



MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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QUICK BITES

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Important Dates to Keep in Mind

144th Assembly Season

Sunday, June 7, – Sunday, August 2, 2026

2025-2026 Board Meetings

Off Season

September 27, 2025, 10:00 AM

November 29, 2025, 10:00 AM

February 21, 2026, 10:00 AM

April 18, 2026, 10:00 AM

In Season

June 13, 2026, 9:00 AM

June 27, 2026, 9:00 AM

July 11, 2026, 9:00 AM

July 24, 2026, 4:30 PM



Annual MSSA Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 25, 2026, 9:00 AM in the Auditorium

MAEFC Board Meetings

Monday, November 10, 2025, 4:30 PM

Monday, February 9, 2026, 4:30 PM

Monday, May 18, 2026, 4:430 PM

Monday, June 22, 2026, 4:30 PM (Meeting/Porch at Everbright #154)

Architectural Review Committee / ARC Deadlines

(last day of the month before the next scheduled BOT Meeting)

Oct. 31, Jan. 31, April 30)



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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.

Changes in The Office

After one year of serving as the Assembly's Office Manager, Julia Robinson is shifting to part-time work for the Assembly. In her new role, she will work closely with the Marketing/Communications Committee and be responsible for the publications produced for you all including Mountain Voices, the Annual Report/Calendar, the Membership Directory and the printing of the summer program. In addition, she'll be overseeing the website (a refresh is in the works!).

Some of the Office Manager duties have been shifted to the other members of the office team, and a search is underway to find a new office manager.



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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.



Around the Grounds

September 8-15
University of the South, Family Weekend
23+ cottages rented/loaned

September 19
Koller.Manzella Wedding, 100 ppl
Harton Hall, Warren Chapel & Auditorium

October 3
Leadership Nashville
Harton Hall & Warren Chapel

October 11
Evans.Funez Wedding, 75 ppl
Warren Chapel & Harton Hall

October 31-November 2
University of the South
Homecoming

Reminder: if you loan your cottage for a university event, please let the office know that your cottage will be occupied. There is a \$125 security fee due if your cottage is loaned.

2025-26 MSSA

BOARD of TRUSTEES

Consolidated Caucus: Laurie Peacock*, Neil Kunkel, Paige Cleveland*

Episcopal Caucus: Walter Merrill, Rick Boeth, Jenny Jervis

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(Endowment Board)

Claudia Haltom, Pres.; Nelson Byrd; Frannie Corzine*; Will Reynolds*; Davis Fitzgerald; Mary Ellen Lovell; Jimmy Stansell; Kay Quinn*; Larry Smith

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Cumberland Community Dance

to Host Square/Contra Dance in Monteagle

Lace up your dancing shoes because Cumberland Community Dance is hosting a lively traditional folk dance event on Friday, September 26, from 6 - 8pm at the Monteagle Pavilion located behind the Monteagle Library. Following the success of the previous dance in June, we anticipate a good crowd and lots of fun.

Attendees are encouraged make a donation to help cover the cost of the event—\$10 for adults, \$8 for students, \$5 for children under 10 yrs, and no cost for children under 5 yrs. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Comfortable contra dance shoes and enthusiasm are recommended!

Cumberland Community Dance is supported with funding from the Grundy Area Arts Council. Sponsors for the September 26 event include The Monteagle Assembly and Mountain Goat Market who has graciously donated sweets.

Please come out and help Cumberland Community Dance in their mission to keep the ever-evolving, living tradition of Southern Appalachian music and dance alive.

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 5:00 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!

The MSSA Security team—Chief Kelly Layne, Marty Sampley and Mark Kenedy—is at your service.

OFF SEASON PICKLEBALL HOURS



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

Sunday: 1:00—6:00 pm

Outreach Committee Makes Annual Charitable Contributions

Each year, the Outreach Committee of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly identifies and helps fund local and regional organizations that enhance the quality of life for the community it calls home. This year, the committee selected seven organizations and presented checks totaling \$36,000 to help support their efforts.

"We are pleased to help fund these organizations that have a profound effect on this community," said Kent Ballow, Monteagle Assembly Outreach chair.



Norm Flake, chapter president of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, accepts a check from Kent Ballow on behalf of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly's Outreach committee.



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Christi Teasley and Cara Kitzrow accept a donation for the Grundy Area Arts Council from Monteagle and the Junior Appalachian Musicians.



Monteagle Sunday School Assembly outreach chair, Kent Ballow, presents a check to Melisa Derseweh, pastor of Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, for their food ministry program.



Tom Sanders, executive director of the South Cumberland Community Fund receives his check from the Outreach committee of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.



Monteagle Sunday School Assembly outreach chair, Kent Ballow presents a check to Travis Lawyer, Fire Chief, Monteagle Fire Dept,



Susan Johnson, Program Coordinator for Isaiah 117 House, accepts a check from Kent Ballow, chair of the Outreach committee of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.



Long-time library volunteer, Susan Peek, accepts the gift to May Justice Library in Monteagle from the Monteagle Assembly's Outreach committee.

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Woman's Association Supports Local Charitable Organizations

Each summer, the Woman's Association of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly donates a portion of the proceeds from its annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar to several deserving organizations that contribute to the well-being of the community.

This year, United for Literacy and Morton Methodist Food Pantry each received \$1,750, and Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic and A Step Ahead received \$750.

"This is the community we call home," said Lyn Knopf, MSSA Woman's Association president. "We feel a responsibility to do what we can to support the important work of these organizations."

1. Lyn Knopf (left), president of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Woman's Association and Woman's Association member Lori Davis presented Katie Trahan, United for Literacy, a check for \$1,750 to support the organization's commitment to addressing the literacy needs of Monteagle Elementary School.

2. Virginia Curry (right) (and Pedro) delivered a donation to LaKisha Dickinson, executive director of the Beersheba Clinic. The clinic provides free medical and dental care to residents of Grundy County and the surrounding area.

3. Franny Smith presented a check for \$1,750 to church volunteer David Pilcher in support of the Morton Methodist Food Pantry.

Chattanooga-based A Step Ahead, which works to remove barriers to contraception through education, outreach, and access to free birth control, also received a check for \$750 to be used on the Plateau.



In Our Prayers

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



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