



MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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Our Full-Time Residents: Busy Volunteers & Committed Community Leaders

Those of us who are not full-time residents of the Assembly often get asked two questions frequently: How many full-time residents are there and what do they do in the off season?

The answer is that there are 25 Assembly members who live on the grounds or on the mountain. I decided to find out how they keep themselves busy September through May, and the answer is they do A LOT!

A big "Thank You" to those who shared their busy schedules with me. The following is just the tip of the iceberg as to when it comes to the local organizations our fellow members are involved with and passionate about.

Oliver Jervis is the president of the Grundy County Historical Society. The society owns and operates the Heritage Center that is located in Tracy City. The center spans 7,700 square feet and includes a museum, library, research center, teaching center and a visitor's center and tourism office. The history of the south Cumberland Plateau is featured in galleries throughout the center. The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, the "Chautauqua of the South," is featured in one of the galleries as well. Oliver has dedicated a great deal of time and expertise to this vital organization.

Karen Eager runs the Outreach Mission program at Cumberland
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Cottages Needed

Will your cottage be vacant any weeks between
June 11 and August, 2023?

If so, we would love to talk with you! The Housing Office has received a higher-than-expected number of rental requests for the 2023 Season; more requests than we can currently fulfill. If you are interested in learning more about the rental program, please contact Rhonda



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Presbyterian Church. The church oversees a clothing mission and secures frozen meals from the University of the South to feed and clothe those in need in Monteagle and surrounding cities. In addition, Karen has partnered with St. Thomas Ascension in Nashville to bring its mobile medical van to Tracy City to provide free medical assistance to those in need.

Kay Quinn volunteers for Morton Memorial Food Ministry to hand out food to families the 2nd Saturday of every month. One month, there were as many as 280 families that benefited from this program. Also, Kay helps build beds for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" whose purpose is to provide a bed for any child in need.

Pam and Greg Maloof are dedicated to Monteagle Elementary in a variety of ways. Pam started a handbell choir for the children, and that ministry continues to grow. They have performed at parades, meetings of the mayor and aldermen, and before every home basketball game! In addition, Pam has now passed the certification to be a substitute teacher for the school and is working with the kindergarten this year. Of course, Greg is busy being the new city mayor but still finds time to lead discussions and

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Assembly Updates

As you were previously notified on November 30, 2022, the Troll Bridge remains closed due to structural concerns. The day following the closure, Joseph Sumpter and his team were onsite at 7:00 AM to begin evaluation of the structure and the surrounding area which support the bridge beams.



It was quickly determined by the structural engineer that the bridge would need to be removed and a new bridge be built. Last Friday, January 27, the MSSA Property Committee reviewed the plans and motioned the project to the Board of Trustees for approval. Given the critical time constraints of the approximate twelve-week project, the MSSA Executive Committee approved the project as an emergency action.

The East Gate will remain open during demolition and construction, and large signs will be posted at the Front Gate giving directions to the Cabbage Patch and north end of our campus.

The security camera system is fully operational and is monitoring the Front, East, and North Gates. Security officers have a tablet on which they can monitor all gate activity throughout the night hours from strategic

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QUICK BITES

ALL golf carts must be registered or re-registered every year. 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.

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.



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.

Assembly Updates

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locations around the campus. The camera system will allow MSSA to be proactive should we become aware of vehicles or individuals who pose a threat to Assembly residents and property.

Third, MSSA is joining the Town of Monteagle in its efforts to remediate inflow and infiltration (I&I) to the town's sewer system. A year ago, MSSA partnered with the Town of Monteagle to complete asset management components within the sewer system that included manhole inspections, GPS mapping, and smoke testing to identify areas within the Assembly subject to I&I. During late February, CCTV cameras will examine the 5,000 feet of mainline segments in the Assembly. These mainline inspections will identify defects attributed to extraneous flow during wet weather conditions. This project will give us a more complete vision of what work will be needed to our sewer system in the future. We are grateful to the Town of Monteagle for allowing us to work with their contractor to make this project more affordable.

MSSA Woman's Association Literary Guild Book Picks



I'm excited to be chairing the Literary Guild this upcoming summer! My sister, Ruth Patterson, had the great idea to announce the literary guild book choices well in advance of the Season, so people will have more time to get their reading underway. I always arrive in Monteagle with an armload of books; some years I do better than others. Hopefully, knowing the book titles early will be helpful.

I have tried my best to pick books that will be enjoyable to read and super interesting to discuss. I hope you will have a chance to read one, two or all three of these books and join me on the porch of the Winfield House for great discussions!

June 21, 2023- Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reed. In this novel about the cost of greatness, Carrie Soto, legendary tennis player with 20 Grand Slam titles, attempts a comeback at age 37, when the world considers her past her prime—returning for one epic final season. Carrie Soto is Back won first place in the Historical Fiction GoodReads Choice Awards for 2022. If you are a fan of Taylor Jenkins Reed's books, you will love this one!

July 5, 2023- Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

Don't let the title of this book scare you! I promise it is not about atoms, molecules and ions! The main character is Elizabeth Zott, a chemist in early 1960s in a male dominated field who finds herself the star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking proves revolutionary. This book is very original, laugh-out-loud funny, and has an amazing cast of supporting characters. You will love Elizabeth's dog Six-Thirty!!

July 21, 2023- Beartown by Frederik Backman. Beartown is the story of a small town with a big dream and the price required for it to come true. The tiny community's ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of Beartown rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys. This book explores the hopes that bring a small community together and the secrets that tear it apart. This is a wonderful story with unforgettable

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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.

In Our Prayers



Elizabeth E. Webster, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones in Atlanta, on January 12, 2023, just days before her 82nd birthday. Elizabeth Elkin "Betty" Webster was born January 15, 1941, in Auburn, Alabama, to Charlotte Scott and Thomas Wayne Elkin, Jr. She spent her early years in Lancaster, Penn., until her family moved to Oreland, a suburb of Philadelphia, where she graduated from Springfield Township High School in 1958. She started her college education at Bucknell University before transferring to University of Georgia where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and met her husband of almost 60 years, Bucky, who passed last summer.

Betty is remembered for her kind heart, her intellectual mind and her "joie de vivre." She started and ended her career as a teacher. Her first teaching job was with the Upper Dublin Township school system in Pennsylvania. She then taught French at the Ensworth School in Nashville, at the Westminster School in Atlanta, and at George Walton Academy in Monroe, La.. She taught preschool at St. Phillips Cathedral and English as a Second Language at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. She was also a perpetual student, always eager to learn more with her book club, bridge groups, Northwood Garden Club, Athenaeum Club, Colonial Dames, and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

Her beloved summer home in Monteagle embraced all of her passions and Betty participated in as many activities as she
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Housing Questions? Ask Rhonda!

Interested in possibly being in the rental program? Has your cottage rented to your satisfaction? Do you want to offer your cottage for 3-night rentals or discuss rates?

Contact Rhonda to discuss options or concerns, 931-924-9000

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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!



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question-and-answer sessions about current events with the 7th and 8th graders. Both Pam and Greg are involved with United for Literacy through the elementary school.

Mary Clark continues to offer her invaluable care and expertise in her full-time job with DCS and finds time to enjoy gardening and genealogy. She also enjoys theater, dance and art events at both University of the South and St. Andrews. Her mother, 4th generation Assembly member Mary Mellon Jarrett will turn 96 this year and is grateful for her life at the Assembly.

Linda Parrish serves on the South Cumberland Community Fund Grants Committee, is a frequent volunteer for the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul, is chair and secretary of Friends of the DuPont Library Board at Sewanee and serves on the board of Friends of the South Cumberland. She is also past chair of Grundy County Libraries and graduated from Leadership Grundy.

Scott Parrish, in addition to being the executive director of the Assembly, is the founding chair of the South Cumberland Community Fund (MSSA was the first donor) and served on the development committee, executive committee and board. In addition, he has served on South Cumberland Heritage Tourism- Heritage Group and represents the Assembly with various groups in the community.

Lane Price serves on the board of trustees of South Tennessee Regional Health System's hospitals

and is past president of EQB luncheon group that is comprised of retired university faculty and community members. She is also very involved at All Saints serving on the altar guild and search committee and as a lay reader at both All Saints and the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul. She finds time to tutor at Blue Monarch, lecture at St. Mary's and serve as an "American grandparent" for international students. She is a past president of the Sewanee Woman's Club and enjoys the book and garden clubs.

Martha Ann and David Pilcher are both very active at Morton Memorial in a variety of ways. David volunteers as treasurer, and Martha Ann chairs Nurture and Mission teams and works with the children. David works part time and volunteers for the non-profit organization Folks at Home, which helps elderly people stay in their homes. Martha Ann is also treasurer of the Sewanee Woman's Club and enjoys her book club. Supporting our city and mayor Maloof is important to both Martha Ann and David, so they attend Monteagle City Council and Planning Commission meetings frequently.

Dede Clements has been the owner of the Edgeworth Inn on the Assembly grounds for many years and is very involved in many community non-profits. She is the founding chair and now vice chair of Better Fi, a five-year-old non-profit that helps residents in Grundy and Franklin County avoid predatory high interest rate consumer loans by extending affordable credit. Better Fi has saved Franklin and Grundy County residents more than \$497,000 and saved more than \$840,000 for clients across Tennessee. Dede is also dedicated

to the friends of the South Cumberland and the annual Art for the Park exhibit and sale and serves as treasurer of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance which has built over 10 miles of trails. Dede is serving her third term on the Town of Monteagle Board of Zoning Appeals.

Stephanie Smith and Rick Boeth are involved in many ways in Sewanee, the Assembly and around the country! Stephanie volunteers frequently at All Saints Chapel, not only serving on the Altar Guild but helping in any way needed such as decorating for Lessons and Carols, polishing brass and cleaning Holy linens. As a former registered parliamentarian, Stephanie advises mayor Greg Maloof on parliamentary procedure. Rick is the past-president of EQB, the oldest club at Sewanee. This group meets weekly and hosts lectures on topics of both local and national interest. He is vice president of the Clover Master Gardeners (currently out of Winchester) through the UT extension office. He also mentors new trainees during a 14-week training program and volunteers at the University Farm and at the community garden at Midway Mushrooms. Rick photographed and was the leading contributor to the University Farm's "Erudite Ungulates" Goat 2023 Calendar. Rick is interested in sharing his love of photography with the Assembly by considering an informal photography club. If interested, contact him for more details. Both Stephanie and Rick are passionate about the Smith-Boeth Monarch Waystation, which is such a wonderful gift for the Assembly to enjoy. A new public presentation, including several large color gallery prints, is
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being developed to debut at the Greenwich Botanical Society in April and then at Trails and Trilliums in Beersheba Springs. Stay tuned for a series of butterfly postcards and calendar later this year!

IMPRESSIVE, RIGHT? The breadth and depth of what our full-time residents are involved in is absolutely amazing! Thank you for all that you are doing for Monteagle and for giving your fellow members a glimpse into your very busy, thoughtful, and interesting lives on the mountain! You all are great examples to follow and an inspiration to us all!

If anyone is interested in learning more about these organizations, hobbies and churches, I feel certain these members would be happy to share.

Happy Winter!
Amanda Moody

Literary Guild Book Picks

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characters. It is actually the first book in a trilogy, so if you love this book, there are two more to read. Also Frederick Backman is the author of A Man Called Ove, which was just made into a movie with Tom Hanks and is called A Man Called Otto.

Happy reading
Sallie Stevens,
Literary Guild Chair

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possibly could. Betty is survived by her three loving children: Susan (David) Parker of Atlanta; Dr. John (Eliza) Webster, III of Durango, Colorado; and Sharon (Clark) Tate of Atlanta; and nine grandchildren: Henry, Ellie and Annie Parker; Rush, Havens and Sunny Webster; and Albert, Emmaline and Campbell Tate, as well as her brother Tom (Norma) Elkin and two nephews, Wesley and Austin (Jessica) Elkin.

Betty was a member of North Avenue Presbyterian Church and Christ Church in Atlanta. She will be buried in the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly or Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Research <https://lustgarten.org>

Reuben Saunders "Sandy" Payne went to his heavenly home on January 16, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 20, 1928 in Knoxville Tenn., where he lived most of his life. He was preceded in death by his mother, Cornelia Mellen Payne and his father, Reuben S. Payne. Sandy attended Sequoyah Elementary School, Tyson Junior High, Knoxville High School and The University of Tennessee. He was a Boy Scout and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

His love for the Smoky Mountains began when he was a camper at Camp LeConte at Elkmont. He enjoyed hiking, swimming, rafting, and canoeing. In school he played basketball, tennis and, in his senior year in high school, track. He ran on the UT track team from 1947-1949. In 1993, that team began to refer to themselves as The Ancients and had reunions from that time on. He was a member of the Letterman's Club and his name is on the UTK Wall of Fame. He was a lifelong supporter of UT athletics and

a Vol for life. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kearsarge from 1951-1955. When he returned to Knoxville, he was part owner of a restaurant and managed a golf driving range. He became interested in real estate and devoted most of his life to it. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and in 1959 met Pat there. They began dating and were married in 1960. In 1965 they and their two children became members of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. He volunteered at the Volunteer Ministry Center and Joni and Friends.

Survivors include his wife, Elinor "Pat" Payne; his daughters, Laura Payne and Susan (Mac) Prevost; his grandchildren, Daniel (Megan) Henson, Sarah Henson, and David Henson; sister, Mary Mellen Jarrett; sisters-in-law, Sue Farthing, Dottie Peters, Kathy Nunamaker (Lawrence), Janet Denny; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be given to: Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church Missions Fund, 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923; Joni and Friends TN, 410 S. Northshore Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919; or Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, Online condolences may be made at www.rosefuneraltn.com.



QUICK NOTE

Trails and Trilliums will
be held on April 21-23
in Beersheba Springs