

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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## Week of July 7-14 Events & Highlights

Guest Minister  
The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley

### Sunday

**Sunday School** 10-10:45 AM  
~ see p. 4 in program book for details

**Worship Service** 11:00 AM

**Van to SSMF Concert**  
1 PM Dining Hall  
(\$3 fee; sign up by Friday in DH)

**Blessing of the Animals**  
followed by **Ice Cream Social**  
4:00 PM On the Mall

### Monday-Friday

**Adult Exercise:**  
with Wendy Wilson  
8-9 AM Gymnasium

### Monday-Wednesday

**Twilight Prayers**  
7:30 PM Warren Chapel

### Monday

**MSSA Woman's Association Meeting**  
10:00 AM Winfield Porch

**Adult Watercolor Workshop**  
with Jackie Goode Briscoe  
1:30-4:30 PM Art Pavilion  
- continues Tuesday-Friday  
(limited registration; advance  
signup and MSSA gate ticket  
required. Details p. 30 in program)

**Woman's Association  
Porch Party**  
5:30-7:00 PM Winfield Porch

**Cartoon & Movie:**  
"October Sky" (PG, 1999)  
8:05 Auditorium

### Tuesday

**Family & Youth Program:**  
"Visit with Thomas Jefferson"  
11:00 AM Warren Chapel

**Music Workshop for Eaglets  
& Eagles**  
3:30-4:30 PM Warren Chapel

**Cartoon & Movie:**  
"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" (PG)  
8:05 Auditorium

**Performance: "An Evening  
with Thomas Jefferson"**  
a.k.a. Bill Barker  
8:15 PM Warren Chapel

## New Music Workshops for Eagles & Eaglets with Wolfgang Amadeus Schmutzinberry!

This summer's program has added two days of youth workshops, on Tuesday & Thursday of this week, sponsored by the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. From 3:30-4:30 pm in Warren Chapel, music educator Rami Vamos will teach and entertain Eaglets & Eagles in the persona of zany and mediocre classical composer 'Wolfgang Amadeus Schmutzinberry.'



There is no need to sign-up in advance, and children may attend either or both sessions. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with instruments, hear music, and explore musical themes and emotions. This is a great opportunity to professionally introduce children to music, and is an enriching preparation for the SSMF's Cumberland Orchestra concert on Thursday evening in the Auditorium.

Teenagers and grownups, do not despair! Herr Schmutzinberry will return to Warren Chapel on Tuesday evening, July 16, at 8:15 pm with a program for families and children of all ages. This program will be the final of the three SSMF chamber music concerts presented this season. Follow the antics of the zany composer as he creates his masterpiece to the sounds of live music in this comic musical/play introducing children to classical music.

### *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.*



## Woman's Association Meeting and Porch Party and Cards and Crafts!

Come one, come all on Monday the 8th at 10:00 am on Winfield Porch, for the second meeting of the Woman's Association of the season. If you have not joined yet, come on anyway. We are still accepting dues of \$15.00 and want you to be a part of our Association. There is so much going on, and our Cottage Tour and Bazaar is coming up soon. We want to tell you all about it and hope you will consider helping us for an hour or two the day of the tour, July 19th. We will be doing everything from making baked goods to selling lunches to driving golf carts to running errands. Please lend us a hand, meet some great people and have lots of fun doing it!

Also on Monday, July 8th we will host our second Porch Party at Winfield! Please come and bring friends, neighbors, visitors and yes ... men are invited! We had the best time visiting at our last party. Please join us from 5:30-7:00 pm on the porch. Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share. Meet some new friends and catch up with some "old" ones too!

On Wednesday, July 10 at 2:30 pm, all adults are invited to come play cards on the porch, and every Friday from 9:00-11:00 am is Crafty Friday. Come join us. Bring your favorite sewing project or craft and have fun while you work!

See you there!  
Frannie Smith  
WA President

**Wednesday**

**Watercolor Workshop for Eagles**  
with Jackie Goode Briscoe  
10 AM-12 PM Art Pavilion  
*(limited registration; advance signup & fee required. Details p. 25 in program)*

**Lecture:** "Brantley Smith (1874-1947): Art, Life and Love of This Mountain," Christi Teasley & Bettie Hill  
11 AM Warren Chapel

**Early Bird Movie:**  
"Dumbo" (G, 1941)  
*Hummingbirds & Parents too!*  
6:00 PM Auditorium

**Cartoon & Movie:**  
"1776" (PG, 1972, Musical)  
8:05 Auditorium

**Thursday**

**Produce Market on the Mall**  
7-10 AM Front of Dining Hall

**Watercolor Workshop for Eagles (Repeat of Wednesday Class)**  
with Jackie Goode Briscoe  
10 AM-12 PM Art Pavilion  
*(limited registration; advance signup & fee required. Details p. 25 in program)*

**Lecture:** "Jefferson & Madison's Garden Tour in England, 1786," Justin Stelter  
11 AM Warren Chapel

**Tree Walk:** "MSSA Arboretum & Reforestation" with Karen Kuers  
2:30 PM meet at Warren Chapel

**Music Workshop for Eagles & Eagles**  
3:30-4:30 PM Warren Chapel

**Cumberland Orchestra Concert:**  
Sewanee Summer Music Festival  
8:15 PM Auditorium  
*(parents should accompany children under 12)*

**Friday**

**Crafty Fridays**  
9-11 Winfield Porch

**Lecture:** "Restoring the Gardens at Historic Carnton in Franklin, TN," Justin Stelter  
11 AM Warren Chapel

**Extended Pool Hours**  
Picnics welcome; grill available  
5:30-7:00 PM Pool

**Saturday**

**MSSA Board of Trustees Meeting**  
9:00 AM Harton Dining Hall

**Adult Tennis Tournament Finals**  
10 AM-12 PM Tennis Courts

**MAEFC Meeting**  
2 PM Archives

**MSSA Town Hall Meeting:** Discussion of MSSA Strategic Planning Process  
4 PM Warren Chapel

**All-Assembly Talent Show!**  
7:30 PM Auditorium

**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.

**LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE**

- #7 Corner Cottage \$619,000
- #49 Tranquil Eyster \$450,000
- #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 Endeavor \$625,000
- #146 Butcher \$719,000
- #148 Brookview \$650,000
- #156 Robin Hill \$295,000
- #165 Once Upon A Time \$785,000

Contact MSSA Manager  
Scott Parrish  
for information on  
any of these cottages  
(931) 924-2286

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.



Soul Incision performs with a 'guest artist' at the All-Assembly Dance in June.

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**Season Office Hours**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Katie Eyster,  
Florence Bowman,  
& Mary Frances Eyster  
model their  
Safety Day gear!



## 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!

• **Flash Your Pass:** Please be in the habit of ALWAYS showing your gate ticket when you drive through. The gatekeepers are required to check. Be thoughtful, be ready.

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

• **Golf Cart Regulations:** All golf carts must be registered with the office. State law requires that anyone driving a golf cart 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.

• **Listen Up!:** New this year, hearing assist devices are available at every program in the chapel. Ask the platform 'person of the week' for help in using them.

• **Photo of the Week:** Email photos of your fun at the Assembly to Assistant Platform Director Anna Watkins at platform@mssa1883.org. The best picture of each week will be featured in a following issue of *Mountain Voices*.

• **Trash Reminder:** Garbage pickup service comes Mondays and Thursdays early in the morning. Always secure the lid on the can to foil the many 'visiting' dogs.



• **Pup Parents, Keep Them Quiet!** If your dog tends to bark or be loudly unhappy during Sunday chapel and Twilight Prayers, please keep Fifi or Fido away from the Mall. You are responsible if your canine pal disturbs others.

• **T-Shirts Are Not Free:** If you accidentally came home with a July 4th Pub Run T-shirt without paying for it, you should contact Norman Blake to settle up - \$15 per shirt.

• **Laundry Service Available:** Exceptional Enterprises in Coalmont offers flat laundry service for sheets, towels, bedspreads, etc. at a very reasonable rate, with Tuesday & Thursday pick up & delivery. Call Angie, (931) 692-2235, x28, to make arrangements. Margaret Crais has worked at Exceptional Enterprises since 1992. They will appreciate your business!

• **Sign Up for Adult Tennis Tournament:** The deadline is by noon on Tuesday, July 9, at the Auditorium. All tournament participants are invited to Tree Tops, (#110) at 5:00 pm on July 9 for the tournament pairings release and party .



• **Coffee & WiFi Mornings:** The Dining Hall now sells self-serve coffee (on the 'honor system') by 8 AM most mornings. Bring your laptop, plug in and recharge.

• **Constitutional Law Discussion Group:** Discussion continues of recent Supreme Court cases of interest to those who attend. Please e-mail John Haley at john.haley@vanderbilt.edu with your areas of interest. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 2:30 pm at Edgeworth Inn.

• **Please Keep Our Assembly Blooming:** As you pass a plant in distress, please deadhead it and splash a sip of water from your water bottle on it. This will help keep it happy and blooming all summer long.

• **Watercolor Workshops This Week:** Space is limited for the morning watercolor workshops for Eagles, and the after Watercolor Painting workshop for adults, taught by artist Jackie Goode Briscoe. Pre-registration is required for both; no fee for adults, but there is a \$15 fee for each Eagle. Sign up in the MSSA office.



• 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, veggies, and local goodies.



DON'T MISS THE 50TH ANNUAL  
**COTTAGE TOUR  
 & BAZAAR**  
 FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013  
 MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY  
 GREAT ARTISANS • TASTY LUNCHES • BAKE SALE  
 DEMONSTRATION BY RENOWNED FLORAL DESIGNER  
 RALPH NULL AT 1 PM  
 TOUR 11AM TO 4PM • BAZAAR 9AM TO 4PM  
 ADVANCE TICKETS \$15 AT ASSEMBLY OFFICE  
 (931) 924-2286 OR AT WWW.MSSA1882.ORG  
 \$20 DAY OF TOUR AT ASSEMBLY NORTH GATE

**SUNDAY BUFFET**  
**July 7, 2013**

*Cola glazed ham*  
*BBQ chicken*  
*Pearline's tomatoes*  
*Creole succotash*  
*Spinach salad*  
*Key lime pie*

**Dining Hall Hours**  
 Monday-Friday  
 11:45AM to 1:00PM  
 Closed Saturday  
 Sunday Buffet from Noon

## Youth Program Notes

Weeks 3 & 4 have been jam-packed for the Youth of MSSA! We have had tons of children participate in the Youth Program and the staff has loved getting to know the kids. We had two excursions to Fiery Gizzard with the Eagles, Buzzards, and Falcons, plus a great night of Bingo. I would like to personally thank all the parents for their support and would like to especially thank Dudley Grove, Sally Stroud, Mary Belechak, Anne Williams, Linda Elder, Suzie Elder, Britton Watson, and Margaret Rixham for hosting progressive dinners over the last two weeks. The Youth Staff hopes that everyone had a great 4th of July and we appreciate your continued support. We look forward to a very successful second half of the season!



Thomas van Zandt  
2013 Youth Coordinator

**Snow in East Tennessee** by painter Bradley Smith, grandfather of Assembly member Bettie Teasley Hill and great-grandfather of Christi Teasley. Teasley and Hill will present an overview of Smith's life and art on Wednesday, July 10 at 11:00 am in Warren Chapel.



### Picture of the Week

Marguerite Fish at the all-Assembly dance with her date, husband Ed. Mr. & Mrs. Fish will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on Friday, July 12!

*Submitted by Margo Cloniger.*

### EARLY BIRD MOVIES

Hummingbirds and Parents too!!

**Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM**

**This week:** *Dumbo* (Disney Classic, 1941)



## This Week at Winfield



**Oops!** Dues are \$15/person (not \$10 as in last week's *Mountain Voices*). Help us meet our goal of a 4th consecutive year with 100 or more members!!

Another oops - the book swap was Monday, July 1st and is **not Monday, July 8th**. We are accepting book donations (especially hardbacks!) and will have another swap later in the season. My apologies for the confusion.....

It was a joy to see the creativity on the porch at the Arty Party hosted by Claire Richards and Leslie Neely. This is sure to become a Women's Club annual event. Thank you both for coordinating this artistic evening.

- Card Parties resume Wednesdays at 2:30. Bring your group of friends for bridge, hearts, or whatever's your game.
- Cottage tour tickets and souvenir posters available at Winfield. Advance tickets are \$15 and this year's poster is \$3.
- "Crafty Friday" is weekly from 9-11. Bring your knitting, sewing, or just come and catch up with your friends!

Thanks to all who have donated paper goods we are in fabulous shape for the next couple of weeks! Current summer 2013 magazines are still in need; read and recycle. We still need trivets and table linens. Please consider donating any that you are no longer using.

The Women's Club hosts multiple gatherings every week. Everything you do helps makes these gatherings happy and successful. Thank you!

Cindy Huston  
Winfield Hostess



## A Hearty THANK-YOU!

I want to thank all involved for a wonderful send-off reception at Winfield on Monday, July 1st. It warmed my heart to have so many Assembly friends show up, in spite of an untimely deluge, to welcome Becky Nelson to the Platform Superintendent's job and to say "Thank-you" to me for the 11 years I have filled that role for MSSA. It was wonderful to have on hand all the various Program Committee chairs I have served under, the two General Managers I have worked with, and most of the Board Presidents I have served under as well. What a fabulous group of people!! I have loved getting to know so many more people in the Assembly community through the Platform job. Working in that capacity for MSSA has made me appreciate all the hard work and devotion of so many that makes the Assembly the special community it is and the place that we all love to return to year after year and generation after generation. Thanks to everyone for all that you are and all that you do, and thanks to Frannie Smith, Cindy Huston and the Woman's Association for hosting such a lovely reception at Winfield. Now I look forward to simply relaxing and enjoying all that the Assembly and the Platform have to offer - and perhaps recommending a few programs myself from time to time. Join me on the porch at Bridgeway (#18) for a relaxing visit sometime.

*Lisa Reynolds Hammett*

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## A Note From Becky

I want to extend my appreciation and thanks to all who attended the farewell/welcome reception at Winfield last Monday. I am especially grateful to Lisa Hammett who has provided such wonderful programming as Platform Superintendent throughout the past 11 years and has been graciously available to me during this transition. Thanks to all who came out on a rainy day, especially Pat Wildman, Cindy Huston, Frannie Smith, and the Woman's Association for hosting this wonderful celebration and, of course, Lisa who gave me such a warm and humorous welcome to this job with many hats!

I greatly appreciate the many warm wishes I have received, in addition to offers to support the Platform through speaker recommendations and hospitality for our lecturers. I welcome and encourage suggestions for Platform programming and hope that you will submit ideas through the Speaker Recommendation form that may be found on the MSSA website, at Winfield, or in the office. While I enjoy face-to-face conversations about recommendations, it helps immensely to have written documentation as well. I may also be reached at (804) 306-3747.

I feel very fortunate to be part of this wonderful community and am enjoying my first weeks as Platform Superintendent.

*Becky Nelson*

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**Winners of the 2nd Annual  
'Men on the Mountain'  
Golf Tournament**

Clark Humphreys,  
Neil Kunkle,  
Steve Rixham,  
& Rob Humphreys

# Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

## Week 5 Platform Guests

**The Right Reverend Henry Parsley**, *Guest Minister*. Born in Memphis, TN, Bishop Parsley received his undergraduate education at the University of the South (*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 1970), his M. Div. from The General Theological Seminary (1973), and a D.D. from General Theological Seminary (1998). He served in a number of parish churches in South and North Carolina and was for five years headmaster of a parochial school. His last parish was Christ Church, Charlotte (1986-1996). He served as Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama 1996-1998 before becoming its 10th diocesan bishop in 1999, and he retired from that post in the fall of 2011. Bishop Parsley served as Chancellor of the University of the South, serving on the Board of Trustees and on the Board of Regents. Bishop Parsley is currently Bishop in Residence for St. Mary's Sewanee and on the board of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion. He is married to the former Rebecca Knox Allison (Becky), and they are the parents of Henry III, who lives with his wife Libba in Greensboro, NC.

**Jacquelyn Goode Briscoe**, *Art Workshop Instructor*. Jackie Briscoe has taught private art classes in her home for more than 45 years, her students ranging in age from 6 to 100. In addition, she conducts week-long summer art camps for children and has served as an artist-in-residence for several elementary schools in Decatur, AL. She frequently teaches one-time classes in a specific medium for community adults. A native of Birmingham, AL, Jackie lived for five years in Italy and Germany as part of an Army family, and subsequent travels have continued to enhance her familiarity with the art treasures of the world while also inspiring her own artistic output. Jackie has had a number of one-woman shows in Alabama, and she has created a number of permanent public murals as corporate and civic commissions. She works in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, pen and ink, encaustics, and mixed media.

**Bill Barker (a.k.a. Thomas Jefferson)**, *Lecturer & Performer*. Bill Barker has portrayed Thomas Jefferson in a variety of venues since his first appearance at Independence Hall in Philadelphia in 1984. He first came to Williamsburg in the spring of 1993 to perform as Jefferson in a film, and since then he has continued to appear as Jefferson, and to assist in the development of Jefferson programs, for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Bill's interest in Thomas Jefferson reaches back to his youth. Bill received a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in history, from Villanova University and attended the University of Pennsylvania. Attracted to the stage at an early age he became a professional actor, director and producer. He was cast as Jefferson in many different venues including the musical, *1776*. Bill has performed as Jefferson at the White House, the Palace of Versailles, and throughout the United States, Great Britain, France, and even in Las Vegas. He has presented for the Chautauqua Institution, and his work in bringing Jefferson to life has been featured and praised by many popular publications. Bill appeared as Jefferson in programs aired on ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, CNN, The History Channel, and C-SPAN. Bill enjoys historical research, archaeology and traveling.

**Bettie Hill**, *Lecturer*. Bettie Teasley Hill, oldest grandchild of Brantley Smith, grew up visiting family in the Assembly from her home in Nashville and later Lebanon, TN. She attended Lindenwood College in Missouri for two years and graduated from the University of TN. Her husband John's career in the Air Force and American Airlines had them moving all around the country until they settled back home in Lebanon to raise their three sons. In 1984, after looking for years, the Hills purchased their Assembly cottage and made it their permanent home for over twenty years. Bettie is a Past President of the Assembly as well as the Woman's Association. She enjoys family history, her church [where she serves as Elder], her design work, her Garden Club, entertaining the extended family, and her ten grandchildren.

**Christi Teasley**, *Lecturer*. Emily Christine (Christi) Teasley, great-granddaughter of Brantley Smith, is named Christine for both his wife and his daughter. Christi and her sisters Angy (Noell) and Bettie joined their parents Charlie Teasley (Brantley Smith's grandson) and Merrily Austin Teasley for summers in Monteagle beginning in 1972 in their cottage Elves Rest, #65. The family moved to the Assembly year-round and began renovations that led to the re-opening of Edgeworth Inn, #23. Christi, her sisters, and her cousins held and enjoyed many summer jobs on the Assembly Youth Staff. Christi was graduated from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School in 1983. A teacher at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School since 1989, she holds a B.F.A. in Textile Design and an M.A. in Art Education from Rhode Island School of Design. She directs the SAS Gallery and the Visiting Artist Program. She headed the SAS 2011-12 Vision process, bringing together a vast array of constituencies to forge a vision for the school. The current focus of Christi's personal studio work is the study of ecologically sustainable materials and techniques for printing and dyeing textiles.

**Justin Stelter**, *Lecturer*. Justin Stelter has been in the landscaping business in Williamson County, TN, since 1995, and he is currently the head gardener at two important historical sites in middle Tennessee. In 2003 Justin became focused on historic gardening when he was hired as Head Gardener of Carnton Plantation, where the garden is reconstructed from the bones of the original 1847 kitchen/ornamental garden and its evolution from 1847 thru 1869. While head gardener, Justin installed espaliered pear trees, an historic daffodil display garden, species hostas, and an heirloom peony collection consisting of varieties all available prior to 1869. In 2006 he was selected to attend the Historic Landscape Institute at Monticello. In late 2009, Justin was hired by The Hermitage to direct garden improvements. He is a member of more regional gardening clubs than he can remember and speaks regularly to organizations from Indianapolis to Atlanta. Justin has traveled to gardens all over the world including Argentina, Brazil, England, France, Italy, Morocco, Spain and Turkey. His first gardening book will be a guide to historic gardens.

**Karen Kuers**, *Tree Walk Guide*. Karen Kuers is Professor of Forestry in the Department of Forestry and Geology at the University of the South in Sewanee. She earned an undergraduate degree at Spring Hill College in Alabama, the M.S. degree at Texas A&M University, and her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia. At Sewanee Kuers teaches courses in Forest Ecology, Dendrology, Urban Forestry, and Silviculture. Dr. Kuers' research interests include hardwood silviculture, forest stand dynamics in response to disturbance, silvics of non-commercial hardwoods, and urban forest management. She has directed students in a study of non-timber forest products on the Sewanee Domain, and she generously worked with the Monteagle Assembly to catalogue information on species and notable characteristics of trees on the Assembly Grounds as part of the Assembly's successful application for official status as an Arboretum.

**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.

