

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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## Welcome Chautauqua Trail!

Members of the Chautauqua Trail are here this week for their annual meeting, taking July 10-13.



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, available at the office.

Meetings this week will take place on Monday & Tuesday, 9-10:30am and 3-4:30pm in the Pulliam Center.

We invite you to the All-Assembly dinner with the Chautauqua Trail members at 6:30pm Tuesday, Emily will be preparing a buffet-style bar-b-que dinner with all the fixings. The cost is \$20 per person (cash or check only).

-- Greg Maloof

## Platform Highlights This Week

Kirk Brown will present three programs at the Assembly this week on a variety of historical and natural topics. Brown is a performer who presents programs around the country as John Bartram, an early American botanist, horticulturist, and explorer. On Tuesday, Brown will perform as John Bartram at Warren Chapel at 8:15pm. Wednesday at 10:45am, Brown will lecture on the topic, "Homefront: A Woman's Collection of WWII letters and the Poignant Passing of Lost Youth of the Greatest Generation" in the Chapel. Finally, Thursday at 10:45am, Brown will lecture on "Recreating Eden." Brown is the incoming president for the Garden Writers Association, as well as a business consultant to the green industry and national lecturer on horticultural topics from the 18th to the 21st centuries. He graduated from Cornell University. More on his work as John Bartram is available at [www.johnbartramlives.com](http://www.johnbartramlives.com).

How to protect Tennessee lands will be the focus of a lecture Tuesday at 10:45am in the Chapel. From the Land Trust for Tennessee, **Joel Houser**, based in Chattanooga, and **Liz McLauren**, the president of the Land Trust, will lecture on the topic, "The Land Trust for Tennessee: Protecting Forever Lost Cove to Burgess Falls." Houser works across southern Tennessee and on the South Cumberland Plateau, working to add significant acreage to the South Cumberland State Park.

## From the Archives



*Pictures: Pool 1896 (left) and Pool Diving board 1897 (below)*



### Week of July 10-16 Events & Highlights

Guest Minister  
**Mary Louise McCullough**

#### Sunday

##### Sunday School

10am • See Kiosk for locations

##### Sunday Service

11am • Warren Chapel

##### MSSA Archives Open House

2-4pm • Archives Room

#### Monday-Thursday

##### Twilight Prayers

7:30pm • Warren Chapel

#### Monday-Friday

##### Adult Exercise with Ellie

8-9am • Gymnasium

#### Monday-Tuesday

##### Chautauqua Trail Events

Meetings Monday & Tuesday  
9-10:30am & 3-4:30pm • Pulliam Center

All-Assembly Dinner Tuesday  
6pm • Harton Dining Hall

#### Monday

**Lecture:** "Chautauqua Trail: Driving a 21st Century Revival," with Kevin Sibbring  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

#### **All-Assembly BINGO!**

8:15pm • Harton Dining Hall

#### Tuesday

**Lecture:** "The Land Trust for Tennessee: Protecting Forever Lost Cove to Burgess Falls," with Liz McLauren & Joel Houser  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

**Movie:** "Return to Nim's Island" (2013, PG)  
8:05pm • Auditorium

**Performance:** "John Bertram," with Kirk Brown  
8:15pm • Warren Chapel

#### Wednesday

**Lecture:** "Homefront: A Woman's Collection of WWII Letters and the Poignant Passing of Lost Youth of the Greatest Generation," with Kirk Brown  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

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**Cooking Demo:** "Porch Party Finger Food," with Nikki Pendleton Wood (see p. 31)  
3:30pm • Harton Dining Hall

**Early-Bird Movie:** "Jungle Book" (G, 2010)  
6:00pm • Auditorium

**Old-Fashioned Family Hymn Sing!**  
8-8:45pm • Warren Chapel

**Movie:** "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb" (PG, 2014)  
8:05pm • Auditorium

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

**Lecture:** "Recreating Eden," with Kirk Brown  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

**Movie:** "Russell Madness" (PG, 2015)  
8:05pm • Auditorium

**Friday**  
**Lecture:** "Family Stories: Resilience and Reconciliation," with Karen Salter  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

**Flashback Friday Movie:** "Heaven Can Wait" (PG, 1978)  
8pm • Auditorium

**Saturday**  
**All-Assembly Family Excursion:** Elk River  
Time TBA • Meet at Auditorium

**MSSA Board of Trustees Meeting**  
9am • Pulliam Center

**MSSA Town Hall Meeting**  
4pm • Warren Chapel

**All-Assembly Dance,** with Skip Woolwine and "Fade to Black" Band  
8-11pm • Gymnasium

**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, 8am - 4pm  
Saturday, 9am - 3pm

## Meet the Gatekeepers

Meet Michaela Carpenter, a first-year gatekeeper from Jasper, TN. Michaela (pronounced Mih-KAY-lah) is 17 years old and just graduated from Marion County High School. She lives in Jasper with her parents and a 16-year old sister, Jenna. Her older sister Katie is 20 and is in the Air Force. Michaela's has two rescue puppies - both are dachshund/ chihuahua mixes named Ellie and Jazi. One thing Michaela especially enjoys about working on the gate is how the Assembly dogs come visit her, looking for treats! Michaela's mother, Becky, is a familiar face in the Assembly because she works for the Elder family. In fact, it was Becky who encouraged Michaela to apply for the gatekeeper job this summer. For fun, Michaela enjoys spending time with her friends, just hanging out or playing volleyball. She will be a freshman at Carson Newman University in the fall and plans to major in Business and Management. She turns 18 on July 29, so be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday if you're driving through the gate that day!



## From the Pool Committee

The Shenanigans Food Truck is coming to the pool! Mark your calendars for Friday, July 15th, 5:00-7:00pm during extended Friday pool hours. No need to bring dinner, just grab something from the truck and enjoy it by the pool. Thank you to Shenanigans for donating 10% of the evening's proceeds to help support our pool. Hope to see you there!

Please note that adult open lap swim and water exercise occurs Monday-Friday from 9-10am. Water aerobics with Regina Fourk Childress takes place every Wednesday from 9-10am. Beat the heat and work out at the same time!

Have a compliment, suggestion, or concern about our fabulous pool? Please contact committee chair Anne Williams, [annehwilliams@comcast.net](mailto:annehwilliams@comcast.net) or 931-924-2688. Members of the committee are here to help as well: Susan Acker, Paige Cleveland, Anne Byrn Floyd, Amanda Moody, Laurie Peacock, Perian Strang, Sharon Tate, Helene Thompson, Katie Trahan, and Caroline Wildman.

See you poolside!  
-- The Pool Committee

## 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!



## 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.

## 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.
- **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.
- **Recycle your gate ticket sleeves!** Drop them off at the Office or at the Gate before you leave the Assembly.

• **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 Winfield Porch 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 at 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.
- **The Chapel Committee** needs volunteer lay readers and ushers. Please contact Cullen Hornaday (cullen704@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Sunday Buffet

*Chicken Marbella  
Steak chimichurri  
Tumeric rice with almonds  
Lemon asparagus  
Assorted salads  
Local blueberry and blackberry cobblers with ice cream*



Fireworks on July 4th

## Updates from the Dining Hall

- **Chautauqua Trail All Assembly Barbeque Dinner**  
Tuesday, July 12 – 6:30 p.m.  
\$20 for adults, \$8 for children, reserve today!
- **Culinary Guild Appetizer Potluck and porch party**  
Wednesday, July 13 5:30 P.M. – Sylvan Lodge #21  
With our special guest Nikki Pendleton Wood  
Everyone is invited to join the Culinary Guild! Dues are \$20.
- Parents, please accompany your young children at the lunch buffet. Thank you!
- **4th of July Pie Contest Results:**  
First place: Serenity Stroud's Pecan Pie (Serenity pictured with trophy)  
Second place: Virginia Curry's apple ginger pie  
Third place: Ellen More's Cherry icebox pie  
Fourth place: Chocolate pies by Chloe Lenderman and Alice Spickard



Congratulations to Serenity, and thank you to everyone who entered!

# Youth Updates

- Many thanks to the Onigers, Martins, Youngs, Udens, Popes, Smartts, and Mrs. More for feeding our Eaglets, Eagles, Buzzards, and Falcons. Thank you also Mays, Smartts, Clevelands, and Davis family for driving on our Eagles excursion and helping us be able to have more Eagle excursions!
- As we are preparing for Adventure Week, please be on the lookout for these items for backpacking so that your own child can be prepared or you could lend them to another child going: Large backpacks, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, headlamps, flashlights, and straps/ bungee cords.
- 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. Also if any child needs medication, please let Summer Stroud know if they are going on an overnight or excursion. That information will remain confidential.
- Eaglet and Eagle excursions are so fun to have; however, we need parents to volunteer early so we know how many youth we can take. Please help us out with this 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.
- Hummingbirds are collecting empty 2-liter soda bottles. Please bring those down to the hummingbird room. They are also wanting empty cardboard (not Styrofoam) egg cartons.

- Arts and Crafts are doing tie dye! They will be doing it Wednesday and Thursday; please bring a white t-shirt.
- There are more t-shirts in the snack shop!! Stop by the snack shop to check them out. Say hello to Win and Abigail!
- Youth Directors are collecting 16 oz water bottles and seeds, specifically herbs. Please bring to the Nashville home.
- Adventure backpacks are available for rent through the Adventure Coordinator, Anna Wingo. The backpacks come in a small and large size and include goodies like binoculars, a compass, a flashlight, a whistle, a magnifying glass, and a waterproof notebook with colored pencils, a pencil sharpener, and eraser. Great for taking your little ones on adventures and hikes! Anna can be reached at [wingoar@appstate.edu](mailto:wingoar@appstate.edu) or 205-253-2700.
- Looking to improve your child's swimming while in Monteagle? Then you are in luck! Some of the lifeguards are offering swim lessons this summer. For \$15/ half hour per child they 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 find out who is offering swim lessons to set up a lesson.
- For private tennis lessons, contact Ben Spickard at [benspickard@gmail.com](mailto:benspickard@gmail.com) or 919-817-7000.
- Please remember to recycle at the Dining Hall! It is important to keep help our environment clean.
- 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

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|------|-----------------|-----------|
| #6   | Windcrest       | \$550,000 |
| #11  | Stone Court     | \$550,000 |
| #15  | Bridgepoint     | \$650,000 |
| #34  | Cardens Path    | \$685,000 |
| #49  | Tranquil Eyster | \$370,000 |
| #103 | North Gate Inn  | \$695,000 |
| #146 | Boutcher        | \$560,000 |

## Cottage Tour & Bazaar

Please come to the Woman's Association meeting at 10am Monday on the Winfield Porch to hear all about the Cottage Tour and Bazaar on July 22. There are six cottages on tour this year. This very fun and important event provides the following year's budget to operate the Winfield House for our Monteagle Community. We are still in need of volunteers for the six cottages to golf carts.

Cottages on tour are: The Corner Cottage (Mel Barnes), Idle Hour (Katie Trahan), Garden Paths (John Haley), Ever Bright (Celia Delaney), Camelot (Gray Campbell), and Cumberland (Bill & Betty Phillips).

-- Leslie Neely, Cottage #140, Cottage Tour Chairman

# Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

## Week 5 Platform Guests

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

**The Rev. Mary Louise McCullough, Guest Minister.** Mary Louise McCullough is senior pastor of Second Presbyterian Church Nashville where she has served for four years. Previously she and her husband were pastors at churches in Pittsburgh for 10 years. She has a long history of being active in social justice issues. Recently Mary Louise initiated efforts to be in solidarity with the Islamic Center of Nashville, a long-time neighbor who supported Second when its building burned down in 2003. She also represents Second with NOAH (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope) and Launch Pad, a new "safe sleep" initiative for homeless young adults. Before entering ministry in 1998 at San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), Mary Louise was a journalist and spent 10 years at the Richmond Times-Dispatch. She was also a spiritual director associated with Richmond Hill, an ecumenical retreat center. Her roots in Tennessee go deep – both parents, now deceased, were born and grew up around Chattanooga so she spent childhood vacations nearby. Mary Louise is married to Mike Wilson, pastor of Downtown Presbyterian Church Nashville. She is a Trustee of SFTS and received her D.Min. from Austin Theological Seminary. She and Mike enjoy the abundance of music in Nashville and are slowly getting to know the Smokies.

**Kirk Brown, Lecturer/ Performer.** A recipient of the Pennsylvania Nursery and Landscape Association "Green Achiever" Award for advancing horticulture in Pennsylvania, Kirk serves as incoming President for Garden Writers Association, business consultant to the green industry and national lecturer on horticultural topics from the 18th to the 21st Centuries. He has served as a judge of major exhibits for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Gardens that he has designed and installed have been presented with "Outstanding Design Awards" by PLNA, Perennial Plant Association, and Association of Professional Landscape Designers. Gardens that he designed, installed and maintains at Asbury United Methodist Church were presented with a Pennsylvania Green Award by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Pennsylvania Green Commission. He is a graduate of Cornell University. His web site is [www.johnbartramLives.com](http://www.johnbartramLives.com).

**Joel Houser, Lecturer.** Joel Houser joined the Land Trust for Tennessee in 2014 as its Southeast Conservation Director. Based in Chattanooga, Joel works across southeast Tennessee and on the South Cumberland Plateau. In addition to work across the region, Houser currently spearheads efforts for several acquisitions to add significant acreage to the South Cumberland State Park. Prior to joining the Land Trust, he served as Executive Director at Crabtree Farms of Chattanooga an agricultural education organization. Houser holds two degrees in Environmental Science from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he moved after growing up in Nashville, TN.

**Kirke Martin, Outdoor Adventure Program Leader.** MSSA has been an integral part of Kirke's life for over 40 years and he currently is in his third year as the Chairman of the Trails Committee. Kirke has spent decades connecting children and adults to nature through his work as a professional ceramics artist, teacher, camp counselor, and outdoor education leader. Kirke enjoys being outside as much as possible exploring, hiking, sea kayaking, and camping with his wife and three young sons.

**Liz McLauren, Lecturer.** As President, Liz oversees the day-to-day management of The Land Trust for Tennessee. She is a graduate of The University of the South and a resident of the Leiper's Fork community in Williamson County. She has been

involved with The Land Trust since its early days and has led a number of successful initiatives, including the revitalization of The Land Trust's Glen Leven Farm. Liz grew up all over the country, from the mountains of Vermont and North Carolina to the urban centers of New York and Philadelphia. She started her career in theatre, acting in both New York and in regional theatre. Since then, she's worked for organizations including Vanderbilt University, Nashville Public Television, and Nashville Public Radio, Rhode Island School of Design Museum and Colgate University. She also served on the boards and committees including Stand for Children, the Metro Arts Commission, Community Access Corporation and the Nashville Film Festival. Outside of work, you're likely to find Liz on an adventure with her three sons Andy, Sam Henry and Lachlan or doing home improvements on her beautiful Leiper's Fork farmhouse alongside her husband, the chickens and the wild animals.

**Karen Salter, Lecturer.** Karen Donegan Salter is a lawyer, mediator and consultant living with her husband and son in Richmond, VA. She received her bachelor's degree (1975) in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University and her law degree (1985) from Washington & Lee University. Since 1992 Salter has operated her own business specializing in dispute resolution, racial reconciliation, and church consultation. Prior to that time she was the Executive Director of the Richmond Dispute Resolution Center, a non-profit conflict management organization for five years. Salter has worked as an impartial third party in community, congregational, neighborhood, interpersonal, special education, organizational, business, local and state government, interracial, and interfaith disputes; and has trained adults and children to use conflict management and diversity skills. She has spoken to local, state, national and international associations and conferences on mediation and peacemaking, diversity, dispute resolution, and racial reconciliation. Since 1995 she has become increasingly involved in church consultation, providing mediation, retreat leadership, congregational development and coaching, to over 40 churches throughout Virginia and North Carolina. In 2001 Salter was part of the facilitation team that received the Virginia Municipal League President's Award for the Chesterfield County Dialogues on Race and Confederate History.

**Skip Woolwine and "Fade to Black" Band, Performers.** Fade to Black is a Classic Rock, Soul, and Beach Music band based in Nashville, and one of a number of "official" bands for Beach Music HOF Member Clifford Curry. FTB was formed in 1991 by high school chums Skip Woolwine and Don Rollins (Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville). Previously, from 1981-1987 Woolwine had been in Nashville's 1969 Band, and prior to that (1976-1981) was an early member of the Eldorados at Vanderbilt's Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Rollins was a founding member of Nashville's "Modern History" in the 1980s. Today, Fade to Black's 4-man core group consists of Woolwine (12-string Fickenbacker, Vocals), Barney Evers (of Eddie Rabbitt's early band-Lead Guitar, Vocals), Mac Davis (the CPA-not the singer/ actor-Drums), and Moody Castleman (formerly of WSM Radio, and K-tel soundalike artist - really!- Bass, Vocals). FTB has performed for 2 Tennessee governors, The Nashville Predators multiple times, parties for the Iroquois Steeplechase, Vanderbilt Reunion, Belle Meade Country Club, Hillwood CC, Richland CC, Signal Mountain CC, Greater Nashville Assoc of Realtors, and weddings and bar mitzvahs too numerous to mention here. Fleshed out for bigger gigs, FTB includes horns, keyboards, female vocalists, cheerleaders and untrained farm animals.

## Musical Notes

Come join us in worshipping God with our voices!



**Old Fashioned Family Hymn Sing** Wednesday, July 13, 8:05 p.m. in Warren Chapel

**Hymn Sing:** Please bring your family and join us as we remember some of our favorite old hymns. This is your opportunity to revisit your heritage and request your choice!

The **Assembly Chorus**, open to ages 12 - 100+, would love to have you join them whenever you are in the Assembly. They practice every Wednesday at 4:30pm in the Chapel. Many times, ensembles within the choir stay after the choir is dismissed because they will be singing on Sunday. The smaller ensemble will usually practice another time or two. Whichever group leads in worship for Sunday worship will practice that Sunday morning in the chapel from 9:30 - 9:50am.

Fingers & Singers, ages 6 - 11, practice in the chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday morning each week. Those who wish to ring bells, please arrive at 9:15am. Those wishing only to sing, please arrive at 9:30am. We stop promptly at 10:00 so the children can get to games on time. Fingers and Singers participate in worship every Wednesday night at Twilight Prayers. They should arrive at 7:25pm and sit with Ms. JJJ in the front pews.

Many thanks and with a heart full of song,  
-- *Judith Humphreys, Music Director*

## Cemetery Plots

Attention: If you don't have burial sites in the beautiful MSSA Cemetery, be aware that in January 2017, the price per plot is increasing from \$1,200 to \$1,500.



### EARLY BIRD MOVIES

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

**This week: *Jungle Book* (2010, G)**

## 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.

**Reminder:** No Smoking is allowed within fifty feet of any Assembly public building.

## From Winfield

Our next Porch Party is on Thursday, July 14th, 5:30-7:00pm. Please bring an appetizer and beverage to share. All adults are welcome!

On Monday, July 11th, please join us for the Book Swap and Mah Jong. They will share the porch at 2:30pm -- Mah Jong to the right and Book Swap on the left (same side as the swing).

We would appreciate your donations of July and August magazines. We also could use any extra party food; nuts, cookies, etc. With more than 40 events during the season, your donations help us stretch our budget!

We have Monteagle stemless glasses available: 2 for \$10 or 4 for \$20, cash or check. They make a nice gift or addition to one's cottage!

-- *Andy Huston, Winfield Hostess (931) 924-2255*

## A Slew of Competition Results

The Waldrop Woods 10th Annual Off-Road Classic was held on July 2. We started with Rick Duncan our grounds superintendent, who described the trails, the grounds, and our responsibility to respect and maintain them. He was followed by Oliver Jarvis, who blessed 57 participants, ranging in age from 6 to 63. Isaac Wills, age 16, won with a time of 19:17 and was followed by Eli Wildman, age 11, at 21:11, who barely beat his cousin Ellie Wildman at 21:12. After the race, participants cooled down in the "cement pond" and enjoyed watermelon and received awards. An award for outstanding achievement was given to Pat Wildman for creating two generations of outstanding Monteagliters.

The 39th annual Shenanigans 4th of July run was a huge success with 54 participants, ranging in age from 8 to 74. We had several high school track coaches and their runners join in the activities. Scott Parrish got everyone started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the race start. Isaac Willis, age 16, won the race, with the time of 46 minutes. Willis runs cross country for Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville. He was followed by Brian Erod, the cross-country coach in Decherd, with a time of 46:29, followed by David Peacock in third place at 50:46. The fastest woman was Leslie Crais, three-time Ironman competitor, with a time of 52:00. Ben Wegmon won the division with a time of 52:30. Ben then proudly watched his 8-year-old son "Little Ben" end the race at 1:29. After the race, Bill Elder opened Shenanigans and hosted our award ceremonies, multiple toasts, and thanksgiving to Monteagle and our great nation.

The Mountain Man Classic Golf Tournament was held July 2 at the Sawanee golf course, with a scramble format. We had seven teams of 30 players including two 5-man teams. In a hotly competitive match, the team of David Peacock, Bob Hudgens, Clark Hudgens, and Robert Peacock headed into the last hole tied with the team of Jm Humphries, Scott Lloyd, Steve Rixam, and Norman Blake at (-8) each. The shot of the tournament was delivered by Jm Humphries, who chipped in for eagle on a par 5-11th hole to go (-10) and beat Peacock's team, which birdied the same hole to end up at (-9). When asked how he did it, Jim replied "I saw the line hit my spot and winner winner chicken dinner!"

-- *Norman Blake, Outdoors Committee Chairman*

**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.



# MSSA Outdoor Adventure Program

The 2016 MSSA Outdoor Adventure Program will provide a more focused and thematic concentration on exploring and learning about the wonders of nature and the healthy benefits of outdoor activities. **Games** will be held Monday-Friday for all ages. Eaglets, Eagles, Buzzards, and Falcons will meet at the Auditorium unless otherwise noted. Hummingbirds need to be checked in and picked up by an adult at the Hummingbird Room (back of the Auditorium). MSSA youth should be prepared to laugh, run, hike, explore, and play. Please wear appropriate footwear, bug spray, sun block, and bring water. Let's have fun, stay safe, and hydrate!

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## Monday, July 11

- 9:30: **Youth registration** (Auditorium)
- 10:15-1:00: **Hiking trip** down the Stagecoach and North Trail for Buzzards and Falcons -- bring pack, water, snacks, and lunch
- 2:30-3:00: **Prep meeting** for North Trail backpacking trip for Eagles and parents/ guardians (Mall)
- 2:30-3:30: **Nature arts & crafts** for Eaglets; no fee. (Shady Dell)
- 2:30-3:30: **Ultimate frisbee** for Eagles, Buzzards, and Falcons
- 4:30-5:30: **Slow roll bike ride** -- All-Assembly / all ages slow bike ride around the Assembly. Meet at the Mall with your bikes, helmets, friends, parents, grandparents... let's cruise slowwww!

## Tuesday, July 12

- 8:30-9:30: **Rise and Shine Bike Ride** for Eaglets and Eagles. Meet at the Mall with bike, helmet, water, and snack.
- 9:30: **Youth registration** (Auditorium)
- 9:30-10:00: **Hummingbird parents meet and greet**
- 10-12:00: **Games** (Meet at Auditorium)
- 10:15-10:45: **Parent meeting** (Dining Hall porch)
- 2-2:30: **Prep meeting** for Savage Gulf backpacking trip for Buzzards and Falcons; parents and guardians welcome! (Mall)
- 2:30-3:30: **Story time and nature craft** for Hummingbirds and Eaglets. (Winfield Porch)
- 3-4:00: **Mountain biking on the MSSA Trails** for Buzzards and Falcons. Bring bike, helmet, and water, and meet on the Mall.
- 3:00: **Backpacking trip to North Trail Campground** for Eagles (\$10 fee). Sign up and prep meeting required.
- 6:15-7:15: **Sack supper** for Eaglets. Discovery walk and picnic. (Waldrop Woods)

## Wednesday, July 13

- 8-9:00: **Adult train run/ walk**. Meet at North Gate.
- 9:30: **Youth registration** (Auditorium)
- 10-12:00: **Hummingbirds discovery week**: Parents/ guardians, please join us to explore the Waldrop Woods Loop.
- 10-12:00: **Games** (meet at Auditorium)
- 10-12:30: **Mountain biking on the Perimeter Trail**, for Buzzards and Falcons. Sign up and bring trail bikes, helmets, water, and lunch.
- 2:30-3:30: **Mountain biking on the MSSA trails**, for Eagles and Eaglets. Need to be able to ride rough terrain. Bring trail bikes, helmets, water, and a snack.
- 5:30-7:30: **Picnic supper** for Buzzards and Falcons. Quiet hike and picnic on the MSSA trails. Bring water and sack supper, plus a poem, story, or song.
- 9:00: **Bonfire** for Buzzards and Falcons.

## Thursday, July 14

- 9:30: **Youth registration** (Auditorium)
- 10-12:00: **Games** (Meet at Auditorium)
- 10-11:55: **Adult hike** down the Stagecoach and North Trail. Quick-paced hike. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Meet at Mall.
- 1:00: **Savage Gulf backpacking trip**, 2 nights, for Buzzards and Falcons (\$25 fee). Sign up and prep meeting required.
- 2:30-3:30: **Nature arts and crafts** for Eagles; no fee. (Shady Dell)
- 2:30-3:30: **Story time and nature craft** for Hummingbirds and Eaglets. (Winfield Porch)
- 6:30-7:30: **Picnic supper** for Eagles. Hike and picnic on the MSSA trails. Bring water and sack supper.
- 9:00: **Night games** for Eagles, Buzzards, and Falcons.

## Friday, July 15

- 8:30-9:30: **Rise and shine bike ride**, for Eaglets and Eagles. Meet at the Mall with bike, helmet, water, and snack.
- 9:30: **Youth registration** (Auditorium)
- 10-12:00: **Games** (meet at Auditorium)
- 10:30: **Hummingbird natural craft**, boat float on Juniata Creek.
- 2:30-5:30: **Fiery Gizzard blue hole**. Family hike/ wading/ swimming. Hummingbirds, Eaglets, and Eagles must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up.
- 5:30-7:30: **Extended pool hours**. Bring a picnic. Grills available.
- 9-10:00: **Moonlight swim**, for Buzzards and Falcons.

## Saturday, July 16

- 8-4:00: **Elk River all-assembly family canoe trip**. Sign up. Meet at Auditorium.
- 9-3:00: **Fiery Gizzard trail work**. Be a volunteer and join the rangers from the South Cumberland State Park at Grundy Forest parking area to work on the Fiery Gizzard reroute!
- 2:00: **Savage Gulf backpacking trip returns**.
- 5:30-7:30: **Family potluck on the Mall**. A casual gathering on the Mall to conclude the MSSA Outdoor Adventure Week. Bring a dish to share, picnic blanket, frisbees, guitars, soccer balls, slack lines, etc.
- 8-11:00: **All-Assembly Dance** with Skip Woolwine and the "Fade to Black" band. (Gymnasium)

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| Hummingbirds | 3-5 years old (potty trained) |
| Eaglets      | 6-8 years old                 |
| Eagles       | 9-11 years old                |
| Buzzards     | 12-14 years old               |
| Falcons      | 15-18 years old               |



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