans Appeals, and her husband accompanied her to Washington, DC. In 1954, the couple returned to Mississippi and established a law practice together in Cleveland. In the '60s, Lucy was appointed to a task force for President John F. Kennedy's Commission on the Status of Women. Joe died in 1980 after 54 years of marriage. Lucy died in 1997 at the age of 102.

## Get Your Golf Cart

Once again, Boswell's Golf Carts will have golf carts available for rent this summer. As a courtesy, information is available from the MSSA Housing Office, and rates are listed below.

Daily Rate: \$60.00 + Tax (\$65.55)

Weekly Rate: (5-7 days): \$250.00 + Tax (\$273.13)



4 Week Rate: \$800.00 + Tax (\$874.00)

6 Week Rate: \$1,100.00 + Tax (\$1,201.75)

8 Week Rate: \$1,400.00 +

Tax (\$1,529.50). Only \$25 per day!

*Pre-Order 8 Week Special.... \$1200.00 + Tax (\$1,311.00) Only \$21.43 per day!*

*(To qualify for the pre order special you need to place your order with the housing office and make full payment 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the delivery date)*

Contact Rhonda in the housing office at [313-924-9000](tel:313-924-9000).

## Attention tree huggers!



The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Arboretum was recertified as a Level One Arboretum in December 2017. A few new trees were added, and there will be a survey of the common grounds conducted during the summer of 2018 to identify species to be added for Level Two certification in the future.

Pictured are Tennessee Urban Forestry Council (TUFC) Executive Director Jill Smith, TUFC Vice President Scott Woods, and TUFC board member Josiah Lockard presenting the new Arboretum Certification sign to MSSA General Manager Scott Parrish.

## Cottages Available for Transfer:



#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#11	Stone Court	\$390,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$625,000
#56	Southern Comfort	\$450,000
#82	Veranda	\$385,000
#72	Memphis Home	\$450,000
#135	Hillside Rest	\$840,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact: W. Scott Parrish, General Manager  
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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.

May 1      July 15      September 30      January 15

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.