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DINNER ON THE CHAPEL GROUNDS: BBQ PORK!

We welcome all to join us at the week 7 Dinner on the Chapel Grounds on Monday at 6:00 pm. This week's theme: chopped BBQ pork!

All are welcome to attend; each family should bring a side dish to share! Suggested side dishes: salads, cut fruit, vegetables, potato dishes, slaw, bread, and desserts. Or feel free to bring your favorite side to share.



Entrée, paper products, serving tables, and lemonade will be provided by the Chapel committee.



Meet our Week 7 pastor, The Rev. McKay Caston, greet new acquaintances, and embrace familiar friends!

Taizé Twilight Prayers will begin at 7:00 pm.

Bring a blanket or chair, as seating is limited. Also, please make sure each dinner guest uses ONE plate, ONE fork and ONE cup... those supplies go quickly!



— Frannie Smith & Virginia Curry, Chapel Committee

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HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring natural burial
Screening of *Bury Me at Taylor Hollow*
Monday, 2:30 pm, Warren Chapel
"Dust to Dust" lecture with John Christian Phifer
Thursday, 10:45 am, Auditorium

Tass Thacker & Bruce Junek
Images of the World
World Bicycle Tour
Thursday, 7:45 pm
Auditorium

Annie Selick & Pat Bergeson
Jazz duo performance
Saturday, 7:45 pm
Auditorium

IN MEMORIUM

There will be a **Celebration of Life** service for **Bill Phillips** at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 31 at Warren Chapel. A reception will follow at Winfield. All are welcome to attend.

A **graveside service and burial** for **Bucky Webster** will be held at 4:30 pm on Friday, August 5th at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Winfield House.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: PUTTING THE COMMUNITY IN PHILANTHROPY

Tuesday's morning lecturer, Tom Sanders, knows that community philanthropy is one of the most important practices to build stronger communities. His lecture, "Community Philanthropy: A Great American Tradition," will introduce us to this pillar of philanthropic practices; community philanthropy is one of four giving traditions.

As someone with decades of experience building institutional capacity, Sanders knows how important these smaller donations can be. In his work with the South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF), Sanders says the group estimates that there is a \$3 economic return for every \$1 the Fund invests locally.

Now celebrating its tenth year in operation, the SCCF—like most other philanthropic institutions—gets the lion's share of its donations from a large network of relatively small donations. "Lots of people have notions of philanthropy," he says. They imagine that the "fabulously wealthy" are the ones driving charitable giving ... and it's a myth, he says. "MOST contributions come from individuals investing in their communities."

In their ten years of investing in the South Cumberland Plateau, SCCF has donated more than \$1 million. What's more, they're one of the very few—possibly the only—community foundations who have partnered with a university to expand the impact and reach of their work. SCCF's collaboration with the University of the South, where Sanders has worked for most of the last two decades, has bolstered the infrastructure of local organizations working to alleviate poverty through the VISTA program.

Learn more about the important work of the Fund—and how you can become a part of this community-driven, community-focused work—at Sanders's lecture Tuesday at 10:45 am.

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.



QUICK BITES

Shop local at the Thursday Morning Mountain Market, 7-10:00 am, in front of Harton Hall.

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.

Harton Hall accepts credit cards, personal checks, and Venmo.

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 2022 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.

Intergenerational bells play at 9:00 am Tuesday & Wednesday in Warren Chapel. All are welcome.

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.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00-4:00
Saturday: 9:00-3:00
(931) 924-2286

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WINFIELD THIS WEEK

The MSSA Woman's Association welcomes you to the porch this week!

Monday, July 24

- Mah Jongg, 2:30-4:30 pm
All levels welcomed!

Wednesday, July 26

- Adult Card Party, 2:30-4:00 pm
Bring your cards and see who is playing what!

Thursday, July 27

- Story Time, 3:00-3:30 pm
Hummingbirds and Eaglets, come enjoy a book, Youth Directors, and snacks! It's the perfect combination.
- Arty Party, 5:00-7:00 pm
Deborah Denson will lead this party. There are limited spots; sign up at Winfield. \$40 fee. Bring your own snack & beverage.

Winfield is open 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 2:30-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Come visit the Library and enjoy catching up with old friends and making new ones!

— Linda Parrish, Woman's Association President



WEEK 8 MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

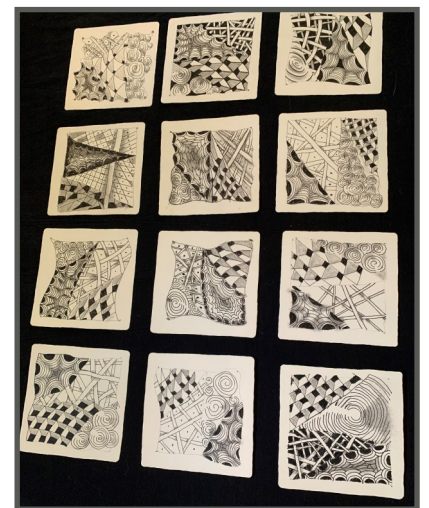
Join us on the Winfield House porch week 8 for our annual Mah Jong tournament. Play begins at 2:30 Tuesday-Thursday (8/2-8/4). Round robin, low pressure play: all Mah Jong lovers welcome! No fee, but advance sign up is required. To register, contact Regan Greer (615-306-4393) or sign up at Winfield House.

Right: Mary Earthman shared this stunning mosaic of Zentangles from last week's workshop with Fran McColman.



We love our Assembly dogs ... but they need to be kept out of the Auditorium

during Saturday's Annual Meeting of Cottage Owners and during the Animalogy show at 2:30 pm. Thanks!



NEWS FROM THE COURTS

The 5th annual pickleball tournament gets underway TODAY and promises to be a fun, festive week. We have two skill levels this year, A and B, with the B matches running this afternoon through Tuesday. The A matches will get started on Wednesday, with finals next weekend. Many thanks to Shirley and Jimmy Stansell for hosting a celebration of all players on Tuesday evening.

One last thing: it's not too late to sign up for the A division. So if you think you can handle yourself on the court against the likes of David Malone and Susan Gray, put your name down by Tuesday July 26 (sign up sheets are posted at the pickleball courts). We will be drawing names for partners at the Stansell party!



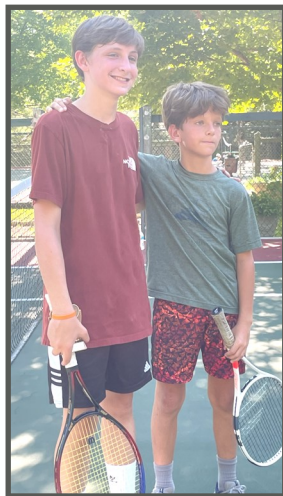
CARDIO TENNIS WRAPS UP

The final Cardio Tennis class for the season will be this Thursday, July 28, at 10:00 am on the East Courts. This is a fast-paced, one hour tennis workout set to great music. Sign up in advance by texting Felix Mann at (571) 278-5132. Be sure to tell him "Congratulations" because he's getting married on Saturday, July 30th!

YOUTH TENNIS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Congratulations to our youth tennis tournament winners, pictured below!

- Boys singles: Cole Norton & Tate Wildman
- Girls singles: Tibbie Cleveland & Lily Stansell
- Mixed doubles: Tate Wildman & Tibbie Cleveland



TENNIS CLINICS

Please note the new times for youth and adult tennis clinics, all of which will be held on the East Courts.

Eagles: Mondays, 3:00-4:00 pm

Adult Skills & Drills: Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 pm

Buzzards & Falcons: Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30 pm

Eaglets: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:00 pm (30 minutes)

PICKLEBALL HOURS

Absolutely no pickleball play allowed outside of these hours.

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 2:30-5:30 pm

Friday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 2:30-7:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 2:30-5:30 pm

Sunday: 2:30-5:30 pm

INFUSING VALUES INTO BURIAL

"In this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes," Ben Franklin wrote in a letter in 1789, shortly after the US Constitution was drafted. And it's true—none of us is getting out of this world alive. But how we are laid to rest can reflect our values in ways our culture seems to have lost touch with.

This week, the work of John Christian Phifer might inspire you to think about your own passing differently. Having spent his early career working as a funeral director in more contemporary funeral home settings, Phifer was dissatisfied with the options offered to families at this important moment.



John Christian Phifer

He partnered with Becca Stevens (a former Platform speaker best known for founding Thistle Farms in Nashville) to establish the non-profit organization Larkspur Conservation. The organization stewards 800 acres across three sites in the state of Tennessee with the sole goal of conserving land while offering natural burial services.

When Don Welch retired from Vanderbilt Law, Stevens recruited him to volunteer full-time in collaboration with Phifer to build the organization and support its efforts. Through his work, he and his wife, Celeste Reed, have become quite passionate about the organization's mission and work.

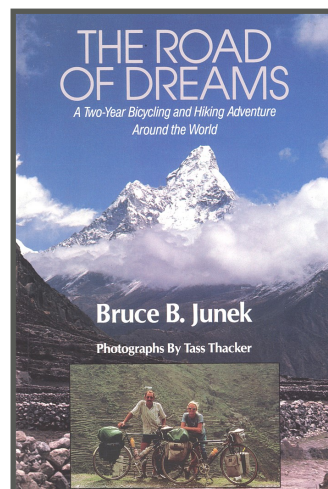
As Reed points out, the natural burial services offered at Larkspur are really a return to traditional burial practices that existed prior to the Civil War. The philosophy is simple: Conserve land by using no chemicals, plastics, metals and other unnatural materials in the burial. Many of us grew up believing that cremation was a more environmentally-friendly practice; however, as Reed points out, the fossil fuels required for each cremation would power a cross-country road trip.

Not only is natural burial a significantly more environmentally responsible option, it's easier on the budget as well. Indeed, Reed says it's about half the cost of a modern burial.

Two of MSSA's family are among the roughly 130 burials at Larkspur since 2018: Lucas Spickard and Tallu Quinn.

Please join us Monday at 2:30 pm in Warren Chapel for a screening of the film *Bury Me at Taylor Hollow*, an award-winning documentary about Larkspur and John Christian Phifer that aired on PBS. Phifer has gained national recognition for this work—with three sites in Tennessee, his efforts represent a significant share of the US's natural burial grounds. He will lecture about how natural burial heals hearts and the land on Thursday morning in the Auditorium.

Tass Thacker and Bruce Junek will lecture twice this week—on Wednesday for youth (see p. 6) and on Thursday about their two-year world bicycle tour. Below, Thacker and Junek are seen exploring ruins.



SNACK SHOP CORNER

Calling all Tennis & Pickleball Players:

Be sure to rep The Assembly

during tournament play! The Snack Shop has a limited number of performance hats left so stop by and grab one before your big game.

Also, Smathers & Branson has promised I'll have everyone's belts and key fobs by August 5th. I'll contact you as soon as they come in. See you in the Snack Shop!

— *Duncan Knopf*



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 10-15 for guidelines, policies, and rules.

Thank you so much to all of the families who fed youth, drove, and supported our program last week. It really does take a village to raise a child. The success of our youth program is in fact a team effort. I could not help but smile every time I passed the packed Nashville Home porch and saw countless Buzzards and Falcons meeting with Youth Week minister Keith Gunter. What a special week for all of our young people. I also loved the fabulous art creations churned out during the Lizzie Bumpass workshops. Such talented children!

Please let me, Lyn Knopf, or Paige Cleveland know if you would like to help us with next year's program. Having extra hands on deck makes things run smoothly. I am also interested in talking to any youth that have an interest in working next summer. This is a great time to meet with myself or Grace Ann. We are also happy to meet with potential applicants on Zoom or telephone. Do let us know!

Georgia and the crew have lots of great adventures planned for the week. As always, check the youth bulletin board to see any program additions or to sign up for excursions and activities. Look forward to seeing many talented acts on Friday night!

AMAZING ADVENTURES!

Tass Thacker and Bruce Junek of Images of the World will offer a special Youth Adventure lecture especially for Eagles, Buzzards & Falcons: "Rainforests and Mayan Ruins."

This program features 14 different journeys in Mexico and Central America including a bicycle tour, numerous Maya ruins, plus a variety of adventures including snorkeling in the Caribbean and ocean kayaking in Baja. The program will also include traditional festivals, religious celebrations, folk art, and colorful highland markets. This special lecture is made possible by the Youth Adventure Fund.

Make sure you're there! Wednesday, July 27th at 8:00 pm in Warren Chapel.

ALL-YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Our MSSA Youth will be collaborating with our Outreach Committee to collect needed items for the Morton Memorial

Food and Needs Bank. Morton Memorial is very active in the community with identifying needs and making sure that those needs are being met and successfully distributed. Each month, they focus on specific items that are needed in the community. Please consider donating the following items:

- White vinegar
- Deodorant (any kind)
- Salt and pepper 2-piece set
- Liquid dish detergent

Note: All of the above can be purchased at the Dollar Tree or Dollar General.

- Septic-safe toilet paper

Note: Can be found at the Pig, Dollar General, and Walmart.



Crawfish and creek spider catchers and habitat makers: John Tipton, Hollis, and William. Photo from Jamie Green.

We will have a box set up in front of the Auditorium. Please help your child to pick out some items to put in the box. The staff will also be talking about the items over weeks 7 and 8. Thank you in advance for your help. We can also come pick up items from your cottage. Buzzards and Falcons will be helping to collect and package all collected items at the end of week 8.

TALENT SHOW

This week we are so excited about the talent show and having Robie Jackson (former theater teacher at St. Andrew's-Sewanee) helping our talented youth shape their acts. A big thank you to Rebecca Nelson for finding this talented lady. Sign-ups will be on the youth board at the Auditorium. Also, please check out the week's practice schedule both on the board and in the program. Adults, please think about having a group act or showcase a talent. We really want to breathe new life into this Assembly tradition. Rehearsals will take place throughout the week. Bring your costumes, props, musical instruments, and all those talents you know you have! Let your imagination go wild as you develop a skit, musical number, comedy routine, or dance. Don't miss this annual MSSA tradition! (Sign up to participate at the Auditorium Bulletin Board)

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YOUTH UPDATES (CONT'D)

'22 YOUTH TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Youth Tennis Week and Tournament is in the books! We had a great week of clinics, fellowship, and some great matches. Thank you to Lyn Knopf and Paige Cleveland for hosting and festive "Kickoff Party" and for helping with the draw and matches. This year we had mixed doubles and girls and boys singles. See the winners' names and photos on page 4.

Next year we would like to bump things up a bit. Please let Susan Acker know if you would like to be on a 2023 Youth Tennis Tournament Committee to help with the week. With lots of helping hands, we can create a special event for our kids.

— Susan Acker, Youth Superintendent

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Youth Week brought lots of energy to our program! We are so thankful to Keith Gunter for all the time and effort he put into planning an amazing week for our kids. Buzzards and Falcons had Youth Group every night which always included fun games and a Gospel-centered message. We ended the week with the best sockhop-themed youth dance and hope all the kids had as much fun as the staff did!

Thank you to all the parents who signed up to provide food for the Progressive Dinners this week: Carrie Layson, Lori Davis, Anne Byrn Floyd, Shellie Carr and Anne Worthen! I know this was a particularly busy week for everyone, so we are grateful for all your help and your support of the youth program. We also want to thank the parents who drove children on excursions this week. Excursions are a huge part of our program, and we could not do them without you. Thank you!

It's hard to believe we are six weeks down with only two to go, but we are hoping to carry all the energy from Youth Week into the rest of the season! I am especially looking forward to our Talent Show this Friday and can't wait to see all the amazing acts. Check the bulletin board tonight to see what other fun activities we have planned for this week!

—Grace Ann Davis, Youth Director

HUMMINGBIRD CORNER

Hello there! This summer, the Hummingbird Program is lead by Isabella Randolph, Meriwether Jacob, Lotti Watson, Libbie Young, and Greta Whitt. We are so excited to meet you and get to know your children. When sending your child to Hummingbirds, we ask that parents remain outside the room, as we

are trying to create a space that is special and unique to the Hummingbirds. Additionally, please bring a water bottle for your child. This heat is no joke! If you are interested in preparing a snack for our "Wild About Animals" theme week (Week 7), please contact Isabella.

Lastly, every Friday, we have a water day! No child will be required to get in the water but if they choose to please send them to Hummingbirds with a towel, water bottle, applied sunscreen, and in a swimsuit! If you are in need of a babysitter feel free to contact us!

— Isabella Randolph, Hummingbird and Crafts Director

MOUNTAIN MILES: LET'S GO SOMEWHERE!

Hi I'm Georgia and I'm the adventure coordinator this summer! I will be providing weekly info on excursions here as seen below. Feel free to check the board and sign-up sheets outside the snack shop for tentative schedules and meeting times, but here you can find "stuff to bring with" lists and the difficulty of each excursion. We will also provide more information during the parent meetings on Tuesdays. Without further ado, here are our trips planned for week 7!!

MONDAY

No excursions.

TUESDAY

Eaglets: Fiery Gizzard Blue Hole

1/2 mile hike to and from the first waterfall in Fiery Gizzard

Need: bathing suit, towel, and water shoes or tennis shoes

Optional: water bottles, snacks

We will need parent drivers for this excursion.

Buzzards and Falcons: Caving with Joey Favloro

Hiking and Caving

Need: helmet, headlamp, long pants, tennis shoes, change of clothes, towel, trash bag

Optional: knee pads, long-sleeved shirt/sweatshirt

Youth Directors drive.

WEDNESDAY

Eagles: Fiery Gizzard Day Loop and Overnight

Hiking, swimming, and camping



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YOUTH UPDATES (CONT'D)

Need for excursion: bathing suit, towel, water shoes or tennis shoes

Need for overnight: Sleeping bag and pillow, sleeping pad or eno, flashlight/headlamp, water bottle

Optional: snacks, inner tubes, etc.

We will need parent drivers for this excursion.

**note: if your child signs up for this overnight, they must stay through the night. There will be an option for kids to go home after the excursion and not stay for the overnight. We need at least 7 people to sign up for the overnight to make it happen.*

THURSDAY

Buzzards and Falcons: Walls of Jericho

Hiking and Swimming

Need: bathing suit, towel, water shoes or tennis shoes

Optional: water bottles, snacks, etc.

Youth Directors drive.

**Subject to change if weather is too hot, because it is a difficult hike to the waterfall.*

FRIDAY

Buzzards and Falcons: Community Service Project with Grace Ann!

Meet at the Nashville Home.

We are so excited for the second-to-last week of the season to begin!

— Georgia & the Youth Staff



HARTON HALL UPDATES

Thank you to Chloe Fort, Frannie Ambrose, Dianne Lloyd, Bill McIntyre, Helen Bird and Chrissana Waldrop for their hard work and delicious contributions to the very successful Culinary Guild progressive dinner. We also appreciate Ginny and Gilbert Gordon for lending their excellent skills to the improvement of the herb garden.

Farm to Table Dinner: Saturday, July 30, 6:00 pm. Cost is \$30 per person and reservations can be made at the Office by noon Tuesday. Menu (subject to change, depending on what the farmers bring):

Watermelon and feta salad

Creamy cucumber salad

Peach and heirloom tomato panzanella salad

Springer Mountain roasted chicken with wild mushroom veloute

Grilled corn on the cob with cilantro butter

Herb roasted vegetables

Bread peddler bread

Blueberry clafoutis

Fresh peach cake

— Emily Frith

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 5:00 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!

SUNDAY MENU

*Braised beef brisket with fennel
and herbs
Mashed potatoes
Green bean casserole
Honey roasted carrots
Assorted summer salads
Peach and blackberry cobbler*

RENTERS' SPOTLIGHT: BRAVEST 1-YEAR-OLD TO EVER MEET THE SLIDE

When the youngest member of the Jagger family came to Monteagle as a 1-year-old boy, he insisted on being allowed to zoom down the pool slide solo—with his floaties on, thankfully, but not with an adult holding him. And not just once, either—it was his summer obsession. “He was freaking everyone out,” exclaims Dean’s mother Stacy, laughing.

Suffice it to say, the four Jagger kids each have their favorite parts about spending time at the Assembly. The oldest, Rebekah, was 2 ½ years old on her first visit. She’s now 16. Luke (now 13), Della (9), and Dean (6) have grown up spending a couple of weeks here each summer, often in Let It Be (#169), home of Deborah Denson—a friend Stacy’s.

They describe Let It Be as perfect for their family, with the playground and Snack Shop so close and all the activities so central to the cottage. Ron says, “If I open a tab at the Snack Shop, they’ll go wild.”

The kids enjoy the usual things—the pool, arts & crafts workshops, all the group activities, participating with handbells in chapel, the sand in the playground area. Rebekah has played piano for worship and Luke has been known to sit in on business meetings just for fun. The girls have participated at times in the market, selling flowers, bread and cupcakes. Della loves to hang out with her “Monteagle grandma” Linda Elder. Luke loves games, the pool, pickleball, and especially night games.

As for the adults, they have their own favorite things. For Stacy, that’s sunsets at Warren’s Point. Ron says—not exaggerating, we’re sure—that Stacy wants to watch every sunset at the Point when they’re here.

Ron appreciates the opportunity to do less and clear his

mind. “At home I’ve got more to do than day. In Monteagle, there are just certain things you just can’t do.” Maybe it’s the slower pace, or the shorter to-do list, but Ron says he sleeps better in Monteagle than anywhere else. “It’s sometimes 10 hours a night—versus six or so at home,” he says. “I think it’s something about the air up on the mountain.”

That same air that gives Ron a good night’s sleep infuses Dean with superhuman bravery, we suppose, which kind of makes sense, doesn’t it? After all, adults crave rest and kids seem determined to race headlong into the next set of age-related privileges. In this case, for the Jagger family, everyone wins.



Above: The name is Fearless. Fearless Dean.

Below: The Jagger kids: Della & Dean down front; Luke and Rebecca in back.



A not-so-secret tip: If you want your photo to make it in the Mountain Voices, sneak Winston Knopf into the shot. Here, Dean Jagger and mom Stacy cozy up to the resident Assembly basset.



POOL HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00-10:00 am (adult swim only)

Monday-Saturday: 10:00 am-Noon

Daily: 2:30-5:30 pm

Friday only: 5:30-7:30 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE MOUNTAIN

All Sunday school classes meet from 10:00-10:45 am and provide a wonderful opportunity to learn more about God's Word while getting to know your neighbors better in a small group setting. We hope you can join us!

We have two adult classes that are open to all!

- The adult class that meets at Winfield will be led by Gilbert Gordon on July 24th and Dick Fleming on July 31st.
- The adult class that meets at Cottage #136 will be led by Sam McDonald on July 24th and Lori Davis on July 31st.

YOUTH (weeks 1-8):

- **Eaglets** (ages 6-8) and **Eagles** (ages 9-11): Shady Dell
NOTE: This is a location change for the Eaglets.
- **Buzzards and Falcons** (ages 12-18): Nashville Home porch

There are no Sunday School classes for Hummingbirds.

*Aim your cell phone's
camera at this image to
make your Outreach
Sunday donation.*



TODAY IS OUTREACH SUNDAY

Outreach Sunday is one example of MSSA's tradition of giving back to our beloved Mountain. All donations given on July 24th will go to support the Isaiah 117 House. The Isaiah 117 House provides care and housing for children awaiting foster care. A house was built on the property of Christ Church and their ribbon cutting will be August 10th.

To learn more about Isaiah 117 House please visit isai-ah117house.com or pick up a flyer located in the Chapel.

Thank you for your generosity and for living out Jesus's command to us to love our neighbors!

Blessings,

— The Rev. Mary Balfour Dunlap, Chair of the Outreach Committee



Outreach photos on right, top to bottom:

Kay Quinn and Ruth Patterson worked at the Sleep in Heavenly Peace build for beds on Saturday, July 16th in Kimball. Thank you Kay and Ruth for your service!

(l-r) Rev. Melissa Derseweh and Food Ministry Director Alyse Getty accept an Outreach check from Kent Ballow.

Stephanie Smith (l) presents an Outreach check to Library Director Karen Tittle (r) at the May Justus Memorial Library in Monteagle July 19th. Photo from Rick Boeth.



HOUSING QUESTIONS?

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.



PRODUCE MARKET ON THE MALL

Produce Market on the Mall every Thursday during the Season from 7-10:00 am. Everything from homemade bread & desserts, jams & jellies, fresh eggs & produce, berries & cut flowers to arts & crafts....you never know what you will find!

Photo from Rhonda Atkins.



CONTINUE THE CONVO

We're setting aside a table in Harton Hall for our morning speakers—and we need your help! Look for the sign inviting you to “continue the convo,” and provide that uniquely Monteagle hospitality by having lunch with our guests.

MUSIC NOTES



The Assembly Choir will sing during worship on July 31st. We will rehearse in the Chapel on Tuesday, July 26th from 4:30 until 6:00 and on July 31st from 9:00 until 9:45. We welcome any singers to join us who have experience singing in choirs.

— Clinton Bailey, Musical Director

Below: How thrilled Anne Byrn Roberts would have been to see her great grandchildren span all five age groups of games on the assembly grounds. (L-r) Mavis Blue Sartin, Falcon; Carter Floyd, Buzzard; Miles Curlee, Eagle; Annie Torkelsen, Eaglet; and Finn Torkelsen, Hummingbird.



HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

When our Platform speakers and workshop leaders visit, they sometimes need help—a trip to/from the airport, hosts for lunch or dinner, etc. We rely on the generosity of our community to help us ensure our guests get the warm welcome we're known for.

That's where you come in. If you're available for an occasional trip to the airport (either or both ways), or to host a guest for a meal, please reach out to Rebecca Nelson, platform superintendent, at Rebecca.Nelson@mssa1882.org.

SCENES FROM WEEK 6

Got something to share? Send your photos to platform@mssa1882.org and they might be here next week!



Above: Charlie Hornaday shared these photos from the Art Four Sale jazz band and picnic last weekend.

Susan Acker sent this photo from the Eaglets' STEM Red Cup Engineering Challenge last week.

PROGRAM BOOK FUN!

Thursday evening's lecturer Ben Carlos Cleary has had quite an eclectic career, including stints teaching in unusual spaces. Like where, you ask? Well check out page 82 to find out.



Sunday: *Little Women* (2019, PG)

Monday: *The Bad Guys* (2022, PG)

Wednesday early-bird: *101 Dalmatians* (1996, G)

Wednesday: *Cruella* (2021, PG-13)

2023 NOMINATIONS

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SEARCHING FOR STONEWALL JACKSON... AND BEN CLEARY, TOO

Ben Cleary writes: “Thomas ‘Stonewall’ Jackson was the embodiment of Southern contradictions. He was a slave owner who fought and died, at least in part, to perpetuate slavery, yet he founded an African-American Sunday School and personally taught classes there for five years. For all his sternness and rigidity, Jackson was a deeply thoughtful and incredibly intelligent man. But his reputation and mythic status, then and now, was due to more than combat success. In a deeply religious age, he was revered for a piety that was far beyond the norm. How did one man meld his religion with the institution of slavery? How did he reconcile it with the business of killing, at which he so excelled?”

Cleary’s book, *Searching for Stonewall Jackson: A Quest for Legacy in a Divided America*, traces Jackson’s life—and Cleary’s, too, exploring his own identity as a White Southerner in the 21st century. Hear him discuss his book Thursday evening in the Auditorium.



Did you know? Speeding is associated with a lower life expectancy. Do the right thing and keep your right foot in turtle mode. Your grandchildren will thank you. Eventually.*

** Disclaimer: We didn’t look this up. But it’s probably true.*



PROGRAM CHANGES & UPDATES

Lisa Rung will be offering Body Groove adult fitness classes on Fridays. Wondering what this is all about? Here’s a description: “Body Groove is the super-fun dance workout that is designed for every body! Body Groove workouts take easy dance moves and let you make them own, adding your own style and personality.”

Our guest minister this week **McKay Caston**, who is a member of Doug Ferris’s family and has enjoyed visiting Monteagle in years past.

Dr. Melissa McCrory Hatcher is unable to join us this week. Instead, **Tom Sanders** from the South Cumberland Community Fund will lecture Tuesday morning (see page 2).

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 7 CALENDAR • JULY 24-30, 2022

Guest Minister: Rev. McKay Caston

Sunday (7/24)

Sunday School (adults/youth)

10-10:45 am • See page 10 for details

Sunday Worship

11:00 am • Warren Chapel

Movie: *Little Women* (2019, PG)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise:

Yoga with Annelie Virkhous (Mon/Wed)

Zumba with Sara Yarworth (Tues/Thurs)

Body groove with Lisa Rung (Fri) **change**

8-9:00 am • Gymnasium

Workshop: Drawing in Color with Oil Pastel

2:30-5:00 pm • Shady Dell

Monday (7/25)

Aqua Yoga, with Liz Norell

9:15-10:00 am • Pool

Documentary: *Bury Me at Taylor Hollow*

2:30 pm • Warren Chapel

Dinner on the Chapel Grounds: chopped BBQ pork, followed by Taizé Twilight Prayers

6:00 pm • Warren Chapel Porch

Movie: *The Bad Guys* (2022, PG)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

Tuesday-Thursday

Twilight Prayers

7:00 pm • Warren Chapel

Tuesday (7/26)

Platform Coffee

9:15-10:00 am • Mall Gazebo

Lecture: "Community Philanthropy: A Great American Tradition," with Tom Sanders of the SCCF **rescheduled** (see p. 2)

10:45 am • Auditorium

Wednesday (7/27)

Aqua Yoga, with Liz Norell

9:15-10:00 am • Pool

Lecture: "Sports, Gender, and the Body in Iraqi Kurdistan," with Diana Hatchett

10:45 am • Auditorium

Early Bird Movie: *101 Dalmatians* (1996, G)

6:00 pm • Auditorium

Movie: *Cruella* (2021, PG-13)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

Youth Adventure Lecture: "Rainforests and Mayan Ruins," with Tass Thacker & Bruce Junek of Images of the World

8:00 pm • Warren Chapel

Thursday (7/28)

Produce Market

7-10:00 am • On the Mall

Lecture: "Dust to Dust: How Natural Burial Heals Hearts and the Land," with John Christian Phifer (see p. 5)

10:45 am • Auditorium

Lecture: "World Bicycle Tour," with Tass Thacker & Bruce Junek of Images of the World (see p. 5)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

Friday (7/29)

Lecture: "Searching for Stonewall Jackson: A Quest for Legacy in a Divided America," with Ben Cleary (see p. 13)

Book sale/signing to follow lecture

10:45 am • Auditorium

MSSA Denominational Caucuses

2:30 pm: Consolidated @ Chapel; Episcopal @ Auditorium

3:30 pm: Presbyterian @ Chapel; Methodist @ Auditorium

MSSA Board meeting

4:00 pm • Pulliam Center

All-Assembly Talent Show

7:45 pm • Auditorium

Saturday (7/30)

Annual Meeting: MSSA Cottage Owners—**no dogs allowed!**

9:00 am • Auditorium

MSSA Board meeting

1:00 pm • Pulliam Center

MAEFC Meeting

2:30 pm • Pulliam Center

Analogy Show, with Bob Tarter of NHECM—**no dogs allowed!**

2:30 pm • Auditorium

All-Assembly Dinner: Farm-to-table

6:00-7:30 pm • Harton Hall

Performance: Jazz Duo, with Annie Sellick & Pat Bergeson

7:45 pm • Auditorium