

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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## From the President: Welcome Back!

**W**e have good news and good news! The **Pulliam Museum and Conference Center** is nearing completion, and it is wonderful. Many thanks to Mary Ellen Lovell, who has spent untold hours on the project with her committee, Anne Monfore and Barry Moody, and to Scott Parrish and Mary Jane and William Flowers, who have been there every day. Very special thanks to the donors who have been extremely generous and who have ensured that the building and landscaping will be beautiful as well as useful and comfortable.

What glorious weather we had for **Trails and Trilliums** weekend! The attendance was larger than last year, the events were outstanding, and the vendors had lovely offerings. To Linda Parrish, her committee, and her outstanding volunteers, we give much appreciation for the long hours of preparing, planning, and directing the entire event.

The **Strategic Plan** began several years ago when Kent Ballow, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, and Scott Parrish started discussing a plan for the Assembly. That conversation grew into a very large effort by that committee, many volunteers, and many members and lead to extensive surveys and months of work with committees and consultant Ann Coulter, who directed the process and wrote the plan. A year ago, Kent Ballow, then President, wrote in *Mountain Voices* in April 2015 that the board had approved this motion: *The Long Range Planning committee recommends and moves the board approve, adopt, and begin implementation of the 58 page strategic plan as written by Ann Coulter and originally presented to the board in November of 2014.* It passed unanimously on March 21, 2015. She wrote that the goals and strategies would be implemented in the coming months and years under the guidance of the Board and the Long Range Planning Committee. At its meeting May 21, 2016, the Board approved efforts that begin the implementation of the plan. Members are urged to read this document, which may be found on our website; it has goals and strategies to be studied, examined, and discussed to determine whether the processes we are using could be improved or changed, or whether they are just fine as they are. Task forces will do the work and will report to the board from time to time.

Other good news: **The Cemetery Committee** has been hard at work through the winter. Please go out to see the magnificent cross in its very lovely setting.

In the north field, you will see earth turned for **wildflower gardens and for butterfly gardens**. In another month, it will be beautiful. Many thanks to Rick Duncan and the crew for that work and for keeping the Grounds in top condition.

Please read your program books! With thanks to Becky Nelson and Virginia Curry, we look forward to a delightful season of outstanding programs, diverse activities for all ages and interests, and relaxing "Monteagle time" to spend with family and friends.

-- Stephanie



### Info Center on Mall

Our Information Center on the Mall is your one-stop shop for information on Platform events, youth activities, Chapel-related news, and other general updates. Check it often!

If you'd like your posting to appear, please email it to: [platform@mssa1882.org](mailto:platform@mssa1882.org) for Liz to print and post.

### Week of June 12-18 Events & Highlights

Guest Minister  
Rev. John Beckman

**Sunday**  
Raising of the Flag & Sunday Service  
11am • Warren Chapel

Pulliam Center Dedication  
4pm • Pulliam Center

**Monday-Thursday**  
Twilight Prayers  
7:30pm • Warren Chapel

**Monday-Friday**  
Adult Exercise with Millie Beth  
8-9am • Gymnasium

White Oak Baskets Workshop with Sue Williams  
1-5pm • Art Pavilion

**Monday**  
Movie: "Tomorrowland"  
(PG, 2015)  
8:05pm • Auditorium

**Tuesday**  
Lecture: "Tenneswim: Swimming the Tennessee River in the Name of Water Quality," with Martin Knoll  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

Bob's Bootcamp: "John Williams: Star Wars and Beyond," with Bob Bernhardt  
Bring a sack lunch!  
2:30-5:00pm • Pulliam Center

Movie: "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" (PG, 2014)  
8:05pm • Auditorium

Lecture: "Up: How a Positive Outlook Can Transform Our Health and Aging," with Hilary Tindle  
8:15pm • Warren Chapel

**Wednesday**  
Lecture: "Seven Reasons Our Politics Seem So Polarized," with Liz Norell  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

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**Early Bird Movie:** “The Little Mermaid” (G, 1989), *Hummingbirds & parents!*  
6pm • Auditorium

**Movie:** “The Big Green” (G, 1995)  
8:05pm • Auditorium

**Thursday**  
**Produce Market**  
7-10am • On the Mall

**Lecture:** “The Gardens of Downton Abbey,” with June Mays  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

**Movie:** “Super Buddies” (G, 2013)  
8:05pm • Auditorium

**Lecture:** “When Generations Connect,” with Scott Zimmer  
8:15pm • Pulliam Center

**Friday**  
**Lecture:** “Appalachian Folklore,” with Tom Mould  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

**Flashback Friday Movie:** “Huckleberry Finn” (G, 1974)  
8pm • Auditorium

**Performance:** The Chattanooga Symphony & Opera String Quartet  
8pm • Warren Chapel

**Saturday**  
**Buzzards & Falcons:** Caving Trip with Joey Favaloro  
10am-5pm • Meet at Auditorium

**The Information Center on the Mall will have information about additions and changes to the schedule.**

**Mountain Voices**  
Liz Norell, editor

Please send your stories and photos for inclusion in the next issue to [platform@mssa1882.org](mailto:platform@mssa1882.org)

**SEASON OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Saturday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

## Platform Highlights This Week

The first week of the season features an eclectic mix of programs highlighting music, health, politics, gardening, and inter-generational differences and communication styles. The Chattanooga Symphony & Opera’s **Bob Bernhardt** will present “Bob’s Bootcamp! John Williams: Star Wars, and Beyond” on **Tuesday from 2:30-5:00pm** in the Pulliam Center. This musical boot camp will feature audio clips from John Williams, perhaps the best-known film music composer living today. **Bring a sack lunch** and enjoy this peek behind the scenes of the composer of well-known themes from *Star Wars*, *Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and beyond.



Tuesday evening’s feature lecture by **Hilary Tindle** will focus on the connection between the mind and the body in healthcare. Tindle, a physician scientist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will lecture on the topic of her book: “Up: How a Positive Outlook Can Transform Our Health and Aging.” Tindle’s lecture is in the Chapel at 8:15pm.

Two lectures this week will focus on looking into the past—both that of our family and of our region. **Scott Zimmer**’s lecture, “When Generations Connect,” invites those of different generations to bridge divides and understand one another better. He will join the Assembly via video conferencing at the Pulliam Center Thursday evening, starting at 8:15pm. His expertise lies in helping each generation feel valued and understood. **Tom Mould**, of Elon University, will speak Friday at 10:45 in Warren Chapel on the topic of “Appalachian Folklore.” The Assembly is nestled in the heart of Appalachia, a region where cultural wealth is often paired with economic need. Mould’s study of Appalachian folklore helps to provide a window into the values, beliefs, and traditions shared among its residents. After a brief survey of Appalachian folklore, his lecture will focus on two contemporary folk traditions: ginseng hunting and Jack Tales.

Finally, the **Chattanooga Symphony & Opera String Quartet** will perform Friday evening at 8pm in Warren Chapel.

## Platform Schedule Changes

Please note two changes to the Platform schedule:

Originally scheduled for Thursday, June 30, the program, “From Book to Screen: A Discussion with David Hudgins and Greg Isles” has been rescheduled to Friday, July 1 at 8pm in Warren Chapel.

Originally scheduled for Thursday, July 14, the program, “Daggers Drawn: The Power, Passion, and Pizzazz of Political Cartoons” with Kevin Kallaugher has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 30 at 8:15pm in Warren Chapel.

## New Start Time for Lectures

You may have noticed in the program that morning lectures are scheduled to begin at 10:45am this summer, instead of 11am. Here’s our thinking: Starting the lectures just 15 minutes earlier can accomplish two things: (1) the lecture will conclude well before noon, which means the speaker can avoid long lines at the dining hall and enjoy plenty of fresh, hot food; and (2) you can relax and enjoy the lecture in its entirety, knowing that there are 15 minutes before throngs of hungry youth eat all the food. No need to sit on the back row or sneak out early! You will hear the bell ring at 10:30am, announcing the 10:45am lecture. We hope you will come enjoy many of our wonderful speakers this summer!

**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.

## Bits and Pieces

- Don't forget to come to the **Thursday Morning Mountain Market from 7-10am** in front of 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.
- **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.
- **Grounds**: Lawn trimmings will be collected every Wednesday.
- **Dog owners**: Please do not forget to pick up after your dog answers nature's call! It is important that we maintain a safe, clean environment for all.
- **New project?** The next deadline to submit a plan for ARC approval is July 15th.

• **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. No deliveries during quiet hours, please!



- **Adult Tennis Clinics**: Ben Spickard will offer tennis clinics and private/small-group lessons this summer.
- **Trash pickup** begins at 5am Monday and Thursday. Be sure you have secured your garbage can lids, as dogs and raccoons have been getting into them. The trash pickup crew also notes that they are only able to pick up garbage that is inside a bag and down inside your garbage cans. Do not leave items, including cardboard boxes, sitting next to your garbage cans.
- **The advertisers** in our program book make it possible for us to have the books printed and available each season. Please consider patronizing their businesses while you're on the Mountain this summer!
- **Hummingbirds** who want to play bells, come to Warren Chapel at 2:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday. We will play at Twilight Prayers on Thursday night at 7:30pm. Any child who would like to play, come on.
- **Recycling returns to MSSA**. We will be recycling clean paper, aluminum, and plastic. Look for the blue containers at the Dining Hall. Sorry, no glass or metal cans.
- Due to an illness in Chef Meg's family, the **Edgeworth Inn will not be open for evenings meals in June**. Information about July will be published when available.

## MSSA Harton Dining Hall

For the tenth season, Corner Market Catering Company will be preparing home style entrees with a local flair, cool salads, and their famous specialties like tomato pie, gazpacho, chocolate chip cookies and tea punch. We also offer salads, soups and entrees to-go. We welcome MSSA residents and guests, as well as our neighbors from the greater mountain community. The grill is open Monday through Friday.



**Lunch served Monday through Friday 11:45am to 1:00pm.**

\$11 for 12+  
\$8 for children 6-11  
\$6 for children 3-5

**Sunday Luncheon Buffet**

*Price includes lemonade and tea punch*  
\$16 for 12+  
\$8 for children 6-11  
\$6 for children 3-5

Soft drinks & bottled water - \$1

*Door prices include sales tax and 10% contribution to MSSA. We accept cash and debit cards, and family house account applications are available through the MSSA Office.*

## Come Join the MSSA Culinary Guild in its Second Year!

We have an exciting summer for culinary events, cooking classes, dinners and fellowship coming up this summer! Our biggest responsibility, besides raising awareness of all things culinary in MSSA and our extended community, is to tend to our herb garden. We are looking for people to volunteer to weed, water and give it TLC on a weekly basis.

Please join us at our kick off meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 4:00 p.m. at the dining hall, followed by a potluck porch party at #21 Sylvan Lodge. Dues are \$20 for the summer, and anyone who is interested in food, cooking, herb gardening and supporting our local farmers and food producers is welcome to join!

## Season's First Sunday Buffet

Apricot cilantro glazed pork tenderloin  
Shrimp and grits  
Succotash  
Heirloom baby tomato and fresh mozzarella salad  
Marinated cucumber salad  
Field greens with fresh berries, blue cheese and almonds  
Blackberry cobbler and vanilla ice cream

## Be a Part of the Chautauqua Trail

We are excited and pleased that members of the Chautauqua Trail will attend their annual meeting at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly July 10-13, 2016.

In order to accommodate our guests, please contact Dr. Lane Price, Housing Coordinator, at [lmpriced@aol.com](mailto:lmpriced@aol.com) if you are able to provide a home stay. All meals will be provided to registered Trail members, but it will be an enjoyable way to meet other Chautauqua members at your cottage.

You may become a member of the Trail for an annual fee of \$10, which will entitle you to attend and participate at the meetings. You may also join in all the Trail activities for a fee of \$150 per person. This charge will entitle you to all the activities, meetings, and meals. If you are interested in the program, we ask that you complete the registration form which is available at the office.

-- Greg Maloof

## Adventure & Discovery

The MSSA Trails Committee is excited to announce a few additions for 2016. We have put together an Adventure and Discovery Section that will be available in the Winfield Library. This collection of books is a resource for adventurers of all ages. The topics range from regional field guides, to hiking guides, outdoor safety, and nature games/activities for kids. There is also two Discovery Backpacks that can be checked out for your next adventure to the MSSA Trails or beyond. The Discovery Backpacks are available in two sizes and contain binoculars, a magnifying glass, compass, colored pencils, and a field journal.

We have also completed a new and improved MSSA Trail Map. The maps are available at the front gate, the office, or in three Map Boxes located at the Iron Gates, the North Gate, and Warren's Point Gazebo.

You will also notice an addition to the MSSA Trail Map, the North Trail Campground. This campground is reached by hiking the East Trail(white) to the Stagecoach Road Trail(blue) down below the bluff to the end. This is a beautiful and challenging hike that ends with a view of a small waterfall.

So check out a book, a backpack, grab some water and some snacks and explore MSSA and the Cumberland Plateau!

-- MSSA Trails Committee



### EARLY BIRD MOVIES

Hummingbirds  
and parents too!!

**Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM**

**This week: *The Little Mermaid*  
(1989, G)**

## Youth Updates

- Be sure to "like" our MSSA Youth Facebook where you can find all the latest information about youth activities: [www.facebook.com/MssaYouth](http://www.facebook.com/MssaYouth)
- Please remind your children to not bring their cell phones or electronic devices to youth activities.
- Please arrive 5-10 minutes early for excursions so we can leave on time and have as much time as possible on our outing.
- All youth who are traveling off assembly grounds as part of a youth activity must sign a "permission to ride release." This includes Eagles who are riding with parent drivers as well as Buzzards and Falcons who are riding with Youth Staff members. These forms will be available at morning registration and before excursions depart.
- Eaglet and Eagle excursions are so fun to have; however, we need parents to volunteer on the front end so we can determine how many youth we can take. Please volunteer to drive early so we can take as many youth as possible on these excursions!!
- Buzzards & Falcons MUST wear closed toe shoes to campfire on Wednesday nights for safety reasons.
- The Youth Directors are collecting plastic 16 oz water bottles and gallon milk jugs. They also welcome any cardboard boxes.
- This summer, the Snack Shop has four T-shirts designed (one strictly youth, one in youth and adult sizes, and two in adult sizes). Also, Tervis Tumblers will be back with a new design for this summer, be expecting those sometime during week 2. We are also putting in a credit/debit card machine for any purchases over \$15, as well as offering a pre-paid tab system for parents and kids. For more information on that, come visit us in the Snack Shop. There will also be several new items being sold this summer, so come in to see for yourselves. If anyone has any desire for certain items in the Snack Shop to be sold, please contact us via cell 256-443-4003, or email at [wjwatson1@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:wjwatson1@crimson.ua.edu).
- For private tennis lessons, contact Ben Spickard at [benspickard@gmail.com](mailto:benspickard@gmail.com).
- While we are so thankful for the parents that feed our staff, please check with Youth Coordinator Summer Stroud beforehand so that we can monitor the amount of food in the Nashville home. We have quite a few people living in the Nashville home this summer and not enough fridge space.
- As a reminder, parents are responsible for their children in the baby pool at all times!
- The lifeguards take a break and everyone must be out of the pool from 3:30-3:40pm and from 4:30-4:40pm every afternoon. Please keep this in mind when planning your trips to the pool.
- In order to provide our Monteagle family with a method to receive text message notifications for last minute program changes or emergency alerts, we have created a text messaging system. It is simple to sign up and simple to unsubscribe, just text the group name(s) to which you wish to subscribe to 84483. We will continue to communicate through Mountain Voices, email, and social media as well.
  - Text MSSAYOUTH to 84483 to receive MSSA Youth alerts.
  - Text MSSANEWS to 84483 to receive MSSA community alerts.
  - Text HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel alerts at any time. For customer service support contact [info@rainedout.com](mailto:info@rainedout.com) or 800-230-1933. Msg & data rates may apply.

## For Housing - Ask Rhonda and Debra!

931-924-9000

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

## Leaseholds Available

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$650,000
#34	Gardens Path	\$685,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$370,000
#103	North Gate Inn	\$695,000
#146	Boutcher	\$560,000

## Swimming Pool Hours

### Monday-Friday:

Adult Water Exercise: 9:00 – 10:00am

### Monday-Saturday:

Open to all: 10:00am – Noon & 2:30 – 5:30pm  
2:30 – 7:30pm Friday only

**Water Safety & Swimming Lessons:** Noon – 1:00pm  
(by prior appointment only)

### Sunday:

Open to all: 2:30 – 5:30pm

## Welcome New Members!

- Jimmy Stansell #165
- William (Bill) and his wife Lori Davis, Jr. # 136
- Chuck Drennon and his sister Catherine Reed #60
- Anne Waring #137

## 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, 2015) will be noted. It will be especially helpful if names are submitted to the Assembly Office, in writing, or by e-mail to [platform@mssa1882.org](mailto:platform@mssa1882.org). Please have your submissions in by Friday morning July 1.

## From the Archives

The Archives Committee welcomes you to the 2016 Season!

Each week we will share priceless photographs from the printed programs of the past! Please be sure to drop by the Pullium Center to see the archives display. If you have photographs, ephemera, wedding announcements, birth announcements, etc. to give to the archives please leave them at the office or give to someone on the archives committee. Thank you!

*(L-R) Winfield Ladies 1913; Cottages 1919*



## Don't Forget to Reserve Your Box Dinners for Music City Roots!

Roasted turkey, fresh mozzarella, tomato and baby spinach with pesto on a fresh local ciabatta roll, with pasta salad, fresh fruit, and an oatmeal chocolate chunk cookie, \$15. Vegetarian option omits the turkey, and adds grilled zucchini. Please specify if you need a vegetarian box

Sign up at office or dining hall during lunch hours. Boxes are only available through pre-order. Orders must be submitted by Wednesday, June 22nd for the event on Friday, June 24th.

## Woman's Association Plans Events for Everyone

The Woman's Association is proud to announce another full season at Winfield this year. More than 40 events are already planned to offer something fun for everyone. There will be card parties and porch parties and Arty parties. There will be lectures and readings and book clubs. We will host Sunday schools and bridge lessons and all sorts of committee meetings and receptions. Our Library is better than ever.

Please plan to come to our Welcome Back meeting and Luncheon on Monday, June 20th at 10:00 and plan to join our membership for this season! Dues are only \$20, and the luncheon is only \$10. We will talk about our fundraiser for this season, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to benefit the Fletcher Room Porch Project. It will be held on Saturday, July 20th at the Auditorium. We will also be discussing our Annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar to be held on Friday, July 22nd.

There are lots of ways to get involved and we need lots of volunteers so come join us and share lots of fun. If you would like to know more about how to help or to donate to the auction at the fundraiser before our meeting on the 20th, please contact Susan Acker (ohtobesusan@aol.com) about the fundraiser, Leslie Neely (lnlneely@gmail.com) about the Cottage Tour and Mary Ellen Lovell (melovell@comcast.net) about the Bazaar.

All other questions can be sent to me or you can go on over to Winfield and ask our wonderful hostess, Cindy Huston, just about anything! Cindy reminds you she hopes you will donate your current magazines to Winfield Porch again this season.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!  
--Frannie Smith, Woman's Association President

## Bring Your Magazines to Winfield!

Winfield House would appreciate any donations of current / summer magazines, particularly June issues (e.g., *Time*, *Garden and Gun*, *Southern Living*, anything you enjoy reading)! We are always appreciative of party napkins for the many events we host.

Lastly, dues can be paid all Season with Hostess Cindy Huston: \$20 Membership Fee and \$10 for our Brunch June 20th.



*Don't forget! The speed limit within the MSSA grounds is 14 mph. Watch out for kids playing and dogs running.*



### Prepared for Picnic?

Did you notice last summer that your July 4th picnic table is a little worse for the wear? If you are ready for a new picnic table, you can purchase one or more from the office for just \$110 each (rentals are also available for a wallet-friendly \$25 per day). The tables are eight feet long and seat eight people comfortably. They are also made of hard plastic, so you can invest in picnic perches for years to come. If your saw horses and plywood are folding under the weight of fried chicken and chess pies, it might be time for an upgrade! Contact Diane in the office for more information: Diane@mssa1882.org.

### 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.

### Dog Days at MSSA

Just a reminder that all dogs on Assembly grounds must be up-to-date on shots. The office needs current rabies records on file. They can be emailed, faxed, or mailed to Diane Cruise at the office or at Diane@mssa1882.org.

### Safety Reminder

The MSSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency--medical or otherwise--call 911, but our seasoned team is here to help for non-emergency situations. If you have a safety issue or see suspicious activity anywhere on the grounds or at the Point, don't hesitate to call **931-607-8615** after 3PM or call the office during business hours. Our team, comprised of Kelly Layne and Mark Thompson, stand ready to respond to any safety or security situation. There are no silly concerns--it's better to call and quell your fears than to let something go because you are afraid of a false alarm.

Consider putting the security number by your home phone and/or plugging it into your cell phones. Kids got cell phones? Plug the security number in those too. Together we'll keep MSSA the safe haven it is!

# Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

## Week 1 Platform Guests

**\*\* Please see Program Book for full biographies. \*\***

**The Reverend John Beckman, Guest Minister.** Pastor John was called to serve Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School of Novato, CA in the fall of 2012. Prior to accepting Good Shepherd's call Pastor John served Epiphany Lutheran Church in Conyers, GA. John served Epiphany for 13 years. Prior to his call with Epiphany he served as Associate Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church of Stockton, CA. There he served in a team ministry where he was responsible for the Youth, Family and Education areas. John received his Masters of Divinity Degree at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. He served as Vicar at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Saratoga, CA, and interim youth director at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Saratoga, CA.

He met his wife Veronica while she was finishing her post-graduate work at San Diego State University. They have been married for 24 years. John and Veronica have three children, Benjamin age 17, Joshua 15, and Rachel 13. They also have a beloved Labradoodle: Sugar Bear the Wonderdog as well as two feral cats: Graybe and Whitey.

**Bob Bernhardt, Lecturer.** Music Director Emeritus and Principal Pops Conductor, Bob Bernhardt formerly served as Music Director and Conductor of the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera for 19 seasons. He was the second Music Director in the combined company's history, and is its first with the title Emeritus. Concurrently, Bob is now also in his 19th year as Principal Pops Conductor of the Louisville Orchestra, in his 34th consecutive season with the company, and was recently named Principal Pops Conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphony in Michigan. He is also an Artist-in-Residence at Lee University and conductor of the Lee Symphony.

He has been a frequent guest conductor of the Boston Pops for over twenty years (where he made his debut in 1992 at John Williams' invitation). This season he will appear as a guest conductor with the orchestras in Detroit, Hartford, Fort Worth, Florida, Louisiana and Wichita.

Born in Rochester, NY, Robert Bernhardt holds a Master's Degree with Honors from the University of Southern California School of Music where he studied with Daniel Lewis. He was a Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate of Union (NY) College, where he was an Academic All-American Baseball Player, and captain of the school's soccer team. His children, Alex and Charlotte, live in Seattle. He and his wife, Nora, live on Signal Mountain.

**Chattanooga Symphony & Opera, Performers.** The mission of the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera is to inspire, engage, and enrich the greater Chattanooga community through music and music education. As the city's only fully professional performing arts organization, the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera (CSO) has been and continues to be an instrumental part of the community by providing a superlative orchestra that enhances the region's quality of life and economic vitality. The CSO, conducted by Music Director Kayoko Dan, employs over 190 musicians from the Chattanooga area as well as from across the southern region who are experienced performers and quality educators. The CSO performs a full season of Masterworks, Pops, Chamber, and Volkswagen Series concerts from September through May, as well as a variety of community, education and engagement events throughout the year. Annually, through main-stage, education, and community engagement, the CSO reaches over 100,000 people.

The String and Wind Quintets of the CSO are composed of principal members from the orchestra. The CSO quintets regularly perform in over 60 schools annually for over 20,000 students and perform in a variety of other community locations including libraries, hospitals, public parks, community centers, and Chattanooga businesses. Recently,

the quintets have also been engaged to perform regular series performances at the Creative Discovery Museum (PopTots Series) and Warehouse Row (Warehouse Row Series). The musicians of the quintets are some of the finest musicians in the area, performing and teaching regularly throughout the community. For individual biographies, please visit the Musicians page at [www.chattanoogaosymphony.org](http://www.chattanoogaosymphony.org).

**Millie Beth Jenkins, Fitness Instructor.** Millie Beth Jenkins began group fitness teaching in 2010. She began with Zumba and has since added Yoga and Stretch & Relax to her resume. She currently teaches these classes at the University of the South in Seawee TN. She also just received her bachelors of science in Nutrition and Food Sciences in 2015 from Middle Tennessee State University. She is the daughter of Wendy Wilson who has taught yoga at the Assembly for the past several years.

**Martin Knoll, Lecturer.** Dr. Martin Knoll grew up in Seawee, Tennessee, attending both St. Andrew's School and the Seawee Academy. After receiving a BA degree from the University of the South in 1982, he studied geology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany as a Fulbright Scholar. He received a MS degree in Geology from Vanderbilt University and a PhD in Geology from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1987. After teaching for five years at Winthrop University in South Carolina, Knoll returned to Seawee in 1993 to teach geology and hydrology. His diverse research interests include stormwater hydrology and groundwater dynamics on the Cumberland Plateau, the geology of the Mojave Desert of southern California, the formation of insect-bearing Baltic amber, and the geology of southwest Germany. He has numerous publications, including a translation from the German of Arnold Benz's astrophysics book *The Given Universe*, which will be published this year. This summer he will be the lead organizer for the Tenneswim, where his German colleague Andreas Fath will swim the entirety of the Tennessee River in order to raise awareness of water quality in the region. This endeavor involves researchers and students from Seawee, the Tennessee Aquarium, the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama. The study will include an unprecedented, comprehensive survey of Tennessee River water quality, including metals, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, nitrogen and phosphorous, micro-plastics and fish health.

**June Mays, Lecturer.** June Mays enjoyed a 31-year career as a financial advisor in Birmingham with a major Wall Street firm. Since 2009 she has enjoyed a second career as a garden designer, writer, and lecturer. She spent a year studying garden design at the English Gardening School in London and has designed or consulted on over 100 gardens since her return to the US. She has spoken at Tryon Palace in New Bern NC, the Chattanooga Nature Center, Callaway Gardens, the Augusta Georgia Garden Festival, the Festival of Flowers in Mobile, the Herb Society of America in Austin, TX, the Homestead Resort Garden Symposium in Hot Springs Virginia, the Birmingham Botanical Garden, Aldridge Gardens, and at numerous garden clubs and master gardener groups throughout the country. She has written for *Fine Gardening*, *Southern Accents*, *Flower*, *Lowe's Creative Ideas*, *Birmingham Home and Garden*, *The American Gardener*, *The Alabama Gardener*, and the DIY Network website. She is a member of the Garden Writer's Association and the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. June and her husband Joe live in Birmingham, Alabama and Seawee, Tennessee. You can visit her gardens anytime. Learn more about June at her website, [www.junemays.com](http://www.junemays.com).

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## Week 1 Platform Guests

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**Tom Mould, Lecturer.** Tom Mould is Professor of Anthropology and Folklore at Elon University and Director of the Honors Program. He earned his BA from Washington University in English Literature and his MA and Phd from Indiana University in Folklore. Though his topical interests range widely—having published on traditions among pottery collectors, African American steppers, welfare legends, and ginseng hunters—his impact has been greatest in his contributions to the study of oral traditions in the South, among the Choctaw Indians, and among Latter-day Saints. He is the author of three books, and co-editor of two more, and regularly presents his research at academic conferences, to general audiences, and from time to time, on television. Mould has also produced documentary films with his wife Dr. Brooke Barnett for local PBS television stations that have examined folk art and culture in Indiana, Kentucky and North Carolina.

**Liz Norell, Lecturer.** Liz Norell did not grow up in a particularly political family. In fact, when she was about eight years old, her father had her take a political ideology quiz from the weekend newspaper, and the results horrified him so thoroughly that they've rarely talked about politics since. However, she felt her interest in politics grow deeper during her undergraduate studies at George Washington University, where Washington, DC was her laboratory as she pursued a degree in journalism, intent on bringing unbiased information to the masses. Life took a few turns before she went back to school to get her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Texas Dallas. She studies public opinion and political behavior through a decidedly psychological perspective, driven to understand how and why citizens make the decisions and behave the way they do. She teaches at various institutions in middle Tennessee, including the University of Tennessee Chattanooga and Nashville State Community College—basically, anywhere she can manage to find 30+ students who need someone to teach them the basics of American government. She lives in Sewanee, where her partner, Doug, teaches math. This is her third summer working as Platform Assistant at MSSA.

**Hilary Tindle, Lecturer.** Hilary Tindle, MD, MPH is a physician scientist, Associate Professor of Medicine, and the William Anderson Spickard Jr., MD Chair in Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Educated at the Harvard Medical School and the University of Chicago, her research on attitudes and behavior has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the past decade. Dr. Tindle has received numerous awards for her research and has published numerous scientific articles on mind body medicine, psychological attitudes, smoking, and heart disease, which have gained media attention from Parade, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune and the BBC, among others. In addition to her roles as a researcher and a professor, she is also an active member of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco and American Society of Addiction Medicine. She was a contributing author to the 2014 50th Anniversary Surgeon General's Report and the 2015 National Comprehensive Cancer Network Smoking Cessation Guidelines for cancer patients.

**Sue Williams, Workshop Presenter.** Sue, from a family of basket makers that dates to the 1800s, herself a basket maker for over thirty years, has studied under Gertie Youngblood, Estel Youngblood, Mary Jane Prater, Bobby Edwards, Billy Owens, Eric Taylor, and Martha Wetherbee. She has won a number of top awards including Best of Show at such places as the Tennessee State Fair, Cannon County White Oak Fair, and Warren County Fair. Sue teaches at the University of Tennessee Extension Spring and Fall Heritage Skills Seminars, the Arts Center of Cannon County, and the Alabama Folk School as well as giving private classes.

**Scott Zimmer, Lecturer.** Scott Zimmer is a seasoned public speaker, writer and market researcher. With 12 years of public speaking experience, he's developed a uniquely personable style and uses insight, humor, and data to foster an environment where every generation feels valued and under-

stood.

As one of BridgeWorks' generational experts and resident Gen Xer, Scott's keynotes clearly illustrate the stress points between these generations and provide clear solutions to help relieve tension and encourage better understanding and collaboration across generational divides. A child of the 80s and 90s, Scott has insider knowledge into what makes his generation tick. Sandwiched between the idealistic Boomers and innovative Millennials, his Xer lens allows him to hone in on the key challenges facing each generation.

Scott grew up on a dairy farm in Central Minnesota and has mastered the art of riding a lawnmower. He graduated from St. John's University in 2000 with a B.A. in Communications. When he's not researching or presenting, he enjoys his other role as a self-proclaimed movie-buff and pop culture vulture.

## Musical Notes

Welcome to the worship musical activities at the Assembly! We offer two choirs and a men's ensemble, and are hoping to put together a mixed ensemble. Everyone 12+ years old is invited to sing with the Assembly Chorus. Prior choral work or the ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary. This year we will practice every Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm, except Week 8. Look each week to learn if we practice at cottage #33 or at Warren Chapel. The Men's Ensemble will try to practice every week from 5:30-6pm following Assembly Chorus practice.

- Ringers & Singers is for children, ages 6 - 11, Eaglets and Eagles. They will practice Weeks 2-7 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Chapel from 9:30-10am.
- Bells will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and are encouraged for the older children, ages 9-11.
- Ringers & Singers will participate in Twilight Prayers on Wednesday (Weeks 2-7) at 7:50ish pm. The children will need to arrive at the Chapel at 7:25pm and sit up front with Ms. JuJu.
- This Wednesday, the Assembly Chorus will rehearse at cottage #33, At Long Last.
- Ringers and Singers will begin on Tuesday, June 21. Ringers come at 9:10 a.m. in the Chapel and Singers arrive at 9:25 a.m.

If you have any questions re our music worship program, please contact me at (615) 403-4735, (931) 924-2594, or [judithhumphreys@gmail.com](mailto:judithhumphreys@gmail.com).  
-- Judith Humphreys

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