



# MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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## A Message from the Outreach Committee

Thanksgiving is a special time of year here at the Assembly, and many of us look forward to celebrating with a feast prepared lovingly by friends and family. Food insecurity is a real problem on the mountain. Churches and local food banks are reporting that they are struggling to meet the demand. We can help by giving to the Morton Memorial Methodist Food Pantry. This extremely well-run food distribution program serves hundreds of families every month and provides both perishable and non-perishable items to those in need.

The Outreach Committee will again be collecting funds at the Friday Pot Luck on November 28. If you cannot attend, your gift can also be mailed or sent via the provided QR code. We can make a big impact with everyone's help! Many of the folks who assist us with our Assembly homes are affected by the rising cost of food. Please consider making a donation.

Thank you,

The Outreach Committee

MSSA Outreach Morton Memorial Food Pantry  
Thanksgiving Potluck



### Notes from the Office

• A new but familiar face has joined the office staff. Jen Reynolds is the new office manager. She's taking on many of the day-to-day tasks that Julia managed. Please welcome her next time you stop by the office or call with a question or request. Jen's email address is: [jen.reynolds@mssa1882.org](mailto:jen.reynolds@mssa1882.org)

Julia's primary function moving forward will be managing communications coming from the office to the membership.

• When you're ready to have your trash pickup stopped until spring, please send an email to Autumn at [autumn@mssa1882.org](mailto:autumn@mssa1882.org)

### Did you know?

(sponsored by YOUR Monteagle Assembly Endowment Fund committee)

Our summer programs including speakers, culinary demonstrations, youth art programs, choral music programs and twilight prayers are just a few of the programs funded by our Monteagle Assembly Endowment Fund. YES, as our MAEFC fund grows, our Platform Superintendent, Susan Acker, has more funds to work with to provide us with GREAT programming.

MAEFC thanks you for your contributions.

This year's Potluck will be Fri., Nov. 28, at noon in the Dining Hall. Bring a dish and serving piece. Drinks, cups, and utensils will be provided. As always, delicious food and scrumptious desserts will be aplenty.

Hope to see you there.



There's Still Time to Place a Catering Order for Your  
Thanksgiving Dinner on the Mountain

The Dining Hall is accepting orders through Tuesday, November 18th.

To place your order, text Deanna at 931-636-8842. She will respond with a text to confirm your order.

Thanksgiving Catering Menu

Honey Sage Brined Turkey 13-15 pound average - \$70.00

Honey Sage Sliced Turkey Breast - \$18.00 per pound

Gravy - 8.00 quart

Fresh Cranberry Relish- 8.00 pint

**Sides - Small serves 4-6. Large serves 10-12**

Autumn Fig & Pear Salad w/Vinaigrette- Sm.-15.00, Lg. 25.00

Cornbread Dressing - Sm.-14.00, Lg. 22.00

Macaroni and Cheese - Sm.- 16.00, Lg. - 25.00

Squash Casserole- Sm.- 16.00, Lg.- 25.00

Sweet Potato Casserole with Brown Sugar Pecan Strudel -  
Sm. 16.00, Lg. - 25.00

Traditional Mashed Potatoes - Sm. -15.00, Lg. 20.00

Corn Pudding - Small - 16.00, Lg-20.00

Roasted Autumn Vegetables w/Pecans and Cranberries -  
Sm. 18.00, Lg 27.00

Honey Glazed Carrots - Sm. - 15.00 Lg. 22.00

Sauteed French Green Beans - Sm.- 15.00., Lg 20.00

Homemade Artisan Dill Yeast Rolls - 20.00 dz.

Breakfast Casserole - Sm.- 20.0, Lg. 30.00

Quiche - 22.00

Frosted Cinnamon Rolls - 8" round 16.00

Pecan Rolls- 8" round 16.00

Desserts: Pecan, Apple, Pumpkin or Fudge Pie 16.00. Pumpkin Roll - 22.00

## 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.

Trash pickup begins at 5:00 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.

Dogs must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. When your dogs are out and about, please keep an eye on them (on- or off-leash) and pick up after them, just as you would outside the Assembly gates.

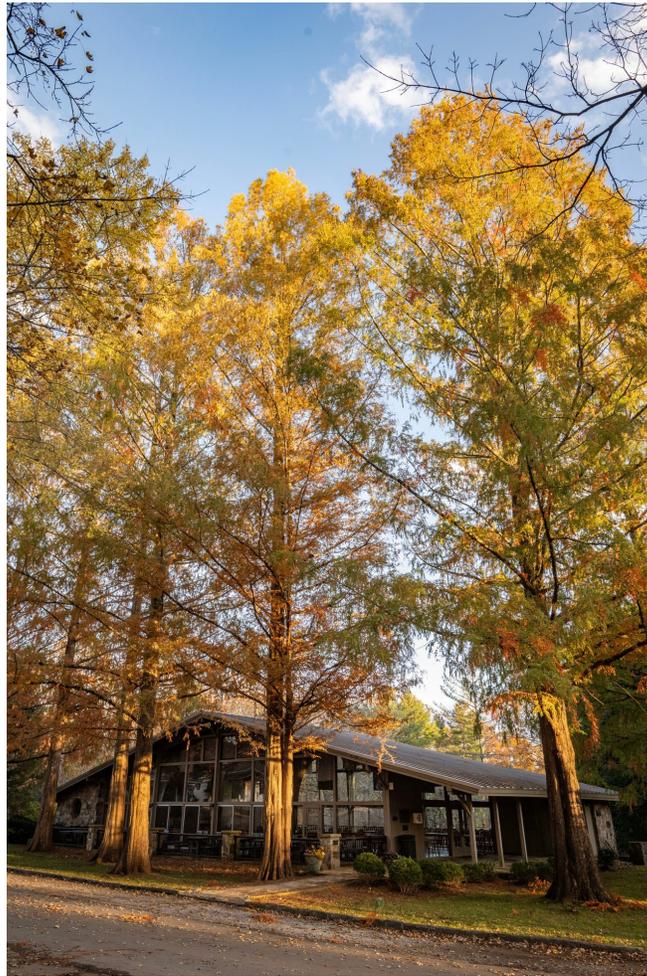


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## Have you Ordered Something to be Delivered to the Assembly on the Weekend?

We realize that many deliveries need to be made on the weekends when owners can be present. MSSA does not staff for weekend gate openings.

If you must have a delivery over the weekend, please contact the office by 3 p.m. Friday so we can make arrangements to have a gate open.

## OFF SEASON PICKLEBALL HOURS



Monday-Saturday:  
10:00 am-6:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00—6:00 pm

## LEASEHOLDS 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



## 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  
rhonda.atkins@mssa1882.org

## Important Dates

### Trash Pick Up

Monday November 24—regular day pickup  
Wednesday November 26—will be a late afternoon pickup  
No pickup Thanksgiving Day.  
Monday December 22—only pickup for the week.

### Holiday Office Hours:

*Thanksgiving:* Closing at Noon on Wednesday , November 26th.  
Closed all day November 27 & 28  
*Christmas:* Closed Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, December 26th

Next Board Meeting is November 29th at 10:00 am

## 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 the MSSA website.*

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## 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!



## In Our Prayers

**Phyllis Ruth Scogin Dacus** mother of Linda Parish, died on October 24, 2025. The only child of Leon Claude and Mamie Ruth Adams Scogin was born on August 20, 1934, in Chattanooga, Tenn., with an adventurous spirit, always seeking her next challenge. She attended Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga and later moved with her parents to Daytona Beach, Florida.

She enrolled at Vanderbilt University where she met her husband, Robert Warren Dacus. Her husband's Naval career took her to Norfolk, Virginia, Annapolis, Maryland, and Ithaca, New York. They settled in the Washington, D.C., area, raising three children, Linda Dacus Parrish, Dana Dacus Hemlock and Robert Warren (Tad) Dacus, Jr.

Graduating from the University of Maryland and completing graduate work in Sociology, she began her career in program analysis working with a variety of federal contractors. She was president of Akipan Associates and later 'The Bloomin' Place, two businesses she founded. She was active in Forestville United Methodist Church, Dranesville United Methodist Church and the Great Falls Business and Professional Women's Association.

In her retirement, she lived in Fairfield, Pa., enjoying her Valley Girls Club and volunteering at Tom's Creek Methodist Church. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Warren Dacus, and is survived by her children, Linda Parrish (Scott), Dana Hemlock (Scott) and Tad Dacus (Linda) 6 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren who have been inspired by her courage and love for the road less travelled. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to a charity of your choice.

**Louise Bransford Frazer** passed away peacefully on August 21st at the age of 84. Preceded in death by husband James Stokes Frazer III, parents, Dudley Bransford, Genevieve Eve Fletcher, sister Bee Fletcher, and brother John Fletcher, Jr. She is survived by her loving children Eve Frazer, Genevieve Ferguson (Hill Ferguson), and Jay Frazer (Anne Keeble Frazer) and her beloved grandchildren, William Ferguson, James Ferguson, Dudley Ferguson, Lilly Frazer, and Jack Frazer. She is also survived by her sister Anna Mary Lenderman (Dick), brother Whit Fletcher of Washington DC, Lynn Frazer McManus (Sam), and many nieces and nephews.

Louise was born in Nashville, TN. She attended Parmer Elementary School, The Harpeth Hall School, and was a graduate of Briarcliff College in New York. She was an avid volunteer through her lifetime extending her time and resources to many charities such as Friends of Children's Hospital, Cheekwood, The Swan Ball, Junior League as well as numerous hours at her children's schools.

Louise loved her time with the First Wednesday Group listening to lectures and spending time with friends. She enjoyed bridge and played in a regular game. She was a member at both Christ Church and St. George's Church and spent time volunteering for both.

Family was most important to Louise. She devoted her life to her husband and children and later to her grandchildren. She loved to travel and enjoyed trips with family, close girlfriends and especially with her husband. The two spent their retirement years visiting their children and traveling the world. Jim and Louise loved to entertain friends and family at their house on Center Hill Lake. Louise was known for her pancake breakfasts



and picnic sandwiches with homemade mayonnaise. She could be found happily cruising at the helm of their pontoon boat. She also spent many summers at Bonnie Cottage in the Monteagle Assembly with generations of friends and family. The grandchildren loved spending time with their "Lulu". Louise was very close with her sister Anna Mary with whom she shared a great resemblance. They were often seen about town together, and some even referred to the duo as "the bookends!" Louise loved to cook and try new cuisine. She and Jim loved cooking together and trying new cuisines and restaurants in their travels. She was a lifetime learner and was especially fascinated by new technology. Anyone who knew Louise knew of her kindness. She had a wonderful way of making people feel welcomed and loved. She was open minded and always understanding. As a mother, she made sure her children knew they were special each in their own ways. It was her superpower. She was generous of spirit. She always made time for the people she loved. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Memorial contributions may be made to Abe's Garden Community, St George's Episcopal Church, and Cheekwood Estates.



Alexander “Lex” Orr IV, died October 21, 2025, surrounded by his three children. He was 87.

Lex was born on November 8, 1937, in Miami, Fla., to Beatrice Smith Orr and Alexander Orr III. Lex enjoyed visiting his grandparents’ home in the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly every summer as a child.

Lex’s father, grandfather, great grandfather and three uncles came to Miami in 1914 from Glasgow, Scotland. His father later owned Alexander Orr Plumbing and AC, one of the largest plumbing contractors in the Southeast. Lex’s grandfather worked on the desalination of salt water and Miami’s Alexander Orr Water Treatment Plant is still in operation today. Lex’s great grandfather, Alexander Orr, was the mayor of Miami in the 1930s.

Lex met Posy in the 8th grade and always said, “she was the prettiest girl in the school.” They married at 19, quickly started a family and spent 68 years together.

Lex is survived by daughters Hilary Orr Randall (Monteagle), Leah Havens Orr McAlister (Joel/Nashville) and son Alexander Orr V, "Fifth" (Hila/Mount Pleasant, S.C.), and one brother, David Orr (Linda/Jacksonville, Fla.)

Lex has four grandsons: Maclean McAlister (Partner Trevor Kirkpatrick/Auckland, NZ); Hayden Randall (Cleveland, Ga.); Hudson Randall (Kaitlyn); Hunter Randall (Monteagle). He also has three granddaughters: Leah Hayes McAlister (Partner Charles Hirsch/Chicago); Hannah Kathryn Orr Garrett (Matt/Greenville, S.C.) and Grace Orr (Boston, Mass.); and two great grandsons, Hank and Jay Randall/Norcross Ga.).

Lex attended the Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tenn.,

and played Reveille on his trumpet for the students each morning. After high school, Posy and Lex attended the University of Florida.

Lex was the manager of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly from 1986-1997. He served as president of the Monteagle Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He served on the City Council as an Alderman and vice-mayor for six years. He also was an agent with Gooch Beasley Realtors. Lex loved the town of Monteagle.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation to the Albright-Orr Twilight Prayers Endowment Fund at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

**Christopher Power**, husband of longtime Assembly friend Laurie Sauders, died on October 13, 2025 after a fall due to advanced Parkinson’s Disease. He was born on Dec. 4, 1956 .

He is survived by his wife, Laura Terrell Saunders, of New York; his daughters Elizabeth Terrell Power and Anne Ames Power, both of New York; and his brother Anthony C. Power of Angeles City, The Philippines.

The family requests that donations in memory of Chris be sent to the Parkinson’s Wellness Program at the West Side JCC or a charity of the donor’s choice.

[Link to full obituary](#)



## Before & After

The magnificent maple tree in front of the office as it looked on Friday, Nov. 8th, and the following Monday.

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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.