

MOUNTAIN VOICES



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Welcome to the 131st Assembly

For one hundred and thirty summers, the Monteagle Assembly has planned and presented a program of lectures, study, family, fun and fellowship for those who spend time here. Today opens the 131st season of continuous operation, and a fine one it will be. During your stay at the Assembly, take time to look carefully through the program book, and take advantage of the many outstanding offerings planned for this season.

Two notable lecturers, Roy Neel and Edward Lengel, are on the program this week and next. This Thursday evening, Vanderbilt Political Science professor Neel will discuss the Presidential character in "What Makes a Great President?" On Friday morning he will provide GPS assistance to the Oval Office, with a talk on "Mapping the Road to the 2016 Campaign." Next Monday, June 17, George Washington expert Dr. Edward Lengel's evening lecture will focus on Washington's role in the decision to go to war against Great Britain, with emphasis on why he chose to take that path, and what part he took in securing victory.

There are new opportunities for artistic expression coming up in Week Two. The Brantley Smith Fine Art Workshop, taught by Sewanee artist Jim Ann Howard, will be an exploration of site-specific art inspired by the work of legendary British artist Andy Goldsworthy. Participants in the five-day workshop will create a sculptural work from available natural materials, and will then examine and explore their tangible work through sketches and photography. The workshop opens on Sunday evening with a screening and discussion of *Andy Goldsworthy's Rivers & Tides.*, a documentary portrait of the artist and his work. The Sunday film is open to all, and no registration is necessary. There are a limited number of spaces in the Monday-Friday workshop and pre-registration is required. Call the MSSA office for more information and to sign up.

Also in Week Two are special music workshops for Hummingbirds, Eaglets and Eagles, led by Christian music and youth minister Fran McKendree. There is no fee for the workshops, but the Eagles must be pre-registered for their Monday-Thursday Workshop. See the program book for workshop times for each age, and call the MSSA office to sign up. McKendree will launch this week of youth music on Sunday afternoon with a Family Concert at 4:30 pm in Warren Chapel.

Above all, enjoy your time at MSSA. Welcome!

The mission of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is

... 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...and to hold stated public meetings from year to year upon the grounds of the Assembly.



Let Every Voice Be Heard!

The Long Range Planning Committee invites you to attend the first of two Open Forums focused on the Strategic Planning process that MSSA is currently undergoing. Ann Coulter, a consultant from Chattanooga, will be leading the forum on **June 14 at 3:30 in Warren Chapel.** Everyone, including non-members and renting guests, is invited! This will be a great opportunity to hear about the information that has already been gathered through the surveys and to add your comments!

This summer, a small task force will be working with Ann to use the information gathered to create our strategic plan. The members of the task force are: Lisa Hammett, Stephanie Smith, Bill Cox, Doug Ferris, Ann Shayne, Mary Susan Kennedy, Henry Crais, Margaret Rixham, Jim Humphries, Sally Stevens, Anne Worthen, Sue Spickard, Jenny Jervis, Robin Thompson, Mary Balfour Van Zandt, Paula Walker, Don Rollins, Ginny Gordon, Scott Parrish and Kent Ballow. Please feel free to talk to any of the task force members throughout the summer about the process and its progress. And thank them for agreeing to serve on this very important task force! Their willingness to serve, as well as the many other folks who offered to serve, speaks volumes about the dedication our members and friends feel for MSSA!

Week of June 9-15 Events & Highlights

**Guest Minister
Pastor Philip Gulley**

Sunday

Raising of the Flag 11:00 AM
Sunday Service 11:10 AM
MSSA Nature Trail Exploration
with Jennifer Pharr Davis,
3:30 PM Meet at North Gate

Monday-Thursday

Twilight Prayers
7:30 PM Warren Chapel

Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise
with Wendy Wilson
8-9 AM Gymnasium

Monday

**Lecture: "Adventures on the
Appalachian Trail"**
Jennifer Pharr Davis
11:00 AM Warren Chapel

**Explore Assembly Nature
Trails with Jennifer Pharr
Davis, AT Through-Hiker**
2:30 PM Meet at North Gate

Cartoon & Movie:
"Ghostbusters" (PG, 1984)
8:05 PM Auditorium

Tuesday

**Lecture: "Spiritual Aliveness:
Part 1", Philip Gulley**
11:00 AM Warren Chapel

Cartoon & Movie:
"Mulan" (G, 1998)
8:05 Auditorium

Wednesday

**Lecture: "Spiritual Aliveness:
Part 2" with Philip Gulley**
11:00 AM Warren Chapel

Early Bird Movie:
"Veggie Tales: The Pirates Who
Don't Do Anything" (G, 2008)
Hummingbirds & Parents too!
6:00 PM Auditorium

Family Movie Night:
"Enchanted" (PG, 2007)
8:05 Auditorium

Kent Ballow

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Thursday

Adult Bible Study

“Your Kingdom Come”

Karin Haley

-see p. 67 in Program for readings

9:30-10:45 AM Edgeworth Inn

Lecture: “Mountain Goat Trail, Grundy County Update”

with Nate Wilson

11:00 AM Warren Chapel

Cartoon & Movie:

“Frankenweenie” (PG, 2012)

8:05 Auditorium

Lecture: “What Makes a Great President?” with Roy Neel

8:15 PM Warren Chapel

Friday

Crafty Fridays

9-11 Winfield Porch

Lecture: “Mapping the Road to the 2016 Campaign” with Roy Neel

11:00 AM Warren Chapel

Open Forum - MSSA Strategic Planning Process

3:30 PM Warren Chapel

Extended Pool Hours

Picnics welcome; grill available

5:30-7:00 PM Pool

Movie:

“Life of Pi” (PG, 2012)

8:00 Auditorium

Saturday

All Assembly Family Excursion: Elk River

(check Auditorium board for time, costs and meeting point)

Board of Trustees Meeting

9:00 AM Harton Dining Hall

MAEFC Meeting

2:00 PM MSSA Archives

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Please check your program book for times and locations of all weekly activities. Bulletin boards at the Auditorium, Chapel and Dining Hall will have information about additions and changes to the schedule.

SEASON OFFICE HOURS:
Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

¡Fiesta Mexicana to Outfit New Terrace!



La Fiesta Terraza

July 6th

6:30 to 9:00 pm

Harton Dining Hall

\$50 per person

This summer’s fundraiser will be focused on raising funds for furniture for our new Dining Hall terrace. The Mexican Fiesta will showcase a fabulous auction, spectacular food and of course festive music and decorations. ¡Ole! Please save the date for what is sure to be the “Party of the Summer!”

We are also in need of auction items. If you have something that you could donate please contact Susan Acker (ohtobesusan@aol.com). Your donation could be a stand-alone item or something that could be added to a theme basket, such as a foreign film DVD or gift card, or a lovely but unneeded item from your household.

New Youth Activities Options: Shuffleboard, Tetherball & Ping Pong

Due to the great effort last year by the Youth Fundraising Committee, several improvements and additions have been made on the Grounds that will benefit the Assembly Youth.

1. A new Vortex pool slide
2. Two shuffleboard courts in the Art Pavilion
3. Two tetherball locations
4. New basketball backboards and rims in the Gym
5. An outdoor ping pong table
6. \$6,000 donated to the Youth Endowment Fund

Thanks to all who led, participated and donated to the Committee’s efforts last year.

For Housing - ASK Debra!
931-924-9000

- Should you have concerns that your cottage has not rented to your satisfaction during the season or off-season, contact **Deborah Brown**, Interim Housing Director to discuss your options.
- If you are willing to consider offering your cottage for 3-day rentals, call Debra.
- If you are willing to negotiate or prorate rentals, call Debra.
- If you have questions about your rentals, call Debra.

LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE

#7	Corner Cottage	\$619,000
#30	Balconies	\$900,000
#35	Peavine	\$425,000
#67	Wayside	\$769,000
#92	The Moorings	\$385,000
#98	Idlehour	\$390,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000
#136	Endevor	\$625,000
#146	Boutcher	\$719,000
#156	Robin Hill	\$295,000
#165	Once Upon A Time	\$785,000



In Memoriam

William Dennington, infant son of Bliss and Clayton Dennington, was laid to rest at the Greenville Cemetery on Sunday, May 26. He was the grandson of Anne and Lephiew Dennington, and the nephew of Anne Archer Dennington, and of Ali and Lephiew Dennington. Bliss and Clayton ask that any memorial donations be made to The Monteagle Assembly Endowment -- Youth Fund. Please keep this family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Bits and Pieces

Mountain Voices articles: Be sure to submit your articles for *Mountain Voices* to Anna Watkins at platform@mssa1882.org by Thursday of each week to ensure they make the next edition. Thank you!

- Don't forget to come to the **Thursday Morning Mountain Market from 7AM to 10AM** in front of the Harton Dining Hall. Come early to be sure to get the freshest flowers and local goodies.
- **Call Scott First!!:** Only routine maintenance, house cleaning, and lawn care are permissible during the season. If you need to make an emergency repair to your cottage during the season, please contact the General Manager before calling a contractor.
- **Don't Get Ticketed!:** To avoid getting a ticket, remember to have your auto permit on the dash of your car at all times while you are on Assembly Grounds. Carry your gate tickets with you, even if you're on a golf cart.

- **Safe and Healthy Dogs:** If you are bringing a dog anytime during the season, proof of each dog's rabies and other vaccinations must be on file in the office. You can fax it, email it, mail it or bring it with you.

- **Dining Hall Accounts:** For cash-free dining, be sure to set up a Dining Hall account in advance, through the Main Office.

- Eliminate waiting time by **PRE-ORDERING YOUR GATE TICKETS.** You can do so off the web site or by calling the office 931-924-2286. We will have your tickets waiting at the gate for you to pick up. A great way to make your guests' visits easier, too!

- **Golf Cart Regulations:** All golf carts must be registered with the office. State law requires that anyone driving a golf cart must be a licensed driver. The MSSA Board has adopted a zero tolerance policy on violations. Golf cart registration must be renewed each year. Please stop by the office and renew your registration.

- **You Are Invited...** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of "Home Again!" In 1913, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell Keeble built on leasehold #142. Their descendants have continued to call it "Home" for five generations. Please come raise a glass with us on Sunday, June 30, from 5:30-6:30 as we toast to all those who have come before us, and to all of you, our Monteagle family!

- **It's a Tradition (and a regulation, too):** Each day from 1:00 - 2:30 PM is observed as Quiet Hour throughout the Assembly. Children should remain in their cottages, reading, playing games or resting. Tennis should only be played on the East Gate courts. Please respect the daily Quiet Hour tradition.

- **Photo of the Week:** Email photos of your fun at the Assembly to Assistant Platform Director Anna Watkins at platform@mssa1882.org. The best picture of each week will be featured in a following issue of Mountain Voices.



EARLY BIRD MOVIES

Hummingbirds
and Parents too!!

Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM

This week: *Veggie Tales:
The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything*

SUNDAY BUFFET Today - June 9, 2013

*Grilled Pork Tenderloin
with Peach Mango Salsa*

*Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
Sauteed Green Beans and Mushrooms*

Eclectic salad ~ Banana pudding

Dining Hall Hours

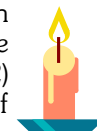
Monday-Friday 11:45AM to 1:00PM

Closed Saturday

Sunday Buffet from Noon

4th of July Candlelight Service

Be sure to submit all **names you wish to be recognized** at the Fourth of July Candlelight service on the Mall. **Births, marriages and deaths** in the Assembly community (since July 4, 2012) will be noted. It will be especially helpful if names are submitted to the Assembly Office, in writing, or by e-mail to platformassistant@gmail.com. Please have your submissions in by Tuesday morning, July 2.



MSSA Alcohol Policy

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.



**I Brake
For Children!**



MSSA    
Park that car!

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

Week 1 Platform Guests

Pastor Philip Gulley, *Guest Minister and Lecturer*. Philip Gulley is a Quaker pastor and beloved writer and speaker who has become the voice of small-town American life. He was raised in Danville, Indiana, where he lives today with his wife and two sons. Gulley studied theology and sociology at Marion College in Indianapolis, later enrolling at Christian Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity in 1992. He is the author of 17 books, including the acclaimed *Harmony* series of novels chronicling life in the eccentric Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana, and the best-selling *Porch Talk* series of inspirational and humorous stories. In his books, *If the Church Were Christian* and *The Evolution of Faith*, Gulley proposes a fresh direction for Christianity. He continues to pastor at Fairfield Friends Meeting near Indianapolis while writing a popular monthly "Home Again" column for *Indianapolis Monthly*.

Jennifer Pharr Davis, *Lecturer & Outdoor Leader/Trainer*. Jennifer Pharr Davis grew up in the North Carolina Mountains, where she developed a love for hiking at a young age. Her hiking and backpacking accomplishments, as well as her influence as an outdoor role model, are remarkable and momentous. At age twenty-one Jennifer hiked the entire Appalachian Trail as a solo female and fell in love with long-distance backpacking. Since then she has hiked more than 11,000 miles on six different continents and completed three thru-hikes on the Appalachian Trail, with her North American hikes including the Pacific Crest Trail, Vermont's Long Trail, and the Colorado Trail. In 2011 Jennifer topped her own 2008 Women's Endurance Record for the fastest thru-hike on the Appalachian Trail, making her the overall record holder for both women and men and the first woman to hold the overall title. Jennifer hiked the entire 2,180-mile AT from Maine to Georgia in 46 days, hiking an average of 47 miles a day and camping along the trail. Jennifer is a 2012 National Geographic Top Adventurer of the Year nominee for her record-breaking thru-hike. She has appeared on CNN, The Early Show, NPR, and was featured in *Fitness* magazine and *Shape* magazine, among others. Jennifer has also written for *Trail Runner* magazine and *Away.com*, is a frequent contributor to *Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine*, and has written three guidebooks. She lives in Asheville, NC, with her husband, Brew Davis, and is the owner and founder of Blue Ridge Hiking Co.

Nate Wilson, *Lecturer*. Nate Wilson is the Domain Manager for the University of the South. Before beginning his work at the University he spent time as a private forestry and wildlife consultant, general contractor, and land trust land planner. He and his wife operate Intown Organics, a small farm in Monteagle, with the help of their two children. Wilson is the program coordinator for the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Georgia with a degree in forestry and wildlife ecology.

Roy Neel, *Lecturer*. A native of Smyrna, TN, and a veteran of the U. S. Navy, Roy Neel is an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University, where he teaches courses in *Presidential Transitions* and *Presidential Leadership*. A 1972 graduate of Vanderbilt, Neel earned a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from Harvard University in 1983. For nearly three decades Roy Neel has been a prominent figure in national political and policy affairs. From 1977 to 1994 Neel served in key roles in Al Gore's Washington operations, becoming Chief of Staff for Senator and Vice-President Gore. Prior to leaving the White House he served as President Clinton's Deputy Chief of Staff. He is currently chairman of the Washington D.C.-based Jackson Group, a consulting company specializing in strategic planning for public policy initiatives, and he serves as a director of Blue State Digital, an internet communications firm.

Wendy Wilson, *Fitness Instructor*. Active in the fitness industry for over 25 years, Wendy Wilson began weight training as a teenager, won a couple of events, and continued mostly weight training until about 8 years ago when she became interested in yoga and began her journey with group fitness. She enjoys the experience of working out with others and encouraging and helping others to stay in shape. She is certified to teach group fitness yoga with pilates, weight training, kick boxing and aerobics.