



MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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From the President

The Season is Nearly Here

I hope everyone is just as excited as me for the start of the 144th Monteagle Sunday School Assembly season! I can just about hear the bell ringing telling us it's time to raise the flags, for the Chapel to come alive with praise and song, for morning games to begin, for the bicycles to get moving, and for all of the summer fun to be underway!

I hope you have all considered how you want to participate, contribute and just get involved in our amazing Assembly—while so much is offered, none of it happens without the hands of many. I am grateful for all of the hard work that our committees, Steve Williams, the office staff and grounds crew have undertaken during the year to make this season possible. The program is simply fantastic, the buildings and grounds are looking fabulous, and the events at the Chapel and Winfield House are better than ever! It is definitely time to summer!

Just a few reminders as you are packing for all of the Assembly adventures: (1) quiet paddles ONLY are permitted for pickleball play; (2) our beloved puppies must be under owner control at all times (including

on a leash from 9pm-5am); and (3) be sure to review the Program for any special items you may want to pack (not that I know anything about the crisis that unfolds from forgetting a costume for Hummingbird Halloween fun).

Additionally, I will be holding President's Hours once again on the Mall each Tuesday and Thursday during the season from 3-4pm. Please consider this your time to share any thoughts, observations or ideas you may have—or just stop by for a chat! I like to say that I cannot solve a problem that I don't know exists—so no excuses—you know where to find me. I, along with the entire board of trustees, want to ensure that communication remains easy and open for all of our members, friends, and guests both during the season and throughout the year.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as resident of the Board of Trustees. It has been and continues to be my great honor and privilege to give back to the community that I hold so close to my heart. I look forward to an amazing summer, 2026 season with you all.

See you on the Mountain!
Hays Haney, President

From the General Manager



As you probably remember, there were several sightings of black bears on the grounds last year, both in and outside the gates. In the state of Tennessee, black bears are a protected species, and it's important for us to know how to respond if we see some on the grounds. They are mostly interested in easy sources of food, according to the experts, and that means easy-access garbage. Therefore, it's important that we do as much as we can to keep them out of ours. If they know we have a good place to feed, they'll come back; if they know we don't have a good place to feed, they won't.

This link provides more information for garbage can options.

<https://monteaglesundayschoolassembly.org/wp-content/uploads/Bear-Resistant-Trash-Options.pdf>



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Workshops for 2026

There's still time to sign up for workshops. Members can sign up any time, and the schedule below outlines the dates for community sign-ups. Please share this information with friends and neighbors; we love a full house. And remember, your place is held only when you purchase a ticket.

Week 1

Support your Health and Through Energy and Well-Being through Reiki Make and Take Workshop with Colby: Decoupage Chicken Class (\$20)
Excursion: Sam H. Werner Military Museum

Week 2

Tasting Dinner at Judith (\$65)
John Gaddis Watercolor Workshop with Cheryl Lankhaar (\$25)
Bird Walk and Talk with Candler
Make and Take Workshop: Fabric Garland with Felted balls with Virginia Curry (\$10)
Brain Health for Aging Well with Brendie Mitchell

Week 3

Make and Take with Colby: Keepsake Birthday Plate (\$20)
Nature Journaling with Mary Priestley
Bluebird House Workshop with Phil Tamplin
Get Down Karaoke Band – Back by popular demand!

Week 4

Make and Take with Colby: Painted Ottoman Tray (\$20)
Flower Arranging Workshop with Judy Walling (\$40)

Week 5

Oil Painting with Kim Barrick
Ghost Stories to Tell in the Dark-sign up to share a favorite story.
Make and Take with Virginia: Bring the Garden Inside (\$15)
Journaling botanical in watercolor- a basic workshop with Cheryl Lankhaar. (\$20)

Week 6

Reset & Refresh Your Body's Fun Rhythm with Regan Dougall
Eagles Art Workshop: Monteagle Artful Adventure with Susie Elder
Eaglets Creative Art Workshop: Art and Nature with Susie Elder
Make and Take with Colby: Needle Felted Mouse with Colby (\$10)
Italian Rustica Dinner at Mountain Top Restaurant (\$65)
Bebo Art Project with Buzzards and Falcons
Wine Tasting with Jim Rogan (\$15)

Week 7

Make and Take Tomato Pie with Emily Frith (\$35)
Make and Take with Colby: Hand painted wooden village (\$15)

Week 8

Make and Take with Colby: Hand painted wooden candlesticks (\$20)



The Bard Cometh to MSSA

We are searching for some specific items/helpers for the Week 2 Shakespeare Workshop. Please reach out to Colby Henderson-Black for details and questions at blackcm1992@gmail.com.

Items that can be created ahead of time:

- Donkey head/mask (email for details)
- Painted backdrops of Athens and a woodland, fairy forest (email for details)

Week-of contributions:

- Fog machine
- Recorders (the instrument)
- Ethereal/fairy costumes
- Anyone with experience or interested in set design to assist
- Adults who are interested in running lines and leading groups through practices—for the performance, you may also participate alongside as an actor or backstage

**Note: If donating items you would like returned, please mark your name on/in item.

New Additions to Your Family?

For this year's Fourth of July Twilight Prayers Candlelight Service, we want to be sure to include any births and marriages in addition to the names of those we've lost since last season.

Please submit to Jen the names you'd like to be included this summer's service. (jen.reynolds@mssa1882.org)

Chapel Committee

As the summer season approaches, the Chapel Committee is delighted to welcome everyone back to a cherished rhythm of worship, reflection, and community gathering. The Assembly's spiritual life remains at the heart of the MSSA experience, and this summer promises a meaningful and engaging schedule of chapel-centered activities for all ages.

This summer we have a fantastic lineup of Sunday services, weekday programs, and special events designed to inspire, connect, and uplift. Each Sunday morning guest ministers from a variety of denominations and backgrounds, reflecting MSSA's long-standing tradition of ecumenical worship will be in our midsts. These ministers bring diverse perspectives while sharing a common message of faith, service, and community.

Our long-standing tradition of Sunday School for all ages will continue this summer, as well as our beloved Twilight Prayers. Dinner on the Grounds will be every Monday evening (June 29th will be Picnic on the Grounds, please bring your own dinner).

Pace Verner will continue Peaceful Practice at the Point on Monday mornings (weeks 1-4, 7-8)

On Thursday mornings, I will continue to host the conversation with the Pastor on Winfield Porch. The first four Thursday nights of the season, Twilight Prayers will be a Taizé service. Our Assembly Choir will be with us on June 21st, June 28th, July 5th and July 12th.

We will begin the season once again with "The Great Blessing" on Sunday, June 7th at 2:30 at the Chapel. Please join us to bless our season and the Assembly!

The Chapel Committee warmly invites everyone to participate in this season's offerings. Whether attending a Sunday service, joining a discussion group, or simply enjoying a quiet moment of reflection, the Chapel is a place where all are welcome.

We look forward to a summer filled with inspiration, fellowship, and renewal.

Blessings,

Mary Balfour Van Zandt
Chair, Chapel Committee

Dinner on the Chapel Grounds

4th year – 2026!

Monday, June 8, 2026, will be the first Dinner on the Chapel Grounds; the family tradition of breaking bread together and worshipping together will be in full swing! Deanna Caldwell of Harton Hall will provide the weekly entrees; lemonade and paper products will be provided.

Best practices:

- Bring a hearty helping of a side dish or dessert
- Label all serving pieces and plates/bowls/platters
- Bring chairs and blankets
- 6:00pm dinner blessing and line-up
- 7:00pm Twilight Prayers
- 7:35pm Clean-up and pick up of serving items

Volunteers are always needed for set-up @ 5:15, Chapel Porch and clean-up immediately following Twilight Prayers. Contact Frannie Smith with questions, concerns and ideas. 731-695-9845

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.

May 31 June 30

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.

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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The Woman's Association

Cannot Wait to See You Again!

All of us at WA are fussing around with plans to be ready to receive our membership and friends back to The Winfield Porch on Week 1 of our Assembly season this year! We are happy to announce that Cindy Cole will be our hostess for the season and that we can expect lots of good ole southern times there.



We will be having Book Clubs, Porch Parties and Arty Parties, and Mah Jong and Card Parties, as well as Story Times for the children and open Library times. There will be WA meetings where plans will be made for our fabulous Cottage Tour and Bazaar and just much, much more. WA is a cottage of fellowship, and everyone is invited and welcome to join in! Check The Assembly Program Book to see all of the events and times.

It is also time to get those books for Book Club. This season, we will be reading and discussing *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans, *The Nightengale* by Kristin Hannah and *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir.

We cannot wait to see all of you on our porch this season! Join our membership, bring friends and neighbors and just enjoy a good ole summer season with us.

Frannie Smith, Woman's Association President

LEASEHOLD AVAILABLE

#23 Edgeworth Inn \$1,923,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact:

Steve Williams, Executive Director, 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.

2026 Youth Staff

Youth Program Coordinator & Christian Edu. Coordinator	McTyeire Davis
Head Youth Director	Mavis Blue Sartin
Youth Director	Cole Norton
Youth Director	Carter Floyd
Youth Director	Evan Gilliland
Youth Director	Evey Knopf
Youth Director	Marian Lovvorn
Youth Director	Ronan Goff
Youth Director	Lilly Crigger
Hummingbirds Director	Bailey Franklin
Hummingbirds Asst. Dir	Tibbie Cleveland
Hummingbirds/Crafts Asst.	CeCe Walker
Hummingbirds/Crafts Asst.	Charlie Whitt
Head Lifeguard	William Haney
Lifeguard	Tate Wildman
Lifeguard/Chapel Pianist	Jonny Brettschneider
Lifeguard	Timi Stefanut
Snack Shop Mgr	Mason Goodson
Snack Shop Asst.	Bea Burbank

Did you ever want to be a rockstar? (Of course, you did!)

Assembly Get Down
with
The Get Down Karaoke Band
Saturday, June 28th
MSSA Gym



With over 1000 songs in their song list, The Get Down Karaoke Band is YOUR Band!

They take singing to the next level.

This is a true live performance!

No tracks, video screens or bad recordings.

And unlike karaoke, guests get to experience the excitement and thrill of performing on stage with a real LIVE band!

This is YOUR Band!

They play; You sing! What could be more fun?

So, grab your friends and pick out a song to sing! This unique night will be filled with lots of laughter, singing, dancing, and summer memories. Click the link below to start selecting your song!

<https://forms.gle/TsBx8jJzwU5vo7ye8>

ATTENTION ALL PICKLEBALLERS



Effective immediately, Owl Paddles (or some type of quiet pickleball paddles) are now required for all in- and out-of-season play, and applies to youth and adults. Some are available at the courts, and we are **RELYING ON PLAYERS** to keep them in good shape for everyone. That includes returning them to the bin after use and not laying them on the ground. If you want to purchase your own at owlpaddle.com, you may use this discount code provided by Owl exclusively for our community: **OWL-DTX20**

Order your family's 2026 Gate Tickets Now and Avoid the Line

Have your tickets waiting you when you arrive.

On Saturday, June 6, 2026, express pickup for advance ticket orders will be available in the Pulliam Center during office hours from 8 am-Noon. Member tickets and the car pass for your cottage may be picked up there as well.

[2026 MSSA Gate Ticket Request](#)

For any tickets not ordered in advance, please go to the office to purchase.

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.

Do you have mail waiting for you at the office? Be sure to check the breeze-way for mail and packages that have been sent to your cottage address. When you have services performed at your cottage, please consider requesting that the service provider use your home address as your billing address, so your bill isn't mailed to the Assembly.



Dog Rules Reminder:

Dogs may be walked off leash under two conditions:

1. Adhere to the hours set by the board. 5 am–9 pm. The remaining overnight hours, dogs must be on a leash.
2. All dogs must be accompanied and kept reasonably under control.

And please be considerate of others and pick up after your dog.

Dogs must be registered with the office. Either email a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination record to Jen (jen.reynolds@mssa1882.org)

Pool will be open
Memorial Day
weekend,
Saturday–Monday.
Pickleball hours
Sat. & Mon. 10am–6pm
Sun. 1–6 p.m.



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.

Do you have something being delivered to MSSA on the Weekend?

We realize that many deliveries need to be made on the weekends out of season when owners may not be present. During the off season, MSSA does not staff for weekend gate openings.

If over the weekend you must have a delivery that requires a truck that won't fit through the front gate, please contact the office by 3 p.m. Friday so we can make arrangements to have a gate open.

Once the season begins due to pedestrian and bike traffic, large delivery trucks are not permitted on the grounds.



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