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A New Look for Twilight Prayers

In response to a Caucus recommendation in 2019, the Twilight Prayer service has been given much thought through many conversations. The recommendation was that the Platform Superintendent find a way to include a wider variety of music in the evening prayer service.

Three topics were addressed: the time, format, and music. The service format and music have been addressed first with the reasoning that an unappealing service will not be attended by many regardless of the time of day. The service should be kept brief, participatory, and involve people of all ages. It will be composed of regular content of scripture, prayer, and song gathered from many traditions. Our hope is to offer a simple service that will draw the community together to

give thanks for the blessings of the day.

A seminarian who was to work with the platform last year compiled a booklet that could be used by those attending the service. This would allow an adult to help a young person follow the reading of the psalm or the text of the hymn. This year, more variety has been created by increasing the number of booklets to rotate through the season. Since the Jervis Bible Week is a study of Luke, we have suggested the use of passages from the Gospel each night.

Music will have a weekly framework that provides opportunities for jazz, Americana-folk, Renaissance choral music, instrumental offerings, and (continued on page 2)

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Prayers for Summer Services

As spring is in full bloom on the mountain, the chapel committee is looking forward to a summer filled with fellowship and faith. As always, we will kick off the 139th season with our traditional church service on June 13. We also have a full roster of guest ministers representing churches from all over the country.

This summer promises to look a lot different from last summer so watch for weekly updates and announcements. Twilight prayers will be held in the chapel, but church services will be on the mall or in the auditorium in case of rain.

"O Most mighty and merciful God, Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

From the 1928 Book of Common Prayer

Take appropriate precautions and stay well,
Greg Maloof, Chapel Chancellor



Enlighten, Enrich and Endure

Make your plans to join us for **E**a festive, social and educational wine and cheese gathering on Friday, July 2, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. in the MSSA Auditorium. The gathering and presentation will be hosted by the MAEFC board of directors and is open and free of charge to all MSSA members and their families.

Our hope is to inspire attendees to consider a gift, large or small, to our perpetual Endowment Fund and thereby ensure the long-term vitality and sustainability of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

The event will culminate with an entertaining and informative presentation and book signing by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Bill Dedman, author of **Empty Mansions**.

Twilight Prayers

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hymns from many denominations. Each Monday night will feature music from the Taizé community, an ecumenical Christian order founded in 1940 in Burgundy, France. Today they welcome over 100,000 visitors each year who wish to experience worship in the Church of Reconciliation where the music is an integral part of the contemplative services. The music, composed by musicians of the community, represents their international members in the use of many languages, short phrases repeated as a mantra, sometimes with a soloist or instruments adding embellishments. Each Wednesday service will be accompanied by Bea Troxel on guitar, and she will introduce the songs for that evening during a fifteen-minute extended prelude starting at 7:15 p.m.

We also sought ways to more actively involve others in the service. Young ones will be invited to ring the bell for chapel on their birthday (or the day of the month of their birthday if it is not in the season). Thursday evenings will include special prayers for all those celebrating anniversaries or birthdays. (Stay tuned to find out how those names will be gathered) The intergenerational chime choir will play each Thursday and several musicians performing a Tuesday night concert will play a prelude or accompany the service.

The guest clergy have been provided the information and we will coordinate with them each week to prepare a prayerful conclusion to our day Monday through Thursday. Come with a full and thankful heart to join in a community time of song and prayer.

Ruth Cobb,
platform superintendent

QUICK BITES

News From the Snack Shop

This year the snack shop is going to be different than what you are used to!! We are excited to be offering more merchandise, including custom hats, sweatshirts, stickers, YETIS, golf shirts, t-shirts, and even coffee mugs! Be on the lookout for more information on merch and new pre-order options to make sure you don't miss any of the awesome swag this year!

There is still time to be fully vaccinated before the 139th Season begins. Help make our summer COVID free!



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.

New Member Spotlight: Kay Quinn

Kay Quinn is loving life in the Assembly, where she has been almost full time since January 21st when she purchased the Elam cottage (#157). Fortunately, the house was in perfect condition, so she settled right in. She credits Keith Meador for letting her know the house was for sale and advising her to jump on it.

Kay is looking forward to meeting everyone this summer, but she already knows a good number of people: Margie and Margo Martin, Lee Pratt, Deborah Denson, the Stansells, Margaret Siegreth...the list goes on. Kay is a native of Nashville and graduated from St. Cecilia Academy before going to nursing school at UT Knoxville. She has six adult children, four in Nashville and two in Seattle. She had spent time in the Assembly with various ladies' groups and for years had heard people talk about the summer programs. It always sounded like a wonderful place for her grandchildren to visit (she has seven).

Although she has a nursing background, Kay pursued a career in financial services when her children were little, ultimately earning her CPA and CFP. In 2002, she founded Kay Quinn Financial, which ultimately became Quinn Stauffer Financial – a company she runs with her son Andrew, and other partner, John Stauffer. Nursing and financial planning are quite different, but they both have a nurturing, caring component, which Kay loves. She enjoys “walking through life” with her clients. The great thing about Monteagle is that she can work remotely on the beautiful grounds and be available to her customers whenever they need her. Work and family keep Kay busy, but she loves to hike, ride her bike, and play bridge. A former tennis player, she also wants to learn pickleball.

The cottage known as Brookhill has a new name: **6ISSUPR**, which not only references her six children but also was the license plate on a 15-passenger van that the family always used for travel. (Kay's



Margie and Kay Quinn

daughter Margie painted the sign for the cottage). So, if you find yourself heading down the hill toward the Troll Bridge, stop by and say hello if you see Kay's red truck!



The date at the top=January 21, when they bought the house. At the bottom= they live in Nashville/Davidson County.
6= They have 6 kids

New Tournament Changes

The Tennis Committee is trying something new for this year's tournament, all designed to encourage more participation and welcome new players. For both the women's and men's divisions, we will shake things up by drawing names for partners, rather than having players recruit their own...so, no partner? No problem! We also plan to add a senior's division if there is enough interest. Finally, we are going to experiment with moving the men's doubles to Saturday, July 3, when more players are typically on

the mountain (a one-day, quick-play format). The tournament is a great way to meet people and have some fun. Sign-ups will be handled through the office and are open now. Come join us.

Wednesday Robin Round is Now the Tennis Social!

The Tennis Committee is excited about a new concept for Wednesday mornings, replacing the traditional Round Robin. Introducing the Tennis Social! Players sign in at the courts, self-rating their level of play or submitting a

USTA rating. We will draw names within each skill level to establish the initial pairings and court assignments. Every 30 minutes, players will rotate partners but remain on the same court. This should eliminate the wait times that often occurred during the round robin and will allow people to enjoy tennis at their level. As always, the start time is 10 a.m., but come a little earlier to register and help welcome any new players. See you at the courts!

For more details: Margaret Rixham: (704) 287-6870.



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2021 Season Golf Cart Rental Rates:

Daily Rate: \$60.00 + Tax (\$65.55)
Weekly Rate (5-7 days): \$325.00 +
Tax (\$355.06)

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ment 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the
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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.

June 10	July 31	September 30
January 15	February 28	

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!



Meet the Youth Staff for 2021!

Karissa Wheeler
Youth Coordinator
A Nashville native, Karissa graduated *magna cum laude* with a



double-major in English and Theatre from Sewanee: The University of the South in 2019. After graduation, she moved to New York City to complete post-graduate acting training at Michael Howard Studios. When she isn't working, training, teaching or auditioning, she spends her time writing children's books and serving in ministry. She is thrilled to be back on the Mountain this summer at the Assembly!

Laura Beth Merrell
Kindergarten/Crafts Director



Laura Beth is originally from North Carolina and has lived in Tennessee for 3 years. She is a fifth grade teacher at Sewanee Elementary, and has recently started a real estate venture with her husband, Will, called Merrell Family Homes. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, camping, gardening, and hanging out with Will and their 2 pups. This is her second year working as the Hummingbird Director, and she is so excited for what this summer holds!

Camille Gladden
Assistant Kindergarten/Crafts Director
Camille is from



Oxford, MS. She is a rising senior at Sewanee majoring in Psychology and pursuing a Certificate for Civic and Global Leadership. She is heavily involved in Greek Life and Civic Engagement on campus. Camille took a gap year after graduating high school and lived in South Africa! She can't wait for this summer!

Riley Burnette
Projectionist



Riley hails from Monteagle, TN. She goes to St. Andrew's- Sewanee where she partakes in soccer, wrestling, and track & field. Riley's favorite activities include hiking local trails and white-water kayaking, along with throwing pottery. She can also juggle! Riley is so excited to help make this MSSA season the best it can be!

Peter Irwin
Head Youth Director



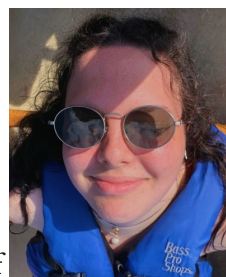
Peter is from Johns Creek, GA and is a junior at Sewanee: The University of the South, majoring in Math. Outside of class, he is a member of the Sewanee football team. Peter lived in South Africa for six years. One of his favorite things he learned there was how to play rugby, which he loves to talk about and teach.

Jack Haney
Snack Shop Assistant Manager
Jack is a rising junior at High-



land Park High School in Dallas, TX. His favorite part of coming to Monteagle is seeing all his friends and going on excursions. He is so excited for his first season on the Youth Staff!

Isabella Randolph
Youth Director



Isabella is from Sewanee, TN, and this is her second year working at MSSA. She is a recent graduate of St. Andrew's- Sewanee School, and will be attending University College Dublin in Ireland to study music. Isabella loves to hike, play games, meet new people, and have fun!

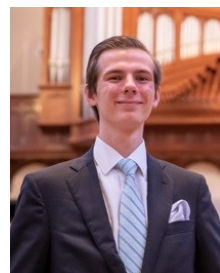
Jenna Black
Youth Director



Jenna is from Sewanee, TN. She just finished her senior year of high school at St. Andrew's- Sewanee School, and will be attending college this fall! Jenna loves watching sports, hiking, camping and playing soccer, tennis and basketball. She is super excited to work at the Assembly this summer!

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Andrew Yow
Christian Coordinator



Andrew is a student at Sewanee: The University of the South hailing from Sarasota, FL. At Sewanee, he studies organ performance and classical languages with a focus in ancient

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Greek. Andrew is a member of the University choir, director of the Student Chamber Choir, and is actively involved at All Saints' Chapel. In his spare time, Andrew enjoys swimming, hiking, and camping on Sewanee's gorgeous domain.

Duncan Knopf Snack Shop Manager

Duncan is from Franklin, TN, and will be a senior in high school at Battle Ground Academy. He is a co-captain of the tennis team, and likes photography, especially talking about and using old cameras. Duncan is excited to be working in the snack shop this year!



Joseph Brown Adventure Coordinator

Joseph is from Cleveland, TN, and is a sophomore Environmental Arts and Humanities major at Sewanee: The University of the South. He likes to play cross country on the



rocks, caves and trees and do wood-working. He is also fond of trees, especially the spaces in between them that allow you to walk around and admire them. In his spare time, Joseph enjoys reading, watching, telling and listening to stories. His current favorites are *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

James Dillard Youth Director

James is from Franklin, TN. He will be graduating from Battle Ground Academy this May. In the fall

he will be attending the University of Mississippi and majoring in Psychology. James is a very outdoorsy person and loves rock climbing, backpacking, white-water-rafting, gardening, watching football and racing people.



China, Glass & Tile: Oh My!

Do you have broken or mismatched china, colored glass, or tiles sitting around your cottage or home? What about other shiny, arty, colorful materials the kids can use to decorate stepping stones? Please bring them to Shady Dell beginning May 8.

Ashley Baine ashleyfbaine@gmail.com

Around the Grounds

May 17-24

University of the South 2021
Graduation 55 Cottages currently
rented or loaned

May 21 & 22

Quinlen/Davis Wedding
Warren Point with Warren
Chapel as backup
Auditorium & Harton Hall

May 25-31 (Memorial Day weekend)
19 Cottages currently rented or
loaned

May 29, Stovall/Pearce Wedding
Warren Chapel

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Woman's Association Update

"Each for the other, all for Monteagle"

After a challenging year, it's time to start planning for a wonderful summer catching up with beloved friends. Hip hip hooray!

Our traditional Woman's Association programs are planned for this summer, including Cottage Tour and Bazaar Friday July 23. Covid caution will be taken with large gatherings on the Winfield lawn, small groups distanced on the porch and no food or beverages served. Details are published in the program book.

Help us celebrate our return to our regular activities and to make it more fun to bring our own beverages, "Corkcicles" which will be available to purchase for \$40. Place your order by May 15 and yours will be waiting for you as the season opens June 13.