



MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Back for more! The Frank kids (Lucy & Sam) came with their parents last summer for the first time. Here, the entrepreneurs show off their baked goods, which they sold at the Thursday market and then donated the proceeds to the Assembly. The Franks family will be back for the first three weeks of the season this year. Read more about them on page 4.

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The last two pages of *Mountain Voices* have program descriptions and the schedule at-a-glance. We encourage you to tear the last page off the newsletter and post it on your refrigerator or carry it with you during the week, so you always know what's happening!

BOX DINNERS FOR MUSIC CITY ROOTS

Music City Roots will be back for their third performance at the Assembly on Friday, June 21, 7:00 pm. Emily Frith and her talented crew will once again offer box dinners for advance purchase; you're also welcome to bring your own dinner to the Auditorium for the show that evening. Sign up at the office.



HIGHLIGHTS

From Meghan Markle to Jack Benny to Ole Miss Football Tickets: Why Taxes Aren't Dull, with Laura Saunders

Tuesday, 10:45 am
Warren Chapel

Hitting the Walls, Building the Bridges: Finding a Voice, Making a Living, & Recognizing Our Native Resourcefulness, with Ellen Kochansky

Wednesday, 10:45 am
Warren Chapel

CUBA: An Island Once Called Paradise, with Chip Cooper

Book sale & signing to follow
Friday, 8:15 pm
Warren Chapel

FROM THE PRESIDENT: PARK THE CAR (AND THE GOLF CART), AND TAKE A WALK!

As the 2019 season approaches, there are a lot of things happening, weddings, spring cleaning, painting, landscaping, pool opening, and we are still trying to schedule a little paving on the roads. In addition, we have completed projects at Harton Hall, the Mall tennis courts, gymnasium floor, pool and auditorium bathrooms, Shady Dell, and the roof on the front of the Auditorium. The stonework repair funded by the annual fund is in progress, with most of the work focused around the Chapel area.

At the February board of Trustees meeting, the property committee recommended a raise in traffic fines. The first offense will be a warning; the second offense a \$50 fine; and each offense thereafter a \$100 fine. Any person cited for a fourth offense of the traffic regulations within a 12-month period shall have his/her driving privileges within the Assembly grounds suspended for six months. These traffic fines apply to golf carts and automobiles.

Long Range Planning: The Board of Trustees also voted to rescind a July 12, 2008 action, removing multi-term commitments on members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Going forward, LRPC will function as do other standing committees. We want to thank Paula Walker for presenting this motion and serving as the Chair of the LRPC.

Golf carts: Remember all carts must be registered at the office and don't forget to check on the insurance for the golf cart. Is it covered on your homeowner's policy? Is it covered at MSSA? Ask your insurance agent about the coverage in the event of an accident.

I encourage you to park the car and golf cart, and take a walk around the grounds to see the improvements! Rick and his crew have the grounds looking as good as ever!

— *Bill Cox, President*

CALLING ALL BIRD WATCHERS!

Meet Dr. James Peters, bird photographer from the University of the South, on two morning bird walks. On Friday & Saturday mornings, meet at the North Gate for these led walks. For the best viewing, please be prepared to depart on time, with notebook and binoculars, if you have them. No dogs or bright clothing.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*"Where exactly is my property line?"
"What is my 5 foot setback and what can I do there?"*

You might be surprised to know that many of us assume we know where our leasehold begins and our neighbor's ends but that is not always the case.

The leaseholds are sometimes shaped more like a jigsaw puzzle piece than a nice, square lot.

Please remember that whether you are planting a tree or dreaming of a renovation you should always call Scott first to make sure that your dreams aren't actually on assembly property or your neighbor's leasehold. He can help you determine whether your project needs to go before the property committee, the Architectural Review Committee, or if you are good to go!

Your property committee is here to work with you! Happy Summer!

— *Amanda Moody, Chair*

QUICK BITES

Shop local at the Thursday Morning Mountain Market, 7-10:00am, in front of Harton Hall.

Trash pick-up in Week 4 will be on Monday July 1st (regular date) and Friday, July 5th (rescheduled date).

Call Scott First! Home repairs/upgrades are generally not permitted during the season. Contact the General Manager before calling a contractor.

Auto permits must be displayed at all times, else a ticket may be issued.

Gate tickets (or wristbands) should be on your person at all times.

Set up a Harton Hall account for cash-free dining all season long.

Box lunches and other reservations-required dining events must be paid at the main office; dining hall staff do not accept reservations or payment.

Save time at the gate and pre-order your tickets by calling (931) 924-2286. You can also preorder online.

ALL golf carts must be registered (or re-registered) to receive the 2019 decal. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

Lawn trimmings are collected on Wednesdays.

Dogs must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. Pick up after your pets.

QUICK BITES

Quiet Hour is daily from 1:00-2:30 pm. Children should be indoors at their cottages. Tennis is only permitted on the East Gate courts. No deliveries during this time.

Trash pickup begins at 5:00 am on Monday & Thursday. Secure garbage can lids to avoid critters from getting into them. Garbage crews can only collect bagged trash located inside garbage cans.

Hummingbirds play bells at 2:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday in Warren Chapel. All Hummingbirds welcome.

Recycling bins have been moved behind Harton Hall.

Edgeworth Inn offers breakfast most mornings and dinner Monday-Thursday from 5:30-8:30 pm. See the ad in the program book.

Golf cart parking at Warren Chapel is for the benefit of those who need mobility assistance. Please do not move carts during services and programs.

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.

July 4th picnic tables are available for rent (\$25) or purchase (\$110) from the main office. The tables are 8 feet long.

Safety first! Call (931) 607-8615 when the main office is closed for any security questions or concerns.

SUMMER CHURCH SERVICES OFFER RENEWAL

Welcome to the 137th Season of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

As you know, the spiritual life at Monteagle is one of the cornerstones of our mission and purpose. We have numerous opportunities for members and guests to participate, and we encourage everyone to find a service or two that suit your schedule.

Sunday worship services start at 11:00 am, and Twilight Prayers are held Monday through Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm, with contemporary twilight prayers on Thursday.

Each week, clergy from different denominations lead our services, so participants can enjoy a variety of ministries. Attendance has been steadily increasing over the past few years, and we are fortunate to have an excellent lineup of clergy and religious and spiritual leaders this summer.

All of these services are held in Warren Chapel, one of our most iconic structures, and many people will tell you that there is nothing like sitting in our beautiful chapel in the gloaming of a summer evening and hearing the crickets and birds as the day draws to a close. It is the perfect time for reflection and a reenergizing of our spiritual selves.

Just a few reminders:

It would be helpful if everyone is seated at least 10 minutes before the start of each service. As you might imagine, late arrivals are somewhat disruptive. Also, the last row on the right as you enter is reserved for our youth participants at Sunday services.

Please join us at as many of these services as you can. They are a large part of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly experience.

— *Greg Maloof, Chancellor of Warren Chapel*



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Archives Committee welcomes you to the 2019 Season! We will be working all summer to preserve our rich history! If you have photographs, ephemera, wedding announcements, birth announcements, etc. to give to the archives, please drop them off at the office. Thank you and welcome to the Mountain!

— *Morgan Merrill, Archives Committee Chair*



RENTERS SPOTLIGHT: THE LOST ART OF JUST VISITIN'

You probably know someone you would describe as an *old soul* — someone who might say, as Jennifer Frank did last week, “Sometimes I just feel like I was born in the wrong generation.” So when Jennifer’s friend called and said, “This is your kind of place!” she decided to find out what her friends from Nashville and Memphis were raving about.

So began her first visit to the Assembly last summer, where she packed up her two kids and—at the last moment, on little more than a whim—a sno-cone machine and made her way to Montecagle. “I felt like my blood pressure went down 10 points just going through the gates,” she says.

For a family of old souls, two weeks at the Assembly just wasn’t enough. The Franks will be back for Weeks 1-3 this summer, and the excitement Jennifer feels about getting here on Sunday is palpable.

Her two kids, Sam (13 1/2) and Lucy (9 1/2), enjoyed their time just as much as did their mom—probably more, actually. The simple pleasures and freedom of summertime on the grounds appealed to both Sam and Lucy.

What did they love most? Jennifer struggles to choose just one thing, because there are just too many highlights. For example, Lucy, who has a real affinity for dogs, loved that Assembly dogs are *everyone’s* dogs. Lucy and Jennifer went to an Arty Party together and loved getting to use their art skills together.

When Sam went off to night games, Lucy (too young to participate last summer) would wander over to Ms. Pam’s house and spend the evening playing there. “She was as happy playing at Ms. Pam’s house as she was playing with kids,” Jennifer marvels. “I’d have to go pick her up to get her to come home.” (*Editor’s note: Spending time with Pam Maloof is basically everyone’s favorite part of the Assembly, isn’t it?!*)

As a younger child, Sam was something of a prodigy chef, competing on a TV program in Hollywood as a child chef. So it was no surprise when Sam and Lucy (who’s more of a baking aficionado) decided to turn their hobbies into a fundraiser, baking turtle brownies and strawberry whoopie pies to sell at the Thursday morning markets. Between that and a sno-cone sale at the pool one afternoon, Jennifer estimates they took in about \$30; after deducting their expenses, the profits went to the Assembly as a donation.

For Jennifer and her husband Chas, the pace of the Assembly is the biggest draw. Giving their children the freedom to choose their daily activities, instead of being told what to do, feels like a throwback to an earlier, simpler time. The inter-generational activities appeal to this family of relationship-focused Franks. Instead of sending her kids off to summer camp, Jennifer feels like the Assembly lets them do camp-like activities, but as a family.

“It’s a throwback to how I grew up, with my granny and pa. Nowadays, everyone’s in a rush. People don’t just come over to visit,” Jennifer says.

Plus, there’s the tomato pie.



BEWARE OF THE WILDLIFE

Be aware of the wildlife living with us on the Assembly grounds. Skunks normally do not spray unless threatened. If you see one, slowly back away. Snakes are found around the creek and in rocky areas. Do not antagonize them. Coyotes have been in the Assembly during the winter. Increased activity may cause them to leave the campus, but we must all be mindful of letting small pets roam at night. Raccoons are everywhere. To avoid unwelcomed surprises, secure your garbage cans to prevent raccoons from rummaging through your trash.

WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY CHORUS

The Women's Assembly Chorus will sing during worship on Father's Day, June 16th. If you would like to sing with us, we will have rehearsals in Warren's Chapel at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 11th and at 9:00 am on Sunday, June 16th.

HOOK INTO THE ONLINE PLATFORM CALENDAR

Get the latest Platform events on the MSSA web site at www.mssa1882.org. Hover your mouse over "Program/Events" and click on "Calendar." You can also subscribe to our calendar using your own Google Calendar by following the directions at the bottom of the page. NOTE: If the MSSA events do not show up, check your Google calendar settings to ensure MSSA is set to "sync on all devices."

FROM HARTON HALL

Be sure to sign up for the first annual Culinary Guild Progressive Dinner and Potluck on Sunday, June 16th, 6:00 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert, and beverage of your choice. The Culinary Guild will supply the entree, as well as ice and paper goods. Sign up at the office for \$20, which includes your entree (you can also pay your dues when you sign up, if you wish).

We are also looking for 2 cottages to host an appetizer stop and a dessert stop.

Dues are \$20, and go to support the Humphreys-Martin Family Herb Garden, as well as MSSA Culinary Programming and support.

— Emily Frith, beloved chef & Culinary Guild mastermind

"EACH FOR THE OTHER, ALL FOR MONTEAGLE"

The Monteagle Assembly's Woman's Association welcomes everyone back for a porch – full of opportunities to mix and mingle over the season. Membership is open to all women, and men are invited too as part of the very elite "Winfield Club."

You can connect with others over membership meetings, porch parties, book club, arty parties, Chickadees (for parents and babies under 3), cards, and Mah Jongg. The Culinary Guild provides opportunities to come together for food and fun as well. Our Cottage Tour and Bazaar is our major fundraiser that helps support local not-for-profit organizations and maintain our house. You can really get to know us by volunteering as a Porch Party or Chickadee host or signing up to help with Cottage Tour. The possibilities are endless!

Cindy Huston returns to the porch this season as our hostess with the "mostest" and will be there to welcome all and answer questions M-F 10-12 noon and 2:30-4:30 pm.

Our Welcome Back Brunch will be held Monday, June 17 at 10:00 AM. Dues are \$20 (\$25 for Winfield Club...you get a cool apron!) and brunch is \$15) Sign up sheets for everything can be found on the Winfield Porch.

Officers for this year:

President – Linda Parrish

Vice President – Lori Davis

Treasurer – Havens McAlister

Recording Secretary – Lyn Knopf

Corresponding Secretaries – Susan Acker and Kent Ballow

See you on the porch!

— Linda Parrish, Woman's Association President



SEASON OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm

Saturday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Youth Updates

The youth have been an integral part of the Assembly from its beginning, and many consider Monteagle a place where children can develop both spiritually and physically in a safe environment. Programs for children ages 3-18 are available throughout the summer. Please see the program book, pages 12-17 for guidelines, policies, and rules .

It is another year and another start to a new summer! We are super excited for the ability to get to know you all and go on new adventures! Come by the Snack Shop to see our board to find out what is happening this week!

Announcements

The Youth Committee is excited about a great new year! We have a wonderful staff and can't wait for the season to begin. Thank you to the following people for generously providing meals for the Youth Staff during their Orientation this week: Paige & Jay Cleveland, Tiffany Carr, Bitsy Davis, Anne Dennington, Anne Byrn Floyd, Jennifer Hinds, Cindy Huston, Lyn Knopf, Hill Lenderman, Ellie Lovvorn, Linda & Scott Parrish, Pace Verner, and Anne Worthen.

Buzzards & Falcons MUST wear closed toe shoes to campfire on Wednesday nights for safety reasons.

Boys Bible Study & Girls Bible Study takes place on Monday nights at 7:00 pm at the Nashville house.

Looking to improve your child's swimming while in Monteagle? Then you are in luck! Some of our life-guards are offering swim lessons this summer. Come to the pool and talk to any of the guards to set up a lesson.

Parents are responsible for their children in the baby pool at all times!

VISIT THE SEWANEE BOOKSTORE & SUPPORT PLATFORM SPEAKERS

The Sewanee Bookstore has a display of the books authored by Platform speakers this summer. Visit them in the Bishop's Commons (BC) on the University of the South campus throughout the season to purchase books. They will also be at selected lectures to sell books for author signings this season.

Head's Up This Week!

Youth staff need used golf balls for arts & crafts! Please bring by the Nashville home.

Stay Connected!

We want our Monteagle family to get all the latest information in the fastest way, so we created a text message system for last minute changes or emergencies. We will also be communicating through Mountain Voices and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MssaYouth. Be sure to like our page!

Text **MSSAYOUTH** to **84483** to receive youth alerts.

Text **MSSANEWS** to **84483** to receive community alerts.

For any snacks, refreshments, or MSSA merchandise, come by the snack shop located outside the front entrance of the Auditorium.

SWIMMING HOURS

Monday-Saturday:

8:00 - 10:00 am (adults only)

10:00 am - Noon & 2:30 - 5:30 pm

2:30 - 7:30 pm Friday only

Sunday:

2:30 - 5:30 pm



Tuesday: *Free Solo* (2015, PG-13)

Wednesday early-bird: *Thomas & Friends* (G)

Wednesday: *The Rocket* (2018, PG)

Thursday: *Galaxy Quest* (1999, PG)

Friday: *Apollo 11* (2019, G)

HOUSING QUESTIONS? ASK RHONDA!

Should you have concerns that your cottage has not rented to your satisfaction during the season or off-season, contact the housing office to discuss your options. If you are willing to consider offering your cottage for 3-day rentals, negotiate or prorate rentals, or if you have questions about your rentals, call Rhonda.

The housing office can also help if you want to rent a golf cart during the season!

The housing number is (931) 924-9000.

LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$595,000
#56	Southern Comfort	\$450,000
#58	Fleur de Lis	\$330,000
#82	Veranda	\$385,000

PREPARED FOR PICNIC?

Did you notice last summer that your July 4th picnic table is a little worse for the wear? If you are ready for a new picnic table, you can purchase one or more from the office for just \$110 each (rentals are also available for a wallet-friendly \$25 per day). The tables are 8 feet long and seat eight people comfortably. They are also made of hard plastic, so you can invest in picnic perches for years to come. If your saw horses and plywood are folding under the weight of fried chicken and chess pies, it might be time for an upgrade! Contact Diane in the office for more information: diane@mssa1882.org.



WELCOME FROM RUTH COBB, PLATFORM SUPERINTENDENT

Imagine the preparations that took place 137 years ago when the MSSA opened that first season. It is humbling to think of all who have contributed to the establishment, growth, and enjoyment of this place. They did not do it for us. They gave back some of God's bounty, and I have reminded myself in the past weeks of my good fortune to be included as a participant in the marvelous enterprise. Thank you for the welcome I have received and the patience you may need as the next eight weeks unfold.

Lisa Hammett has researched and planned a platform filled with a vast array of opportunities. She has generously shared her knowledge and time with me in preparation for the season. Virginia Curry and others on the MSSA staff have provided insights from their experience.

It is a delight to have Liz Norell continue as platform assistant this summer. Her well-organized systems and background are invaluable to the platform office. Also joining the platform team this summer is Trent Whisenant, from Chatsworth, GA. He is a rising senior at the University of the South majoring in politics, and also the director of music at the First Presbyterian Church of Dalton.

SAFETY FIRST

The MSSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency--medical or otherwise--call 911, but our seasoned team is here to help for non-emergency situations. If you have a safety issue or see suspicious activity anywhere on the grounds or at the Point, don't hesitate to call (931) 607-8615 after 5 pm or call the office during business hours. There are no silly concerns--it's better to call and quell your fears than to let something go because you are afraid of a false alarm.

Consider putting the security number by your home phone and/or plugging it into your cell phones.

Kids got cell phones? Plug the security number in those too.

Together we'll keep MSSA the safe haven it is!

SEASON'S FIRST SUNDAY BUFFET

Fried chicken
Mashed potatoes
Squash casserole
Country style green beans
Eclectic salad
Rolls
Fresh fruit, watermelon,
homegrown tomatoes
Caramel cake and ice cream

YOUTH ADVENTURE WEEK

Adventure Week is an opportunity to sample different outdoor activities and strengthen outdoor leadership skills. Each day we will depart on some exciting local adventures in the outdoors, including hiking, canoeing, swimming, climbing, and caving. This is a great chance for kids and families to more closely explore our natural neighborhood. Please refer to the descriptions of each activity for more details. NOTE: All excursions will meet at the Auditorium for registration, grouping, and departure.

Funding for Youth Adventure Week provided by the **Thomas Malone Trabue, III Fund**.

MONDAY

Afternoon adventure: Swimming at The Res

Check out one of the great swimming holes on the Mountain.

Learn/practice some basic canoe skills as well.

Who? Eagles, Buzzards, Falcons (limit 20)

Where? SAS Reservoir

Pack? Towel, water, sunscreen, extra life jackets

TUESDAY

Morning adventure: Bridal Veil Falls + Caving Trip

Hike to a waterfall and explore a cave.

Who? Eagles, Buzzards, Falcons (limit 20)

Where? Bridal Veil Falls, Sewanee

Pack? Picnic lunch if desired, water, clothes that can get dirty & wet, closed-toe shoes, any extra helmets/headlamps/flashlights for the cave

Afternoon adventure: Walker Springs Cave

Who? Buzzards + Falcons (limit 15)

Where? Walker Springs Cave, Roark's Cove

Pack? Water, clothes that can get dirty & completely wet, closed-toe shoes, any extra helmets/headlamps/flashlights

WEDNESDAY

Morning adventure: Bouldering at Morgan's Steep

Bouldering is climbing without ropes, low to the ground, using pads to fall on.

Who? Buzzards, Falcons, Eagles (preferably accompanied by an adult)

Where? Weather dependent (ideally Morgan's Steep)

Pack? Water, snacks, helmets

Afternoon adventure: Hike/Swim to Theologs Pool

Hike down a creek to one of the remote swimming holes on the Mountain.

Who? Buzzards + Falcons (limit of 15)

Where? Theolog's Pool, Sewanee

Pack? Towel, water, water shoes / shoes for creek hike

THURSDAY

Morning adventure: Hike/Cave at Buggy Top Cave

Hike down into Lost Cove to one of the most picturesque locations on the Cumberland Plateau and explore the cave.

Who? Falcons, Buzzards, Eagles (limit 20; extra adults accompanying is advised)

Where? Buggy Top/Natural Bridge, Sewanee

Pack? Water, sunscreen, lunch, extra headlamps/flashlights, good shoes

Evening adventure: Campfire

Hike down to the MSSA campsite, build a campfire, cook dinner, and play campfire games.

Who? Eagles, Buzzards, Falcons

Where? MSSA campsite

Pack? Water, flashlight/headlamp, closed-toe shoes

FRIDAY

Morning/afternoon adventure: Hike & swim at Sycamore Falls

End the week with a hike down into Fiery Gizzard to see beautiful waterfalls, swimming + jumping optional.

Who? Falcons, Buzzards, Eagles (extra adults accompanying is advised)

Where? Fiery Gizzard

Pack? Towel, sunscreen, water + snacks, lunch

JULY 4TH CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Be sure to submit all names you wish to be recognized at the Fourth of July Candlelight service on the Mall. Births, marriages and deaths in the Assembly community (since July 4, 2018) will be

noted. Submit names and relevant dates (marriage, birth, death) to the Assembly Office, in writing, or by e-mail to platform@mssa1882.org. Please have your submissions in by noon on Friday, June 28.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE MOUNTAIN

Join us in a great way to build relationships as we grow together in our understanding of God's Word. Classes meet from 10:00-10:45 am in various locations. We hope you can join us!

Adults are invited to a Welcome Back Reception on Winfield Porch, 10:00-10:45 am on June 9th.

There will not be a lesson, but this will be a WONDERFUL opportunity to greet old friends and meet new friends as we kick-off the new season!

NOTE: There will be NO Sunday School on August 4th.

YOUTH (weeks 1-8):

- **5 yr. olds and Eaglets:** Maney Pavilion (near the tennis courts and Warren Chapel)
God Loves Us and Blesses Us taught by Pam Maloof and Joanna Douglass
- **Eagles:** Shady Dell
Lessons from the Life and Letters of Paul taught by Hays Haney, Anne Worthen, Linda Elder, Morgan Wills, Murray Smartt, Betsy Peebles and Shae Uden
- **Buzzards and Falcons:** Nashville Home
Enneagrams and the Bible taught by Mary Ann Friday

ADULTS (weeks 1-8):

- **ADULTS I:** Winfield House Porch
June 9 – Welcome Back Reception (no lesson)
June 16 – Andy Spickard and Bill Elder “Faith Fitness: Hebrews 11 and 12, Part I”
June 23 – Andy Spickard and Bill Elder “Faith Fitness: Hebrews 11 and 12, Part 2”
June 30 – Virginia Curry
July 7 – Ron Buffington “Angels, God’s Secret Agents”
July 14 – Andy Spickard “He Loves Us With an Everlasting Love”
July 21 – Cathy and Clinton Bailey “The Hymn of Love: 1 Corinthians 13”
July 28 – Mary Earthman
August 4 – NO class
- **ADULTS II:** Cottage #136, Mountain Haven
June 9 – No meeting at #136 this week – Please join us on Winfield Porch for the Welcome Back Reception!
June 16 – McKay Caston “Discover Why the Message of the Bible is 100% Better Than We Think It Is: 2 Corinthians 5:21”
June 23 – Lori Davis “Knowing God – A Few Lessons from Daniel”
June 30 – John Malone “Biblical Pleadings”
July 7 – Gray Campbell
July 14 – Margaret Rixham “Searching for Contentment”
July 21 – Jack Duncan “Job: One Man’s Search for Answer’s to Life’s Great Mysteries”
July 28 – Bill Davis “Our Spiritual Blessings in Christ: Ephesians 1:3-14”
August 4 – NO class

THANK YOU!!

To all of our volunteer teachers.

To Murray Smartt for planning our Youth classes.

To Frannie Smith for helping to plan Adult Sunday School
and for planning the Adult Welcome Back Reception.



FROM THE GARDEN: MSSA

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We've been waiting for you! The Landscape Committee has been weeding, planting and watering in gleeful preparation for your arrival! Now if the weather will just cooperate, things should be looming lovely throughout the season.

Fun Landscape Committee facts ... we do three big things around the Assembly:

- 1) **Pots:** There are 32 of them around the grounds! We also tend the Folk Garden, the Sundial Bed, the Auditorium Bed, the Auditorium Knot Garden, the Main Street Bed and the Wildflower Garden. Planting happens in May.
- 2) **Summer Watering:** It takes about an hour (with a golf cart) to water during the summer and we water as needed, about every other day. Our brave Landscape Committee volunteers for a week at a time to keep everything green. Look for us early in the morning!
- 3) **Thanks to the Facilities Crew Lunch:** Our Committee hosts a lunch for our amazing Facilities Crew after the 4th of July. While the Committee tries to do our part during the season, it's our wonderful Crew who do the heavy lifting 12 months a year. We love them more than you can know!

So enjoy the grounds! And if you see them around, give thanks to the Facilities Crew and our Landscape Committee:

Tupper Allen
Weezie Green
Cindy Huston
Jean Jervis
Gretchen Johnson
Ruth Patterson
Linda Parrish, Chair
Frannie Smith
Sallie Stroud

THE LATEST FROM WINFIELD

Welcome back to the Porch this Season! There are lots of activities in Week 1. Winfield hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00-12:00 & 2:30-4:30.

- Dues and fees are payable by cash or check.
- I am happy to help you sign up for upcoming activities, such as the Arty Party on Thursday, June 20th. Payment for events is due at the time of registration.
- Donations of summer magazines (issues published in May and June) are always welcome. The Library also welcomes book donations of recent releases (within the last five years), preferably in hardcover. Space is limited, so please check with us first to ensure there are no duplications in the collection. Ginny and Gilbert Gordon are the wonderful librarians at Winfield.
- Please keep us in mind if you have additional cocktail napkins, as there are events EVERY Thursday!
- Chickadees is run by parents. Whomever the coordinator is of the week can bring water/juice boxes if desired. This is a wonderful way to meet other parents and have your children create lifelong friendships.
- Story Time on Tuesdays / Thursdays is run by the Youth Staff. Parents please make sure an adult or teen is with your child.
- Our first Adult Porch Party is Thursday, June 13th from 5-7:00 pm. Men of Winfield should get in touch if you can assist setting up and serving for an hour. Don't forget to wear your one-of-a-kind apron!

— Cindy Huston, Winfield Hostess

PROGRAM BOOK FUN!

What do you like to put over your ice cream? Merijoy Lantz Rucker is going to surprise you with what she recommends! (see page 31)

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.



WEEK 1 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

MONDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “How to Keep Your Sanity During ... Interesting Political Times,” with Dr. Liz Norell: It's not just hyperbole: Getting caught up in the news can be harmful to your health, especially if you tend to watch the same 24-hour news network day in and day out. This talk is for anyone who's ready to feel less anger and more appreciation, who wants to stay engaged in the debate AND feel less perplexed at the stupidity displayed by the other side. You'll leave with concrete tips on how to cultivate and maintain your sanity, no matter who's president.

TUESDAY

10:00-12:00 & 2:30-4:30, Mall Tennis Courts: Pickleball for All workshop, with Stephanie Lane and Melissa Powell: This clinic will focus on the grip of the paddle, footwork, and how to hit the basic shots while also learning how to keep score. After this 4-hour clinic, you will be able to play a pickleball game with friends.

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “From Meghan Markle to Jack Benny to Ole Miss Football Tickets: Why Taxes Aren’t Dull,” with Laura Saunders: A graduate of Sewanee, Laura spent her childhood summers at the Assembly with her family. Her talk takes what seems to be a dry topic and explores its hidden curiosities.

8:15 pm, Auditorium: *Free Solo* (2018, PG-13) documentary: A special program scheduled in conjunction with Youth Adventure Week. The film chronicles professional rock climber Alex Honnold's harrowing attempt to conquer the first free solo climb of famed El Capitan's 900-metre vertical rock face in Yosemite National Park.

WEDNESDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “Hitting the Walls, Building the Bridges: Finding a Voice, Making a Living, & Recognizing Our Native Resourcefulness,” with Ellen Kochansky: This lecture focuses on the trajectory of Ellen's career, which she describes as hitting the walls, building the bridges. In more than 40 years of professional art making, she has learned how to find her voice, make a living, and recognize her native resourcefulness. Followed by **Make & Take Workshop, “Memory Mining: Building Our Own Guidebook”** at Shady Dell, 2-5:00 pm: This workshop will result in a three-dimensional tile sculpture. Techniques will include layered collage of transparent and opaque materials, and three-dimensional bundles suggesting totems.

8:15 pm, Warren Chapel: “The Marvel of Birds: A Philosopher/Ornithologist's Photographs of Tennessee Birds,” with Dr. James Peters: Birds are the creatures that led Jim Peters to his

life's work, the study and teaching of "the love of wisdom," which is the definition of philosophy. Considered an "elite birder" among fellow ornithological enthusiasts, Dr. Peters has been watching and photographing birds for many years. In order better to photograph his avian subjects, he has amassed an extensive collection of photographic equipment.

THURSDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “Bedtime and Other Stories from the President's Guest House,” by Benedicte Valentre, with Nancy Ashley: *Bedtime* invites the reader behind the scenes of one of the world's most prestigious official guest houses: the historic, charming, and beautiful Blair House, across from the White House. For more than thirteen years, Mrs. V hosted global leaders during their official visits with Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush.

2:30-3:30 pm, Writers' Grove: “The Art of Forgiveness: A Spiritual/Emotional Question of the Soul,” with Rev. Charles Gattis: Rev. Gattis invites those who want to dive more deeply into the topic of forgiveness to this informal lecture. For much of his career, he was involved in spiritual formation and spent a week each year in silent retreat and prayer under the guidance of spiritual directors at various retreat centers in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and Massachusetts.

3:00-4:00 pm, Harton Hall: “Fresh Summer Sampler,” with Merijoy Rucker: As the director of Salud! Cooking School in Nashville for 12 years, Merijoy knows how to surprise and delight with unexpected twists on summer favorites. Your taste buds will thank you for learning from her.

FRIDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “Sketches of a Small Town, ca. 1940,” with Dr. Clifton Meador: Meador's memoir reflects on his life growing up in a small cotton town in the Deep South during the 1930s and '40s. Full of fascinating characters and entertaining tales, his memoir captures the sights and sounds, people and places, and hopes and dreams of this remarkable era.

8:15 pm, Warren Chapel: “CUBA, An Island Once Called Paradise,” with Chip Cooper: Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, said of Chip Cooper's art: “You are a very great American photographer plus Georgia O'Keeffe rolled into one. O'Keeffe because you have her eye. You paint with film.” In addition to talking about his experiences and showing his artwork, Cooper will sign books following his talk, with the Sewanee University Bookstore selling books at the event.

WEEK 1 CALENDAR • JUNE 9-15, 2019

Guest Minister: Rev. Charles Gattis

Sunday

Youth Sunday School ONLY

10-10:45 am • See page 9 for details

Raising of the Flag & Blessing of the 137th Assembly, followed by Sunday Worship

11:00 am • Mall Flag Pole & Warren Chapel

Monday-Thursday

Twilight Prayers

7:30 pm • Warren Chapel

Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise, with Rich Barrali

8-9:00 am • Gymnasium

Beginner Bridge Lessons, with Louise R. Fontecchio

1:30-4:30 pm • Pulliam Center

Monday

Lecture: "How to Keep Your Sanity During ... Interesting Political Times," with Dr. Liz Norell

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

All-Assembly BINGO!

8:15 pm • Harton Hall

Tuesday

Workshop: Pickleball for All, with Stephanie Lane & Melissa Powell

10:00-12:00 & 2:30-4:30 • Mall Tennis Courts

Lecture: "From Meghan Markle to Jack Benny to Ole Miss Football Tickets: Why Taxes Aren't Dull," with Laura Saunders

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Family Film: *Free Solo* (2018, PG-13)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

Wednesday

Gentle Aqua Yoga, with Liz Norell

8:30-9:30 am • Pool

Lecture: "Hitting the Walls, Building the Bridges: Finding a Voice, Making a Living, & Recognizing our Native Resourcefulness," with Ellen Kochansky

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Make & Take Art Workshop: "Memory Mining: Building Your Own Guidebook," with Ellen Kochansky

2:00-5:00 pm • Shady Dell

Early Bird Movie: *Thomas & Friends* (G)

6:00 pm • Auditorium

Movie: *The Rocket* (2018, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

Lecture: "The Marvel of Birds: A Philosopher/Ornithologist's Photographs of Tennessee Birds, with Dr. James Peters

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

Thursday

Produce Market

7-10:00 am • On the Mall

Lecture: "Bedtime and Other Stories from the President's Guest House," by Benedicte Valentiner, with Nancy Ashley

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Informal Discussion: "The Art of Forgiveness: A Spiritual/Emotional Quest of the Soul," with Rev. Charles Gattis

2:30-3:30 pm • Writers' Grove

Culinary Demonstration/Tasting: "Fresh Summer Sampler," with Merijoy Rucker

3:00-4:30 pm • Harton Hall

Movie: *Galaxy Quest* (1999, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

Friday

Bird Walk (#1 of 2), with Dr. James Peters

7:00 am • Meet at North Gate

Lecture: "Sketches of a Small Town, ca. 1940," with Dr. Clifton K. Meador

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Lecture: "CUBA, An Island Once Called Paradise," with Chip Cooper (book sale/signing follows

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

Extended Pool Hours

5:30-7:30pm • Pool

Movie: *Apollo 11* (2019, G)

8:05pm • Auditorium

Saturday

Bird Walk (#2 of 2), with Dr. James Peters

7:00 am • Meet at North Gate

MSSA Board Meeting

9:00 am • Pulliam Center

Life Bird Program: "Falconry: Background & Demonstration," with Don Hervig

2:30 pm • Auditorium