



# MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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## Join Us for E Enlighten.Enrich.Endure

Join us for E, a festive, social and educational wine and cheese gathering on Friday, July 3, 2020, from 5-7 p.m. in the MSSA Auditorium. Our hope is to educate, entertain and inspire all attendees to consider a gift, large or small, to our perpetual Endowment Fund and thereby ensure our long-term vitality and sustainability. Past and present members of the MAEFC (Monteagle Assembly Endowment Fund Corporation) Board of Trustees will be our hosts for the evening as we bring new life to this important MSSA legacy.

The event will culminate with an entertaining and informative presentation by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Bill Dedman, author of Empty Mansions. Dedman will tell the story of the building of a family fortune and the reclusive heiress who inadequately planned for the fortune to live on and create good deeds. This platform program will further instill the many values and positive impacts of live-time giving.

The gathering and presentation is open to all MSSA members and their families and is free of charge.



Please join the Assembly community for Easter Service in Warren Chapel. 10 a.m. April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Also there will be a children's Easter Egg hunt



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## Platform Highlights

These are exciting days in the Platform office. A few, last details are being tracked down for inclusion in the Program Book for the 138th Platform. The schedule, workshop descriptions, lecture titles, and adventures of all sorts begin to create an exciting picture of what the summer will bring. No two summers are alike, and this year brings a few changes brought about by both opportunity and suggestions.

There are two new activities for our younger members. Dance classes were suggested last summer, and a new swim instructor is also a dancer, with experience teaching both swim and dance to young children (and, loves to do this). Each Friday, just after rest time the Eaglets and Eagles, will be offered dance classes. The emphasis is on learning the steps but working with friends to use the steps to create their own dance to music that is appealing to them. BirdieBall Golf will also be offered to the younger ones on Mondays or Wednesdays throughout the season. BirdieBall is called the “revolutionary limited flight” golf practice that has been adapted to fun games for younger people while learning the foundations of the sport.

Adult morning exercise has received scheduling changes in response to the many requests for greater variety of both teachers and activities. Each week will include two Zumba sessions, two yoga sessions, and (thank you Eleanor Montgomery) *Pilates Friday*. There are four different yoga instructors and two Zumba instructors who will rotate through the season. The pool schedule has been extended to full,



eight week sessions of both aquatic fitness and aquatic stretch (yoga). Fitness will take place three days a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and slow stretches on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Writer’s Grove will offer a weekly time of readings and writings throughout the season. Readings will include William Faulkner and Margaret Renkl; topics of Women’s Suffrage and Sustainability; and readers from the MSSA membership, some reading their own works.

The beginner bridge class is taking a year off, and the advanced instructor has promised his wife that he will do a better job at being retired in the summer. With assistance from previous instructors and a couple of current bridge players, we are delighted to welcome Marilyn Shelton to the Assembly this summer. Marilyn is a gold life master and author of four bridge books geared for tournament play and serious bridge students. She has coached and taught advanced  
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## QUICK BITES

**Lawn trimmings** are collected on Wednesdays.

**Dogs** must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. Pick up after your pets.

**Trash pickup** begins at 6:00 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.

**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.



**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.

## Platform Highlights

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bridge for 15 years. *Hand Evaluation* (a class handout) addresses Losing trick count and Klinger count. A companion book, *Third and Fourth Seat Bidding*, treats subjects that are often misunderstood: psychs, light openers and pass out theory. Lessons passed down by two West Coast Grand Masters were used to build her last books on notrump and 2/1 systems.

She worked as a systems analyst at Lockheed Missiles and Spacecraft Center tracking satellites, and at the Boeing Company as a system designer and management educator. In her spare time, she published 4 fiction books, taught 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and lives with her husband and cat, Pepper, in Chattanooga. She recently relocated from the west coast, where her two daughters and grandchild live. Bridge week is week 8, the first class is Monday, July 27.

## MSSA Scores New Tennis Instructor



The Tennis/Pickleball Committee is thrilled to announce that Felix Mann, head men's tennis coach at Sewanee, will be our tennis instructor this summer! He has an impressive resume, and it is exciting that we will have a pro of his caliber for the 2020 season. See his letter of introduction, below.

*"I'm very excited that I'll be joining you all at the Assembly this summer. People tend to forget one of the most important things about tennis-- it's a game, and it*

*should be fun! My goal for this summer is to make sure everyone enjoys playing and hopefully learns a few things along the way.*

*I am in my fifth year of coaching tennis at Sewanee and going into my second year as the head men's coach. In 2019, I was voted the men's coach of the year after my team won their seventh straight conference tournament. For the last six years, I have also been the head pro and co-director of the Peter Howell Tennis Camps in Atlanta. I plan to bring what I learned in Atlanta to the MSSA tennis program. In addition to the youth and adult clinics that I'll be offering, individual or group lessons can be arranged.*

*We're going to have a great time, and I hope to see you all on the courts this summer! If anyone wants to contact me before the season starts, feel free to call (571-278-5132) or email me at femann@sewanee.edu."*

*Felix Mann*

## Golf Cart Registration: Gotta golf cart? Gotta register with the office!

It is time to renew your golf cart registration! All carts must renew the no-charge registration at the beginning of every year.



### Around the Grounds

Work continues across the Assembly:

Warren Chapel Roof  
Mall- Hardscapes, Murray  
Bell Tower, Band Stand  
Warren's Point  
Organic Compost Area  
East Courts-resurfacing,  
Gazebo repair  
Office paint/repair



## HOUSING QUESTIONS? ASK 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.



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## LEASEHOLDS

### AVAILABLE

#15	Bridgepoint	\$595,000
#58	Fleur de Lis	\$330,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact:  
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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 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.

## 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!



## Prayers

**Alfred Carter Farris, III**, age 89, passed away February 8th, 2020. Born January 8, 1931, he was preceded in death by parents Willis Manning and Mary Haynes Farris, sisters Rachael Farris and Sarah Camille Farris. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Carney Overall Farris, sister Mary Farris Lynch, three children: Willis Manning Farris, Evelyn Raines (Dan), Ginny Gordon (Gilbert).

Grandchildren: Nathanael Farris, Miriam Graham (Chris), Annie Farris, Farris Smith (Taylor), Anne Carney Raines, Hannah Gordon, Graham Gordon, Carter Gordon. Great grandchildren: Myles McLaughlin Farris, Oliver Smith. Cherished nephews and nieces: Howell Lynch (deceased), Rachel Lynch, Farris Lynch, George Lynch (Amy), Mary Eleanor McKenzie (Wade), Gus Grote (Leslie), Jane Hipp(Van).

He was a lifelong Nashvillian and was educated at Robertson Academy, Montgomery Bell Academy, McCallie School and Vanderbilt University (1953) where he graduated Cum Laude with a BA in Business and a Minor in English. He married the love of his life Evelyn Carney Overall March 28, 1953. He served in the US Navy in Norfolk, Virginia, before returning to Nashville to work in the family business, Farris Hardwood Lumber Company and later Central Oak Products flooring company.

He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church. He fulfilled his life-long passion in 1971 when he became a full-time farmer on Beech Creek Farm. He spent 35 years serving displaced people in Soroti, Uganda following the overthrow of Idi Amin in 1980.

In 1986 he purchased a new farm in Robertson County and developed the first certified organic grain farm in the state of Tennessee and named it Windy Acres Farm. He successfully and legally protected this farm from development through The Land Trust for Tennessee and in addition, preserved the farm for next generation farmers with the help of the Agrarian Trust. He loved farming and working with his hands and at the same time was a gentleman and a scholar with a heart for social justice and the poor.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Christian Fellowship of Nashville (Uganda), 145 Prospect Hill, Nashville, TN 37205 or simply honor Alfred's legacy by regularly buying and enjoying fresh organically grown food produced by a local farmer.



**Robert Emmet Howe**, born Sept. 11, 1948, in Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, in Myrtle Beach, SC. He is survived by the love of his life, Shirley I. Howe of Myrtle Beach, SC, two brothers, Logan S. (June) Howe of Charlotte, N.C., and Randall H. (Ann) Howe of Roswell, GA, one sister, Tracy H. Hahn, of Acworth, GA, a daughter, Tiffany (James) Van Deusen, two granddaughters, Jamison Skylar and Hunter Olivia, eight nieces and nephews, a grand-nephew, and a grandniece.

Emmet graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. For the past 25 years, he was a real estate agent with Harry Norman Realtors. Emmet was a kind, fun-loving, optimistic, and thoughtful friend to many. He enjoyed family, golf, tennis with ALTA, dancing, skiing with the Atlanta Ski Club, and bowling. He was a longtime member of North Point Community Church. Donations may be made to The First Tee or the American Cancer Society.

**Charles Edwin Howard** ("Ed"), 82, passed away peacefully on February 10 surrounded by his loving family. Ed was born in Akron on February 1, 1938. He graduated from the College of Wooster, where he was a standout football player. After graduation, he joined Jim Brennan's company and in a few short years, became partner and shortly thereafter, president of Brennan & Howard, Inc. Ed developed it into one of the most prestigious manufacturer's representative firms in the country. After having much success, he expanded with an additional business, MAS, Inc.; a wholesale distributorship which grew to include premium, builder and retail divisions.

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## Prayers

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Not realizing it would be their last day on Earth together, Sunday was spent celebrating his birthday with his family. It was a special day for Ed as he watched his grandsons run around, enjoyed delicious food on the red “You are Special” plate, opened presents and topped it off with “angel” food cake.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Tommie and Maxine and sisters Juanita and Marilyn. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Rita, his sons Chad, Lane and Heath (Jan), daughters Ashley, Katherine (Bill) Walters, Emily (Mike) Principato, grandsons Hudson, William, Charlie, Wyatt, Connor and Reed, brothers Kenneth (Jackie), Tommie (Carole), many nieces and nephews and hundreds of friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a scholarship to be established in his name at the College of Wooster. Additionally, donations can be made to organizations and charities close to his heart, specifically Akron Children’s Hospital, The Stephen A. Comunale Jr. Foundation, Victory Gallop and The Meredith Cowden Foundation.



## Trash Talk

Nunley Sanitation collects household garbage on Monday and Thursday mornings year-round, but there are garbage guidelines that must be obeyed.

1. All garbage must be bagged and in the cans inside your enclosure on your leasehold.
2. Nunley Sanitation will not collect any non-bagged trash such as grills, furniture, plastic pots, paint cans, etc.
3. The area behind Harton Hall is for dining hall use and occasional leasehold overflow. It is not a dumping ground for furniture and appliances.
4. The Town of Monteaule convenience center accepts all forms of rubbish; please take non collectable garbage there.
5. MSSA offers recycling during the season behind Harton Hall.