



MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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WEEK 7 OF THE 139TH ASSEMBLY!



Above: Buzzards & Falcons are seen enjoying a bike trip on the nearby Mountain Goat Trail!

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The last page of *Mountain Voices* features additions, cancellations, and other changes to the published weekly schedule. 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 can stay up to date!

DON'T MISS

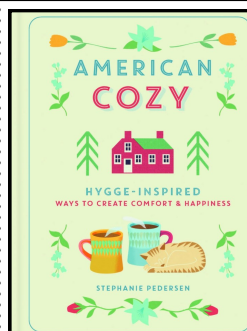
Concert & Dance:

Dr. Soul's Band

Friday, July 30

8-10 p.m.

GYM



Hygge with Stephanie Pedersen:

Lecture-Tuesday, July 27, 10:45 a.m.

Workshop #1-Tuesday, July 27, 3:30-5

The Life-Altering Art of Creating Community

Workshop #2-Wednesday, July 28, 3:30-5

Sane-Parenting: Using the power of hygge to create motivated, well-adjusted world citizens and a calmer home life

MSSA'S ENDOWMENT

Why is it important?

The Board of Trustees of the Monteagle Assembly Endowment Corporation (MAEFC) sponsored an event on July 2nd called "E". If you attended the E event I hope you had a festive and enlightened evening and enjoyed the drinks and food as well as the talk given by Bill Dedman. If you were unable to attend please keep reading.

The purpose of the evening was to raise awareness and educate our Assembly family on the vital role our endowment plays in our summer programming and to the long term sustainability of MSSA.

Your endowment funds every aspect of our seasonal platform. The children's programs, all aspects of the Chapel, Minister's Cottage, pianist, administrative support, lectures, reforestation and the list goes on and on, all are funded by your endowment. Take a look at the program and platform schedule book and just think – every event and activity in that book has a cost – and the endowment pays for it!

A dual role of the endowment is the aspect of sustainability. The Assembly family can be thankful for the gift our forefathers gave us 139 years ago. We must do our part to continue this heritage. The endowment fund provides an evergreen source of funds to sustain our Assembly into the future.

As you remember loved ones who are no longer with us, and friends and family whom you want to honor, please consider a gift to the endowment fund of your choice.

A very important aspect of securing our future is through planned giving utilizing strategies such as designating the endowment in wills, insurance policies and retirement accounts as beneficiary. Did you know there is a way you can designate your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) out of your IRA to a non-profit, such as the endowment, and the distribution is not taxable to you. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Another is the donating of highly appreciated securities "in-kind" and therefore avoiding the capital gains tax and getting a charitable contribution deduction. These are just a few of the planning tools available.

If you would like to learn more about planned giving and the different strategies available to you please get in touch with me or any trustee of the Monteagle Assembly Endowment Fund Corporation and we will be glad to help you understand the strategies available to you and help coordinate with your estate attorney or Financial Advisor if needed.

In closing, I want to emphasize that the endowment is not part of the Annual Fund. The endowment's only funding is donations. The key to long term viability of a perpetual endowment is growing the fund to offset inflation and to insure survival of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly during good and hard times for future generations. The endowment is the backbone of the Assembly's financial well-being now and forever.

Thank you,

Larry Smith
Chairman, MAEFC

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The MSSA nominating committee presents the following candidates for election by the MSSA membership at the July 31st Membership Meeting.

President-Overton Thompson

1st Vice President- Amanda Moody

2nd Vice President- Bill Davis

Treasurer- Jimmy Stansell

Secretary- Susan Acker

At Large- Hays Haney

At Large- Chris Knopf

CAUCUS MEETING TIMES & LOCATIONS

Friday, July 30

2 p.m.*

Episcopalians-Auditorium

Consolidated-Warren Chapel

3 p.m.

Methodist-Auditorium

Presbyterian-Warren Chapel

*notice the 2 p.m. time which is different from past years!

The 139th Annual Meeting of Members will be held in the Auditorium at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2021.

Please leave dogs at home! You will be asked to turn your cell phones off completely.



Above: Morgan Uden, Frankie Layson and June Gaustche all dressed in blue for Sunday school! These girls know their Bible stories! Thanks to Amanda Moody for submitting.

Right: eager young weavers participate in the community weaving project. The Stonecourt Studio is still open daily to those who wish to help complete the community project! Please contact the office if interested.



WELCOME TO THE SNACK SHOP!

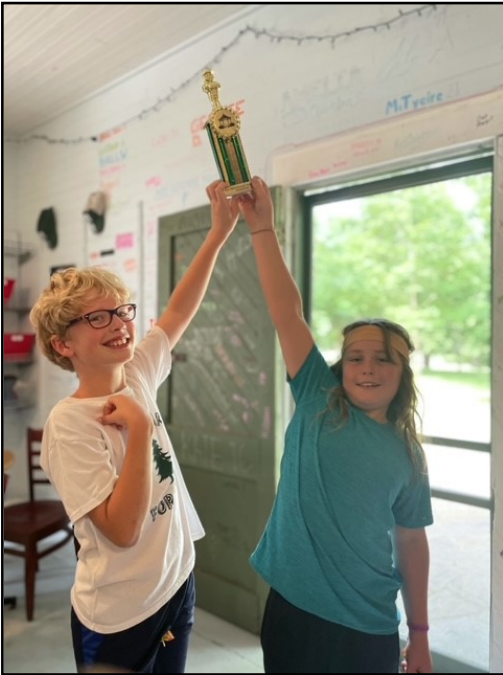
Congrats to Everett and Ryer, the 2021 MSSA Foosball Tournament champions! It was some great competition and these two rose to the top!

Stop by the Snack Shop and check out our selection of vinyl stickers perfect for your water bottle, notebook, bike, golf cart or car.

We've marked all t-shirts down to \$10 so now is the perfect time to get yours.

See you in the Snack Shop!

-Duncan & Jack



SHARING IS CARING

The Outreach committee has designated the offering collected on Sunday, July 25th, to go to the Morton Memorial United Methodist Church Food Ministry. MMUMC Food Ministry distributes much needed staple items, fresh produce, and frozen meats to an average of 175-240 families on the second Saturday of each month. These families come from all over the Cumberland plateau. About half of the adults served are over 65 and live below the poverty level, many of whom are raising their grandchildren. Please carefully consider a generous donation to this worthy cause. If you're unable to attend Sunday worship on the 25th, you can go to the home page of the website MSSA1882.org and select the "Make A Gift" button.

Remember, sharing is caring!

With gratitude,

Ruth Patterson, Outreach chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Lawn trimmings are collected on Wednesdays.

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

Quiet Hour is daily from 1:00-2:30 pm. Children should be indoors at their cottages. No loud noises, pickleball, tennis, music, mowing, construction, etc.

Trash pickup begins at 5:00 am on Monday & Thursday.

Recycling bins have been moved behind Harton Hall.

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

Shop local at the Thursday Morning Mountain Market, 7-10:30 a.m., in front of Harton Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year our snack shop will be hosting the **Holy Grail Coffee Company** from Winchester, TN. Their coffee will be sold on Tuesday & Thursday mornings on the mall. A portion of the sales will go towards supporting the snack shop, so enjoy some amazing coffee! In case of stormy weather, the coffee cart will move into the snack shop.

Hats off to our 2021 summer program patrons this year! When you visit their stores/restaurants and use their services, please say thank you for their support of the MSSA program book. Shop local!

Please help us take care of our tennis and pickleball courts...no scooters, bicycles, drawing with rocks or chalk, etc.

The Sewanee Bookstore is staffing most book sales this season and will bring stock of all books that will be featured as part of the Platform to sell at each event. Please show our appreciation for providing this valuable service to us and the authors who visit by purchasing from their stock. The manager is happy to check on any other title you wish to explore.

SEASON OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday,
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HARTON HALL

Farm to Table Dinner

Friday, July 30

Springer Mountain herb roasted chicken with shiitake mushrooms, Roasted local vegetables: okra, squash, peppers, Fresh corn pudding, Pressed watermelon salad with fresh mozzarella, blueberries, local greens and sesame vinaigrette Marinated tomatoes, Local focaccia and ciabatta with butter made with local honey, Peach cake, blueberry coulis

Sunday buffet

Grilled pork tenderloin, chimichurri, Penne with salmon cream, Roasted new potatoes, Ratatouille, Caprese salad, Eclectic salad, Peach and blackberry cobblers, vanilla ice cream

The herb garden is now beautiful, thanks to the hard work of the Culinary Guild volunteers, and Rick Duncan for delivering the worm castings.

-Emily Frith



Right: Culinary Guild gardeners gave the herb garden some love and attention this week!

Special thanks to Cullen Hornaday for submitting these photos.



FROM THE SMITH-BOETH MONARCH WAYSTATION

Hip Hip Hoorah! Harry's Here!

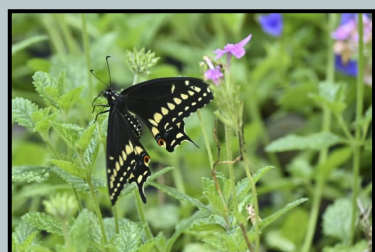
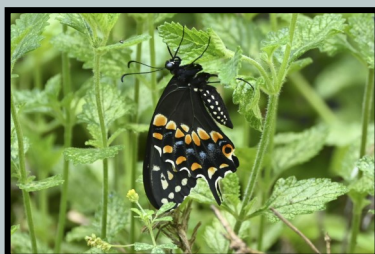
Black Swallowtails are clearly morning butterflies! The mothers lay eggs in darkness, and apparently the offspring are early risers too. At 7:15 this Wednesday morning, we wandered out with our coffee to check all was well, and there was Harry, already out, his wings inflated, resting and drying out in the dawn of a new day. A gorgeous male, he hung for a couple hours fully drying his wings, before taking his first flight. Tom, who transformed into a chrysalis a day later, remained inside his yellow and green enclosure. Still no sign of the wayward brother, Dick.

Butterflies are just like the hummingbirds and eaglets on the mall: give them a little sunshine and they come out to play! Most engagingly, between showers our garden has been full of yellow and black Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, with three or four feeding at once, sampling the Butterfly Bushes, the Lantana, the Coneflowers and the Marigolds, among others. Today, some visitors passing by the garden were treated to two Tigers dancing in the air together all around the flowers, across the stream, and even over their heads. A magical moment.

Eastern Tiger Swallowtails also come in the black, and we had one of those too. Another dark one, the Spicebush Swallowtail, is boldly colored under the wing, and flutters constantly while perching on the blooms. The long straw-like extension pulling nectar from the flower is called a proboscis, and is more like a wick than a straw. They are incredibly precise in how they use it.

The Fritillaria family was represented by the orange-eyed, brown-and-orange-winged male Diana Fritillary. Like a number of our butterfly visitors, their delicate wings are a little beat up, but they fly just as well. Similarly colored but a fourth the size, the tiny Pearl Crescent balanced on a tiny bud, as if perched on the head of a pin.

We feel so blessed by this garden.



REMINDER

Tuesday, July 27, 2:30-4 p.m., Meet at Warren Chapel Porch

Walk & Talk: A visit to Smith-Boeth Monarch Waystation

Dr. Stephanie Smith and Mr. Richard Boeth lead a walk to the "Butterfly Garden" at their cottage. Participants will appreciate all the butterfly visitors to the Assembly while learning the importance of supporting Monarch butterfly habitats. In the event of rain, they will present photos and information on the way station in Warren Chapel. No fee no sign up.

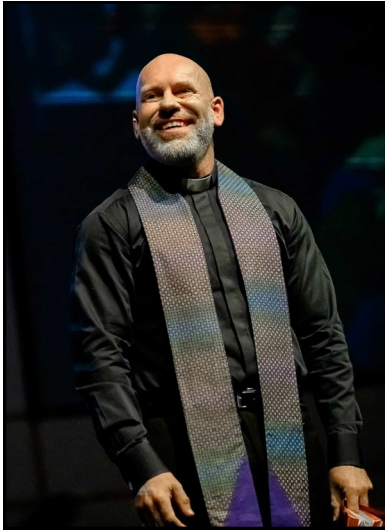
FROM THE ARCHIVES

Recollections of Dr. Edwin Provost

"Until about 1918 there was no road up the mountain except a wagon road. Everyone came by train. We traveled from Nashville to Cowan and transferred to the Mountain Goat. (Going up the mountain) the grade was steep, the road bed was rough and the curves of the track were sharp. There was a baggage car and three or four passenger coaches. The engine puffed and popped off steam as it climbed. Grinders rained on the top of the cars like sleet and if you stuck your head out of the window you got a face full of cinders. The cars rattled and shook so you could not stand up in the aisle. One of the curves of the track the wheels squeaked and groaned. On the sharp curves you could see the engineer and firemen working in the cab. On the top of the mountain, we stopped at St. Mary's and then Sewanee and then St. Andrews. The next stop was Monteagle, and all the passengers would be restless and excited, getting their belongings together. On the level track the train would be picking up speed and blowing the whistle. Quite often the cows would get on the track and the engineer would have to slow down and keep blowing the whistle to get them off of the track. There was great excitement when the train stopped; looking out of the window to see who was at the station; calling to friends; and trying to be the first off. There was a lot of hollering, hugging and kissing. We would wait until the trunks were unloaded so you could identify yours so they could be delivered to your cottage on the trunk wagon. Then we would climb into one of the carriages to go to the Assembly. But often the children would hop out and just run to the cottages."



GETTING TO KNOW YOU!



Our guest minister this week is Dr. Kevin Young! Dr. Young hails from the cornfields of the Midwest but currently enjoys the South Florida sunshine with his beautiful and talented 5th generation Monteagle partner Sally (Elder) and their four incredible kids: Libbie, Lucy, Harris, and Matthew. You'll find him to be passionate, creative, insightful, a lifter of heavy things for fun, and above all else... quirky. His doctorate—in Semiotics and Future Studies in regard to the Church—led him on a journey to discover fresh ways to form faith using tried and true ancient methodologies. It also led him away from the institutional church. Though Kevin has pastored several of America's largest and fastest-growing churches, he left that behind to start Christ's Table, a hybrid ministry focused on reaching those disillusioned and disconnected from their faith by resurrecting and practicing the original ways in which the Early Church lived and worshipped. Be sure to give a warm welcome to Dr. Young and his family this week!

If you have never met Dr. Keith Meador, than you are missing out! Dr. Meador first began visiting the Assembly when his children were young and his deceased first wife, Patricia, and he would rent a house for a couple of weeks in the summer. After they moved to NC in 1995, they would join friends at the Assembly for Thanksgiving each year for the good food, hiking, and a yearly "Turkey Bowl" on the large field towards Warrens Point. After renting around five different homes over the years, in 2009, he decided to buy a cottage in light of all the time the family had spent at the Assembly prior to Patricia's death. Although he wishes his children in New England and NC could visit more often, he and his wife Katie enjoy walking Bessie, their dog, walking the nature trails, reading a book on the porch, or visiting with their dear friends. He has been honored to serve as a speaker for the Platform as well as the Sunday School classes. He appreciates the "spirit, faithfulness, and practices—such as evening prayer" that contribute to the unique atmosphere and life of the Assembly. Make sure to say hello to Dr. Meador next time you see him!



Nancy Demmas first visited Monteagle in the early 70's as a guest of Betty Maney Wherry. They were both apart of a sewing group in Nashville, and for ten years, Betty would host a group at her cottage each fall. Nancy immediately fell in love with the Assembly! Later, she and her husband, Art, started taking their two daughters. Her daughters fondly recollect these visits. One summer, Art was invited to speak about his time as an NFL umpire. Her girls loved the freedom of biking through the Assembly, creating moss fairy houses in the woods, flattening pennies on the train tracks, then later trading their refashioned coins with friends, and bouncing from the pool to the tennis courts until landing in the cafeteria for food and laughter. She recalls one swimming hole known as "the cocktail shaker". The swirling water rushing through the boulders created a natural jacuzzi for the whole family to enjoy. The picture on the left is from a visit in the 70's and features Nancy's daughters and Betty Maney. Nancy can't wait to watch her grandchildren continue to enjoy time at the Assembly each summer!

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 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

#23 Edgeworth Inn \$1,300,000

Contact for information-

W. Scott Parrish, General Manager

scott.parrish@mssa188.org

(931)924-2286

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.

THE ASSEMBLY CHORUS

The Assembly Chorus will practice in Warren Chapel on Tuesday, July 27th at 4:30 p.m. and will also practice at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 1st in preparation for singing during worship on August 1st.

- Clinton Bailey, baileyclinton07@gmail.com

CALLING ALL BUZZARDS AND FALCONS

If your Buzzard/Falcon is interested in ushering or reading at the Sunday service or Twilight Prayers, please text Andrew Yow, Christian Education Coordinator, at 941-735-4041. Additionally, youth interested in singing are welcome to join in leading Taizé during Monday Twilight Prayers, directed by Geoffrey Ward; rehearsal is at 6:45 beforehand—please let Andrew know so that music copies can be prepared.

GOLF CART CORNER

ALL golf carts, PRIVATELY OWNED and RENTED must be registered (or re-registered) to receive the 2021 decal. Only licensed drivers are allowed to drive carts.

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

Golf carts shall be operated only on roadways with an exception for medical reasons or handicapped condition of the operator or passengers when carts may be operated on walkways and paths.

All golf carts must be equipped with a horn and must have front lights and rear lights or reflectors if driven after daylight hours.

**Need a Golf Cart
during the Season?**

Contact Housing
931-924-9000

YOUTH UPDATES

The youth are an integral part of the Assembly, 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 10-14 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!

REMINDERS FOR JULY 15TH-JULY 31ST

Special thanks to Lori Davis, Julia Curry, Carrie Layson, Abby James and Linda Elder for providing progressive suppers for the youth!

1. Parents must drive or arrange for another parent to transport their children to all activities outside the Assembly grounds. This includes Buzzards and Falcons. If you're willing to drive children besides your own, please let us know and we will arrange these carpools.
2. Sack suppers are "bring your own." For the Eagle, Buzzard and Falcon dinners, we have reinstated the Progressive Supper tradition as long as we have volunteers to support the courses. Please see Karissa Wheeler if you're interested in providing a course.
3. Hummingbird Monday Pool Meet-Ups, Wednesday Night Parent-Child Sack Suppers and Saturday Afternoon Picnics (Saturdays of Weeks 1,3,5, and 7) are parent generated. Bring your child (and lunch on Saturday and dinner on Wednesday) to the appointed spot and introduce yourself to other parents. Enjoy!
4. The B&F Ocoee River trip is this week Thursday-Friday! The minimum age is 12. Sign-up in office; \$50 per person. There will be transportation to and from the Assembly.
5. The Stone Door B&F Adventure Day will be on Saturday, July 31st! 9 a.m. departure from auditorium and pick-up at 1 p.m. We'll need drivers.

Be sure to "like" our MSSA Youth Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Mssa

YOUTH REGISTRATION

Registration for all youth is held at the Auditorium from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please bring gate tickets and release form to receive a fun band identification bracelet. In addition to registering, a parent must sign each Hummingbird in at the Hummingbird Room each day. Check Auditorium bulletin board for daily details of Youth Programs, excursion sign-ups, etc.



NEWS FROM THE COURTS!

The 4th annual Adult Pickleball Tournament will be held during week #7. Sign up sheets will be in the gym until Monday at 1:00 pm for the following divisions: Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. There's a great energy at the pickleball courts, so even if you don't want to enter the tournament, come hang out courtside and watch the action which will go through the weekend.

The Reviews are In!

"I just finished my first Cardio Tennis class! I'll be back next week, for sure! A great workout with motivating music to keep us moving and a wonderful way to meet new Assembly friends. Get your racket and come out next Thursday at 9:00 AM. The more people, the more fun!"

-Anne Buchanan

Pickleball hours for this season:

Sunday—Thursday: play must conclude by **6 p.m.**

Friday & Saturday: play must conclude by **7 p.m.**

As always, refrain from playing before **9 a.m.**

Please, no play during Quiet Hour, Sunday School or 11 Worship.

Buzzards and Falcons enjoyed an evening of tennis, cornhole, ping pong and pizza with Coach Felix on Tuesday. We hope to have more of these events next summer!

FOR TENNIS LESSONS,

COACH FELIX MANN

(571) 278-5132

ATTENTION



Attention all parents, grandparents and babysitters!
Please remind your children that the pickleball and tennis courts are for those games **ONLY!**

Please do not allow them to draw, ride bikes, scooters, etc. on these surfaces!

Let's all help take care of our newly resurfaced courts!

Artwork is for Shady Dell!

Thanks,

Your tennis/pickleball committee



WELCOME TO THE PORCH!

TIME TO CHILL– WINFIELD WEEK 6!

“Each for the other, all for Monteagle.”

Find a great book or an intricate puzzle at Winfield for lazy afternoons. Come sit at Winfield and use the internet. Our hostess, Anne Williams can help you find whatever you need!

Week 7 highlights on the Porch:

Monday, July 26:

2:30-4:30 p.m. Mah Jongg. Bring your tiles and cards if you have them. All abilities welcome!

Tuesday, July 27:

10:30-11:30 a.m. Chickadees (children under age 3) and their parents gather for socializing and war stories.

3-3:30 p.m. Story Time for Hummingbirds and Eaglets

Wednesday, July 28:

2:30-4 p.m. Adult Card Party

Thursday, July 29:

3-3:30 p.m. Story Time for Hummingbirds and Eaglets.

5-7 p.m. Arty Party. Advance registration required

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone (and there were many!) who volunteered to help with the Cottage Tour and Bazaar. We are so grateful to be able to host the public for this special day, and the help and support of everyone made it possible!

HELPING HANDS sign-up in your inbox each week, choose something – easy, and a great way to meet people!

NEXT WA MEETING will be on August 2 at 10 a.m. This is not listed in the program!

-Linda Parrish, President

MSSA Woman's Association

parrishld@bellsouth.net



CHAPEL HAPPENINGS

Chancellor's Column

Welcome to the 7th week of the 139th Assembly of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. Having had a challenging season last year due to Covid, I am sure we are all looking forward to an enjoyable season.

As we prepare to settle back into Assembly life—visiting friends, making new acquaintances, and attending all the wonderful program—let's not forget to include our Sunday worship services and a new format for Twilight Prayers.

This year, our worship services will be held at Warren Chapel. You may wear a mask if you wish, and seating, as usual, includes outdoor seating if the weather permits. As always, please silence your cell phones during the services.

As a final reminder, only those with mobility issues should drive golf carts to the Chapel on the gravel path. Please do not move the cart until after the service as they can create a disturbing sound—backing up or driving on gravel.

I wish you all a safe and joyful season at Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. I look forward to seeing you!

-Greg Maloof, Chancellor of the Chapel



Adult Bible Study

The adult bible study on Thursday at 9 a.m. follows the Morning Prayer Service at 8:30 in Warren Chapel. Weeks 5-8 will explore II Samuel and the Book of Acts, the latter takes up Luke's story from the Ascension through the early church.

Twilight Prayers

Twilight Prayers attracts many of the Assembly who seek to close another day by listening to scripture, saying prayers, and singing together. The young ones (sometimes in their pj's) enjoy the little battery candle they hold through the service. Every Monday night features music from the Taizé Inter-denominational Community in France. Each Wednesday Nashville singer and guitarist Bea Troxel leads the music, and on Thursdays the intergenerational RING! bell choir plays. If you haven't joined your neighbors in night-time prayers, come join us for a beautiful end to a busy day.

Sunday: 10:00-10:45 - Sunday School for youth and adults, various locations.
11:00-Worship Service with the Rev. Kevin Young - Warren Chapel/The Mall

Monday: 7:30 - Twilight Prayers featuring Taizé music - Warren Chapel.

Tuesday: 7:30 - Twilight Prayers with favorite hymns- Warren Chapel

Wednesday: 7:30 - Twilight Prayers with guitar music - Warren Chapel

Thursday: 8:30-9- Morning Prayer led by Rev. Warren Swenson - Warren Chapel
9-10- Adult Bible Study with Rev. Warren Swenson- Warren Chapel
7:30 - Twilight Prayers with music from the RING! intergenerational bell choir - Warren Chapel

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mary and John Earthman

John and Mary Earthman recently purchased Anne Shayne's cottage in the Cabbage Patch and couldn't be more excited. Mary grew up in Murfreesboro and John in Nashville. Both had spent quite a bit of time on the mountain before grabbing up this fabulous cottage, which will soon be renamed "Peace on Earth."

Mary and John met when they were students at Webb School in Bell Buckle, TN. They had one date, but then John graduated the next day. He went on to Centre College and Mary ultimately went to Vanderbilt. They were married in 1996 and have one daughter – Anne who is 20 years old and at Auburn University. John said that they love Monteagle for its founding principles of Christianity and because they experienced so many milestones here with Anne -- watching her roll over for the first time, learning to ride her bike with Richard Crais, and so on.

John is a Renaissance man with a variety of interests. He was a History major at Centre College and raised horses in Franklin during his 20s. He went back to school and pursued a Masters in Horticulture from University of Tennessee and worked for a landscape wholesaler out of Atlanta. He later returned to UT and earned a Masters in Social Work. Inspired by love for his grandmother and their close friendship, he focused his career on helping senior citizens. John is retired now but keeps busy with the Reforestation Committee, hiking, reading, and learning Mah Jongg player.

Mary's background was in computer programming with Electronic Data Systems (EDS), working in Mississippi, Dallas, and eventually Nashville. Graduating from Vandy in 1984, she has definitely seen computers evolve over the years. She retired from EDS to raise her daughter but still does computer programming for their church and some local nonprofits. Mary plays both Bridge and Mah Jongg and serves on the Archives Committee. She hopes to join Outreach as well.

As empty nesters, they expect to be on the mountain a lot, especially off-season, which they enjoyed for the first time last year. Welcome to the family, John and Mary!



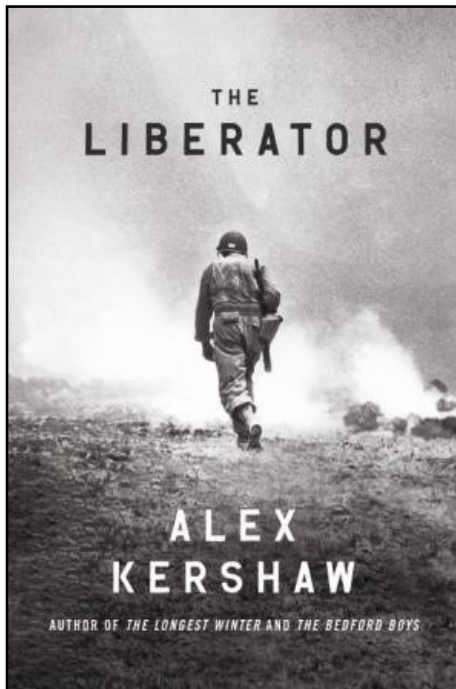
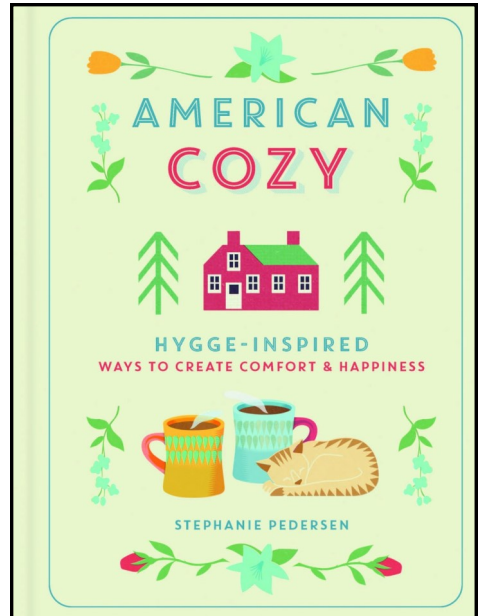
WEEK 7 LECTURE DESCRIPTIONS

Tuesday, July 27

10:45 a.m., Auditorium

Stephanie Pedersen, *Hygge: What is it and how it can make your life saner and easier than you ever thought possible*

While the Danish word Hygge cannot be described in a single English word, it can be explained in several. Hygge is experiencing quiet joy in any given moment. It is the complete absence of anything annoying or emotionally overwhelming. It is taking pleasure from the things around you. Like the Danes themselves, Hygge is a practical word, one that encourages you to create beauty in your daily interactions, objects and activities. It is the Danish ability to spin the functional into an almost spiritual experience. It is the magic of turning any situation into a moment of coziness. Think of hygge as a kind of Danish law of attraction meets feng shui with a dash of positive thinking—all snuggling near a warm fire while wrapped in a down comforter. Fortunately for those of us in the U.S., hygge is the perfect complement to our unique comfort culture. It is also the perfect antidote for America's culture of "too much." It sounds almost too good to be true, doesn't it? When I first committed to applying hygge to my overstuffed American life, I didn't know what to expect. But after several years of implementing hygge (often imperfectly), I am happy to say that my life has been forever changed. Yours can be, too. Let's dive in and learn the Danish art of "right living"—what it is, why it works, and how to use it to improve your life. You'll be amazed at how wonderful your life can be.



Wednesday, July 28

10:45 a.m., Auditorium

Dr. Alex Kershaw, *The Liberator: One World War II Soldier's 500-Day Odyssey from the Beaches of Sicily to the Gates of Dachau*

An honorary colonel in the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Division, Kershaw is the author of ten books, including The New York Times best-sellers, *The Bedford Boys*, *The Longest Winter*, and *Avenue of Spies*. *The Liberator*, published in 2012, was made into a drama series aired by Netflix in 2020 and follows an infantry unit on their 500-day Odyssey from the beaches of Sicily to the liberation of Dachau. A graduate of University College, Oxford, he worked as a journalist for The Guardian and other newspapers before moving to the US in 1994. He lives in Savannah and regularly leads battlefield tours and lectures on WWII.

A book sale and signing will follow the lecture

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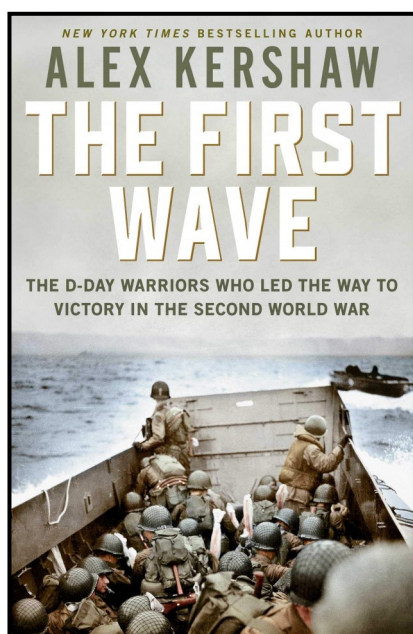
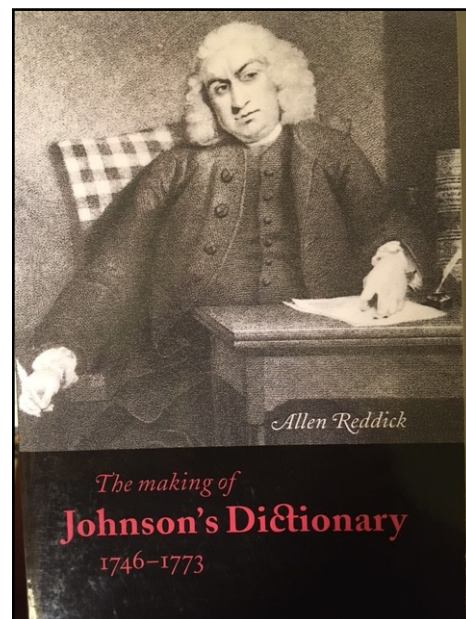
WEEK 7 LECTURE DESCRIPTIONS

Thursday, July 29, 10:45 a.m., The Auditorium

Dr. Allen Reddick, *The Dreams of a Poet: Samuel Johnson & the Struggle for the Dictionary of the English Language*

Dr. Reddick received a bachelor's degree from the University of the South, an M.A. from Cambridge University and Ph.D. from Columbia University, New York. From there he became assistant and then associate professor of American Literature and Language at Harvard University. He also served as director ("head tutor") of the undergraduate program of English at Harvard. In 1993, he went to the University of Zurich as full professor of English Literature.

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Thursday, July 29

8:15 p.m., Auditorium

Dr. Alex Kershaw, *The First Wave: The D-Day Warriors Who Led the Way to Victory in World War*

Dr. Kershaw's book is a national bestseller, published in May 2019 to mark the 75th anniversary of D Day and his most recent book.

A book sale and signing will follow the lecture
Special Lecture Fund

Friday, July 30

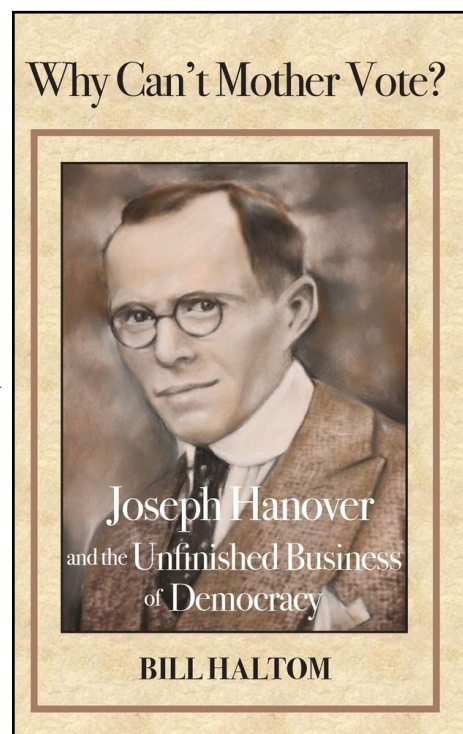
10:45 a.m., Auditorium

Bill Haltom, *Why Can't Mother Vote? Joseph Hanover and the Unfinished Business of Democracy*

The summer of 2020 marks the Centennial of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment giving women the right to vote. Tennessee was the state that made it happen on August 18, 1920, becoming the 36th state to ratify the Amendment, making it the law of the land. One of the unsung heroes of this historic event was Joseph Hanover, a Polish immigrant who came to America in 1895, and was destined in the summer of 1920 to lead the fight for women's suffrage in the Tennessee legislature. Bill Haltom will tell the inspirational story of Joe Hanover as set forth in his new book, "Why Can't Mother Vote? Joseph Hanover and the Unfinished Business of Democracy".

A book sale and signing will follow the lecture

Pro Bono



Hygge Workshops

Tuesday, July 27

3:30-5 p.m., Pulliam Center

Stephanie Pederson, *The Life-Altering Art of Creating Community*

There is nothing warmer than a welcome. It elicits feelings of acceptance, inclusion, safety, and comfort, which are at the heart of coziness. This feeling of warmth is so powerful that humans will do almost anything to be in its presence, from traveling across the country on a crowded plane, to fighting their way onto packed buses and subways, to spending hours driving in crosstown traffic. When we're basking in the warm welcome of friends and loved ones, everything else disappears—outdated furniture, a burnt side dish, dust bunnies hiding under sofas, a cramped dining room, a stained carpet, strangely colored throw pillows, or any other physical glitches we may have once viewed as flaws.

That feeling of welcome not only delights those who receive it, but it is also a salve to those who provide it. Research has shown that being kind to others can make you a happier person. I don't think it's a stretch to say that opening our homes to others is one of life's great kindnesses. In fact, enjoying your home with others is truly one of the most gratifying, cozy-creating actions available to you.

In this workshop, we will show how hospitality can be a daily practice that changes the lives of everyone in your family. We will talk about how, in this almost-post-pandemic world, to safely open our homes to others. We'll also talk about how important it is to protect your time when playing host (no, you don't need to go crazy cooking or cleaning in order to open your home!). Introverts take note: There are many, many ways that even you can benefit from your own hospitality. I'll even share my favorite no-work, no-planning hostess tips and recipes.

Wednesday, July 28

3:30-5 p.m., Pulliam Center

Stephanie Pederson, *Sane-Parenting: Using the power of hygge to create motivated, well-adjusted world citizens and a calmer home life*

Scandinavians are famously protective of their children's time. They believe that children live best and learn most easily when they are raised in a calm, sane way. However, many of us worry that our children won't "get ahead" in today's competitive climate unless they are exposed to many different activities each day. That's why it's not uncommon here in the States for our children to attend a full day at school, followed by after-school soccer practice, then a ballet or piano lesson, before heading home, where they choke down dinner while getting ready for their online tutoring session, then an hour of homework, before a shower and a 10:30 pm bedtime.

What if I told you that packing too many activities into a child's week causes stress, which can then affect their mental health, their ability to learn, and their behavior? Studies have shown that overscheduling our children's (and our own) days is bad for their brains, hearts, immune system, and more. It is worth paring down your children's extracurricular activities to create a healthier, happier, calmer—sane—homelife?

As parents, many of us are also overscheduled burnt out, overextended, crazed, insane... If you use these words regularly to describe your life, let me ask: Are you looking for a badge of honor for cramming more into your life? If you suddenly could perform only one task a day, how would you describe your life to others? Do you connect being overly busy with competence or success? If so, you're not alone. For many people, business defines them. What being overextended does over time is not so enjoyable, however, and can directly affect our ability to create and enjoy a calm, centered life.

If you are excited by the idea of stripping your family's daily to-do list to the most important tasks but worry you won't be able to keep up at work, take care of your family, or maintain your household by doing less than you do now, don't despair. Giving up a few of your behaviors, tendencies, and habits can open up wonderful pocket of time—while ridding your life of unwanted angst or irritations. In this workshop, we'll talk about how to pare down your children's schedules—and your own—in a way that doesn't sacrifice their opportunities.

GOT A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY

COMING UP?

On Thursdays we will recognize birthdays and anniversaries each week at the Twilight Prayer Service. We will also use this as an opportunity to show our thanks for the visiting minister.

WHAT ABOUT A CHILD'S BIRTHDAY?

Be sure to send your children to ring the bell before the Twilight Service on their birthday! It is a hefty bell, so if we have several birthdays, multiple young people can all pull the rope together! Please stay afterwards to receive a special birthday prayer at the Twilight Service. You may report to the bell tower at 7:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday.



SWIMMING HOURS

Monday-Friday:

8 a.m.– 9:30 a.m., Adult Water Exercise (over 18)

Monday-Saturday:

10 a.m. - 12 noon, Open to all.

12 noon – 1 p.m., Water Safety & Swimming Lessons (by prior appointment only)

2:30-5:30 p.m., Open to all.

Friday only:

2:30 – 7:30 p.m., Open to all.

Sunday:

2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Open to all.

THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES

Youth and Family Movies:

Tuesday, 8:15: *Cool Runnings*, PG, Auditorium

Wednesday Early-Bird, 6 p.m.: *Rio*, G, Auditorium

Wednesday, 8:15 p.m.: *Hook*, PG, Auditorium

Thursday, 8:15 p.m.: *Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone*, PG, Mall

See the mall kiosk and bulletin boards for additional details

Documentaries:

Monday, 3 p.m.: *The Liberator*, Warren Chapel



Above: Summer visitors at the Assembly can come in many forms! Thanks to Clinton Bailey for capturing this photo.

WEEK SEVEN
July 25–July 31, 2021
CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 25

11:00 **Worship Service:** **The Rev. Josh Hatcher** The Mall
 The Rev. Kevin Young

MONDAY, JULY 26

	8:30-9:15	Adult Exercise: Aqua Stretch	Pool
2:30		Youth Activity: Ultimate Frisbee	Eagles, Buzzards & Falcons.....North Gate Field
	3:30-5:00	Writing Workshop: Lost Women to our Little Women	Stonecourt Studio
	5:00	Archives Open	The Archives (enter lower level of Harton Hall)
	8:15	All-Assembly Karaoke	Harton Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 27

10:45.....Lecture: Hygge: The Danish Art of "Right Living" (What Is It?)....Auditorium
2:30-4:00 Walk: A visit to the Boeth/Smith Butterfly Garden...Meet on the Chapel porch
3:30-5:00 Workshop: Hygge and the Art of Creating Community, Ages 13+...Pulliam Center

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

12:30 Caving Excursion: Eaglets Meet at Mall
~~3:30-5:00 Workshop: *Lost Women to our Little Women*, part 2 of 2~~
 3:30-5:00 Workshop: Using the power of Hygge to develop a life of personal fulfillment and create a calmer home life.....Pulliam Center

THURSDAY, JULY 29

2:30 Youth Excursion: Ocoee River Trip Buzzards & FalconsAuditorium
2:30-5:00 Culinary Workshop: Cookie Decorating with Cookie Mama Harton Hall
3:30-4 Tennis Games: Eaglets.....East Courts
*listed on schedule as 3:30-4:30, shortened to a half hour
~~9:00-11:00 Night Games: Eagles, Buzzards & FalconsMeet at Nashville Home~~

FRIDAY, JULY 30

10:00	Youth Excursion: Eagles	
10:00	River Excursion: Buzzards & Falcons	TBD
2:20	Youth Excursion: Eaglets	Meet at Auditorium
2:30	Youth Activity: Cornhole Tournament, Eagles, Buzzards & Falcons	TBD
8-10Concert & Dance: Dr. Soul's Band.....	Gym

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