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From the President: The Four Pillars of Chautauqua

This summer, Chautauqua historian Dean DeBolt spoke on the founding of the Chautauqua movement in the 1870s and its continued influence and presence in American culture. He said that the original movement was focused on four tenets, called “pillars,” of learning. They are religion, education, cultural arts, and recreation. As he spoke, I wondered how we measured up to the founding ideals. I think we can be proud of the fact that after 133 years, we hold true to the four pillars. Look at a typical week in our season:

- **Religion.** A week at MSSA means there is at least 6 hours of religious services, Sunday school, or Bible study. That does not include lectures that may be religious or spiritual in nature.
- **Cultural Arts.** From music, to theater, art classes and crafting activities, a typical week finds at least 12 hours devoted to cultural pursuits to soothe the soul.
- **Education.** Arguably everything scheduled (and lots that is unscheduled!) can be called educational opportunities. Not only do we have many hours each week devoted to learning, we also constantly learn from each other!
- **Recreation.** Our recreational opportunities are beyond quantifying because it is an inherent part of Assembly life. Whether a formally led excursion or a stroll around our beautiful trails and grounds, opportunities abound for recreation. We are blessed to be located in a place with incredible natural surroundings, both within our gates and beyond.

There are 17 Chautauquas still operating today. DeBolt said that we are unique because we have residences on the grounds to house our program participants. Many of the remaining Chautauquas maintain their assembly halls or auditorium, but participants must stay in nearby hotels or campgrounds. It is our sense of community that sets us apart, and DeBolt saw that as one of our greatest strengths.

Next summer, members from all the Chautauquas, part of a group called the Chautauqua Trail, will visit and stay with us here in the Assembly. I know they will enjoy being here and I am proud that we remain true to the four pillars established by the original founders of the Chautauqua movement.

— Kent Ballow

Platform: American History, Civil War in Context

Our lectures this week take an historical and cultural look back at the Civil War. Musical talent Bobby Horton will perform the songs and stories of the Civil War for youth at 11am Tuesday in the Auditorium. Tuesday evening, he will perform songs and stories at the Chapel for a broader audience. Horton’s fascination with Civil War history met his love of music when, in 1984, he was asked to produce the score for a feature film set in 1863 in southern Indiana. While researching music from the era, he uncovered thousands of tunes and began recording what has now become 14 volumes of authentic Civil War tunes in his home studio, playing all of the period era instruments and singing all the parts himself. He’s recognized as one of the country’s leading authorities of music from the Civil War period—so much so that he produced and performed music for Ken Burns’s PBS film, *The Civil War*.

Later in the week, Robert Hicks will lecture on “Why the Civil War Still Matters,” at 8:15pm Thursday in Warren Chapel. Hicks was named #2 in the most recent listing of 100 Reasons to Love Nashville by Nashville Lifestyles magazine. He is a *New York Times* best-selling author and is described as Nashville’s “Master of Ceremonies.” He is passionate about preserving historical sites and memories, and helped to preserve the sites associated with the Civil War’s Battle of Franklin in Tennessee.

Historian Al Cox also joins us for two lectures this week. The first, “George Washington’s Home Town: Alexandria, Virginia” (Thursday, 11am), focuses on Alexandria’s role in American history. Founded in 1749, Alexandria was the longest occupied city of the Civil War; however, it was not destroyed and much of its original architectural character remains intact today. The second lecture, “Historic Preservation Review Boards: Goals and Challenges” (Friday, 11am), takes a look at how historic preservation has evolved since Mt. Vernon and Williamsburg were “restored” in the early 20th century. Although the fundamental goals and public benefits of preservation are still the same, the Boards of Architectural Review in Alexandria, Virginia have changed a great deal since their creation in 1946. Cox will discuss how they evaluate appropriate modern and sustainable construction materials.

Week of July 19-25 Events & Highlights

Guest Minister
Rev. Tom Hotchkiss

Sunday Sunday Service

11am • Warren Chapel

Live Animal Nature Program:
“Animal Aviators”
2:30-3:30pm • Auditorium

Blessing of the Animals, followed by ice cream social
4pm • On the Mall

Monday-Thursday Twilight Prayers

7:30pm • Warren Chapel

Monday-Friday

Yoga Basics with Sandra Gilbert

8-9am • Gymnasium

Wednesday-Thursday

Music Workshop for Eagles & Eaglets: “Realize your Rhythm!” with David Scalici, see p. 26

11am-12noon • Auditorium

Monday

MSSA Woman’s Association Book Club: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, by Gabrielle Zevin

11am • Winfield Porch

All-Assembly BINGO!

8:15pm • Dining Hall

Tuesday

Youth Parents Meeting

10:15am • Dining Hall Porch

Lecture: “Saving Historic Highlander,” with David Currey

11am • Warren Chapel

Trip to Historic Highlander, with David Currey

1pm • Meet at Auditorium

Make & Take Adult Craft Workshop with Annis Cox

3-4:30pm • Shady Dell

Movie: “Book of Life” (PG, 2015)

8:05pm • Auditorium

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Performance: "Songs and Stories from the Civil War," with Bobby Horton
8:15pm • Warren Chapel

Wednesday

Lecture: "Recovery Community: S Double A Recovery Ranch," with Sandy Spies
11am • Warren Chapel

Cooking Demo: "Shelley's Ice Cream: Cow to Cone," with Shelley Cammack
3:30-4:30pm • Harton Dining Hall

Early Bird Movie: "Finding Nemo" (G, 2003), *Hummingbirds & parents!*
6pm • Auditorium

Movie: "Annie" (PG, 2014)
8:05pm • Auditorium

Thursday

Produce Market

7-10am • On the Mall

Lecture: "George Washington's Home Town: Alexandria, Virginia" with Al Cox
11am • Warren Chapel

Workshop/Performance: All-Assembly "Realize Your Rhythm," with John Scalici
2:30-4:00pm • On the Mall

Movie: "Planes Fire, and Rescue" (PG, 2014)
8:05pm • Auditorium

Lecture: "Why the Civil War Still Matters," with Robert Hicks
8:15pm • Warren Chapel

Friday

Adult Outdoor Adventure: Run/Walk in Sewanee
Meet at 8:15am • Auditorium

Lecture: "Historic Preservation Review Boards: Goals and Challenges," with Al Cox
11am • Warren Chapel

MSSA Denominational Caucus Meetings
3pm • Various locations

MSSA Board of Trustees Meeting
4pm • Harton Dining Hall

Flashback Friday Movie: "Silent Running" (1972, PG)
8pm • Auditorium

Saturday

MSSA Cottage Owners Meeting
9am • Warren Chapel

MSSA Board of Trustees Meeting
2pm • Warren Chapel
MAEFC Meeting immediately follows at Archives

Youth Dance for Eagles, Buzzards, & Falcons
8-10pm • Gynasium

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
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$425,000
#103	North Gate Inn	\$695,000
#136	Endevor	\$549,000
#146	Boutcher	\$595,000

From Winfield

- There is only one spot left for the Arty Party on Friday, July 24 at 6:00pm, which is capped at 18 participants. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Supplies have been ordered. Please bring a check/cash to Winfield for those who have signed up to secure your spot. There will be a social hour that evening, so please bring a snack/beverage to share. We have a waiting list of up to three people. Our instructor is the talented Deborah Denson. Wear clothes you enjoy painting in.
- We are still taking donations of 9 ounce cups and cocktail napkins!
- Many thanks to Irene Wills for the donation of her beautiful artwork to the Children's Library. Winfield is always appreciative on donations of art from our many talented artists. We have paintings from John Gaddis, Jim Franklin, Emily Frith, Anne Brothers, Wendy Adams, Fran Reynolds, Judge Howorth and many past art instructors. Thank you for considering a donation to beautify Winfield.
- The last book club meeting of the season is Monday at 11:00am. We're reading *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*.
- Mah Jong, Crafty Friday, Bell Ringers, and Story Time continue through Week 7 on the Porch.

-- *Cindy Huston*, Winfield Hostess

Calling All Platform Suggestions!

A big thank you goes out to all who have made suggestions for platform programming this past year! The MSSA program thrives on suggestions from Assembly friends and residents. Please take a moment to suggest a minister, morning or evening lecturer, workshop presenter, or performer. Program Recommendation Forms may be found at Warren Chapel, Harton Dining Hall and Winfield House, as well as at the office. An online form is also available at <http://mssa1882.org> under programs/events.

Get your suggestions in early! Key platform speakers and events go on the upcoming season's calendar as early as September.

Also, please keep in mind that all recommendations are appreciated and that presenters are selected based on topic compatibility with the overall platform, as well as by speaker availability.

-- *Becky Nelson*, Platform Superintendent

134th MSSA Season Dates Announced!
Mark your calendars now: June 12- August 7, 2016.

Mountain Voices
Liz Norell, editor

Please send your stories and photos for inclusion in the next issue to platform@mssa1882.org

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

Bits and Pieces

- **No mowing on Sundays**, please!
- **Call Scott First!:** Only routine 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 at the 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 new 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. Cottage numbers must appear on both sides of your cart!
- Don't forget to come to the **Thursday Morning Mountain Market** from 7-10am in front of the Harton Dining Hall. Come early to be sure to get the freshest flowers and local goodies.
- **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.
- The **pool will be open** every Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9:00am beginning June 30th for adult lap swim and water exercise.
- **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.

- A piece of jewelry was found in Harton Hall Sunday July 5th following lunch. If you think it might be yours, please contact the office with a description.

- **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:** Sewanee tennis player Robert Corey will offer tennis clinics and private/small-group lessons for the remainder of the season. He will hold an adult tennis clinic on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays from 4:30-5:30. For more information, contact Robert at coreyrr0@sewanee.edu or at 205-516-7796.

- **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!

- **Submit your platform suggestions!** Forms are available in the office. The Platform Committee thanks you in advance for your ideas!

- **NO smoking** within 50' of any MSSA public building.

Picture of the Week



The Adult Tennis Tournament was a hit! Winners were:

- *Women's Doubles: Patti & Abby Hudgins*
- *Men's Doubles: David Malone & David Fitzgerald*
- *Mixed Doubles: Robin & Overton Thompson*

Congrats to all who played!

Morton Memorial's Fish Fry

Morton Memorial UMC's 8th Annual Fish Fry is coming up! Please mark your calendars for a great afternoon of eating fried fish, hush puppies, fries, cole slaw, and, of course, those big wonderful desserts. Ticket prices are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. The fish fry will be held Saturday July 25th, 4-7:00 pm. This year we are raising money for our new ministry, Tools 4 Schools, which will help buy supplies for our mountain school children and the Brinkley School, an orphanage in India. In addition to wonderful food, we will be having an auction. This is our second auction, so plan on joining us for a fun time and for a great ministry.



*The Poppy Tree!
A lot of folks knitted, sewed, crafted, etc. dozens of poppies to display in honor of our veterans. A big thank you to Annis Cox and Ann Waring for leading this activity! There is still room for more poppies!*

O'Connor Reading Available

Victor Judge, a lecturer on Flannery O'Connor, will join us in for a lecture on July 29th, "The Incarnational Art of Flannery O'Connor." He has sent us several copies of a short story that he recommends reading prior to the lecture. Feel free to pick up a copy of the short story either from the Assembly office or from Winfield Library!



From the Youth Staff

- We had many parent volunteers help the youth program during Week 5! Thank you to the following progressive supper volunteers: Susie & Bill Elder, Britton Watson, Sallie Stroud, Helen Bird, Mary Wallace Broome, Jay & Paige Cleveland, and Holly Stevens & Lina Ellis. Thank you Marie Leighton for hosting the Eaglets Progressive Dessert. Thank you Tiffany Carr for hosting the Hummingbirds Progressive Snack. We appreciate all the volunteers that make these activities possible!
- Please arrive 5-10 minutes early for excursions so we can leave on time and have as much time on our outing as possible!
- Be sure to "like" our MSSA Youth page on Facebook where you can find the latest information about youth activities: www.facebook.com/MssaYouth
- Please remind your children not to bring their cell phones or electronic devices to youth activities.
- Buzzards & Falcons MUST wear closed toe shoes to campfire on Wednesday nights for safety reasons.
- The Eaglets will be building box villages during games this week. If you have any cardboard boxes you would like to donate, please bring them to the Nashville Home!
- Hummingbirds parents - please remember to sign out your child at the end of Hummingbirds!
- Don't forget to check out the t-shirts in the Snack Shop!
- Looking to improve your child's swimming while in Monteagle? Then you are in luck! All of the lifeguards are offering swim lessons this summer. For \$15/half hour per child we will work to improve your child's swimming abilities and teach them how to stay safe in the water. Come to the pool and talk to any of the guards to set up a lesson.

Music Notes

As we are nearing the close of our season, there are many people I would like to thank.

- Thank you to the Men's Chorus for their contribution to worship today. They practiced on short notice with a skeletal group and blessed us with their singing.
- A big THANK YOU to the Assembly Chorus for the splendid job they did on July 5. Their singing lifted our pride in America and contributed so appropriately to Charles Johnson's sermon. It was truly a gift of worship to our Lord!
- The Assembly Chorus will participate in worship again on Sunday, July 26 as we begin our eighth week of the season. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to sing with this group, please join us for practice at Warren Chapel on Wednesday, July 22 from 4:30-5:30pm and again on Sunday at 9:15am in the Chapel. All ages are welcome!
- A very special thank you to Marie Leighton for her contribution to the music program this year. She directed the Ringers and Singers for a couple of weeks and helped us worship one Sunday with her lovely singing. We also appreciate the musical contribution of Britton Watson earlier this summer. Brenda Matthews is owed another huge thank you for the volunteer work she does with accompanying Ringers & Singers. Paige Cleveland, one of our new Assembly members has been a gracious volunteer helping with the organization of Ringers & Singers. Many thanks go to her as well!
- To all the children who have participated thus far in Ringers & Singers, you have added to the worship experience on many occasions, including this past Sunday morning. Your singing and ringing has blessed and is blessing many people in our congregation. We give thanks for your gifts to worship.

With a heart full of song and gratitude,
Judith Humphreys, Volunteer Music Director

- The Christian Education Coordinator, Anna Wingo, needs the help of the Buzzards & Falcons to make campfire a success. Please see her flyer outside the Snack Shop and be sure to participate in her campfire activity.
- 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 & Falcons who are riding with Youth Staff members. These forms will be available at morning registration and before excursions depart.
- We love offering Eaglet and Eagle excursions, however we need parents to volunteer on the front end so we can determine how many youth we can take. Please volunteer early so we can take as many kids as possible on these fun excursions!
- While we appreciate the generosity of parents in feeding our staff, please check with Youth Coordinator, Graycie Wingo, beforehand so that we can monitor the amount of food in the Nashville Home. We have a lot of people living in the house this summer and not a whole lot of fridge space.
- As a reminder, parents are responsible for their children in the baby pool at all times. In addition, the baby pool will be closed to all children during Friday water games unless accompanied by an adult.
- The lifeguards take a break and everyone must be out of the pool from 3:30-3:40 pm and from 4:30-4:40 pm 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 support contact info@rainedout.com or 800-230-1933. Msg&data rates may apply.



Safety First!

Bike and golf carts must obey speed limits, stop for all stop signs, and travel in the same direction as automobile traffic.



EARLY BIRD MOVIES

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

This week: *Finding Nemo*
(2003, G)

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

Week 7 Platform Guests

Reverend Thomas “Tom” Hotchkiss, *Guest Minister.* Tom Hotchkiss was born and raised in Washington, D.C. and attended Vanderbilt University (B.A.), Fuller Theological Seminary (M.A.), and Virginia Theological Seminary (M.Div.). Tom began his ministry on the staff of Young Life, served on the staff of St. John's, Memphis as their Minister to Youth and Young Adults, was ordained in the Diocese of West Tennessee, and then served parishes in Jackson and Humboldt. From 1995 - 2001, Tom served as Canon for Family Ministries and Fellowship and Chaplain to the Day School at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, Alabama. From 2001 - 2012, Tom served as Rector of the Church of the Advent, Nashville, TN. In 2012, Tom moved to Texas and to serve as the Vice-Rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX. Recently, Tom moved to Dallas to serve as Vicar on the staff of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and School. Tom and Marcia, married for 29 years, have two sons (26 & 24). Tom is familiar with the Assembly having grown up with Judson Randolph, Jr. as one of his best friends. Also, Tom served as one of the first Youth Ministers for the Thomas Malone Trabue III Youth Week. Tom and Marcia are warm and engaging, and they are very much a team, particularly with regard to their family, spiritual views and commitment to their faith.

Shelley Cammack, *Workshop Presenter.* Shelley Cammack lives on the domain of The University of the South, Seawane, TN with her husband, Ward, and their youngest daughter of five, Wardie, age 13. She began making ice cream for fun in 2013 after purchasing her first electric ice cream freezer. As she experimented with various flavors and recipes, she came to love her new hobby. Soon after she shared her ice cream with anyone who would try it including maintenance workers and her women's groups. Her homemade, small batch, artisanal, ice cream was such a hit that she began getting orders for Thanksgiving dinners from her friends and neighbors. Suddenly she had a small business going out of her kitchen that now has upward of 100 customers. Shelley is a native of Nashville, TN and has both an undergraduate degree C'81 and an MBA C'88 from Vanderbilt.

Al Cox, *Lecturer.* Al Cox was principal in an award winning architecture practice in Texas, was Executive Director of the Dallas Historic Preservation League and served on the Dallas Landmarks Commission. He has worked as a City Architect for Alexandria, Virginia since 1991 and now staffs the two local historic district Boards of Architectural Review as Historic Preservation Manager for the Planning Department. Al is a past President of the American Institute of Architects Northern Virginia Chapter, was presented the state AIA's Award for Preservation in 2002 and was elected to the AIA College of Fellows in 2006. Al and his wife have lived in a historic townhome in Old Town, Alexandria for over 20 years -- which he seemingly spends all of his free time scraping and painting.

David Currey, *Lecturer.* David Currey, principal at Encore Interpretive Design in Nashville, has been both a consultant and museum director in the public history field for over eighteen years. He holds a B.A. in Film Production from Southern Illinois University and a Master's in Public History from MTSU. He works mostly with museums, historical societies, government agencies, and preservation organizations on projects that include facility design, interpretive and visitor experience planning, exhibit design, documentary production, digital, and interactive media. Two of his latest projects include a one-hour documentary on Ed Bearss, historian emeritus of the National Park Service, and the design and construction of the new Fort Nashborough Interpretive Center on the banks of the Cumberland River in downtown Nashville. He has also produced documentaries on the Battle of

Nashville, the Battle of Parker's Crossroads, and a short film for the Tennessee State Museum's travelling exhibit on the Civil War in Tennessee. His exhibit on Tennessee native and World War One medal-of-honor winner Sergeant Alvin York is currently travelling the state. David is Board Chair for the Tennessee Preservation Trust, serves on the advisory committee for Ft. Negley - a site he produced the interpretive media for, and is in the early planning stages for a documentary on the history of vinyl records. In his spare time he eats and tries to get some sleep.

Robert Hicks, *Lecturer.* Named #2 in the most recent listing of the top 100 Reasons to Love Nashville by *Nashville Lifestyles* magazine, Robert Hicks was described as Nashville's "Master of Ceremonies." They went on to say that "being a *New York Times* best-selling author should be enough - but not for Robert Hicks, award-winning author of *The Widow of the South* and *A Separate Country*. His passion for words is equaled by none for preservation and saving the history-steeped places associated with the Battle of Franklin. Writer, speaker, leader, world-traveler, preservationist - one person really can make a difference." Born in South Florida, he moved to Williamson County, Tennessee in 1974 and lives near the Bingham Community at 'Labor in Vain,' his log cabin. Hicks serves as 'Curator of Vibe' for the BB King's Blues Clubs in Memphis, Nashville and Orlando. A lifelong collector, Hicks was the first Tennessean to be listed among Arts & Antiques' Top 100 Collectors in America - his collection focuses on Outsider Art and Southern Material Culture. He served as curator on the exhibition, Art of Tennessee, at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville. He is founding chairman emeritus of Franklin's Charge: A Vision and Campaign for the Preservation of Historic Open Space in the fight to secure and preserve the historic battlefield in Williamson County. In December 2005, the Nashville *Tennessean* named him 'Tennessean of the Year' for the impact *The Widow of the South* has had on Tennessee, heritage tourism and preservation. In the October 2014, Robert introduced his Battlefield Bourbon, a very small batch, Tennessee-made, aged and hand-bottled Tennessee bourbon whiskey. With this The Nashville *Tennessean* added "Whiskey Preservationist" to his list of titles.

Bobby Horton, *Performer.* Bobby Horton was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. His life long passion for music and history began at an early age. With a trumpet playing father and a banjo-playing grandfather, he was exposed to a varied menu of music—from the sound of the big bands, jazz combos and classical to the old time sounds of Southern gospel, sacred harp, and "hillbilly" music. Most of the men in his young life were World War II veterans, as he listened to their war stories he soon made the connection between these stories and the content of his school history books. When he was nine years old the United States celebrated the Centennial of the Civil War. This celebration brought the Civil War to the forefront of his interest and his love of history became deeply rooted. In 1984, Horton was asked to produce the score for a feature film set in 1863 in Southern Indiana. While researching music from the mid 19th century, he uncovered literally thousands of tunes from that period. Combining his passion for music and Civil War history, he began recording what has now become fourteen volumes of authentic Civil War tunes in his home studio - playing all of the period era instruments and singing all the parts himself. This series is sold around the world and has led to a career in film scoring and a live presentation of these songs with the stories that accompany them. Bobby Horton is widely recognized as one of the country's leading authorities of music from the Civil War period. A seasoned performer, Horton is a multi-instrumentalist, composer, pro-

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Week 7 Platform Guests

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ducer, and music historian. He has performed with the musical-comedy trio Three On a String, throughout the United States and Canada for 40 plus years. He has also produced and performed music scores for sixteen PBS films by Ken Burns - including "The Civil War," and "Baseball," two films for The A&E network, and 21 films for The National Park Service. Bobby Horton resides in a suburb of Birmingham, Alabama with Lynda, his wife of thirty-plus years. They have two adult children, Jonathan and Rachel.

John Scalici, Workshop Instructor. John Scalici is an award winning teaching artist, internationally recognized facilitator, musician, and a member of the John C. Maxwell Team of certified speakers, coaches, and trainers. His RHYTHM OF LEADERSHIP® and REALIZE YOUR RHYTHM® programs are in high demand and highly regarded at leading corporations, college campuses, elementary, middle and high schools across the U.S. and in Japan. No matter the size of the audience, Scalici's speaking style is engaging, powerful, and upbeat! It is also unique: Scalici's programs take place in the round, with everyone in the audience participating in an interactive rhythm making experience that is skillfully designed to Inspire, Motivate and Empower participants to reach their full human potential through the universal language of rhythm. As an accomplished musician, Scalici understands the power of rhythm on the professional level to propel and energize a band. He has toured the U.S. with two bands, Gravy, and, The Junk Yard Men. Gravy toured with blues and rock legends Buddy Guy and Gov't Mule and opened shows for many others, including the Allman Brothers. He is also a student of the popular West African drum, the Djembe. His passion, however, lies in empowering others through rhythm. He is a master of taking the goals and objectives of his audience and creating a unique presentation that will inspire action long after the participants leave. A strong advocate for the arts in education, he is the recipient of the 2010 "Making a Difference" award by the Alabama Alliance for Arts Education.

Sandy Spies, Lecturer. Sandy Spies obtained her Masters in Social Work from University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She has served the people on the Plateau in that capacity for approximately seventeen years. She was the program director of Blue Monarch for four years. She established an intensive outpatient drug and alcohol program in Tracy City for Cumberland Heights of Nashville. She has worked for the State of Tennessee in the Department of Children Services and was the social worker for the local nursing home. In 2009 she and her husband started a non-profit organization called S Double A Recovery Ranch that provides life skill and twelve-step support for those looking for a change in their life style. The life skills program requires each attendee to participate in community service that many complete at the food bank and has proven to be a very rewarding experience. S Double A Ranch is working closely with other local agencies to establish a more effective recovery community in Grundy County.

Sunday Buffet Menu July 19

Roasted chicken with clementines and fennel • Mediterranean orzo • Summer ratatouille • An array of fresh salads • Open faced ciabatta with beet pesto, olives and goat cheese with fresh herbs • Lemon blueberry cake

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.



From the Archives

Mall tennis courts, circa 1919



July 19: Outreach Sunday

This year, the offering collection will go to Camp Discover. Discover Together is a local program that offers a family co-op, summer camp and other programs that bring together families and children in Tracy City to build a strong community. Checks for Outreach Sunday will be accepted at the office on Monday, July 20th as well.

--Katie Trahan, Outreach, co-chair

You'll Want To Get This Book!

The book *Our Historic Heritage* will be available for distribution at both of Al Cox's presentations on July 23 and 24th. The book covers the history of the architecture of the MSSA. All cottages and public buildings are listed with historic descriptions. The book also contains more than 250 color photos of our wonderful architectural gems.



Our Historic Heritage

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

Let Every Voice Be Heard!

ARE YOU ON AN MSSA COMMITTEE? Would you like to be? At the end of the season, committees will be re-organizing. Now is an excellent time to look over the various committees. They can be found in the back of your program. Additionally, committee descriptions and contact information for the chairs can be found on our website.

Committees are an extremely important part of our organization! And contrary to urban legend, you do not have to be a member to serve on a committee! Some committees are small by design, and some need more manpower. If you are interested, contact the current chair or Stephanie Smith, who will pass the information along to the incoming chair.