MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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From Our Board President

I find myself feeling very sentimental this month of December—during my "free-birding" era of all children away at college and law school respectively. This Christmas has given me the gift of time to reflect on the joys in my life, and I am truly grateful for each of you and our Assembly! I have chosen this Christmas to focus on the simple truths and foundations of the season and of my faith. I hope you all have a moment amid the parties, the wrapping, the cooking and traffic to remember these words from Luke 2:11-11: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

So before my home is full once again of fun, chaos, laughter, dirty dishes left next to the sink (not in the dishwasher) and opening day of Water Bottle Takeover 2025, I wanted to take this moment to wish you all a most Merry Christmas! May you each experience the magic and love of this glorious season!

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Important Dates

Trash Pick Up

Monday December 22—only pickup for the week.

Holiday Office Hours:
Christmas: Closed Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, December 26th
New Year's: Closing at noon on Weds. Dec. 31st, closed New Year's Day

Next Board Meeting is
February 21st at 10:00 am

**HAVE YOU MOVED?
CHANGED YOUR
EMAIL ADDRESS?**

Send any updates to julia.robinson@mssa1882.org
The Membership Directory is printing in January.

www.mssa1882.org

From Board President

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In other events, rest assured that your Board of Trustees and committees have been hard at work this fall! The Board met on November 29th to review all of the events of the fall. The ad hoc committee formed last year to address potential sites for additional pickleball courts completed its mandate. A special thank you to those who served on this very hardworking and diligent committee! The Board of Trustees is grateful for your service and the information provided for consideration.

Additionally, the Board approved the passage of one modified Rule and Regulation addressing "control" (as that term is defined by a new Tennessee law) of dogs while on Assembly grounds and one new Rule and Regulation regarding the required use of "quiet" or "low noise" pickleball paddles for all play on Assembly courts. Last, a new Rule and Regulation has been proposed that requires that all leaseholds carry liability insurance. This proposed insurance related Rule and Regulation will be voted upon at the next Board meeting scheduled for February 21, 2026. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these additions and modifications, please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Trustees (including me!) or our executive director.

The Board of Trustees views the concerns of the members as a top priority, and we hope that you will please contact any Trustee with any questions you may have regarding the Assembly's Rules and Regulations or any other issue that may be of importance to you. My children often hear at my house "I can't solve a problem that I don't know exists," —please speak freely and often! We want to hear from you all and find your feedback invaluable as we work to better our Assembly for generations to come.

Happy Christmas and see you on the Mountain!

Hays Haney
President
Board of Trustees

QUICK BITES

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.

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.

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

Did you know?

(Sponsored by YOUR Monteagle Assembly Endowment Fund committee)

Remembering our past Assembly friends with a memorial gift is a wonderful way to honor that person, reach out to their family and help the Assembly for future programming. The average non-family, memorial gift is $50.

Just send it to the Assembly office as an "endowment fund memorial."

Modified Rules & Regulations approved by the Board of Trustees on 11/29/25:

P-2
All dogs shall be kept inside cottages or on a leash between the hours of 9:00pm and 5:00am. During the hours of 5:00am to 9:00pm, all dog owners must be physically present with their dogs when outside of the dog owner's leasehold. Additionally, each dog must be under the control of the dog owner or the dog owner's designee at all times when outside of the dog owner's leasehold. Owners may be fined for each violation.

P-3
Any dog that has attacked other domestic animals or humans shall be kept inside the dog owner's cottage, behind fences, or on a leash at all times while on the Assembly grounds. Owners may be fined for each violation. Dogs that become a nuisance or dangerous may be expelled from the Assembly grounds.

G-24
To ensure pickleball remains enjoyable for all Assembly residents and guests while minimizing any disturbance to nearby leaseholds, only pickleball paddles designated as "quiet" or "low noise" will be permitted for pickleball play on the Assembly grounds.
Quiet paddles will be available at the courts.

Repeated violations may result in loss of court privileges.

ARC PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Planning a renovation project?
The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval. Projects should be submitted by the last day of the month before the next scheduled board meeting:
Jan. 31, April 30.

Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the Executive Director.

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 Executive Director first. *Recent ARC submissions may be accessed via the "Members Resources" section of*

A Thank You from the Outreach Committee

In this season of giving and gratitude, the Outreach Committee thanks you for your Thanksgiving donations for the Morton Memorial Methodist Food Bank. We collected $1,280 that will be used to purchase food for those in need on the mountain. In November, Morton Memorial was able to provide complete Thanksgiving dinners to more than 400 families.
Thank you for your support of this very important program that fills a pressing need in the Monteagle community.

Kent Ballow, Outreach chair

LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE

#23 Edgeworth Inn
$1,923,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact:
Steve Williams,
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Steve.williams@mssa1882.org
(931) 924-2286

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.

January Weather Came Early This Year

Photo Credit: Mark Floyd

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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

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!