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Give Generously: Today Is Outreach Sunday

Each summer, one Sunday is designated Outreach Sunday, and the funds from that week's chapel offering are given by the Outreach Committee to support community organizations on the Mountain. This year Outreach Sunday is today, July 21, and your offerings will go to the very worthy non-profit aid organization, the Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau.

Co-chaired by MSSA's Scott Parrish, the CFSCP was created in 2012 with an anchor gift from the Monteagle Assembly. Its mission is 'to improve the quality of life across the plateau, from Beersheba Springs to Sewanee, by increasing philanthropic giving and providing community leadership.' The Foundation's first grants, totaling over \$100,000, were distributed in November 2012 to 11 different organizations, including the Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, the Grundy County Food Bank, and Mountain T.O.P. The seven June 2013 grant recipients include the Blue Monarch women's shelter, the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, and North Elementary School in Grundy County.

The Outreach Committee has also been able to give funds directly to the following Monteagle organizations:

- \$500 to the May Justus Memorial Library (the public library in Monteagle)
- \$300 to the Monteagle Volunteer Fire Dept.

You can still give to Outreach even if you didn't come prepared to give on Sunday (or you'd like to give again!). Funds will be collected in the office for the rest of the season and beyond. Make checks to MSSA, and write "for Outreach" on the memo line. The Assembly's support of and involvement in the Community Fund increases the giving power of the new and important philanthropic organization, and helps support the growth and health of Mountain communities.

Please give generously,
Ginny Gordon
Chair, Outreach Committee

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.



Shrimp Boil Moved To Friday, July 26

Now you don't have to choose! In order to avoid conflicting with Morton Memorial UMC's popular and tasty annual Fish Fry, to be held on Saturday, July 27, this week's low country shrimp boil, originally planned for Saturday, will now be held on Friday evening, July 26, 6:30-8:00 pm in Harton Dining Hall. Tickets to the shrimp boil are \$25/adult, \$10/children 12 & under, and may be reserved at the Dining Hall or the MSSA Office.

Enjoy shrimp on Friday, and fish & hushpuppies on Saturday. See the article on page 4 of this *Mountain Voices* for details & ticket info for the Morton Memorial Fish Fry.

Platform Suggestions Welcome!

The Speaker Recommendation form may be found on the Assembly website www.mssa1882.org, at the MSSA office, and at Winfield House. Please submit suggestions by email to Platform Superintendent Becky Nelson at becky.nelson@mssa1882.org. Becky may also be reached on her cell phone at (804) 306-3747.

Week of July 21-27 Events & Highlights

Guest Minister
Rev. Charles Foster Johnson

Sunday

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

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Live Animal Nature Program:
"Secret Lairs," NHECM
4:00-5:00 PM Auditorium

Bridge Builders Party
5:30-7:30 PM Rock House
~ See GM Scott Parrish for
information on how you can
become a Bridge Builder

Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise: Zumba!
with Ellie Patrick Lovvorn
8-9 AM Gymnasium

Monday-Thursday

Twilight Prayers
7:30 PM Warren Chapel

Monday

Lecture: "Making a Difference
in Rwanda," Nancy Strachan
11:00 AM Warren Chapel

Woman's Assoc. Book Swap
2:30 PM Winfield Porch

All-Assembly Bingo!
8:55 PM Harton Dining Hall

Tuesday

Documentary Film-Making
Workshop for Buzzards &
Falcons with James Acker
10 AM-12 PM Shady Dell
~ continues Weds-Fri AM & PM
(pre-registration required;
p. 24 in program book for details)

Lecture: "Digital: The New Age
of Photography," Jim Rogers
11 AM Warren Chapel

Adult Photography Workshop:
"Digital Photography: Getting
Started and Beyond,"
with Jim Rogers
1:30-4:30 PM Warren Chapel
~ continues Weds & Thursday
(advance registration & fee re-
quired, details p. 30 in program)

Photography Workshop for
Eagles with Norris Gagnet
2:30-4:30 PM Art Pavilion
~ continues Weds & Thursday
(limited spaces; advance registration &
fee required, details p. 27 in program)

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Cartoon & Movie:

“Ice Age: Continental Drift” (PG)
8:05 Auditorium

Lecture: “Real People & Real Places:
One Photographer’s Point of View”
with Gail Zucker
8:15 PM Warren Chapel

Wednesday

Lecture: “A History of the Camp
Meeting Movement in America”
with Architect Sara Hines
11:00 AM Warren Chapel

Early Bird Movie:

“The Aristocats” (G,1970)
Hummingbirds & Parents too!
6:00 PM Auditorium

Cartoon & Movie:

“Parental Guidance” (PG, 2012)
8:05 Auditorium

Thursday

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

Lecture: “Cottage Communities in
America, Part 2: Common Ground”
with Architect Sara Hines
11 AM Warren Chapel

Cartoon & Movie: “To the Arctic”
(G, 2012, Documentary)
8:05 PM Auditorium

Friday

Crafty Friday
9-11 AM Winfield Porch

Illustrated Lecture: “Sharing Our
Perspectives,” with Jim Rogers and
photography workshop participants
11:00 AM Warren Chapel

Denominational Caucus Meetings
3:00 PM Various Locations

MSSA Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 PM Harton Dining Hall

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

Low Country Shrimp Boil (new date)
6:30-8:00 PM Harton Dining Hall
~ by advance reservation in DH or office
only; \$15 adult, \$10 ages 12 & under

Movie: “Big Miracle” (PG, 2012)
8:00 PM Auditorium

Saturday

Annual Cottage Owners Meeting:
9:00 AM Warren Chapel

Youth Tennis Tournament Finals
2-4 PM Tennis Courts

MSSA Board of Trustees Meeting
followed immediately by MAEFC Mtg
2:00 PM Warren Chapel

Youth Dance: for Eagles, Buzzards
& Falcons
8:00-10:00 PM Gymnasium

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Season Office Hours

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

Dining Hall Hours

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

Closed Saturday

Sunday Buffet from Noon
~ ~ ~

Shrimp Boil
Friday, June 26

\$25 - adults
\$10 - children (12 & under)

*Now accepting reservations
in the Dining Hall*

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

A Fond Farewell to Larry Dykes

Larry Dykes has notified me of his intention to retire from the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly on August 31, 2013. Larry is our longest tenured employee, having come to the Assembly in 1997.

During his time as Superintendent of Grounds, we have benefitted from his vast experience and love for the grounds and the MSSA members. Larry worked tirelessly, often through the night, to ensure the Assembly facilities would be ready for our season. He has provided comfort and support to many of our members during difficult times and is a friend to many.

On a personal note, Larry made my transition to MSSA easy. I always knew that he would have everything ready to go, for he treated the Assembly Grounds as he would his own. He retires leaving our facilities in good shape for the future and for the next Superintendent of Grounds. I wish Larry and Barbara all the best for their future and look forward to many future visits.

There will be a reception and dinner celebrating Larry’s dedication to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly on Sunday July 28th at 5:30 pm in Harton Hall. Please come and thank Larry for his dedication to this special place.

Regards,
Scott Parrish
General Manager

Bits and Pieces

- **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.
- **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.
- **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 25, 2:30 pm at Edgeworth Inn.
- Don't forget to come to the **Thursday Morning Mountain Market from 7 -10 am** in front of Harton Dining Hall. Come early to be sure to get the freshest flowers, veggies, and local goodies.
- **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!

In Memoriam:

Arthur Edgar Malone, Jr., July 12, 2013

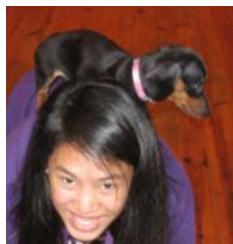
Art Malone passed away on Friday, July 12, the day of his 50th wedding anniversary to his wife Cornelia. He was 73 years old. Art is survived by Cornelia, their children John, Katherine and David, their spouses and children, and his only brother, Winfield Baird. A memorial service was held on July 16, at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

- **A Word of Warning to State Park Hikers:** There are increasing reports of vandalism in Grundy County, particularly of cars parked at park trailheads. Never leave valuables visible in your car, or better yet, leave them at home. If you need to fill the gas tank, do it after leaving the park, not before!
- **Volunteer *Still Needed* for July 28:** Pam Maloof teaches a Sunday School class for our 5-7 year olds but will be out of town July 28. We are still in need of one volunteer to lead her class that day. Attendance is typically 3-5 children, and Pam has a lesson plan for you to use. Thank you! Please contact Margaret Rixham (704-287-6870) if you are willing to help.
- **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.
- **Must-Do List For Members And Guests With Dogs:**
 - 1) pick up Fido's poop, every time
 - 2) keep Rover quiet during chapel and lectures (or make sure Rover stays at the cottage)



From The Stroud Family

Words cannot express how loved we felt after our little dog Hildy passed away last week. It seems she was sort of the Montecagle Mascot this summer and last. Thank you so much -- EVERYONE.



Hildy & Summer Stroud

The Stroud Family

Do Now For Next Week . . .

- **Freshen up** your bridge skills in preparation for 'Somewhat Advanced Bridge' with Jerry Bull.
- **Sign up** for Virginia Curry's adult art workshop "Beautiful Things in Small Packages" (see page 31 in program book for all the details)
- **Finish up** (or start!) reading the August 1 book club book, *What Money Can't Buy: Moral Limits of Markets* by Michael Sandel.

Music Notes



The Assembly Chorus (ages 12 and up) will be singing the Offertory Sunday, July 28th. Practices will be Tuesday, July 23 and Wednesday, July 24 at 4:30 pm in the Chapel. We will have one last mini-practice on Sunday, July 28th at 10:30 am in the Chapel. If you cannot make the Tuesday or Wednesday practice, I'll be happy to go over your part sometime on Saturday afternoon - just give me a call!

The Ringers and Singers will be practicing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the Chapel and will sing at the end of Twilight Prayers (7:30 p.m.) on Thursday evening, July 25.

Our last Family Hymn Sing for this Season will be Sunday afternoon, July 28th at 4:30 in the Chapel. Would love to see a huge crowd "rockin' out" to some of the old hymns!

Call me if you need me:

Judith Humphreys

(615) 403-4735 or 924-2594



Cottages and Camp Meetings



What makes a cottage a 'cottage'? Come to architect Sara Hines' Wednesday and Thursday morning lectures on the history of the American camp meeting movement, from which communities like the Monteagle Assembly were born, and find out!

11:00 am in Warren Chapel

From The Annual Fund Chair

"Tacky." "Common." "Vulgar." "Gauche." Talking about money. In public!

While we always want to thank ALL of our generous Annual Fund donors, shouting out the names of our Git-R-Done four-figure benefactors is simply beyond the pale. It is just not done! So I would like to publicly apologize to: Pat and Newton Anderson, Jane Barton, Ellie and William Billington, Harry Lee Billington, Jane Dalrymple-Hollo, Sallie Stroud and the Favrot Family Fund, Kathy and Bill Flatley, Polly Ann and Wick Halliday, The Harton Family Partners, Lottie and Douglas Henry Jr., Ashley and Douglas Henry, Cyndy and Bob Hudgins, Ann and Lance Krafft, The Louise B. Wallace Foundation, Pam and Greg Maloof, Jean Martin, Laurie and David Peacock, Hugh Ray, Agnes and Lindsey Short, Jon and Ann Shayne and The Shayne Foundation and our dear President Pat Wildman for mentioning their names at the spectacular Fiesta Terrazza held in the Dining Hall on July Sixth. And that horrible pun about being huge fans of our five-figure donors, Irene and Ridley Wills: I can assure you that will not happen again . . . unless of course these stalwarts of stewardship continue to lead by example.

We are two-thirds of the way through our three-year Harton Hall project, with work yet to be done; this year's Annual Fund runs through September 30, and I thank you (some of you in advance) for your participation . . . !

Lanier Frank

Youth Tennis Tourney Begins Wednesday



The annual Youth Tennis Tournament comes to the Mountain in Week Seven. Sign-ups for the tournament will be up in front of the Auditorium and you have until Tuesday at noon to sign up. Please check the board for any information. Players should meet

at the Gazebo on Wednesday at 2:30 to start matches. Please bring a can of unopened balls for your match. Finals will be played on Saturday. Let's hope for lots of bright sunshine.

The categories for our tournament are as follows:

Boy's Singles	Girl's Singles
Boy's Doubles	Girls Doubles
Mixed Doubles	

We hope to see lots of kids come out!

Fish Fry at Morton UMC

The annual Morton Memorial UMC Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, July 27, 4:00-7:00 pm, serving up the finest fried fish, hushpuppies, slaw, fried potatoes and luscious desserts imaginable. Adult tickets are \$12 and children under 10 are \$6. Money raised for the fish fry will go to our Missions projects, such as: Community Fund of South Cumberland Plateau, Monteagle Elementary School, Mountain TOP Ministries, Don't Meth with US from Rotary Club, Mountain Christian Center Food Ministries, and many other local missions. You can help fund outreach in our mountain community and have a great time and good food at the same time. Please go to the office of Morton Memorial Church in Monteagle or see any church member for tickets. Come on down, y'all!



EARLY BIRD MOVIE

Hummingbirds and Parents too!!
Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM

This week: *The Aristocats*



Picture of the Week

Hummingbirds
Halloween in July!

Submitted by Ann Byrn Floyd.

Arty Party with Virginia Curry

Easy, fun art anyone can do! Create, visit, snack -- all of this and more at the last "Arty Party" of the season, on Winfield porch on Wednesday, July 24, from 5:30-8:00 pm.

The first Arty Party was a fun and fabulous success, and this one will be the same. Assembly member and Memphis art educator Virginia Curry will lead partygoers in creating individual works of art, complete and ready to take home by the end of the evening.

Space is limited so sign up right away!. Each partygoer should bring a small munchie plate to share and, of course, a favorite beverage to drink! The materials fee is \$30.00 per person for materials at time of registration; sign up with Winfield hostess Cindy Houston.

Contact Leslie or Claire Neely for more information:
Claire, (901) 848-3839 or cb.neely@gmail.com;
Leslie, (901) 848-4253 OR lnneely@gmail.com



Focus on Photography for Eagles & Up in Week 7

Inspiration and instruction are both on offer in next week's platform schedule. On Tuesday at 11 am, Jim Rogers' talk "Digital: The New Age of Photography" will introduce this relatively recent medium, and will kick off his 4-day adult photography workshop for beginners and beyond. Friday's 11 am lecture will be an exhibit and discussion of the week's work, Eagles can take a 3-day workshop (Tuesday-Thursday afternoons) with New Orleans photographer Norris Gagnet. This youth workshop is limited to only 7 Eagles, and advance registration and an MSSA gate ticket are required. Don't delay, sign up today! Both workshops and equipment needed are described in full on pages 27 & 30 of the program book. Register at the MSSA office.



Buzzards and Falcons interested in 'moving pictures' can take James Acker's "Documentary Film Making" workshop Tuesday-Friday. Participants will work together to write, shoot and edit a short film about Montegale. Details are on page 27 of the program book. Registration is limited; sign up in advance in the MSSA Office.

For inspiration (and an entertaining evening), attend international photographer Gail Zucker's 'behind the scenes' talk "Real People & Real Places." In addition to sheep shots on a Navajo reservation, and photo sessions in the basement of the White House, Zucker photographed Assembly member Ann Shayne's second book, *Mason Dixon Knitting: Outside the Lines*. Many of the knitting projects in the book were photographed on location, right here in the Assembly! The lecture will begin Tuesday, July 23, at 8:15 pm in Warren Chapel

Youth Program News



The youth staff and youth have had a great last two weeks! We have been bowling with the Eagles and caving with the Buzzards and Falcons, as well as excursions to Savage

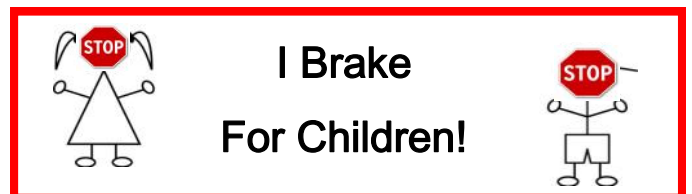
Gulf, Foster Falls, St. Andrews-Sewanee reservoir, and our big family excursion to the Hiwassee River. The staff has had a wonderful time with the Assembly children and we are looking forward to a fun filled last two weeks. We have also had an exciting youth week with McKay Caston. Our activities have included movie night with ice cream, messy games, s'mores on the mall, and the kids favorite, Capture the Flag. The staff would like to thank McKay for all his hard work and providing such a great Youth Week for us and the Buzzards and Falcons.

I would like to thank the following people for hosting progressive and staff dinners: Mary Clayton Wood, Helen Bird, Sallie Stroud, Holly Stevens, Nancy Crais, Sara-Scott Wingo, Anne Williams, Britton Watson, Meghan Hudgins, Murray Smart, Sallie Stevens, and Susan Acker. All these meals were great and the staff and kids always have a great time. I'd also like to thank Anne Byrn Floyd for providing a copy of *Finding Nemo*. Thank you all very much! If you would like to sign up to host future progressive dinners you can do so by emailing me at vanzandt.thomas@gmail.com or signing up at the Parents meeting (1:00 p.m. on Winfield Porch) or during registration in the mornings.

As we get close to the end of the season I would like to encourage anyone who is thinking of applying for youth staff for the summer of 2014 to go to the Assembly website, mssa1882.org, and fill out an online application. Also please contact the General Manager, Scott Parrish, to schedule an interview before you leave the mountain.

Thanks for everyone's continued support.

Thomas van Zandt
2013 Youth Coordinator



Laddie Harton Neil and Nancy Harton Washburn with Emily Frith, at La Fiesta Terraza, the fund raiser for renovations to Harton Dining Hall.



Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

Week 7 Platform Guests

The Reverend Charles Foster Johnson, *Guest Minister.* Charles Foster Johnson serves on the pastoral team of Bread Fellowship, Fort Worth, TX, and as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Desdemona, TX. Born in Alabama, he grew up in Pensacola, FL, and earned degrees from Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. During his 30-year ministry he has served churches in MS, KY, TN, and TX. In 2006-2008 he served as Visiting Instructor of Preaching at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University, Atlanta, and he has also taught at Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio. Johnson is a frequent preacher and speaker in university, church and business circles. He is involved in civic and denominational life and was named "Baptist of the Year" by the Baptist Center for Ethics in 2004. His ministry has been marked by active concern for social justice and inclusiveness, and in 2008 he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College. Rev. Johnson is married to Jana Powers Corley and has three grown children.

Robert Tarter and NHECM, *Natural History Educator/Presenter.* Wildlife biologist Robert Tarter owns and manages The Natural History Educational Company of the Midsouth (NHECM), based in Columbia, TN. An avid conservationist and wildlife enthusiast, Bob is living his life-long dream of working with animals. After earning a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, Bob worked as a wildlife biologist for the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources and Ducks Unlimited. He then began working for the Natural History Education Company ("NHEC"), soon acquiring the rights to their programs in TN, AL, AR & MS and thereafter forming the Natural History Educational Company of the Midsouth (NHECM), which brings live animal educational programs to locations throughout the Southeast.

Nancy Strachan, *Lecturer.* A native of eastern Virginia, Nancy Strachan is Founder and President of Rwandan HUGS, Inc., a ministry she began after visiting Rwanda in 2007 with genocide survivor Immauculee Ilibagiza, author of *Left to Tell: Discovering God amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. Nancy and her Scottish husband Leslie are co-owners of a unique jewelry business, Shiny Stuff, home of www.teapotjewelry.com. She began her jewelry career in 1990 after 15 years as a professional librarian. She is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Bedford, VA, and has been active in area service organizations. Nancy has traveled widely in Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and South America, but a 2007 trip to Rwanda changed her life. It inspired her to launch a ministry that informs Americans about radical forgiveness and the miracles of reconciliation in Rwanda while providing hope, opportunity, and friendship to thousands of people she now calls "family" in Rwanda.

James Acker, *Youth Workshop Instructor.* James Acker has spent every summer of his life coming to Monteagle as part of the fifth generation in his family associated with the Assembly. This summer, James will share his love of stories and movies in 4-day documentary film-making workshops for kids of various ages. A former summer Assembly youth staff member and a 2012 graduate of Moorestown High School in New Jersey, James has just completed his first year in the film program at Philadelphia's Drexel University.

Jim Rogers, *Lecturer & Workshop Instructor.* Jim Rogers, owner of Jim Rogers Photography in Dallas, TX, is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He has worked in marketing/advertising/public relations virtually his entire professional life. Jim's love of photography began in high school and has continued through his career. In his retirement, the photographic medium remains a driving force in Jim's day-to-day activities, allowing him to remain active with a select clientele including *The First Tee*, *Plein Air Magazine*, and *The Outdoor Painters Society of America*. Jim's photography has won an Annual Report Graphics Award of Excellence and has been displayed in art galleries and museums including the Museum of Fine Art in Longview, TX, and the Rocky Mountain Arts Council Gallery in Estes Park, CO. Recently Jim accepted an invitation from Bishop Tony Burton to become the senior photographer in residence for The Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal), where he serves as a Verger.

Norris Nelson Gagnet, *Youth Workshop Instructor.* Norris Gagnet has loved photography since high school, photographing the unique architecture of her New Orleans surroundings. After earning degrees in early childhood education and teaching for 10 years, motherhood led Norris to upgrade her camera equipment to better capture the moment. With the encouragement of friends and family, Norris eventually started taking child and family portraits in natural light, and her photographic business was born. Norris feels passionately that everyone should have good pictures of the people, places, and events they treasure, and she enjoys helping others improve their photographic skills. Ms. Gagnet taught very successful photography workshops during the Assembly's 2010 & 2012 summer seasons, and her photographs have featured prominently in several recent season program books.

Gale Zucker, *Lecturer.* Join Gale Zucker, is a commercial photographer whose location photography work has taken her from the White House to Navajo sheep corrals. Her talk at the Assembly will feature 'behind the scenes' stories plus tips to enliven your own photography. With a degree in photojournalism from the University of Minnesota, Gale began her career as a stringer for *The New York Times*, at the same time fulfilling regular assignments from many other national publications. She continues to photograph for magazines while expanding her commercial, institutional, and non-profit clientele. Gale's experience and resourcefulness in lighting varied environments earned her the title "Lighting Master" in a Photo District News profile. She is the photographer/co-author of the book *Craft Activism* (Random House/Clarkson Potter), and *Shear Spirit* (Random House), a coffee-table book that combines photography with knitting, yarn, and the fiber-farming life across the U.S. In 2008 Gale photographed *Mason Dixon Knitting: Outside the Lines* (Random House/Clarkson Potter) on location in TN and NY. Gale teaches photography workshops and is an experienced speaker. When not photographing, traveling, knitting or dog wrangling, Gale can be found in shoreline Connecticut with her family.

Sara Hines, *Lecturer.* Architect and urbanist Hines was born in Memphis, TN, and as a child was introduced to Monteagle, where her mother had visited as a teenager. Sara studied fine art and architecture at Washington University in St. Louis, and she is currently a registered architect based in Ashland, MA. Her career has taken her into urban design and a search for how the structure of both buildings and the places between them conspire to create the communities and places that we love and cherish. When she visited Oak Bluff Camp Meeting on Martha's Vineyard, Sara was amazed at the powerful sense of community still present in a place in existence since 1830. At the height of the movement in the 19th century there were as many as 3000 Camp Meeting Grounds, including numerous Chautauqua communities. Today there are still 1000 of them, some perfectly preserved and active, others sadly in failing condition. What started as an outing on a summer day has turned into a journey to find, document and understand these remarkable places and how they continue to offer the opportunity for a multi-generational experience of community that is surprisingly strong. Sara's research investigates what makes for a typical Camp Meeting cottage; why the size and space matters; how even without religion these streets, densities, and human-scaled tents and cottages work to create community; and what lessons might be learned from these places about living simply and well.

Ellie Patrick Lovorn, *Exercise (Zumba) Instructor.* Ellie Lovorn has been coming to the Assembly since she was 2 months old and is the grand-daughter of Assembly member Harry Lee Billington. Ellie worked as part of the youth staff for four years in Hummingbirds. She then went to the University of TN and graduated with a Masters in Education. Ellie now teaches third grade in Athens, AL, where she lives with her husband, Jeb, and their 5-year-old twin daughters. Ellie is certified to teach Zumba and Kickboxing. She teaches Zumba, Kickboxing and Muscle-works at a local gym in Athens, and we are pleased to have Ellie teach morning exercise during two weeks this summer.