



# MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT: MANY, MANY THANKS!

In the *Centennial Mountain Voices* book, published in 1982, there is a picture of the youth staff (eight young people total), the grounds crew (four men total), and the office staff (three total), with the following quote,

*“Behind the scenes there were no mirrors. These few made it all work!”*

Fast forward to today: Our staff, under the capable leadership of our Executive Director Scott Parrish includes office, crew, gate keepers, security, platform, and youth staff—a group that’s now 57 people strong! We owe a debt of gratitude to all of them for all that they do to make our eight-week season a success: to Rick and his hardworking crew who, although short staffed all season, have been working double duty; to our reliable security team; to our diligent gate keepers; to Scott and the ever-patient office staff; to Platform Superintendent Rebecca Nelson and the amazing platform staff; to Youth Superintendent Susan Acker, Bradley Mims, and the incredible youth staff!

Thank you for continuing to *MAKE IT ALL WORK!*

We appreciate your dedication and hard work!

— *Amanda Moody, President*



*MSSA was well-represented in the annual Monteagle July 4th Parade. Photos from Duncan Knopf.*



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Page 12 has the week’s Platform schedule at-a-glance, with all changes through the print deadline. 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 always know what’s happening!

## HIGHLIGHTS

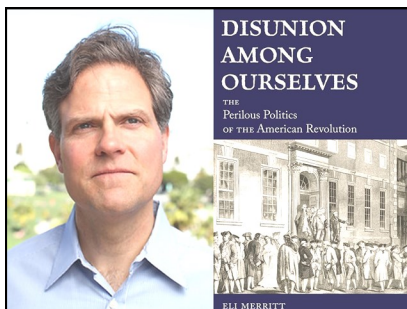
**Plateau Talk & Excursion**  
**The Seen & Unseen Benefits of Bats**, with Gary McCracken  
Wednesday, 10:45 am (lecture)  
& 7:45 pm (excursion)  
Warren Chapel & North Gate

**Lecture: Alexander Hamilton’s Theory of Democratic Collapse**, with Eli Merritt  
Thursday, 7:45 pm  
Auditorium

**Jazz Picnic**, with music by Art Four Sale Band  
Saturday, 5:30-8:15 pm  
The Mall

## WEEK FIVE PLATFORM PREVIEW

This week, Vanderbilt political historian and respected author **Eli Merritt** will lecture about his research on the ethics of democracy and the intersection of demagoguery and democracy Thursday evening in the Auditorium. His lecture focuses on “Alexander Hamilton’s Theory of Democratic Collapse: A President Commences as a Demagogue and Ends as a Tyrant,” which draws from his recently published book, *Disunion Among Ourselves: The Perilous Politics of the American Revolution*. Merritt’s background is an unconventional one; he earned a master’s degree in ethics at Yale University before attending medical school at Case Western University. After a career working in psychiatric care and advocacy, he found a home at Vanderbilt to make a significant career pivot to political history.



For this week’s Plateau talk & excursion, **Gary McCracken** will bring his deep expertise on bats to the Assembly with a lecture Wednesday morning on “The Seen and Unseen Benefits of Bats,” taking place in Warren Chapel. That evening, McCracken will lead a bat walk for those interested in exploring the habitats of Plateau bats. McCracken is a professor emeritus in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he taught for 42 years. His research focused on the ecology, behavior, and genetics of bats. To join the bat walk, meet at the North Gate at 7:45 pm Wednesday.



## VOLUNTEER BAKERS NEEDED

The day of the Monteagle Women’s Association Cottage Tour, a bake sale is held in front of the Auditorium. Everyone looks forward to this event and the opportunity to purchase sweet and savory baked goods. We need one and all to contribute to this effort! Be planning what you and your children can make and deliver the day before or early the morning of (before) the tour. Loaves of sweet breads, pies, brownies, cookies, cakes, snack mixes... if you can make it, we can sell it! Buy your ingredients now, and be ready to answer the call!



**Sunday:** *Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban* (2004, PG)

**Monday:** *High School Musical* (2006, G)

**Wednesday early-bird:** *Muppet Treasure Island* (1996, G)

**Wednesday:** *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl* (2003, PG-13)

## 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 Executive Director 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 cash, major credit cards, or Venmo. The office no longer maintains dining house accounts.

**Save time at the gate** and pre-order your tickets by calling (931) 924-2286. You can also preorder online.

**ALL golf carts, including rental carts,** must be registered (or re-registered) to receive the 2023 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.

**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.

## DINNER ON THE CHAPEL GROUNDS JULY 10

Every Monday, we welcome you to join your friends and neighbors for weekly dinner on the Chapel Grounds. We gather at 6:00 pm on the porch of the Warren Chapel. This week, we invite you to enjoy Chefs Tom and Cynthia's cheesy lasagna Bolognese.

All are welcome to attend; each family should bring a side dish to share. Suggested side dishes include crispy salads, cut vegetables, cheeses, cut fruits, vegetable casseroles, bread/rolls, and desserts. Or bring your favorite side to share! Please pre-cut your desserts for easier serving.

When you bring your side dish, make sure you:

- Label the serving dish,
- Label any serving utensils you bring, and
- Don't forget to pick up your dish/utensil after!

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

Bring a blanket or chair, as seating is limited.

Share your recipes by emailing: [vacurry1981@gmail.com](mailto:vacurry1981@gmail.com) for a future collection of recipes!

Rain plan: Sign up to receive a text message for new location. Text MSSANEWS to 84483 to receive the community alerts.

Meet our pastor, Rev. Chris Bowhay. Make new friends and embrace the old ones! Volunteers are always appreciated; to lend your hand, please arrive early (around 5:00) and join the fun!

— Virginia Curry



*Thanks to Melissa Stansell for capturing this great photo at a weekly Chapel dinner!*

**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 9:30 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.



### SEASON OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00-4:00

Saturday: 9:00-3:00

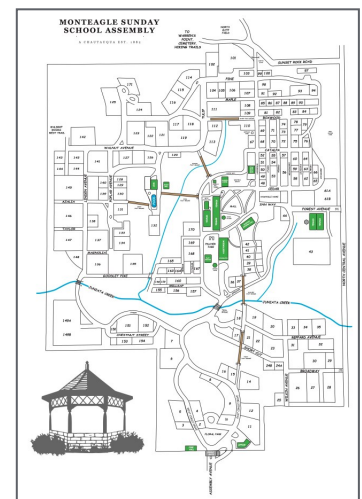
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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 15

MSSA members are invited to review proposed bylaw changes in a called membership meeting on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 4:00 pm in Warren Chapel. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to review the changes to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Bylaws emailed to all members.

## CLAIM YOUR COTTAGE MAP!

Last summer Kent Rollins came to the Open House for the MSSA Archives and offered to help facilitate the updating the assembly from the 1980s. Throughout the fall a digital map was created with additions of various public areas. Kent was very generous with his time and expertise. When the map was complete, he donated two hundred maps to the Assembly, printed on matboard. As a result of Kent's generosity, the Archives Committee would like to give each cottage a map. You can pick up your map at the office during the season.



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## RENTERS' SPOTLIGHT: HOW TRADITIONS BEGIN

The first two renters that I spoke with this week, **Norris Gagnet** (née Nelson) and **Anne Byrn** share similar stories of having been introduced to the Assembly at a young age.

Norris' family came for many summers as guests of Knox Van Zandt. This tradition came to an end shortly after she began college, only to recommence as she and her husband rented Cabbage Patch in the summer of 2008. Those early years led to some funny incidents as Nelson—"an independent spirit" who is now 17—was not yet old enough to be a Hummingbird. One day, as he had wandered off ahead, they experienced their greatest fear when he was not found waiting on them at the cottage. As most parents who are accustomed to the dangers of city living, they immediately feared the worst, only to discover that he was next door at Happy Castle. Norris walked in to find him on the couch, tucked under a patchwork quilt, drinking cranberry juice. His gracious host, Sydney Cattlet, mentioned how chatty he had been to then inform them that she couldn't understand a word he said... Another such day, he was found eating a pork chop dinner at Sallie Stroud's.

After many years of staying at Cabbage Patch, upon Sherrill Byrd's insistence that they use her laundry room, they began renting April Fools. The boys learned not to be afraid of dogs and how to use cash at the Snack Shop, while the adults learned the beauty of "relaxed spontaneity." Norris has been part of the Platform, instructing photography workshops, and their youngest son, Christopher, is still growing up through the ranks of the youth program.

Not only was Anne Byrn, like Norris, introduced to the Assembly when her mother and her aunts rented a cottage during her youth, only to begin a tradition with her husband and children in 1994 by renting Elderberry Patch, but she too has been a Platform instructor, leading cooking demonstrations and judging the cake-baking contest. Her upcoming book features the recipe for the chocolate pound cake she shared with her class last year. Her husband, John Whitaker, is no stranger to the Assembly either as he rented a small mother-in-law cabin during his fall semester at Sewanee in 1974. A few occasions of dealing with busted pipes sent him back to the comforts of dorm life.

After 29 years of returning to the Mountain, Bryn marvels: "Where else can one go and learn about politics, gardening, faith, and food in one week?" Their children Kathleen (Hugh) Osteen, Litton, and John are all grown now, leaving Ann and John to also remark that, "The luxury of grown children is to be able to enjoy the lectures." Some of their favorite aspects of Assembly summers has not only been what she described as "unexpected joy," but also the ability to experience many different cottages and their offerings as home (an experience she relishes as uniquely special), round robin tennis, last summer's performance by After Hours Barbershop Quartet, and the farmers' market.

After featuring these two remarkable families and their introduction to a place where they continued to return, even if other family members did not, I'd like to introduce you all to a family who is here for the first time this week, **the Angelillos**.

As friends of Lindsey and Evan Price, Margaret and her husband, Tommie, are renting a cottage as first-time visitors to the Mountain. Hailing from Mountain Brook, Alabama, they are excited for their first Chautauqua experience. They have two daughters: Louise (age 8) and Annie (age 6)

We may not always take the time to consider how traditions begin, but in contemplating such, I am reminded of Khalil Gibran's idea that love is a spiritual affinity that is created in a moment. Whether it's during an evening stroll across the Mall or while enjoying the lightning bugs from the porch, the beauty of life inside these gates can suddenly strike us, causing us to stop, look around, and say to ourselves, "I want these moments to last a lifetime."

— *Mindy Melton*



*Above: Norris Gagnet and family*

*Below: The Byrn family Kathleen and Hugh (Osteen)'s 2017 wedding. From left: John Whitaker, Anne, Hugh, Kathleen Osteen, Litton Whitaker, and John Whitaker III.*



*The Angelillos family*

## YOUTH UPDATES

The youth have been an integral part of the Assembly from its beginning, 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.

### FROM THE YOUTH COORDINATOR

Week Four ends with a resounding bang! We laughed, floated the Duck River, captured flags, and had an amazing Olympics run. We enjoyed family and friends and celebrated Independence Day, making lasting memories that will be cherished for life! The mountain was abuzz with people for a jam-packed Week 4, and boy did we have fun! This week saw classic Monteagle weather and lots of familiar faces. We are looking forward to a star-studded Week 5 as we approach our infamous annual MSSA Talent Show! MSSA has talent!

I would like to take a moment to thank the many people who helped make our fourth week such a success. Thank you to Bessie Doffermyre, Julia Curry, Susannah Walker, Tiffany Carr, and Anne Bradley for hosting our progressive suppers! We know these dinners take a lot of preparation and hard work, and we are so thankful for you all! Thank you to Clay Bradley for being our fabulous weekly guest reader during storytime! The kids loved hearing the stories you shared. A big thank you to the amazing Lori Davis for all her hard work organizing the MSSA float! Thank you to Bill Davis for all his hard work decorating and prepping the float. Thank you to Clea Milner for driving the float truck and Rick Duncan for all his help with the float preparation. Thank you to Anne Byrn Floyd, Jamie Green, and Jen Reynolds for donating to our float candy fund and helping get materials organized. Huge shoutout to Clay and Anne Bradley and Will and Jen Reynolds for their help during the parade – thank you all so much, we could not have done it without your presence! It was a raging success and the kids and community benefited greatly from our participation. I also want to thank all the parents who drove on excursions and lent us their cars this week. These activities would not have been possible without your help. We appreciate all these contributions!

Looking forward to Week Five and all the joy and flair it will bring! Please make sure to review the Youth calendar and bulletin board by the Auditorium for all things youth related. Thank you all for helping make this week such a success!



*These youngsters had a blast at the penny plunge. Thanks to Shelley Matthews for the photo!*

### HUMMINGBIRDS & CRAFTS ' CORNER

Next week in Hummingbirds, it is Pirate Week! The Hummingbirds will also be preparing for the MSSA talent show. They will be putting together a collection of songs and it is going to be amazing. Hummingbirds have talent!

— Bradley Mims, Youth Coordinator

### TALENT SHOW

The annual All-Assembly Talent Show is Friday, July 14 at 7:45 pm in the Auditorium. Rehearsals will take place during the week with the always-popular Robie Jackson at the helm. 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. Start thinking about something fun! Adults and families are welcome and encouraged to participate. Don't miss this annual MSSA tradition! Sign up to participate at the Auditorium

Bulletin Board

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### SNACK SHOP CORNER

If you didn't get a chance to run the race but still want the t-shirt, we have a few for sale in the Snack Shop.

Also, Smathers & Branson pre-orders are in, so stop by when you get a chance to pick your order up.

See you in the Snack Shop!

— Duncan & Evey



## YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD & PARENTS' MEETING

**Reminder: You should always check the youth bulletin board!** Please check the board located by the Auditorium for additions and details about our weekly programs. Also, plan on attending the weekly Parents' Meeting each Tuesday for information about weekly activities. Some excursion times may change, but the most current information will always be at the bulletin board. We will always try to keep true to the program, but sometimes changes need to be made because of weather or logistics that come up after the program was printed.

## MOUNTAIN MILES: LET'S GO SOMEWHERE!

Feel free to check the board and sign-up sheets outside the snack shop for tentative schedules, but here you can find lists on what to bring and what to expect. Trips planned for the week:

### MONDAY

*No excursions.*

### TUESDAY

- **Eagles: Caving at Prior Springs with Joey Favloro**  
Bring change of clothes, trash bag, long pants, closed-toe shoes, helmet, headlamp (optional: water, snacks). Meet at Front Gate at 12:45 pm. Parent drivers needed.
- **Eaglets: On-Campus Activity—Into the Wild with Ms. Maggie**  
Wonders of Wild Animals. Meet at the Auditorium at 2:30 pm.
- **Buzzards & Falcons: Greeter Falls**  
Hiking and swimming; bring bathing suit, towel, water, water shoes (optional: snacks, change of clothes). Leave from Auditorium at 2:15 pm. Youth Directors will drive.

### WEDNESDAY

- **Eagles: Foster Falls**  
Hiking and swimming; bring bathing suit, towel, water shoes or tennis shoes (optional: water bottles, snacks, etc.). Departs from Auditorium at 2:15 pm. We will need parent drivers for this excursion.

### THURSDAY

- **Buzzards & Falcons: Biking to Lake Dimmick**  
Biking and swimming; bring bike, helmet, bathing suit, towel, water shoes or tennis shoes (optional: water bottles, snacks, etc.). Departs from Auditorium at 2:15 pm. Youth Directors will drive.

### FRIDAY

- *No excursions.*



*Right: The debut of the mobile snack shop during the relay races. We think it was a hit...!*



*Left: We at the Mountain Voices editorial team aren't experts in the finer points of relay race rules, but we're skeptical that fully picking up your partner is, strictly speaking, allowed. Can we get a judge's ruling, please? Photos from Lori Davis.*

## NEWS FROM THE COURTS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Men's Tennis Doubles Tournament, McTyeire Davis and Henry Talbot! The other tournament divisions (Men's and Women's Singles, Mixed Doubles, plus Women's Doubles) will take place week 5 (see page 54 of the program book for details).



**Cardio Tennis is back** on Thursdays at 10:00 am. Coach Felix will get you in shape fast. No sign-up necessary, but definitely bring a towel and plenty of hydration!

**Save Our Squeegees!** With all the rain we get in Montecagle, our court rollers get a lot of use. Please help preserve their lifespan by hanging them up on a fence, rather than leaving them on the ground or in the dirt. Each squeegee has a hook on the handle.

— Margaret Rixham

## WALDROP WOODS RACE WINNERS

The Waldrop Woods Race was enjoyed by 72 runners and walkers this year—the biggest turn out we have had in recent years! Many volunteers made this year's event a success, including Susie Elder and members of the Wildman family.



Duncan and Evey Knopf had everyone looking good in dri-fit race t-shirts. Picture at right are the medal winners: Isaac Wills, Hall Wildman, Mark Katherine Malone, Ellie Wildman, Margaret Berry Kennedy, and Hall Carter. We look forward to seeing you out there next July 3rd!



## WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION UPDATES

The Week 4 saw many activities happening on the porch, and Week 5 promises to be just as exciting!

- **Woman's Association Meeting:** Monday, July 10, 10:00 am. All are welcome to join! Dues are \$25 and you can pay at the meeting. If anyone is interested in serving as an officer next year, please see either Shirley Stansell or Kent Ballow.
- **Mahjong Monday:** July 10, 2:30-4:30 pm. All levels are welcome! There are tables reserved for beginners so come join the fun! Bring your own 2023 card if you have one.
- **Adult card party:** Wednesday, July 12, 2:30-4:00 pm.
- **Arty party:** Wednesday, July 12, 5:00-7:00 pm. The theme this week is Painting Blossoms. Preregistration is required in the office. Limit of 14 adults. Bring a snack to share and your drink of choice. Also bring an image on your favorite flower and you will get help to get it on a canvas!
- **Porch party:** Friday, July 14, 5:00-7:00 pm. All adults are invited! Please bring your favorite beverage and an appetizer to share!

Looking forward to seeing you on the porch!

— Ruth Patterson, Woman's Association President

## PICKLEBALL HOURS

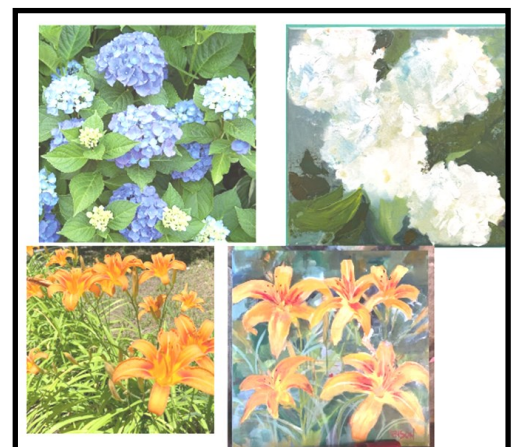
Monday-Saturday: 10:00 am-Noon

Daily: 2:30-5:30 pm

Friday only: 5:30-7:30 pm



Paint blossoms (like these) at Wednesday's Arty Party!



## 59TH ANNUAL COTTAGE TOUR & BAZAAR

The Woman's Association will host its 59th Annual Cottage Tour & Bazaar on Friday, July 21. The much-anticipated event will include tours of five representative cottages; a self-guided tour of historic buildings; the always-popular bazaar with fine art, jewelry, plus home décor and plants, jewelry, clothing and art much more; The Butterfly Boutique (resale); lunch options from La Bella Pearl's Restaurant; and the always-popular Bake Sale.



The annual event is designed to share with the public the Assembly's unique history and mission, to showcase its representative turn-of-the-century cottages and structures, and to highlight the Chautauqua Movement and the Assembly's association with the Chautauqua Network. This year's tour will feature five distinctive cottages: Showboat, Southern Comfort, Doctor's Inn, The Nest, and Lagniappe, The Bazaar, open 9:00 am-3:00 pm, welcomes old favorites and several new vendors who will bring local arts and crafts and splurge-worthy fine art and jewelry as well as paper, ceramics, art, jewelry, clothes, plants, leather, and more from more than 30 selected local and regional artisans. The nearby Butterfly Boutique sale of donated items from members and friends is a bargain-lover's dream, held in the Writers' Grove located near the Woman's Association Winfield House.

At 10:45 am, guests are invited to attend a special presentation by Margot Shaw. Titled *Living Floral*, Shaw's book and accompanying presentation is brimming with top stylemakers' and designers' innovative floral design ideas to enliven the home. From interior designers Charlotte Moss, Suzanne Rheinstein, and Bunny Williams, and event designer Tara Guerard to floral and garden experts Sybil Sylvester and P. Allen Smith and culinary consultant Alex Hitz, these luminaries impart their personal botanical point of view. They show how to incorporate flowers in home decor and present numerous ways to entertain with flair. For this inspirational, yet instructive, book interior designers illustrate how eclectic furnishings work well with floral and botanical accents in fabric, wallpaper, artwork, and accessories to shape chic indoor spaces. *Living Floral* will resonate with those who appreciate the beauty and everyday luxury of flowers.

At the Harton Dining Hall, La Bella Pearl's will offer a buffet (available 11:00 am-1:30 pm). Pre-ordered, pre-paid box lunches can be picked up 11:00 am-1:00 pm and enjoyed in one of the Assembly's green spaces.

Guests will also enjoy the annual bake sale where the Assembly's best cooks bring their sweet and savory specialties. The Snack Shop will be open for popcorn, chilled candy bars, bottled water, and souvenir T-shirts.

**The Gallery:** Be sure to stop in at cottage #116, The Gallery. A mainstay of the Assembly history and a must-stop location for shopping during any visit! In addition to art and gifts, the Gallery is one of a select few to carry award-winning McCarty Pottery. Created by Assembly members, the late Lee and Pup McCarty, Mississippi-based McCartys has earned international recognition.

Advance tour tickets (\$20, \$25 day of) and box lunches (\$20) must be reserved and paid for in advance on the MSSA website (MSSA1882.org) using PayPal or by calling the MSSA office at (931) 924-2286 or by stopping by the office. Parking passes (\$5 per car) can be purchased on the day of the tour at the North Gate entrance.

### Schedule of events

- Bazaar: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- Butterfly Boutique and bake sale: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- Lecture by Margot Shaw, *Living Floral*: 10:45 am, Auditorium
- Cottage tours: 11:00 am-3:00 pm
- Harton Dining Hall: Buffet available 11:00 am-1:30 pm; Box lunch pickup 11:00 am-1:00 pm

MSSA members, please email or text Mary Earthman, Woman's Association treasurer, at (615) 330-4535 to request tour tickets, box lunches and raffle tickets.



## HOUSING QUESTIONS? CALL 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.

### LEASEHOLD AVAILABLE

#23 Edgeworth Inn \$1,675,000



*We know, we know. There's SO MUCH FUN to be had and you want to get there NOW! But there are kids and dogs everywhere, so slow down there, speed demon.*

## HOOK INTO THE ONLINE CALENDAR

Get the latest Platform events on the MSSA web site at [mssa1882.org](http://mssa1882.org). Hover your mouse over “Program/Events” and click on “Calendar.” You can also subscribe to our calendar using your own Google Calendar by following the directions at the bottom of the page. NOTE: If the MSSA events do not show up, check your Google calendar settings to ensure MSSA is set to “sync on all devices.”

## 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!



## 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.

## GET TO KNOW OUR SPEAKERS!

*This week's guest minister, the Rev. Chris Bowhay, has hidden talents as a radio show host, in addition to his love of cooking, movies, and reading. But he recently took a class in something rather unexpected. What was that class designed to help him learn? Find out on page 85 (or ask him).*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sunday School offers a great opportunity to connect with others while learning more about God's Word! Classes for Eaglets through adults meet each Sunday (except the last Sunday) from 10:00-10:45 am.

**Eaglets and Eagles** meet at Shady Dell. (Note: please, no younger siblings. The Eaglets location has *changed* from the Art Pavilion to Shady Dell.) These classes are led by parent volunteers and will study the Parables this year.

**Buzzards and Falcons** meet on the Nashville Home porch and will be led by our Christian Coordinator Romy Cour.

We offer TWO Adult Sunday School classes, and ALL are welcome in each class!

- Our first adult class meets on the **Winfield Porch**. This class will be led by Frannie Smith and other volunteers. This season, this class will study "Five Things to Pray for Your Heart."
- Our second adult class meets at **Mountain Haven** (cottage #136) and offers different topics each week led by different volunteers. This week, Jack Duncan will lead the group in discussing "A Study of Angels."

We hope you can join us for Sunday School on the Mountain this summer!

*There are no classes for Hummingbirds.*

— Lori Davis



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

This article appeared in the *Nashville Tennessean* on April 8, 1929

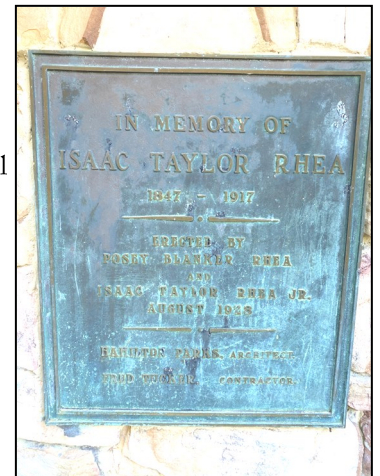
### Rhea Gate at Monteagle To Be Opened Saturday

The beautiful Isaac Taylor Rhea memorial gate to the assembly grounds at Monteagle, Tenn., will be opened Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock with appropriate ceremonies celebrating the occasion. The gate is picturesque, being made of Sewanee stone and ornamental iron work. Isaac Rhea, Jr. formerly of Nashville, but more recently a resident of New Orleans, erected it as a memorial to his father, who was a prominent grain dealer in Nashville and was instrumental in the development of Southern waterways. Invitations for the exercises formally opening the gate have been issued by the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

Plaque reads:

*In memory of Isaac Taylor Rhea  
1847-1917  
Erected By  
Posey Blanker Rhea and Isaac*

*Taylor Rhea, Jr.  
August 1928  
Hamilton Parks, Architect  
Fred Tucker, Contractor*



## 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



## HARTON HALL: SUNDAY BUFFET

Cost is \$27 (adults) or \$13 (children 5-12 years). Kids 4 and under eat free. Prices include tax only. Please remember to tip your servers.

**Salad bar:** Garden-fresh baby salad greens with condiments; assortment of homemade salad; montage of fresh seasonal fruits.

**Carvery:** Roasted leg of lamb with minted red wine demi glaze.

**Harton's hot bar:** Broiled herb cheesy salmon-stuffed fresh snapper filet; classic Italian chicken piccata; tortellini alfredo; medley of fresh vegetables; steamed cauliflower with onion butter; wild rice pilaf; truffle oil infused mash taters.

**Sweet bar:** cherry-topped French vanilla cake & ice creams.

**Beverages:** Fresh-brewed iced tea & lemonade.

*Note: Grill closed on Sundays.*

## POP-UP DINNER JULY 13TH

Wednesday, July 13th, 6:00-7:30 pm  
featuring trendy continental & American cuisine  
**\$35 per person**

A three-course table d'hote menu will be offered, with a choice of starters, main courses, and dessert. Fresh seafood, tenderloin steak, poussin, and vegetarian. Join us for an evening of culinary escapade.

Make reservations at Harton Hall or call (931) 463-2200.  
Reserve by 1:00 pm Tuesday, July 12th.

## RESERVE JAZZ PICNIC BASKETS

Saturday, July 15th

### Basket #1—\$23 per person

Grilled pesto chicken & fresh buffalo mozzarella tortilla wrap, broccoli apple salad, chipotle fried wings, parmesan bread twist, fresh fruits, macadamia oatmeal chocolate chip cookie.

### Basket #2—\$28 per person

Charcuterie featuring an assortment of meats, cheeses, olives, roasted peppers, gherkins, sundried tomato tapenade, fresh nectarine, champagne grapes, dried figs, garlic crostini, selection of crackers, marinated artichoke & tortellini salad, strawberry key lime cheese cake terrine.

### Family basket #3—\$48, feeds four

Grilled chicken quesadillas, fried spinach ricotta ravioli with marinara sauce, broccoli apple salad, sweet potato chips, fresh fruits, double chocolate strawberry cake.

Order baskets by July 13 at noon—place orders at Harton Hall or by calling (931) 463-2200. Pick up Saturday at 5:30 pm at Harton Hall.

## BEWARE OF THE WILDLIFE

Be aware of the wildlife living with us on the Assembly grounds. Skunks normally do not spray unless threatened. If you see one, slowly back away. Snakes are found around the creek and in rocky areas. Do not antagonize them. Coyotes have been spotted in the Assembly previously; increased activity may cause them to leave the campus, but we must all be mindful of letting small pets roam at night. Raccoons are everywhere. To avoid unwelcomed surprises, secure your garbage cans to prevent raccoons from rummaging through your trash.

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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 5 CALENDAR JULY 9-15, 2023

Guest Minister: Rev. Chris Bowhay

### Sunday, July 9

Sunday School (adults/youth)

10-10:45 am • See page 10 for details

### Worship Service

11:00 am • Warren Chapel

Movie: *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (1993, PG)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

### Monday-Thursday

Twilight Prayers

7:00 pm • Warren Chapel

### Monday-Friday

Oil Painting Workshop with Kim Barrick

2:30-5:00 pm • Art Pavilion (rain location = Shady Dell)

### Monday, July 10

Yoga Flow with Annelie

8:00 am • Gymnasium

### Dinner on the Chapel Grounds

6:00 pm • Warren Chapel Porch

Movie: *High School Musical* (2004, PG)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

### Tuesday, July 11

Zumba with Sara

8:00 am • Gymnasium

Aqua Yoga with Megan

8:30-9:15 am • Pool

Lecture: A Rising Tide Lifts All Ships: (Re)Interpreting American Art, with Alexandra Kirtley

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Performance: Sewanee Summer Music Festival

7:45 pm • Auditorium

### Wednesday, July 12

Yoga Flow with Annelie

8:00 am • Gymnasium

Plateau Talk: The Seen and Unseen Benefits of Bats, with Gary McCracken

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Early Bird Movie: *Muppet Treasure Island* (1995, G)

6:00 pm • Auditorium

Taizé Twilight Prayers

7:00 pm • Warren Chapel

Plateau Tour: A Bat Walk with Gary McCracken

7:45 pm • Meet at North Gate

Film Screening: *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black*

*Pearl* (2022, PG-13)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

### Thursday, July 13

Produce Market

7-10:00 am • On the Mall

Zumba with Sara

8:00 am • Gymnasium

Aqua Yoga with Megan

8:30-9:15 am • Pool

Lecture: Rediscovering the Architectural Landscape of the Assembly, 1915-1970, with Rachael Finch

10:45 am • Warren Chapel *change*

Lecture: Alexander Hamilton's Theory of Democratic Collapse: A President Commences as a Demagogue and Ends as a Tyrant

7:45 pm • Auditorium

### Friday, July 14

Pilates with Bruce

8:00 am • Gymnasium

Lecture: Parenting the Next Generation: Helping Your Kids Develop Empathy and Emotional Regulation Skills, with Katherine Walters

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

All-Assembly Talent Show

7:45 pm • Auditorium

### Saturday, July 15

MSSA Board Meeting

9:00 am • Pulliam Center

MSSA Membership Meeting

4:00 pm • Warren Chapel (see p. 3)

Jazz Picnic, with music by Art Four Sale Band

5:30-8:15 pm • The Mall