



## MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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# MOUNTAIN VOICES



## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

On your mark ... get set ... RUN! This crew was up early on July 4th to set off on the 42nd Annual Pub Run.

*Your photo could be here next week!*

*Email photos to  
platform@mssa1882.org*



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The last two pages of *Mountain Voices* have program descriptions and the schedule at-a-glance. We encourage you to tear the last page off the newsletter, then post on your refrigerator or carry with you during the week, so you always know what's happening!

## HIGHLIGHTS

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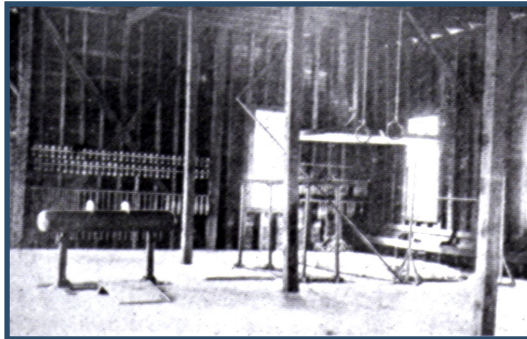
Warren Chapel

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



Completed 1884, the Hall of Philosophy is the oldest public building in the Assembly. The barnlike structure was enclosed with walls nearly forty feet high. The porch was added in 1936. It was originally the headquarters of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. By 1894, the Summer School of Physical Culture began with Prof. Gwathmey from Vanderbilt University and a full corps of instructors. It claimed to be the only school of its kind in the South, systematically teaching the most advanced and difficult exercises on all gymnastic apparatus.

— *Morgan Merrill, Archives Committee Chair*



## REMINDER: WORKSHOPS REQUIRE GATE TICKET

When attending a workshop, each attendee should have (and display) a gate ticket or wristband. Platform staff need to confirm gate tickets for those attending, and your assistance will make this process easier. Thank you!

— *Ruth Cobb, Platform Superintendent*

## MORTON MEMORIAL FISH FRY

The 13th annual Morton Memorial UMC Fish Fry will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, July 27th, from 4:00-7:00 pm. The fish fry offers fish, hush puppies, slaw, French fries, and large & delicious desserts. This event is the primary source of funding for MMUMC community outreach projects such as Tools 4 School and Christmas on the Mountain. For the Tools 4 School, Morton Memorial members buy and pack all the supplies that ALL children at Monteagle Elementary School need to make their school year successful. For Christmas on the Mountain, Morton members buy Christmas presents geared to helping people on the mountain buy presents for their children at a reduced price. Tickets prices are \$12/adult, \$6/children aged 12 and under. You are encouraged to buy your tickets in advance by calling Marietta Poteet at (931) 924-7666 or the Morton Memorial UMC office at (931) 924-2192. Contact Rich Wyckoff for information at richwyckoff@blomand.net. Tickets will also be sold at the door. As in previous years, we will have take out available the day of the fish fry.

## QUICK BITES

**Shop local** at the Thursday Morning Mountain Market, 7-10:00 am, in front of Harton Hall.

**Call Scott First!** Home repairs/upgrades are generally not permitted during the season. Contact the General Manager before calling a contractor.

**Auto permits** must be displayed at all times, else a ticket may be issued.

**Gate tickets** (or wristbands) should be on your person at all times.

**Set up a Harton Hall** account for cash-free dining all season long.

**Box lunches** and other reservations-required dining events must be paid at the main office; dining hall staff do not accept reservations or payment.

**Save time at the gate** and pre-order your tickets by calling (931) 924-2286. You can also preorder online.

**ALL golf carts** must be registered (or re-registered) to receive the 2019 decal. 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.

**Quiet Hour** is daily from 1:00-2:30 pm. Children should be indoors at their cottages. Tennis is only permitted on the East Gate courts. No deliveries during this time.

## QUICK BITES

**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.

**Hummingbirds** play bells at 2:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday in Warren Chapel. All Hummingbirds welcome.

**Recycling bins** have been moved behind Harton Hall.

**Edgeworth Inn** offers breakfast most mornings and dinner Monday-Thursday from 5:30-8:30 pm. See the ad in the program book.

**Golf cart parking** at Warren Chapel is for the benefit of those who need mobility assistance. Please do not move carts during services and programs.

**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.

## NOTES FROM WINFIELD PORCH

### Thank Yous!

- Heartfelt thanks to Frannie Smith for the donation of a much-needed new library lamp. Thank you for helping with the many finials that have been needing replaced. You are a decorating goddess.
- Many thanks to Becky Lehmann for the wonderful tray of her family spice cake. It was enjoyed at more than one event. Please consider Winfield if you have extra sweets that can be used at our multiple events each week.

**Donations:** We are halfway through the season and would greatly enjoy any July or August magazine subscriptions. Thank you for those who have donated to our summer enjoyment. Thank you for those who have donated party napkins which are used weekly. Special thanks to the Roberts/Worthen family for the donation of both napkin and beverage cups.

**Arty Party:** Shout out to Bradley Moody for the SOLD OUT Arty Party on July 5th. Bradley was a talented and engaging instructor with a waiting list. Our last Arty Party is Thursday, July 11th and reservations have already begun. This one will also sell out and is taught by the sister duo of Lee Pratt and Julie Jansen. Both ladies are amazing artists. Cost is \$40 check or cash and pre-registration is required. Limit 18.

**Parking:** Parking behind Winfield is for the hostess and Fletcher renters. Please do not park there unless you are attending a Winfield event. There are only four spots, and these are not designated for overflow from cottages. Thank you to those who are adhering to the new parking procedure.

**Book Club/Book Swap:** Many thanks to Betty Webster for her review of Jon Meacham's *The Soul of America*. The well-attended group had an engaging conversation.

### Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, July 9th at 3:30 pm, after Story Time, will be a Book Swap. Please bring a favorite book to share and discuss.
- The library is still taking donations, preferably hardcovers published since 2014.
- Library help is much needed. The hostess is filling in and would be very grateful for any time during the season to cull books and review organization of our library.
- Woman's Association Meeting Monday, July 8th, 10:00 am: Please join us to discuss many items, including our upcoming Cottage Tour and Bazaar. There are many ways to be involved with our largest fundraiser.

— Cindy Huston, Winfield Hostess



## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE FROM MS. PAM

Ms. Pam's Sunday School class for Eaglets will be spending time with Jesus in the desert, being tempted by the devil. Come find out what he does.

— Pam Maloof

## YOUTH UPDATES

Week 4 has been full of fun activities for the youth. In addition to the Fourth of July games and penny plunge, moonlight swims, hayrides and night games, the Eaglets had a wonderful excursion to Lake Dimmick and enjoyed s'mores at the Point with their parents. The Buzzards and Falcons hit the lanes for a great afternoon of bowling and look forward to more adventures next week.

We are so grateful to all who volunteer to drive for our excursions or provide meals for progressive suppers; shout-outs to Lori Davis, Pace Verner, and Tiffany Carr for the tasty treats! We can't do this without you! If you'd like to participate in some way, please contact Burch Baine (901-848-4905).

Additionally, we'd like to thank Mary Wallace Broome and Ellie Lovvorn for their tremendous work on the Caverns Adventure Fund fundraiser. We enjoyed a spectacular night of great music, food, and fellowship at this wonderful concert space. We are very appreciative of their efforts!

— Jenny Jervis, Superintendent of Youth Programs



Photos from Ashley Baine

## PARENTS: STAY CONNECTED!

We want our Monteagle family to get all the latest information in the fastest way, so we created a text message system for last minute changes or emergencies. We will also be communicating through Mountain Voices and our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/MssaYouth](https://www.facebook.com/MssaYouth). Be sure to like our page!

Text **MSSAYOUTH** to 84483 to receive youth alerts.

Text **MSSANEWS** to 84483 to receive community alerts.

For any snacks, refreshments, or MSSA merchandise, come by the snack shop located outside the front entrance of the Auditorium.



Tuesday: *Madagascar* (2005, PG)

Wednesday early-bird: *Thomas & Friends* (2019, G)

Wednesday: *Nancy Drew & the Hidden Staircase* (2019, PG)

Thursday: *The Secret Life of Pets* (2016, PG)

Friday: *Stan & Ollie* (2018, PG)

## 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 number is (931) 924-9000.

### LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$595,000
#56	Southern Comfort	\$405,000
#58	Fleur de Lis	\$330,000
#82	Veranda	\$385,000

## THE SCENES OF MONTEAGLE SUMMERS



*Caving photos from  
Jeff Reynolds*

## FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

### Adult Tennis Tournament Week 5

Sign Up in Office or on Auditorium Wall

Women's Singles and Doubles  
Men's Singles and Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

Registration Fee is \$10 per Grouping  
Sign up by Noon on Tuesday, July 9th

Kickoff Party  
Tuesday, July 9th at 5:30  
Cottage #168 Serendipity  
Bring a beverage and appetizer to share!

*Red Stamp*

## SUNDAY BUFFET

*Shrimp and grits*

*Cola glazed ham*

*Potatoes with parsley*

*Mixed greens*

*Succotash salad*

*Last of the summer lettuces with berries and sesame vinaigrette*

*Caprese salad*

*Mississippi Mud Cake*

*Ice cream*

## SWIMMING HOURS

### Monday-Saturday:

8:00 - 10:00 am (adults only)

10:00 am - Noon & 2:30 - 5:30 pm

2:30 - 7:30 pm Friday only

### Sunday:

2:30 - 5:30 pm

## RENTER'S SPOTLIGHT: 'A WHOLE WEEK OUT OF A PICTURE BOOK'

As kids, both Patrick and Amy Baggett came to Monteagle in the summertime a few times, either visiting friends with family cottages or to stay at Edgeworth. So when the Baggetts started their family and began looking for things to do in the summer, their thoughts turned to the Assembly and its unique pace of life.

With their friends from Nashville, the Nelsons, this couple has now made July 4th at MSSA a four-peat summer tradition. Asked to summon up a memory from those four summers that captures the essence of Monteagle, Amy reflects on that moment at the end of the day on the Fourth, when you're watching fireworks after a "picture-perfect day," with kids running around with glo-sticks and being surrounded by family and friends: "It's so picturesque... I'm so thankful for that. There's just such joy in that moment," she says.

Patrick shares the moment when, standing outside the Chapel at Hampton Sides's lecture Friday, the couple in front of him turned around and revealed themselves to be a connection from back home in Franklin, Tenn. That couple had come down to stay at Edgeworth, and Patrick says that moment of realization—that both couples share an appreciation for the Monteagle pace of summer life—probably means they will have a connection they didn't have before.

Their two older daughters—Eleanor (age 5) and Eliza (age 3)—have especially enjoyed their time as Hummingbirds, taking time to show off the tie-dye t-shirts they made this week. The girls also love going to the movies at the Auditorium and (of course) partaking of the goodies on offer at the Snack Shop.

Patrick and Amy appreciate evenings going out to Warren Point with their family and friends. After the kids go to bed, around 7:30, they sit on their cottage porch with their friends and just enjoy the rare quality time to connect, talk, and play games.

They always try to take some day trips to the small towns around, including an annual visit to Hammer's in Winchester. Amy is es-

pecially proud of the bargains she found on this trip, but laments that those bargains are because the store is closing.

Ultimately, it's clear this family appreciates summer weeks at the Assembly because it affords them the opportunity to enjoy their daughters, including 3-month-old Ruthie, in a way life back home doesn't always allow. "There's no rush—that's really special," Amy says. "Even at the picnic... when you eat meals with small kids, you're often just trying to get through it. But here, you're not rushing to get through. There's just no rush."

*Photos from Patrick Baggett, whose family is pictured in the top right. Middle right are the Baggetts & Nelsons together at cottage #14, where they spent the week together. Bottom left are the Baggett & Nelson kids.*



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.



## WEEK 5 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### MONDAY

8:15 pm, Warren Chapel: *Look & See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry* (2016) documentary, with an introduction + Q&A with Ben & Virginia Berry Aguilar: *Look & See* revolves around the divergent stories of several residents of Henry County, Ken., who each face difficult choices that will dramatically reshape their relationship with the land and their community. Filmed across four seasons in the farming cycle, the film blends observational scenes of farming life, interviews with farmers and community members with evocative, carefully framed shots of the surrounding landscape.

### TUESDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “Homecoming, Membership, & the Resettling of America,” with Ben & Virginia Berry Aguilar: In their work at the Berry Center in New Castle, Ken., the Aguilars work with the community and other organizations to encourage rural reading, agrarian cultural discussion, and produce the Berry Center’s annual Kentucky Arts & Letters Day. They will share insights from Wendell Berry’s and their own individual work.

8:15 pm, Warren Chapel: “United States Commercial Diplomacy: From the Brink of Elimination to the Dawn of New Era for United States Development Finance,” with Will Doffermyre: As vice president and general counsel of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Doffermyre provides legal guidance on finance, political risk insurance, and investment funds. OPIC is a self-sustaining U.S. government agency helping American businesses to invest in emerging markets.

### WEDNESDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “Playing Shakespeare,” with the Nashville Shakespeare Festival & youth workshop participants: This high-energy acting workshop (for Eagles, Buzzards, and Falcons—see p. 27 in the program book) culminates in a morning performance Wednesday, starring players with the Nashville Shakespeare Festival and participants in the workshop. Participants will showcase what they’ve learned about how to approach Shakespeare’s wide range of characters and text, all with a rollicking sense of adventure.

### THURSDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “The Other Fellow Might Be Right: The Civility of Howard Baker,” with Bill Haltom: A longtime friend and colleague of Senator Howard Baker (R-Tenn.), Bill Haltom will share stories of Baker’s leadership style and personality. Baker was often called “the great conciliator,” as he was able

to bring Democrats and Republicans together to work on issues of common concern. Baker was a senator, an ambassador to Japan, and worked as chief of staff in the Reagan White House.

8:15 pm, Warren Chapel: *An Evening with Rebecca Wells and the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*: Beloved author Rebecca Wells will bring her traveling one-woman show to the Assembly Thursday evening. Her book is about mothers and daughters, female friendships, alcoholism, and spirituality, and won the American Booksellers Award, in addition to being short-listed for the Orange Prize. Now a Nashville resident, Wells is currently working on her first memoir and volunteering for a variety of social justice initiatives.

### FRIDAY

10:45 am, Warren Chapel: “Food and Medicine Foraged from Forests: Significance, Impacts, & Implications Under Changing Climate,” with Dr. James L. Chamberlain: As a research scientist with the USDA Forest Service, Chamberlain is a global expert on non-timber forest products management, production, and valuation. His research focuses on quantifying and articulating the ecological and economic impacts of harvesting non-timber forest products, especially edible and medicinal forest products.

3:00 pm, Pulliam Center: *Adult Writing Workshop*, with Rebecca Wells: Wells, the *NYT* bestselling author of *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, will offer an intimate workshop designed to heighten the art of listening and explore its link to writing and to our wider lives. In an atmosphere of mutual discovery, delight, and support, the group will explore writing prompts, reading, and discussion. There will not be manuscript critiques or publishing discussions; instead, this workshop is about naming and claiming our creativity, and experiencing its power to heal. There’s no need to consider yourself a “writer” to feel at home here.

### PROGRAM BOOK GEMS

*One of our platform speakers this week has a book releasing this fall from the University Press of Kentucky (oops, did that give it away?! ) on an unexpected topic. Will this go onto your TBR list?*

## WEEK 5 CALENDAR • JULY 7-13, 2019

Guest Minister: Rev. Darren Brandon

### Sunday

#### Sunday Worship

11:00 am • Warren Chapel

Live Animal Nature Program, with the Natural History Education Company; NO DOGS allowed

2:30 pm • Auditorium

Literary Reading: "The Witch of Owl Mountain Springs" (1992), with Dr. William Pratt & Cullen Hornaday

4:00 pm • Writers' Grove

### Monday-Friday

#### Twilight Prayers

7:30 pm • Warren Chapel

### Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise, with Rich Barralli

8-9:00 am • Gymnasium

Adult Fine Art Workshop: "Oil Painting under the Pavilion," with Kim Barrick

1:30-4:30 pm • Maney-MacLeod Art Pavilion

### Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

Aqua Fitness, with Jenny Berk

8:30-9:30 am • Pool

### Monday

Documentary Film: *Look & See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry* (2016); introduction + Q&A with Ben & Virginia Berry Aguilar of the Berry Center, New Castle, Ken.

3:30 pm • Warren Chapel

All-Assembly BINGO!

8:00 pm • Harton Hall

### Tuesday

Pie Contest entry drop-off

10:00-11:30 am • Harton Hall

Lecture: "Homecoming, Membership, & the Resettling of America," with Ben & Virginia Berry Aguilar

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Movie: *Zootopia* (2016, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

Lecture: "United States Commercial Diplomacy: From the Brink of Elimination to the Dawn of a New Era for United States Development Finance," with Will Doffermeyer

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

### Wednesday

Gentle Aqua Yoga, with Liz Norell

8:30-9:30 am • Pool

Performance: "Playing Shakespeare," with the Nashville Shakespeare Festival

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Adult Make & Take Art Workshop: "Jazz Up Your Morning Joe! Marbelize Mugs," with Annis Cox

2:30-5:00 pm • Shady Dell

Early Bird Movie: *Bug Diaries* (2019, G)

6:00 pm • Auditorium

Movie: *Indiana Jones & the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981, PG)

8:05 pm • Auditorium

### Thursday

Lecture: "The Other Fellow Might Be Right: The Civility of Howard Baker," with Bill Haltom; book sale & signing to follow

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Informal Discussion: "Enjoy the Gift of Ordinary Days," with Rev. Darren Brandon

3:30 pm • Writers' Grove

Performance: An Evening with Rebecca Wells and the Ya-Ya Sisterhood

8:15 pm • Warren Chapel

### Friday

Lecture: "Food and Medicine Forged from Forests: Significance, Impacts, and Implications Under Climate Change," with Dr. James L. Chamberlain

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Adult Writing Workshop, with Rebecca Wells

3:00-5:00 pm • Pulliam Center

Extended Pool Hours

5:30-7:30pm • Pool

### Saturday

MSSA Board Meeting

9:00 am • Warren Chapel

All-Assembly Talent Show!

7:30 pm • Auditorium