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From Our Board President



Spring is my favorite season – I feel that it is wrapped

in possibilities as we watch new life emerge from the ground and sense the growing anticipation of our upcoming 143rd season on the mountain! Susan Acker, our Superintendent of Platform, has worked tirelessly over these many months in coordination with the Platform Committee, chaired by Amanda Moody, to put together a most outstanding summer of programs.

Their efforts—including events and programs focused on music, arts, theater, photography, writings, history – not to mention card games and pet shows—touch every person who enters our grounds, and we are grateful and more enriched people because of it! There is most definitely something for everyone, and everything is planned and executed flawlessly! I for one have tried many new things during program events that I never would have tried otherwise -- I personally thank this committee for opening my eyes to new experiences and expanding my knowledge base every year!

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. The Warren Chapel committee embodies that mission and represents the very essence of the Assembly. Co-chaired by Frannie Smith and Virginia Curry, that committee addresses everything from our weekly ministers and housing to flowers, programs, music, Sunday School, Monday Dinners on the Chapel Grounds and everything in between. I am truly in awe of all this committee accomplishes every year.

The members of these committees truly devote heart and soul to making our season a joyful experience for mind, body and spirit--I hope you will be sure to thank each of them for helping us remember the center of our community. We are truly thankful for all they give to the Assembly.

Platform Committee: Anne Monfore, Mary Louise Clark, Frannie Corzine, Dot Neale, Lyn Knopf, Bill Haltam, Emily

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McKnight, Rick Jansen, Pace Verne, Betsy Peebles, Janie Berry, Margaret Graham.

Chapel Committee: Stephanie Smith, Rick Boeth, Kathy Flatley, Cullen Hornaday, Kathy Provost, Sallie Stroud, Ruth Patterson, Judy and Jack Duncan, Linda and Bill Elder, Claudia and Bill Haltom, Buck Neeley, Lane and Julian Price, Betsy Peebles, Sallie Stevens, Ann Worthen, Cathy and Clinton Bailey, Ellie Billington, Cyndy Hudgins, Pam Maloof, Jimmy Stansell, Jamie and Steven Green, Lori Davis, Gretchen Johnson, Pace Verner, Melinda Haines, Karen Eager, Corinne Adrian, Melissa Barrett, Ginny and Gilbert Gordon, Mary Louise Clark, Mary Jo VanZandt, Jane Pratt, Helen Bird.

Spring also brings thoughts of cleaning and cottage projects—please be sure to keep the Butterfly Boutique

(the gently used items sale during the annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar) in mind as you plan de-cluttering and spring cleaning projects on the mountain or elsewhere. All the money collected from this event and sale supports the projects of the MSSA Woman's Association.

Get excited! Summer and the season are on the horizon!!! I for one cannot wait to raise that flag and enter Warren Chapel to get the summer officially under way.

See you on the Mountain!
Hays Haney
President

Correction to last months issue: Jimmy Stansell should have been listed as a member of the Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee, not Joel McAllister. Apologies to both.

QUICK NOTE

Water Bills Are Going Up

If you notice your bill seems to be a little higher, the city is raising rates starting this month.

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.

LEASEHOLD AVAILABLE

#23 Edgeworth Inn \$1,923,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact:
Steve Williams, Executive Director
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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 four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the Executive Director. 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 Executive Director first.

News from the Woman's Association Literary Guild

Attention all Woman's Association members! We have picked the books for this upcoming season's Book Club, and it's time to start reading! Please gather with us on the Winfield Porch to discuss these books.

Here are the dates of our meetings and book selections:

June 26th Here One Moment by Lianne Moriarty. If you knew your future, would you try to fight fate? If you were told that you only had a certain amount of time left to live, would you do things differently? On an ordinary, short, flight, something extraordinary happens to the people on board. One passenger, a small, non-descript woman referred to later as "The Death Lady," tells each person how and when they will die. Liane Moriarty's Here One Moment is a brilliantly constructed story that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, marriage and family, and the struggle to maintain control in our uncertain world. We could not put this book down! There is so much to discuss!

July 10th The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year by Margaret Renkl. In her new book, Margaret Renkl presents a literary devotional: fifty-two short chapters that follow the creatures and plants in her backyard over the course of a year. What develops is a portrait of joy and grief: joy in the ongoing pleasures of the natural world, and grief over songbirds that are fewer and fewer. Beloved author Ann Patchett describes this book as "A howling love letter to the world." This book can be thought of as a

prayer book centered on plants and animals. We think you will love this charming and enchanting book. Plus, the illustrations, done by Renkl's brother Billy, are beautiful.

July 24th Be Ready When the Luck Happens by Ina Garten. This is Garten's long-awaited memoir. Also known as the Barefoot Contessa, she is the author of 13 cookbooks, a longtime Food Network personality, an Instagram sensation and a cultural icon. In her memoir, she shares an intimate, entertaining and inspiring account of her remarkable journey. This is a no-holds-barred account of Garten's personal challenges, adventures and unexpected career twists. We will meet on the porch of Linger Longer, #77, for this meeting and will enjoy delicious food (featuring all recipes by Garten, of course!!) and drinks. Happy reading!! Please join us as we discuss these three amazing books!! All are welcome, and the more the merrier!!!

*Lori Davis and Sallie Stevens,
Literary Guild Chairs*



Cottage Tour & Bazaar

**The Woman's Association
Cottage Tour and Bazaar will
be on Friday, July 18th
Save the Date!**

This year's featured cottages are:

#2 Chautauqua House-Steve & Anne Williams

#27 Robin's Nest-Overton & Robin Thompson

#33 At Long Last-Jim & Anita Humphreys, Brandon & Pace Verner

#85-By the Way-Lee Pratt & Neil Krugman

#93-Peace on Earth-John & Mary Earthman

It's a great lineup, and we appreciate these members generously volunteering their homes.

Celeste Reed and Helen Bird have done a fantastic job of lining up vendors for the Bazaar. Huge thank you goes out to the two of them for their efforts.

Are you ready to part with any cookbooks in your collection? Annis Cox, the Butterfly Boutique's wheeler dealer extraordinaire, is looking for items to stock a cooking section for this year's sale. Donations of all things cooking-related are welcome. Just remember—no donations accepted at Winfield until the morning of the Bazaar.

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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Ash Trees and Emerald Ash Borer

This part of Tennessee is subject to the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive beetle that tunnels into ash trees and disrupts their ability to move nutrients and water, ultimately leading to the death of the tree. It's time again for the Assembly's biennial treatment of the ash trees that grow in the common areas of the grounds. If you would like the ash trees on your leasehold treated, give the office a call or send an email to Julia (julia.robinson@mssa1882.org). Each leasehold is responsible for the cost to treat the trees on their property. If you do not contact the office, your tree(s) will not be treated.

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 out Sunset Rock Road, please call the security phone, (931) 607-8615, between 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. or call the office during business hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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.



Easter is just around the corner.
Polk Van Zandt will be conducting our
Easter Sunday service in the Chapel
at 10:00 am on April 20th.

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."

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Prayers



**Rosalie Essie Leah
Hunter Posy Orr
January 23, 1938–
March 11, 2025**

She is survived by her husband Alexander Orr; daughter Hilary Hunter Randall, daughter Leah Havens McAlister (Joel), and son Alexander Orr V (Hila); grandchildren Hayden Baxter Randall, Hudson Reese Randall (Kaitlyn), Hunter Byron Randall, Michael Maclean Grindell, Leah Hayes McAlister, Hannah Kathryn Orr and Grace Elizabeth Orr; great grandsons Hank Michael Randall and Jay Ambrose Randall; sister Ida Kathryn Quackenbush Kerr (Hugh) and brother William Legrand Hunter III (Hortensia) and nephews.

Posy will be interred in the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery at a date to be determined.

Posy Orr, age 87, of Monteagle, Tennessee, died on March 11, 2025, surrounded by her family at VIVA Senior Living in Winchester, Tennessee. She was born on January 23, 1938, in Miami, Florida, to pioneer Miamians Leah Kathryn Reese and William LeGrand Hunter. She met Alexander Orr, IV, (Lex) in junior high school and they married in 1957. Posy liked being with her family, listening to music, dancing, reading, observing nature and lying in the sun in her hammock, and all manner of volunteer work. That work led to winning an award from Fresh Ministries.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her grandparents Ida Mae Morgan Hunter, Richard Ernest Hunter, Essie Vira Alter Reese and Columbus Boykin Reese.