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

2019 MSSA Calendar

MSSA Board Meetings
February 16

Mountain Voices

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Deadline to submit items for the next issue is February 25. Send articles to Ann Ewing at aewing62@gmail.com



From the President New Year, New Fee Structure



After reviewing the MSSA fee structure, the finance committee recommended to the Board of Trustees (BOT) an increase to the gate fees, beginning with the 2019 season.

The committee reported this would be the first increase in gate tickets since 2002. It also noted that the approximate 12.6 percent proposed increase could be compared to a 43 percent Consumer Price Index increase from 2002 to 2017.

A primary reason for the increase is to use the funds generated to retain and attract highly qualified

personnel. With the current economy improving, low unemployment and major employers in the area offering higher pay, we need to stay competitive and be an employer of choice.

At the November board meeting, the board of trustees voted to adopt the finance committee's proposed fee structure. The finance committee has an important and often difficult role, and I am thankful to all those who are willing to serve.

Also, at the November meeting, the property committee made a
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Merry Christmas? Absolutely!

If you ever wonder why we strive to be a part of, and contribute to, this community, here's your answer:

Sent to Ruth Patterson

I want to thank you, the administration, and members of the Assembly for the very generous donation that you made for Christmas on the Mountain this year. We served 68 families and

162 children in 2018. This was the largest event that we have had since inception. The majority of participants are regular clients of the food ministry program at Morton United Methodist Church.

Based on lessons learned from the
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From the President

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recommendation to alter the structure of the automobile fees. This change is being made to encourage

“outside-the-gate parking,” which hopefully will reduce the number of vehicles inside the Assembly, reduce traffic congestion, and improve safety.

The old fee was \$50 per vehicle per season. The new structure allows for one free car pass per household. All additional vehicles are \$100/season. This is per leasehold and applies to renters and members. Car rates for weekly, monthly and daily passes have also been revised and approved by the BOT.

Stay warm and dry this Winter.

*Best Regards,
Bill Cox*

New Ticket Fees

Non-Family Gate Charges

	Season	Monthly	Weekly	Weekend	Daily
<u>Current</u>	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 16.00
<u>New</u>	\$ 400.00	\$ 270.00	\$108.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 18.00

Member Gate Discount Charges

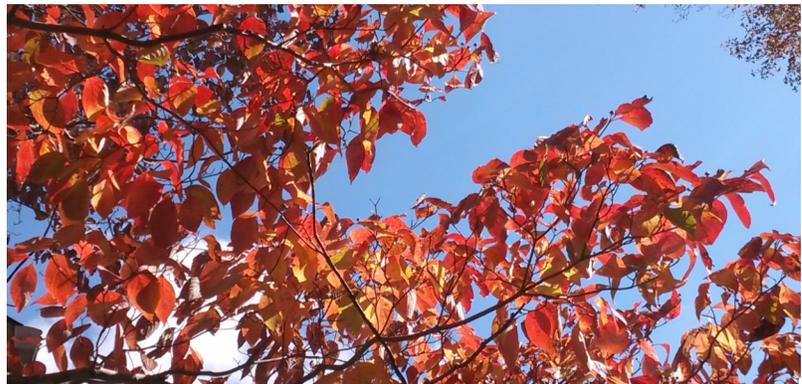
	Season	Monthly	Weekly	Weekend	Daily
<u>Current</u>	\$ 235.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 10.00
<u>New</u>	\$ 260.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 12.00 A

Health Aid Gate Charges

	Season	Monthly	Weekly	Weekend	Daily
<u>Current</u>	\$ 49.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.00
<u>New</u>	\$ 55.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 6.00

Automobile Fees

	Season	Monthly	Weekly	Weekend	Daily
<u>Current</u>	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 6.00	\$3.00
<u>New</u>	\$100.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 6.00



Merry Christmas? (continued from page 1)

book “Toxic Charity,” we purchase gifts which we then sell to our clients at a discount of 80%. For each child living in their home, the clients may purchase 1-2 gifts which are valued at \$25, or 1 gift valued at \$50. The outcome is that the clients are vested in the process of being able to provide gifts for their children. This increases their sense of self-worth. Your donation went a very long way in allowing us to purchase the \$9,000 in toys that we

needed. At the conclusion of the event, we took inventory of what had been held over for more than 2 years and donated toys to the Grundy County Sheriff’s Toy Drive. The retained inventory is stored at the church for next year’s event.

We are grateful for your help with the toy store project and we wish you all the best for the work you do in 2019.

*Jessica Favaloro
Morton Memorial United
Methodist Church*

Prayers

Cathryn (Cathy) King Foote Fish passed away peacefully at home on January 2nd, 2019. Loving and proud mother of Lewis Rockwell Fish (d.01.22.2006), Edward Tyler Fish and Wilson Douglass Fish; and daughter of Cathryn (Siddy) Fish and Douglass Foote of Nashville, TN, both deceased. She was predeceased by her brother Douglass G. Foote, Jr. Cathy was an avid swimmer, lover of animals, art and Mother Nature. Cathy's favorite memories were at Elk Lake in Michigan and Monteagle, TN with her boys; her children were her life. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to the Piedmont Park Conservancy or South Fork Conservancy.

Anne Byrn Roberts died on January 7, 2019.

An extraordinary woman, she was anything but conventional. Attending Vanderbilt University, she was editor of *The Hustler* and elected Homecoming Queen. She earned her teaching certificate from Peabody. She married Joseph (Jack) Houston Roberts in 1949.

Anne Byrn was as comfortable serving as homeroom mother in the classrooms of her five children as she was serving for over 20-years as the Chairman of the Planning Commission for the City of Lebanon and the Board of Trustees of Cumberland University. She served as a Girl Scout leader and Chair-

man of the Girl Scouts of Wilson County and helped found the YMCA, ultimately serving as its board President. Named Lebanon's Woman of the Year in 1987, she was president of the Year Round Garden Club, member of the DAR, and president of the Junior Women's Club. Anne Byrn served as Chairman of the board of University Medical Center and McFarland Hospital. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lebanon where she taught Vacation Bible School and Sunday School and served on various committees. She enjoyed membership in the Belle Meade Country Club, the Centennial Club, the Lynbrook Garden Club, and Cheekwood.

Her joy came from spending summers at Monteagle with her family and lifelong friends. She was a member of the Board of Trustees, past vice-president of the board, and president of the Woman's Association. Her porch was always open for rousing conversation and she was perpetually prepared for an impromptu cocktail party.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Houston Roberts, her parents, Annie and Earl Roberts, and her brother, Bradford Earl Roberts, Jr.

She is survived by her children, Lucy Roberts, Anne Worthen (George), Jack Roberts (Tami), Rich Roberts (Memree) and Mary Carolyn Roberts (Matt Davis), her grandchildren, Anne Byrn Floyd (Mark), Jennie Bradford Curlee (John), Katherine Torkelsen (Leif),

Jack Worthen, Mary Augusta Roberts, Margaret Roberts, Marshall Roberts (Katie), Jackson Roberts; her great-grandchildren, Mavis Blue Sartin, Carter Floyd, Miles Curlee, Annie Torkelsen, Finn Torkelsen, Jackson Floyd (Meg), Elizabeth Floyd and Alex Floyd; her brother, Jim Rich Roberts (Carty); and her sister-in-law, Linda Roberts. Memorials may be sent to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Roberts Family Fund.



Dorothy Fuqua Duncan, 83, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, originally from Old Hickory, passed away at home in Tullahoma on Dec. 24, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roger C. and Dorothy G. Fuqua. Dot is survived by her husband of 63 years, John C. Duncan, of Tullahoma; brother James R. Fuqua (Malissa), of Greenwood, SC; sister Deborah F. Carignan (Jim), of Dickson; children Rick Duncan (Elizabeth), of Sewanee; Jim Duncan (Jennie), of Normandy; Steve Duncan (Amy), of Knoxville; and Ginny Duncan, of Monteagle; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Dot's greatest love was spending time with her family. She loved gardening and making her yard beautiful. She was a longtime and active member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church where she sang with the choir for over 40 years.



From the editor

Every member of the MSSA family is an important part of our community. In this year, we lost two members who exemplified all the best things about Monteagle: love of children, respect for family, appreciation of time well spent, faith, kindness, grace and laughter. There is likely no member or guest at Monteagle who were not touched in some way by Anne Byrn and Poppy. They were extraordinary people, and they will be sorely missed.

Credit: Heidi Ross



Platform Spotlight Jon Meacham "The Soul of America"

Jon Meacham will speak at 8:15 p.m. on July 2nd in Warren Chapel. Jon Meacham is a Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer and the author of the New YorkTimes bestsellers Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power, American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House, Franklin and Winston, Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush, and The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels. He is a distinguished visiting professor at Vanderbilt University, a contributing writer for The New York Times Book Review, and a fellow of the Society of American Historians. Meacham lives in Nashville and in Sewanee with his wife and children.

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.

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.