From the (Ex) President

About this time two years ago, Scott Parrish contacted me and asked if I had thought about what I was going to write for the upcoming issue of Mountain Voices. I said, “Wait. What? I have to write articles for MV! I don’t think I have anything to say!”

Well, it turned out that I had something to say. Quite a lot in fact. I learned that it is not hard to write about something that you care deeply about. I found that every issue of MV gave me plenty of opportunities to articulate why I love MSSA. This place - its history, its people, its sense of community and family - is where I feel most at home.

Thank you for reading my thoughts. Thank you for your support and encouragement during these last two years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as President of MSSA.

-- Kent Ballow

On Tap This Week: Literature, the Middle East, Outreach, and the Arts

In our final week of Platform lectures and events, we take a timely look at the role of attorneys in the fight for civil rights. Speaking on the topic of “Atticus and the Mockingbird: Harper Lee and How Lawyers Became Civil Rights Heroes,” Diane Roberts joins us from Florida State University, where she teaches and studies the intersection of Southern culture and American literature. Her lecture will be held Tuesday at 8:15pm. Roberts is a contributing editor to the Oxford American, an essayist for NPR, and a documentary maker for the BBC. Wednesday evening, the film “To Kill A Mockingbird” will be screened at the Auditorium for those who want to reflect on this timeless piece of literature.

Pastor Allen Jackson will lecture Friday at 11am on the topic “The Changing Middle East: A Perspective.” Pastor Jackson has been featured speaker numerous times at the Feast of Tabernacles, hosted by the International Christian Embassy-Jerusalem, and serves on the Board of Directors of the ICEJ/USA branch. He was recognized by the Christian Coalition of the Israeli Knesset for his continued support. His first trip to Israel was in 1970, and continues to return there regularly. Recently, Jackson hosted the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, his Excellency Ron Dermer, at WOC.

Other highlights this week include:

- Billie Weaver lectures on “The Brinkley School and Orphanage: A Working Model for Reclaiming Homeless and Abandoned Children” at 11am Tuesday.
- Victor Judge lectures on “The Incarnational Art of Flannery O’Connor” at 11am Wednesday. A reading is available at the Assembly office and at Winfield for those planning to attend.
- Bob Bernhardt lectures on “Opera!” at 11am Thursday.

Please also note the schedule change for morning exercise; Helen Stapleton will be leading a Yoga class Monday-Friday at 8am in the Gym.
Thursday
Produce Market
7:10am • On the Mall
Lecture: “Opera!” with Bob Bernhardt
11am • Warren Chapel
Movie: “Escape from Planet Earth” (PG, 2013)
8:05pm • Auditorium

Friday
11am • Warren Chapel
Flashback Friday Movie: “Mary Poppins” (1964, G)
8pm • Auditorium

Saturday
All-Assembly Barbecue Supper Sog-ree, with musical entertainment by the Bazzania Girls Band
6:30-8:30pm • Pool & Gymnasium

Sunday
Sunday Service - Sewanee Sunday
11am • Warren Chapel
Bulletin boards at the Auditorium, Chapel, and Dining Hall will have information about additions and changes to the schedule.

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 Endeavor $549,000
#146 Boucher $595,000

From Winfield
- All library books are to be returned Friday, July 31st. The last day for checking out books is Thursday, July 30th if you can return it the next day which is the closing of the library for the season.
- Many thanks to all those who have donated summer magazines and current hardback books. Please keep Winfield in mind next summer if you have books to donate.
- Special thanks to Annis Cox who has provided Winfield for several years with many lovely cocktail napkins. This is a great savings as we host weekly events.
- Bridge will take place on the Winfield porch Mornings/Afternoons beginning Monday, July 27th. Those who are enrolled in Bridge please remember to bring water as the porch can get warm. We welcome any contributions of snacks for this week as there are NINE sessions. Please give any donations to Cindy Huston the hostess for serving.
- The following Winfield Events are being moved Week 8:
  - Mahjong Monday-Same time to Chautauqua House (#2), home of Scott & Linda Parish.
  - Tuesday/Thursday Story Time will meet at 3:00 on the Porch of the Nashville Home.
  - No Card Party on Wednesday.
  - Crafty Friday can meet inside Winfield.
- Thank you Deborah Denson for a successful 2nd Arty Party. Both sessions were Sold Out with Waiting Lists. Please sign up early next season as they sell out quickly!
- Please check Winfield if you have left a dish or platter from one of the Porch Parties. We have accumulated a collection that need to be picked up or they will be donated at the end of the Season to the Appalachian Woman’s Association.

I have enjoyed being your hostess for the 8th year and looking forward to seeing you all back on the porch next year!

– 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
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.
- Bell ringers for hummingbirds (Tues. Thurs. at 2:30) will not take place this week. Come join us for bells next summer. Pam thanks all the hummingbirds and eaglets that participated in the program this summer. You all were awesome.
- 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 coreyr0@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!

Woman’s Association Meeting and Thank You!

The last meeting of the season for the Woman’s Association will be held on Winfield porch this Monday at 10am. New officers will be announced and we will celebrate as reports are given on the success of this season’s Cottage Tour and Bazaar! Exciting plans for next year including updating our cookbook and the possibility of a new porch on the Fletcher Room will be discussed. Please come and have some coffee and share your ideas for next season with us.

And all of us at Winfield would like to thank all of you who have supported our parties and wide variety of events this season with much gusto and enthusiasm. It has been a pleasure to share our porch with you and we cannot wait for next season to start all over again!

Good luck to all those playing in Bridge Week this week! Hope to see you Monday!

--Frannie Smith, Woman’s Association President

Pictures of the Week

The Cottage Tour Bake Sale was a huge hit!
From the Youth Staff

- It has been a great season! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and supported the youth program.
- We had many parent volunteers help the youth program during Week 6! Thank you to the following progressive supper volunteers: Caroline Wildman, Shae Uden, Mary Clayton Wood, Meghan Hudgins, and Paula Walker. Thank you Shae Uden for hosting the Eaglets Progressive Dessert and the Hummingbirds Progressive Snack. Also, thank you Sara-Scott Wingo for hosting the youth staff for dinner last Sunday. 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.
- Hummingbirds parents - please remember to sign out your child at the end of Hummingbirds!
- You know what Week 8 means for the Snack Shop? Candy Sale! Come check out the amazing deals!
- 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.
- 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.

Music Notes

I would like to thank Molly and Whit Uden for their faithful contribution to our worship services with their violin accompaniment to our Monteagle Benediction each Sunday. This is an example of our intergenerational community and how we serve one another and the Lord.

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

Community Service Opportunity

Tools4School is a new program for local elementary school children which provides ‘school bucks’ which allows children to shop for their school supplies found on their grade specified list. Mid Cumberland Mountain Ministries and Morton Memorial UMC sponsor this program. They need volunteers to help for set up on Wednesday, July 29th at 9 am and for the actual event on Saturday, August 1st at 8:30 am. Call or email Katie Trahan at Catherine@CatherineTrahan.com or 415-729-1045 to sign up or for more information.

--Katie Trahan, Outreach co-chair

- 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!
- 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 MSSANIEWS 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.

Recycle Your Pass Sleeves

We collect and reuse the plastic sleeves for gate passes each year. Please drop yours off at the office or at the gate house before you leave the Assembly!

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: Cinderella
(1950, G)
The Reverend Dr. Ed Robb is founding pastor of The Woodlands United Methodist Church in The Woodlands, Texas. Since its beginning in 1978, this congregation has grown to become the fourth largest in Methodism. Present membership is over 11,000, with weekly worship, averaging 4,400. Pastor Robb is active in civic affairs of The Woodlands. For the past 15 he has served in local government as an elected official of the 110,000 township. Dr. Robb serves as board chairman of A Foundation for Theological Education (AFTE), which since 1977 has provided over 100 fellowship grants to United Methodist doctoral students. Additionally, he is a trustee of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Ed Robb was educated at Asbury College; where he was the student body president during his senior year, and at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (M.Th.). He also holds an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Asbury College. He and his wife, Beverley, have three children. Bazzania Girls Band, Musicians/Performers. Six versatile and talented "girls" from the mountain perform under the name Bazzania Girls Band. Their gigs range from cafes to festivals, from picnics to wedding parties, from fundraisers to just plain fun. Some gigs have become annual traditions, such as Trails and Trilliums and the Sewannee Dean’s Faculty Christmas Party. Bazzania is the official band of the South Cumberland State Park and performs at the annual, the Friends of the South Cumberland Recreation Area (SCSRA), as well as at the annual conference of the Friends of the TN State Parks. Bazzania is named for a liverwort, a primitive plant that thrives in the Ferry Gizzard. The band had its beginning about a decade ago when botanist and accordionist Mary Priestley put together a motley crew to play at the picnic of the Friends of SCSRA. Performers, including a couple of "boys," have come and gone, but Bazzania settled into its current harmonious membership about three years ago. Priestley still plays the accordion. Suzanne Cahoon plays guitar, Jim Ann Howard guitar and spoons, April Minkler bass guitar, Jill Carpenter banjo, and Betty Carpenter autoharp and percussion. All sing, and all have had a hand in composing songs or parodies for special occasions. Within the group are many talents and other careers – writer, journalist, artist, specialist, zookeeper, quilter, nurse, teacher, and computer whiz. Band members bring their musical favorites to local churches, as well as a regular rotation of the songs—country, blues, folk, tin pan alley, swing, movie tunes, Celtic, Cajun, Beatles, doo-wop—is the appealing result. They all agree that music makes them feel good, and it will make you feel good, too. Bazzania's proceeds beyond equipment and publicity expenses are donated to the Friends of SCSRA. Proceeds from their recently released CD, Bazzania Girls Band, go to support South Cumberland State Park.
Week 8 Platform Guests

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Writing Creatively About Religion; and the Incarnational Art of Flannery O’Connor. He also serves on the faculty of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt and for thirteen years held the position of editor of The Spire, the magazine of Vanderbilt Divinity School. He lectures extensively in adult formation programs for various faith communities and in retreat centers to encourage individuals to discover the intersections between literature and theology. Judge earned his baccalaureate and graduate degree from George Peabody College for Teachers.

Diane Roberts, Lecturer. Diane Roberts is an eighth-generation Floridian, educated at Florida State University, where she received a BA and MA, and in England. A Marshall Scholarship took her to Oxford University, where she earned another BA and a P. Phil. in English. She has written scholarly books about the intersection of Southern culture and American literature, including Faulkner and Southern Womanhood and The Myth of Aunt Jemima. Her most recent book, Dream State, is an historical memoir of Florida told through the Confederate Daughters and Swamp Lawyers of her family. Currently Professor of Literature and Creative Writing at Florida State University (she taught previously at the University of Alabama), Diane Roberts is also a Contributing Editor to the Oxford American Magazine, an essayist for NPR and a documentary maker for the BBC. Her new book, Tribal: How College Football Explains America, will be out from Harper Collins in October. She lives in Tallahassee, Florida.

Billie Weaver, Lecturer. Billie Weaver, along with her sister, Bettie Lynds, founded, Brinkley Memorial School and Orphanage in Tanaku, India, after the death of their missionary father, Raymond Brinkley to carry on missionary work he had inaugurated by making teaching and preaching trips to Andhra Pradesh State for a period of 16 years. The school was begun to serve the children of parents with Hansen’s disease (also known as leprosy) living in Tanaku. Over 75 of the lepers’ children are being given a chance to have an education that they otherwise could never have, because they are not allowed in regular schools due to their parents’ condition. The school has since expanded to include street children and currently serves 462 children. With support from Gospel Partners, ministers native to India preach and teach the word of God, oversee the care of orphans and widows, and help the sick and poor of India without having missionaries from the United States or other countries live there full time.

The Reverend Dr. Melissa Hartley, Guest Minister. Sewanee-Monteagle Sunday. Melissa Hartley is beginning her fourth year as the Associate University Chaplain at Sewanee: The University of the South. She coordinates the worship planning for All Saints’ Chapel and shares in the pastoral care of the University. A 1993 graduate of the college, she holds the following degrees: B.A., University of the South; M.Div., S.T.M., General Theological Seminary; Ph.D. (Lithurgical Studies), Drew University. Melissa is a native of Marietta, Georgia, and is an Episcopal priest of the Diocese of Atlanta.

From the Archives

As you pack up your suitcases and your memories, remember to gather photographs, wedding invitations, birth announcements, Christmas cards, newspaper articles, etc. this winter and mail them to the office c/o the Archives Committee or leave them in the Archives box in the office the next time you are on the mountain. We will file them all away in the family boxes for safe keeping! See you in 2016!

-- Morgan Merrill, Archives Committee

Sunday Buffet Menu

July 26
Grilled portobello tenderloin with praline mustard • Sesame grilled chicken breast with peach mango salsa • Haricots verts with shiitake mushrooms • Corn pudding • Steamed tomatoes • Mississippi Mud cake and vanilla ice cream

August 2
Oven bbq chicken • Squash casserole • Pole beans • Potato salad • Fudge tarts and assorted desserts

It has been our pleasure to serve you this summer! Please remember to send a little love to our great staff!

Chautauqua Trail Meeting

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is hosting the annual meeting of the Chautauqua Trail from July 10-13, 2016. There will be a meeting to plan their stay and activities on Tuesday, July 28 at 9am at cottage #83 (the Maloof cottage). If you are interested in participating in the planning of the Trail meeting, please join us.

--Pam and Greg Maloof

Dear MSSA Members,

We are so grateful to you for your generous gift ($1000) to Discover Together. We just finished a wonderful 2 weeks of Camp Discover that benefited from your kindness.

-- Karen Yu

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 reorganizing. 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.

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.