

MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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### Picture This! Summer Music on the Mountain

You can tell just from the photos how diverse and interesting our musical offerings are this summer. Mark your calendars for these top-notch entertainers and check out your program book for more!

Susan Acker, Platform Superintendent

Week 1 The W. Crimm Singers Gospel Choir



Week 2 A Night Under the Stars with Bradley Cole Smith and Nolan Nelson



#### Week 3

SSMF Chamber Music Songwriter's Night with Grammy winning writer Daniel Tashian Dr.'s Soul Dance Band



Week 4 Tracy Acoustic Band SSMF Bras Band The Answer: *Trails Fundraiser Dance Band* 



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## Summer Music on the Mountain

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Week 5

SSMF Chamber Music Art for Sale Jazz Evening on the Mall



Week 6 Final Crossing Gospel Band Youth Dance Party with DJ Louie

Week 7 Cruel Shoes Band





### Support Your Local Trails

With the acquisition of Sunset Rock, we have the opportunity to reimagine our current trail system--which includes Waldrop Woods and the East and West trails--and connect them to an expanded trail system. The trail committee has been studying and researching, and exciting plans are in the works.



Help us make the trails all they can be by joining us in the gym on **Saturday, July 6, at 7:45pm for the annual fundraiser**! The event will feature an auction, light nibbles, drinks, and The Answer Band! Wear your dancing shoes!

As you start packing for the mountain, please make room for items to donate to the auction. Email Laurie Peacock (laurie2925@att.net) or text her at 214-862-3139 with donation details. We appreciate everyone's help and look forward to a fun evening!

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Laurie & David Peacock, Trail chairs

### **IMPORTANT**

### **INFO**

Garbage pick up for the 1st week of July will be as follows: Monday July 1 Friday, July 5

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.

### 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.

# **Tennis Anyone?**

Be sure to review this summer's tennis schedule. There are some changes and additions from last summer. Jane Jackson, tennis committee chair

# **Eaglets, Eagles, Buzzards, and Falcons tennis clinics:** June 2024

June 2024 Monday 3-4 p.m. Eagles Wednesday 2:30-3 p.m. Buzzards and Falcons 3:30-4 p.m. Eaglets July 2024 Monday 3:30-4:30 p.m. Buzzards and Falcons Wednesday 9-10 a.m. Eagles Thursday 9:30-10 a.m. Eaglets 10-11 a.m. - Cardio Tennis

Adult Clinic Tennis Clinic: Tuesdays 2:30-3:30p.m. Mall Courts

Adult Round Robin Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mall Courts.

Cardio Tennis Thursdays in JULY: 10-11 a.m. East Courts

#### Adult Tennis Tournament, Week 5 July 8-13

Women's Doubles Women's Singles Mixed Doubles Sign up sheets will be available on Monday, July 1, and sign ups will end at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 8. Online sign ups will also be available.

MONDAY, July 8, at 7 p.m. Kickoff party at Betsy Peebles, Cottage #92, Get Right BYOB. The draw will be announced at the kickoff party, and play will begin on Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m.



\*\*\*Come by the mall courts on Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m. and watch the women's doubles finals and eat lunch at the food truck.\*\*\*

#### Men's Doubles Tennis Tournament, Saturday, July 6

The Men's Doubles Tournament will be a one-day blitz beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 6. Signups will be available on Monday, July 1 as well as online sign ups. Signups will end on Friday, July 5 at noon. We will post the draw Friday evening by 5 p.m. with beginning times and court assignments. The matches will be played on the mall courts and the east courts if needed.

#### Youth Tennis Tournament Week 7, July 22 - 29

Youth Tennis Week will begin with the Pizza Kickoff Party on Tuesday, July 23 at 7 p.m. Location TBD. Signups will begin on Monday, July 22.



# **Youth Trips**

Signups for the Youth Trips begin May 20.

Hiwassee Overnight and Rafting Trip, June 28 & 29 Buzzards & Falcons, \$30

Family Hiwassee River Trip June 29, \$30

Rappelling with Joey Favaloro, July 9 & 11 (must sign up for both dates) Buzzards & Falcons \$50

All Assembly Duck River Canoeing, July 13, \$25

"The Walk," Hiking Trip, July 25-28, \$60 Buzzards & Falcons

Ocoee Overnight & Rafting Trip, August 2-3, \$40 Buzzards & Falcons

Call the office beginning May 20 to sign up and pay: 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.

# 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

Need a Golf Cart during the Season? Contact Housing 931-924-9000

### **Golf carts for rent!**

Limited availability during the season; some weeks are already booked.

Rates are \$350 plus tax for a week.

We need two more houses for this year's Cottage Tour. If you would be willing to open your cottage for the tour, please let Margaret Siegrist, margsiegrist@gmail.com or Ruth Patterson ruthjp56@gmail.com know.



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> #23 Edgeworth Inn \$1,675,000

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

### SAFETY

The MSSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency--medical or otherwise--call 911. Our seasoned team is here to help for nonemergency 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!



### Chapel Committee — Lots of New . . . Check it out!

#### The Chapel Committee Announces New Programs New Invitations and New Times

Did you know that the Chapel Committee is made up of 8 different sub-committees? Each one offers wonderful opportunities for fellowship with each other and an array of offerings, including worship, prayer, learning and accomplishing tasks with old and new friends too. In the weeks ahead, we will feature each of these teams so that you can know more about what we are doing and offer you the chance to join in.

One of our new offerings this season is called Peaceful Practices at the Point and will be led by Pace Humphreys Verner. Pace is the daughter of Jim and Judith Humphreys and has been part of our Monteagle community all of her life. In addition to being a parent, Pace worked as the director of development for Daystar Counseling Ministries for 13 years before starting her private spiritual direction practice called Peaceful Practice.

Her practice is based on the teachings of Ignatius of Loyola, who teaches us to find God in all things. As a spiritual director, Pace walks alongside others in their spiritual journey-listening, encouraging, and praying.

All adults are invited to meet Pace at Warren's Point each Monday from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Pace will read a poem, prayer or scripture, followed by a time of silence for prayer, meditation or journaling. She will then lead a brief time of group reflection. Bring your journal, pen and perhaps a blanket for sitting. All are welcome.

# And go ahead and mark your calendars for:

Monday, June 10-1<sup>st</sup> Dinner on the Chapel Grounds with The Crimm Singers from TSU, back again by popular demand.

Saturday, June 22- Burris Ministerial Cottage Open House from 10a.m. - noon

Lots and Lots more to come. We can't wait to see you all this season!

> Frannie Smith, Chapel chair

### New Bridge Week Instructor: Get to know Scott Campbell

Scott and his sister Ashley spent many summers in the Assembly with their parents, Scott Sr. and Shirley, who owned the cottage that now belongs to Betsy Peebles.

Q: When did you first come to MSSA?

A: My dad and his brother Tom Campbell spent summers in the Assembly when they were little, and I was about seven when Dad first brought us. I have fond memories of staying in Twin Oaks for several seasons before buying a place of our own. It's so generous that Oscar Fitzgerald is letting me stay there this summer.

Q: What were your favorite activities in the Assembly?

A: Honestly, I wasn't into Games, so I played a lot of tennis and golf. I remember wishing that I could be old enough to be a Buzzard.

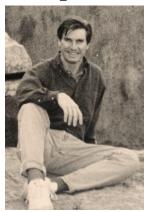
Q: When and why did you first play Bridge?

A: Dad really wanted me to play since he knew I liked cards. I was

playing Canasta back then and was curious to see what all the fuss was about, so I gave it a try. I played for the first time at age 50 in a club tournament and came in first overall. My degree is in Music Education from Georgia State, so teaching is in my blood. After first learning to play and reading a ton of books, I taught my first Bridge lesson. About ten years ago, I started teaching more seriously.

Q: Isn't this a pretty experienced group you'll be teaching? A: The saying among bridge players is that you never really stop learning. The more you learn, the more you realize you don't know! On my first day, I'll have to get a read on everyone's level. Jerry Bullard and I have talked at length, so I should be able to hit the ground running. But C level players will have just as much fun as A level players.

Q: What's your funniest Monteagle memory from childhood?A: I'll never forget when a friend visiting John Greer in 1972 threw my



bike off a bridge. Dr. Greer gave me John's bike to use, but then my dad accidentally backed over it with the car and destroyed it! John and I always laughed about that one.

Q: Any other interests to share? A: Cooking is one of my passions and before Covid, I regularly hosted multi-course gourmet dinners with wine pairings, followed by Bridge. We called ourselves the Superior Persons' Supper Club. I also have two rescue dogs, Lulu and Atticus. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with old friends in Monteagle and making new ones.