



## MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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# MOUNTAIN VOICES



### PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

**Hank's Corner Grill — great for trivia!**  
(above) This formidable group of MSSA women took second place on trivia night at Hank's in Tracy City. Dare you challenge them? Take that up with Havens McAlister, Anne Byrn Floyd, Leah Hays McAlister, Ann Ewing, Ruth Patterson, Amanda Moody, Emily Frith, Susie Libsomb, Mary Mellen Clark, and Ellen More

**MSSA bridges enchant kids of all ages!** Molly Hamilton sent the photo on the right that so beautifully captures the magic of MSSA. Her family joined us last week as first-time renters. See their story on page 4



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

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

"The Soul of America," with  
Jon Meacham

Book sale & signing to follow  
(see page 2)

Tuesday, 8:15 pm  
Warren Chapel



July 4th Celebration!

See the details on page 9

An Evening with  
Hampton Sides

Book sale & signing to follow  
(see page 2)

Friday, 8:15 pm  
Warren Chapel

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Three early views of the Troll Bridge!  
(right)

—Morgan Merrill, Archives Committee  
Chair

## MEACHAM, SIDES PROMISE MAGICAL EVENINGS IN THE CHAPEL

With two nationally recognized authors visiting this week, the Platform team has a few helpful hints on how to make sure our guests have an enjoyable experience and you get to share a special evening with each.

The Platform team would love to have a few volunteers to help on Tuesday and Friday evenings. If you're available to assist immediately after the lectures conclude (with the book signing), please reach out to Ruth Cobb at [ruth.cobb@mssa1882.org](mailto:ruth.cobb@mssa1882.org) or leave a message at 931-924-2284, extension 107. We appreciate your willingness to pitch in!

For those interested in getting books signed by Jon Meacham or Hampton Sides, please take a moment to review the signing procedures below, to ensure a smooth process:

- At the conclusion of each lecture, please exit Warren Chapel and make your purchase on the patio. (If you already have books, please also exit the Chapel to complete the next step.)
- With books in hand, take an index cards or Post-It note & pen. Use these to neatly print the inscription you wish the author to write in your book.
- With your books and inscription requests, a Platform staff member or volunteer will invite you to the signing line. These staff will ensure your book is open to the correct page for our authors. They will lead you to the author for the signing.

This process has been designed in coordination with our guests to ensure they can wrap up the book signing in a timely fashion and get everyone on their way at a reasonable hour.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to two magical evenings in the Chapel with our guests.

—Ruth Cobb, Platform Superintendent



## QUICK BITES

**Shop local** at the Thursday Morning Mountain Market, 7-10:00 am, 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.

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

## NOTES FROM WINFIELD PORCH

- Thank you to Ruth Patterson for her delicious donation of party crackers for our events.
- Special note of appreciation to Pam Maloof who supplies amazing banana bread all season. (Got some really ripe bananas you won't use? Consider asking Pam if she needs some!)
- Please continue to donate summer magazines (issues published June-August). At the end of the season we give them to the May Justus Library in Monteagle.
- Our July 5th Arty Party is sold out. Our final Arty Party of the season will be Thursday, July 11th. These sell out, so you might want to get registered if you hope to attend! You can also see me if you would like to be on a waiting list for any cancellations for this week. Cost is \$40; the fee must be paid to hold your spot.
- Join us for the ever-popular Mah Jongg Monday at 2:30 pm each week. Regan Greer is our wonderful (and patient!) instructor if you need a refresher or a crash course.
- Card players are welcome to join us Wednesdays on the porch. Beginner bridge players, get your foursome and join us! We had four tables last week and would love to have more; a great game of Hand and Foot was also being played by Sally Stroud and friends.
- Our second season book club meeting is this Tuesday at 3:30 pm. We'll be discussing Jon Meacham's *Soul of America* in advance of his evening lecture that day.
- We appreciate the gorgeous flower donations! Many thanks to Jack Arnold, Jim Reed, Lisa Hammett, and Evelyn Raines. We would love some blue or purple hydrangeas ANYTIME!!!
- Thank you to Linda Parrish for both the Ralph Null garden book replacements and several hardcovers. We have also started a small Chautauqua section, thanks to the generosity of Pam & Greg Maloof.
- Have you seen a large grey farm table that has been a staple of our porch? It is missing and we use it all season for events.
- Rental chairs for the July 4th picnic are sold out. They will be labeled and at the table for pick up Thursday. Please remember to return them. Winfield will be closed Thursday, July 4th, and will reopen on Friday.
- Cottage Tour posters are available at Winfield and in the MSSA office. If you are going off the Mountain, please consider taking some to advertise.
- Many thanks to Susan Acker, Bethany Frank, and Frannie Smith for helping welcome guests to our Thursday Porch Party. As always, the men of Winfield Club graciously served our guests.
- Thank you to Mark Barrett for the donation of much needed bar ware. He and Melissa have given a much-appreciated contribution of their time.
- Be sure to check out the collaborative piece donated by Annis Cox. Many MSSA members contributed to this unique item. We are very appreciative of your artistic donations all season.

— Cindy Huston, Winfield Hostess



## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES FROM MS. PAM

Ms. Pam's Sunday School class will be exploring the story of Abraham and Sarah, the first family, with an opportunity to explore part of the desert during class. Your kids won't want to miss this!

Meanwhile, this is your semi-regular reminder to s-l-o-w down while driving. Kids and dogs aren't always particularly heads-up about approaching vehicles, such as Zora (right), who often likes to cozy up for a nap in the middle of the street. (We promise, Zora is definitely not dead in this photo ... and we'd like to keep it that way!)

What a life!

— Pam Maloof (rescue dog mom)



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

## MSSA FUNDRAISER SUNDAY!

"Cool Down in the Caverns" will provide endowed funding for our popular and growing Youth Adventure Program, and it will be a cool evening of food and live entertainment at the Cavern in Pelham.

Can't wait to see you there Sunday night, June 30!

## FROM HARTON HALL

Don't forget to enter your prize pie! The Great American Pie Contest will be accepting entries at Harton Hall between 10:00-11:30 am on Tuesday, July 2. You can pick up your pie (minus one piece) between 2-3:00 pm. We are grateful to the McIntyre family for once again helping organize the entries. The winner and runners-up will be announced at the July 4th picnic.

### TIDBITS

- Please stay with your little ones when they go through the buffet. And remind them that they must always use tongs and not their fingers to get cookies and rolls. They also need to wear shoes, for their own safety. Thank you!
- If you need to bring boxes to the big dumpster behind the dining hall, please break them down before putting them in the cage, and be sure to close the gate to keep out dogs and critters.
- The Humphreys Martin Family Herb Garden is more beautiful than ever this year! Many thanks to our wonderful herb garden volunteers—Ginny and Gilbert Gordon, Kent Ballow, and Marcelle Saunders. We are still seeking volunteers to weed and water throughout the summer. Please let Emily know if you are interested.
- Don't forget to tip our hard working staff throughout the summer! Thanks for your support!

— Emily Frith, chef extraordinaire & Harton Hall whiz

### SUNDAY BUFFET

*Grilled pork tenderloin with peach  
mango salsa*

*Ratatouille*

*Corn pie*

*Assorted salads*

*Mixed berry cobbler and ice cream*



## PARENTS: 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](https://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:** *The Jungle Book* (2016, PG)

**Tuesday:** *Zootopia* (2016, PG)

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

**Wednesday:** *Indiana Jones & the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981, PG)

## 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	\$405,000
#58	Fleur de Lis	\$330,000
#82	Veranda	\$385,000

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Please join Assembly families at the Chapel on Wednesday, July 3 at 5:00 pm for a Remembrance and Celebration of the lives of **Anne Byrn Roberts**, **Beverly Douglas**, and **Earl Roberts**. A reception at Winfield will follow.

A Celebration of Life honoring **David Porterfield Adams, Jr.** will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 6th in The Grace Chapel, Beersheba Springs. David was an MSSA member and previously owned the Edgeworth Inn.

Funeral services for **Marguerite Fish** will be Saturday, July 6th at 1:00 pm in Warren Chapel, followed by burial in the Monteagle Sunday School Cemetery. A reception will be held in Harton Hall following the burial.

On Saturday, July 6 at 4:30 pm, **Robert Wayne Monfore, Jr. "Bob"** (1946-2018) will be interred at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery. A reception at Mint Julep (#107) will follow.



### PROGRAM BOOK GEMS

*Sometimes, the magic of a gathering is that you never know who will show up or how they will interact and cross-pollinate. At least, that's the philosophy of one of our guests this week. Find out who on page 94!*

## RENTER'S SPOTLIGHT: 'WHY WOULD WE LEAVE?'

When Jim and Cappi Naftel started planning their trip to Monteagle earlier this year, they imagined their five kids—Ella (16), SJ (14), Cappy (7), Carter (5), and Boomer (3)—would probably get a bit restless, so they had planned to take a day to do Chattanooga up right: the Aquarium, the Creative Discovery Museum, and so forth. But once they got here, the couple looked at each other and mused, “Why would we leave?”

Jim says that since they arrived, their two teenagers have all but disappeared: “We never see them.” They have relished the activities, from returning from caving caked in mud (see photo) to a scavenger hunt that required splashing a lifeguard and delivering water to the gatekeepers. Other highlights for their kids? Catching (and releasing) crawfish under the Troll Bridge every morning, to the point that they have a password to cross the Troll Bridge (hint: it’s “EAT CRAWFISH!”). Building approximately 1 million (give or take) fairy castles with moss. Going to story time on Winfield Porch, where Boomer was thoroughly charmed by the little snack cups filled with gummies and cheese. Pulling snails off trees. Catching fireflies nightly.

The smiles on Jim’s and Cappi’s faces as they recount these joys are a testament to how much their family has enjoyed their time here. In summers past, the family has spent time at High Hampton in Cashiers, N.C., where they could count on about one activity a day for the kids. “There, we’re our own cruise directors,” Jim says. When Cappi joins the conversation, she quickly echoes this sentiment by saying, “We get a vacation because we’re not the camp directors here!”

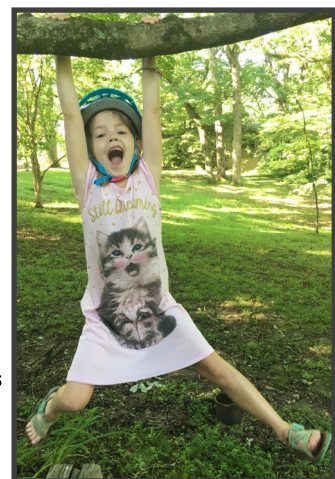
Asked to share a moment from their week that encapsulates what they discovered in Monteagle, each thinks carefully.

For Jim, it was when he was driving their rented golf cart back from the pool one day, only to be waved down by a woman on the corner. She was heading to the Woman’s Association and wondered if he could give her a ride? She hopped into the cart and for the one-minute drive, they became fast friends. Why this? “Everyone is all here together,” he says. “The people around us are so friendly.”

Cappi shares the story of the evening they—along with their family members, including Molly (whose picture appeared on page 1)—loaded the pajama-wearing kids up into their golf carts and drove to Warren’s Point to catch a sunset. “The gazebo out there feels like the *Sound of Music*,” she says. “It’s a step back in time. It’s so pro-family, a place to nurture family. We’ve found time we never get.” (The top right photo is from that gorgeous night.)

Cappi goes on, “One night, I laid down in bed with my daughter. We opened the window and watched the fireflies for 20 minutes. This time has helped our family slow down and focus on each other.”

They’re already planning their trip next year. In the meantime, Little Cappy has asked if they can take all the Assembly dogs home when they leave Sunday.



Photos from Jim & Cappi Naftel and Molly Hamilton

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 4 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### MONDAY

**10:45 am, Warren Chapel:** “Women’s Justice Initiative,” with Kate Flatley: A lifelong Assembly attendee, Kate Flatley attended law school at the University of Virginia and has 15 years’ experience developing and implementing projects in the fields of women’s rights, access to justice, and public health. She founded and serves as executive director of the Women’s Justice Initiative, an organization that improves the lives of rural Guatemalan women and girls through legal empowerment, women’s rights education, and gender-based violence prevention.

**8:15 pm, Warren Chapel:** *Call of the Forest: The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees* (2016) documentary, with an introduction + Q&A with Dr. Karen Kuers: The science and enchantment of the global forest provides us with answers to modern dilemmas.

### TUESDAY

**10:45 am, Warren Chapel:** “If The Forest Around Us: The 2018 Inventory, Assessment, & Recommendations of the Assembly’s Trees,” with Dr. Karen Kuers: Sewanee’s Annie B. Snowden Professor of Forestry, Kuers will describe the results of last summer’s study of the MSSA grounds’ tree population. Her academic and research interests focus on the ecology and management of up-land forests and forested urban ecosystems, and she has a special interest in traditional uses of forest and urban plant species for food and medicine. She began collaborating with the MSSA in 1995, when she and Professor Scott Torreano performed the first MSSA Commons Tree Inventory & Assessment. For those interested in learning more, Kuers will lead a guided walk among the Assembly’s trees, departing from Warren Chapel at 2:30 pm Tuesday.

**8:15 pm, Warren Chapel:** *The Soul of America*, with Jon Meacham: Pulitzer Prize-winning author, presidential historian, and Sewanee alum Jon Meacham will lecture on *The Soul of America*, based on his *New York Times* bestseller of the same name. Meacham’s book looks at the current political climate through the context of other critical times in United States history when hope overcame division and fear. He contributes to *TIME* magazine and *The New York Times Book Review*, in addition to being a frequent guest on MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*. He previously served as editor at *Newsweek* and is currently working on a biography of James and Dolley Madison. A book sale and signing will follow his lecture (see page 2).

### WEDNESDAY

**10:45 am, Warren Chapel:** “Healing Children: Stories from the

*Frontiers of Pediatric Medicine*,” with Dr. Kurt Newman: Kurt Newman MD is president and CEO of Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC, widely recognized as one of the nation’s best pediatric hospitals. He has been a surgeon there for more than 30 years and is a professor of surgery and pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences. He helped create the Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation, dedicated to making children’s surgery pain-free and less invasive. His lecture is drawn from his published book of the same name.

### FRIDAY

**10:45 am, Warren Chapel:** “Our Experience with Family Legacy in Zambia,” with Bessie & William Doffermyre: In July 2018, Bessie and her 8-year-old son William traveled on a mission trip to Zambia, which has the highest per capita orphan rate in the world. Through “Family Legacy,” a faith-based nonprofit in Dallas, Bessie and William were paired with 10 middle-school-aged Zambian orphans to mentor and teach the Gospel over the course of seven days. On their return home, the duo recruited friends and family to fund scholarships for uniforms, supplies, and tuition through their high school graduation.

**8:15 pm, Warren Chapel:** *An Evening with Hampton Sides*: Nonfiction author Hampton Sides is best known for his adventure stories set in times of war or depicting epic expeditions of discovery and exploration. His bestselling histories include *Ghost Soldiers*, *Blood and Thunder*, and his most recent, *In the Kingdom of Ice*, recounting the heroic polar voyage of the U.S.S. Jeannette during the Gilded Age. Several of his books have been turned into films; *Blood and Thunder*, about Kit Carson, is currently under development for the screen. A book sale and signing will follow his lecture (see page 2).

### 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.

## WEEK 4 CALENDAR • JUNE 30-JULY 6, 2019

Guest Minister: Rev. Allison Liles

### Sunday

#### Sunday Worship

11:00 am • Warren Chapel

A Cool Summer Night at the Caverns benefit fundraiser, supporting the Youth Adventure Program Endowment

6:00-9:00 pm • The Caverns, Pelham, Tenn.

### Monday-Friday

#### Twilight Prayers

Contemporary Twilight Prayers, with Daniel Troutman (Friday)

7:30 pm • Warren Chapel

### Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise, with Ellie Lovvorn

8-9:00 am • Gymnasium

### Monday/Tuesday/Friday

Aqua Fitness, with Jenny Berk

8:30-9:30 am • Pool

### Monday

Shakerag Shootout, Men's MSSA vs. Sewanee Challenge Golf Course

10:00 am • The Course at Sewanee

Lecture: "Women's Justice Initiative: Improving Gender Equality in Guatemala Through Education & Legal Empowerment," with Kate Flatley

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Movie: *The Jungle Book* (2016, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

Documentary Film: *Call of the Forest: The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees* (2016); introduction + Q&A with Dr. Karen Kuers

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

### Tuesday

Pie Contest entry drop-off

10:00-11:30 am • Harton Hall

Lecture: "The Forest Around Us: The 2018 Inventory Assessment, & Recommendations on the Monteagle Assembly's Trees," with Dr. Karen Kuers

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

"The Forest in Our Midst: A Guided Walk Among the Assembly's Trees," with Dr. Karen Kuers

2:30-4:30 pm • Meet at Warren Chapel

Movie: *Zootopia* (2016, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

Lecture: "The Soul of America," with Jon Meacham; book sale & signing follows

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

### Wednesday

13th Annual Off-Road Run/Walk-in-the-Woods Classic 5k through Waldrop Woods

8:00 am • Meet at North Gate

Gentle Aqua Yoga, with Liz Norell

8:30-9:30 am • Pool

Lecture: "Healing Children: Stories from the Frontiers of Pediatric Medicine," with Dr. Kurt Newman

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Adult & Families Make & Take Art Workshop: "Fourth of July Fun Candle-Making," with Debbie Blinder

2:30-4:00 pm • Shady Dell

Informal Discussion: "Turning the Other Cheek," with Rev. Allison Liles

4:00 pm • Writer's Grove

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

6:00 pm • Auditorium

Movie: *Indiana Jones & the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

### Thursday

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### Friday

Lecture: "Our Experience with Family Legacy in Zambia," with Bessie & William Doffermyre

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Extended Pool Hours

5:30-7:30pm • Pool

An Evening with Hampton Sides; book sale & signing follows

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

### Saturday

Adult Outdoor Adventure: Bike Ride

9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Meet at Woody's in Sewanee.





8:00 am (meet at Front Gate): 42nd Annual Pub Run, 6.4-mile run to Shenanigans on the Mountain Goat Trail, \$20 (register by July 1 at 4:00 pm). Walkers may begin at Dollar General.

9:00 am (Mall): July 4th Relay Games

10:00 am (Pool): July 4th Penny Plunge & Pool Games

10:00 am (Monteagle): 4th of July Parade

Noon (Mall): Annual Fourth of July Picnic: bike parade, pledge of allegiance, invocation, pie contest awards presented, and music by Tracy City Jam Band

4:00 pm (North Gate Field): All-Generation Softball Game

6:30-7:15 pm (Mall Bandstand): Patriot Brass Concert with the Sewanee Summer Music Festival

7:30 pm (Mall Bandstand): Candlelight Service

8:45 pm (North Gate Field):  
Fireworks!

