



## MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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# MOUNTAIN VOICES

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

*SHHHH! Quiet hour is a great time to curl up with a book in your favorite hammock. Photo sent by Linda Parrish.*

*Your photo could be here next week!  
Email it to [platform@mssa1882.org](mailto:platform@mssa1882.org).*



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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!

## BLACK BEAR ON SUNSET ROCK ROAD

Last Tuesday, we received a report of a black bear heading toward the MSSA Cemetery. A few tips, should you spot a bear:

- Black bear attacks are very rare. Do not approach and do not run away.
- If you see a bear in your back yard, from a safe place, make loud noises, shout, or bang pots and pans together to scare away the bear.
- Remove things from your yard that might attract a bear, such as garbage, bird seed, or pet food.
- Although this is unlikely, if a bear approaches you, make yourself look big, make loud noises, and back away slowly.

For more, see [www.bearwise.org](http://www.bearwise.org).

## HIGHLIGHTS

**"Paul & Jesus: A Journey Through the Canonical and Non-Canonical New Testament,"** with Dr. Lee Jefferson

Tuesday-Friday, 10:45 am  
Warren Chapel

**"A Closer Look at Our National Parks: The Grandeur and Challenges Embodied by 'America's Best Idea,'"** with Rick Crown & Richard Simpson

Wednesday, 8:15 pm  
Warren Chapel

**Music City Roots  
Radio Show**

Doors open Friday, 6:00 pm  
Show starts at 7:00 pm  
Auditorium

## NEW LABURNUM PARKING PATTERN

Many thanks for those of you who are adapting to the new parking pattern on Laburnum Ave. Single side parking is a critical element in our emergency access plan. For visitors to the Winfield House during events, please park your cars and golf carts on Elipse Way behind Winfield, next to or behind Harton Hall, or on Inn Way in front of the Mall.

Thanks for your cooperation.

— Scott Parrish, General Manager

## 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

## 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](mailto:diane@mssa1882.org).



## CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

- Contemporary Twilight Prayers will take place on two Fridays this season, in weeks 4 and 8, and will take place in the Auditorium (not the Chapel). This information was incorrect in last week's *Mountain Voices*.
- Wednesday's Make & Take Workshop with Annis Cox will be at Maney-MacLeod Art Pavilion, 2:30-4:30 pm. This is a location change from the program booklet.

## 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.

## NOTES FROM WINFIELD PORCH

- Donations of summer magazines (issues published in June-August) are always welcome.
- The Library also welcomes book donations of recent releases (from 2012 and forward), preferably in hardcover. Recent donations from Kathy Flatley and Doug Ferris are much appreciated! Water damage to several gardening books has left some gaps in our collection; we would especially welcome books on gardening, herbs, and flower arranging. 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.
- We appreciate Annis Cox's and Lynn Knopf's donation of party napkins, which we'll put to good use. Donations of paper goods help stretch our budget; please consider helping us out.
- Virginia Curry will lead our Arty Party on Thursday from 5-7:00 pm. Space is limited to the first 18 registrations; pay \$40 fee by cash or check to Winfield. Bring a dish to share and beverage of your choice. Virginia has taught art for many years. This is perfect for a girls night, date night, or a way to enjoy a "sip and stroke" night with friends.
- Dues are welcome all season and payable by cash or check.
- Many thanks to Melissa Stansell and Nacy Aubke for helping with some unexpected cleaning needs in the library. They gave up weekend time to get the house looking great for Monday's opening.
- Special thanks to Lele Frank for always filling in as a hostess.

So many fun things to do each week. Check the daily board for what is happening! See you on the porch!

— *Cindy Huston, Winfield Hostess*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Early days on the mountain!



On the left, Pat Pearson Bates with her father James Pearson in a horse drawn cart, in about 1922.

On the right, Dr. George Archer participating in the Baby Show on the Mall in 1911.

— *Morgan Merrill, Archives Committee Chair*

## SUNDAY BUFFET

*Roasted Turkey breast  
with savory thyme rub  
Brown sugar and mustard  
glazed ham  
Homemade Stuffing, gravy,  
cranberry orange relish  
Corn pudding  
Green beans with shallots and  
shiitake mushrooms  
Local salad greens  
Caprese salad  
Rolls  
Fudge pie and vanilla ice cream*





## RENTERS SPOTLIGHT: THE SLOW, QUIET, MEANINGFUL LIFE

When Jessica Abell began attending the University of the South's seminary about two years ago, spending two weeks on the mountain every six months, the Abells needed to find a place for her to stay while down from Memphis. They had heard of MSSA—her husband, Peter, had attended Camp Gailor-Maxon at DuBose, where he had also attended a men's retreat for more than a decade—but they didn't really know much about what happened here in the summertime. That is, until they started looking for things for their family to do while Jessica was busy last summer.

"It's basically like family camp!" Peter says. The opportunity for five-year-old Amos and three-year-old Molly to play with other kids was too tempting to pass up. They will be back for a second year this week.

Molly became something of an Assembly celebrity last summer, known for sporting a different pair of sunglasses each day. Now three, she'll join the Hummingbirds this week—something both she and her daddy are looking forward to.

When asked what he appreciates most about time in Monteagle, Peter's voice takes on a wistful quality as he highlights "the way having an absence of distraction brings your family closer together. There aren't TVs and those types of distractions around. We take for granted the role those play in your life. Slow, quiet time together is so meaningful, and every day was like that."

"When you have distractions, you're not really together. At the Assembly, you're truly together as a group," he continues.

As for his kids, Peter says they set a record last summer for the number of popsicles eaten in a single week. "They also LOVE to cross all of the bridges—that's one of their favorite things," he adds. "I can only imagine how big the bridges must seem to little kids."

The kids' games in the morning, Emily Frith's delicious lunches at noon, swimming in the afternoon ... these are the things the Abells appreciate about their time here.

"We live right in the middle of Memphis, so we forget about what it looks like at night without streetlights. We forget about fireflies," Peter Says. "At dusk at the Assembly, it's like a firework show. Every night the kids are running in circles grabbing fireflies."



## HOOK INTO THE ONLINE PLATFORM CALENDAR

Get the latest Platform events on the MSSA web site at [www.mssa1882.org](http://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."

### PROGRAM BOOK GEMS

*Where DO the crawdads sing? We're not sure, but the Woman's Association Book Club is going to try to get to the bottom of it on Tuesday... so maybe ask them?*

## YOUTH UPDATES

Come by the Snack Shop to see our board to find out what is happening this week!

### 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](http://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.



**Monday:** *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* (2018, PG-13)

**Tuesday:** *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* (2018, PG)

**Wednesday early-bird:** *Bug Diaries* (2019, G)

**Wednesday:** *Cars 3* (2018, G)

**Thursday:** *Kung Fu Panda* (2018, PG)

### 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

### 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.

### 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 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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT: TAXES & MORE TAXES

In April 2019, the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly received a letter from the County Attorney for Grundy County notifying us that the Assembly is delinquent in payment of the County's occupancy tax, despite never notifying MSSA of its obligation to collect the tax. It is the county's opinion that we operate certain "hotel" facilities as defined by Tennessee code and we should be collecting and remitting the 5 percent tax to Grundy County.

We have been collecting and remitting the 5 percent hotel tax on the rentals to the Town of Monteagle, but we will now be required to collect the tax for Grundy County as well. While the general rule is that a county cannot impose the tax within the limits of a city that also imposes an occupancy tax, the Tennessee General Assembly has made an exception for counties that have the same population as Grundy County.

After legal review and considering the option to challenge the tax in court, it was decided there would be little to gain by pursuing litigation. Going forward, future rental reservations will be subject to a 5 percent Grundy county "hotel" tax, 5 percent Town of Monteagle "hotel" tax, and a 9.25 percent Tennessee state sales tax, for a total of 19.25 percent tax on the base rental.

— Bill Cox, President

## SUPPORT YOUTH HIKING, CAVING, & EXCURSIONS

Buy your tickets for a Cool Night in the Caverns to support the MSSA Outdoor Program Endowment!

Experience a fun evening of live music and dinner in The Caverns—Pelham on June 30th. Tickets, t-shirts, party bus seats, sponsorships, and donation opportunities are available in the office.

Questions?

Contact Ellie Lovvorn  
(256) 998-1401  
elliep22@yahoo.com



**COOL DOWN IN  
THE CAVERNS**  
**6.30.19**

Support the MSSA Outdoor  
Program Endowment

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**The Greatest Show (Under) Earth**  
The Caverns-Pelham, TN  
Music by Breaking Southwest  
Dinner by Shenanigans  
**\$75 per person**

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Sponsorships:  
**Eaglet-\$500**  
Party admission and seat on party bus for 1  
**Eagle-\$750**  
Party admission and seat on party bus for 2  
**Buzzard-\$1000**  
Party admission, T-shirts, VIP seats & seats on party bus for 2  
**Falcon-\$2000**  
Party admission, T-shirts, VIP seats & seats on the party bus for 4



Own a piece of Assembly history. The Troll Bridge Sign  
will be the only auction item at the Fundraiser.

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 2 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

1:30-4:30 pm, Shady Dell: “Getting More Out of Painting with Watercolors,” with Judson Newbern: Instruction will focus on gaining experience with the basic elements that require mastery to paint in transparent watercolor, as well as helping participants define what they want to capture in their choice of subject matter. Those with intermediate skills will also have a chance to broaden their talents as well. See page 33 for details.

### TUESDAY-FRIDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: Bible Lecture Series—“Paul & Jesus: A Journey Through the Canonical and Non-Canonical New Testament,” with Dr. Lee Jefferson: This series looks at the role Paul plays in the development of the Christian faith. Paul arguably impacted the growth of the Christian religion greater than any other figure, and some would argue, even Jesus. His letters formulate some of the most complicated documents of the Christian scriptures.

### MONDAY

8:15 pm, Auditorium: *Won’t You Be Your Neighbor* (2018, PG-13) documentary: This award-winning family film reminds us all of the inspiring and enduring legacy of the creator and star of the beloved television show, “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood.”

### WEDNESDAY

2:30 pm, Maney-MacLeod Art Pavilion: **Make & Take Workshop**—“Birdhouses with Bling,” with Annis Cox: Let your imagination loose as you apply a variety of sparkle and pizzazz to a wooden birdhouse. Make it the preferred habitat for a feathered friend, or a favorite decorative item for your Assembly porch.

8:15 pm, Warren Chapel: “A Closer Look at Our National Parks: The Grandeur and Challenges Embodied by ‘America’s Best Idea,’” with Rick Crown & Richard Simpson: Crown and Simpson will take us on a pictorial tour through country, from The Everglades to The Olympics. Lifelong visitors to the nation’s treasured parks, the duo will also consider the growing threats to these unique places, especially those problems humankind brings about.

### THURSDAY

2:30 pm, Warren Chapel: “Keeping the ‘Green’ in Flower Arranging: The Growing Emphasis on Sustainable Décor,” with Rick Crown: Learn techniques of how to achieve beautiful results in flower arranging without the use of oasis and other products harmful to the environment.

8:15 pm, Auditorium: **Sewanee Summer Music Festival Faculty Concert (#1 of 3):** These concerts present a unique opportunity for Assembly audiences to enjoy the widely regarded Sewanee Summer Music Festival has to offer.

### FRIDAY

3:30 pm, Warren Chapel: “Why Preserve the Outmoded? The ‘When, Why, and How’ of Preserving Outdated Architectural Elements,” with Richard Simpson: How a place is put together has always intrigued Richard Simpson, especially those aspects of how the built environment and its spatial relationships have developed. Simpson has served on Madison (GA)’s Historic Preservation Commission, its Cemetery Commission, and as president of a local history education group. Through these experiences, he has seen the challenges facing a community when balancing preservation of its historic structures and landscapes in a changing world.

7:00 pm, Auditorium: **Music City Roots Radio Show:** Music City Roots, Nashville’s beloved Americana music variety show and national TV/radio broadcast brings outstanding performance and old-time radio ambience to Monteagle for a fourth straight year. Join guest host Greg Hall, announcer Keith Bilbrey, and on-site journalist / interview guy Craig Havighurst, all who will keep the night crackling and informative as you enjoy a sampling of the finest roots and regional music being made today. Now partnered with WMOT/Roots Radio out of Middle Tennessee State, the show is a live showcase for culture and a good time for every generation. We’ve confirmed Greg Hall, who the Tennessean calls “probably the best guitar player in comedy; the best comedian among guitar players, Farmer and Adele, who bring a high, lonesome sound in the western swing genre; Lauren Morrow, formerly of the Whiskey Gentry, an Americana-band; and more to come!



## WEEK 2 CALENDAR • JUNE 16-22, 2019

Guest Minister: Rev. Johnny White

### Sunday

#### Sunday Worship

11:00 am • Warren Chapel

Blessing of the Animals, followed by ice cream social

4:00 pm • On the Mall

### Monday-Thursday

#### Twilight Prayers

7:30 pm • Warren Chapel

### Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise, with Rich Barrali

8-9:00 am • Gymnasium

John Gaddis Watercolor Workshop: Getting More Out of

Painting with Watercolors,” with Judson Newbern

1:30-4:30 pm • Shady Dell

### Monday

Family Film: *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* (2018, PG-13)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

### Tuesday-Friday

Jervis Bible Week Lectures: “Paul & Jesus: A Journey Through the Canonical and Non-Canonical New Testament,” with Dr.

Lee Jefferson

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

### Tuesday

Movie: *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* (2018, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

### Wednesday

Gentle Aqua Yoga, with Liz Norell

8:30-9:30 am • Pool

Adult Make & Take Art Workshop: “Birdhouses with Bling,”

with Annis Cox

2:30-4:30 pm • Maney-MacLeod Art Pavilion

Early Bird Movie: *Bug Diaries* (2019, G)

6:00 pm • Auditorium

Movie: *Cars 3* (2018, G)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

Lecture: “A Closer Look at Our National Parks: The Grandeur and Challenges Embodied by ‘America’s Best Idea,’” with Rick

Crown & Richard Simpson

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

### Thursday

#### Produce Market

7-10:00 am • On the Mall

Floral Lecture/Demonstration: “Keeping the ‘Green’ in Flower Arranging: The Growing Emphasis on Sustainable Décor,” with Rick Crown

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Informal Discussion: “What Kind of Jesus,” with Rev. Johnny White

3:30-4:30 pm • Writers’ Grove

Sewanee Summer Music Festival Faculty Concert (#1 of 3)

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

Movie: *Kung Fu Panda* (2018, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

### Friday

Lecture: “Why Preserve the Outmoded? The ‘When, Why, and How’ of Preserving Outdated Architectural Elements,” with Richard Simpson

3:30 pm • Warren Chapel

#### Extended Pool Hours

5:30-7:30pm • Pool

#### Music City Roots Radio Show

Doors at 6:00 pm / Show at 7:00 pm • Auditorium

### Saturday

All-Assembly Family Excursion: Hiwassee River

Meet at Auditorium

Live Animal Nature Program, with Natural History Education Company (NOTE: **no dogs allowed**)

2:30 pm • Auditorium

#### MSSA Town Hall Meeting

4:00 pm • Warren Chapel