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From the General Manager

Two Key Positions Filled

Rebecca Nelson will once again serve as MSSA's platform superintendent. The person in this position is responsible for booking the majority of the lecturers, workshop instructors, performers and ministers. In addition, she manages the general budget along with the endowments that fund specific types of programming.

She will also work closely with the youth superintendent.

Susan Acker has accepted the call to be MSSA's next superintendent of youth programs. Susan is the ideal person to continue the path of excellence begun for our youth. She has been an Assembly person her whole life, is a career educator, and is an event planner extraordinaire. Susan's passion for all things Assembly, especially our youth, makes her the perfect choice to lead this important program.

Welcome and thank you to Rebecca and Susan!

All the best, Scott Parrish General Manager

MSSA Founder's Day!

October 4, 2021, was MSSA Founder's Day. On that day in 1882, 11 men signed the charter establishing the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. As we begin our 140th year, let's pause a moment to the give thanks to God for this sacred ground and for the visionary founders of the Assembly who have given generations a gift for which we are momentary caretakers for future generations.

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Platform Planning...

I am so pleased to be serving as Platform superintendent once again and appreciate your warm welcome as I return to this position. Many thanks to those who completed the platform survey that was sent out in September or submitted a recommendation for a presenter or clergy. There is still an opportunity to voice your thoughts by participating in this brief survey. https://forms.gle/r9r18omqaYqg6b5b9



Recommendations for presenters (lecturers, workshop instructors, performers) and ministers are always encouraged. Some of our best programming happens as a result of personal recommendations and connections with our communities. The majority of presenters are contacted in the fall to be part of the next summer season. Please use the following links to share information that will be valuable in selecting a broad array of programs that support our mission to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, and recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

Platform Recommendation Form

https://forms.gle/4ADAEh794ZXWxA4r8

MSSA Guest Clergy Recommendation Form

https://forms.gle/UStbd4uAbedpNxJEA

Rebecca Nelson Platform Superintendent



Plan now to come

Everyone is Invited to

Day After Thanksgiving Potluck

Join your summer friends for a Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration in Harton Hall. Get away from the shopping and crowds at home! The food is always wonderful and plentiful! Bring a dish to share...the fun starts at noon. The dessert table is unbelievable!

QUICK BITES

ALL golf carts must be registered (or re-registered) to receive the 2021 decal. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

Lawn trimmings are collected on Wednesdays. Private contractors should remove their trimmings.

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.



Youth Program Insights

I am thrilled to be stepping in as the superintendent of the Youth Program. My vision for the program is to preserve the rich history and traditions that have been part of our culture for so many years. The Youth Program is



a vital part of who we are, and my hope is to keep that foundation both solid and fluid. The success of the program and the experiences it provides our children influence how they interact as adults, both at home and within our community. In fact, many past staff members have grown into active participants in committees, fundraising, and leadership roles.

I appreciate the hard work of Jenny Jervis and her years shaping and developing this role. She has certainly provided a sense of direction moving forward. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any thoughts or observations. If you are willing to volunteer, please let me know; many helping hands will undoubtedly ensure the success of this program.

Susan Acker, Superintendent of Youth Programs



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.

January 15 February 28 June 10

July 31 September 30

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.



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.

HOUSING QUESTIONS? ASK RHONDA!

Should you have concerns that your cottage has not rented to your satisfaction during the season or offseason, 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

#23 Edgeworth Inn \$1,300,000 #130 Point of View \$750,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact: W. Scott Parrish, General Manager scott.parrish@mssa1882.org (931) 924-2286



In Our Prayers

Louise Carleton Winslett Richardson ("Sissy"), 83, died peacefully on September 13, 2021, at her home in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

James H. Cheek III of Nashville and Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Died, surrounded by family, of the prostate cancer he had battled for over 25 years.

May their souls rest in peace and their memories live in Monteagle.

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!

