



MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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Youth Staff Opportunities



MSSA is accepting applications for the 2020 Youth Staff. For information, contact Scott Parrish at 931-924-2286 or scott.parrish@mssa1882.org.

Platform and Guest Clergy Recommendations:

Our New Forms and How They Work

The new website has inspired a fresh approach to securing and referencing recommendations for lecturers, workshop presenters, and guest clergy. I hope a brief review of the new format and how the information is used will inspire you to consider submitting a form; they are available on the web site.

The goal is to ensure that the platform reflects the varied interests of members, renters and local residents and their diversity in age, gender, culture, and geography, while supporting our Christian values and Chautauqua legacy. As the schedule is created, the platform team uses the database of recommendation forms to help in filling gaps.

The cost of a lecturer or presentation is an important part of the formula for creating the platform. If you know or have access to information regarding lecture fees and travel, please include it. General wisdom is that MSSA spends
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Platform and Clergy Recommendations

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about \$10,000 per week for programming and usually offers about ten events per week (five or six lectures, three workshops, one performance, and \$600 of exercise classes). This provides a good benchmark in planning, and we make every effort to have the eight weeks relatively equal in terms of the offerings. Since the rental and gate fees are the same for every week, this is a fair division of resources.

A word about the selection of guest clergy and the information requested on the recommendation form. The single largest factor in compiling the clergy roster each summer is the denomination, and every effort is made to include clergy in proportion to the caucuses, while seeking a diversity of age, family make-up, gender, and home state. The provision of a house and stipend is generous and helps attract very qualified candidates. In 2020, two of our clergy have spouses with particular skill sets/experience that provide the opportunity to have workshops or lectures that enhance the platform with no extra travel costs or housing and only a modest fee.

Considering the demand for a place on the Assembly clergy roster, we usually only invite ministers to return every few years. And this year, there are three clergy who could not be scheduled for 2020, so they have been placed on a priority list for 2021.

Thank you for the many recommendations made to the platform. The new forms will provide the platform the information needed in a format that is easily accessed and utilized.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the membership for your very generous contribution at the Thanksgiving Potluck. The \$2,335.00 that was collected benefited the 6th Annual Christmas on the Mountain at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church.

This year this program served 212 children from 80 different families. These children may not have had a Christmas gift if not for your generosity. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.

With sincere gratitude,
Ruth Patterson, chair

QUICK BITES

ALL golf carts must be registered (or re-registered) to receive the 2020 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.

Trash pickup begins at 6:00 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.

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.



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.

**Come
Sit
Awhile
and
Relax**



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.



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LEASEHOLDS

AVAILABLE

#15 Bridgepoint \$595,000

#58 Fleur de Lis \$330,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact:
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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.

February 28 June 10 July 31

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.

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!

