

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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Week of July 24-30  
Events & Highlights

Guest Minister  
Rev. David Eldridge

## Sunday

Sunday School

10am • See Kiosk for locations

Sunday Service

11am • Warren Chapel

Live Animal Nature Program,  
with Shawna Adams of the Natu-  
ral History Education Company

2:30pm • Auditorium

## Monday-Thursday

Twilight Prayers

7:30pm • Warren Chapel

## Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise with Millie Beth

8am • Gymnasium

Adult Watercolor Workshop  
with Karen Ramsay, "Capturing  
Monteagle in Watercolor" (see p.  
31)

1:30-4:30pm • Art Pavilion

## Monday

MSSA Woman's Association

Book Club #3

10:45am • Winfield Porch

Movie: "The Short Game" (2013,  
PG)

8:05pm • Auditorium

## Tuesday

Porch Reading: *The Before Guy*,  
by Chrisanna Waldrop

4pm • Winfield Porch

Movie: "The Little Rascals Save  
the Day" (2014, PG)

8:05pm • Auditorium

Lecture: "The Return of George  
Washington, 1783-1789," with  
Ed Larson

8:15pm • Warren Chapel

## Wednesday

Lecture: "A Day in the Life of a  
Make-up Artist," with Rachael  
Crais Wagner

10:45am • Warren Chapel

Artist Demo: "Making Monsters  
for Film," with Rachael Crais  
Wagner

3:30pm • Dining Hall

## From the President

Are you busy? Do you find time to rest, rock, and read on your porch? We have had such great programs and are looking forward to many more. It's tempting to try to do everything, attend every program and activity, visit with friends, take hikes or excursions, go on picnics. Monteagle is a place where you don't have to do anything but you hardly have time to do what you want to do! How blessed we are to have so many opportunities to learn, share, enjoy the Assembly and its surroundings, and occasionally take the time to visit the Point, enjoy the gorgeous view, and exalt in the peace and the sounds of nature.

Our Youth Staff is busy all the time, and our children are loving every one of their experiences. We've had Adventure Week, which was part of the Platform, and Youth Week and are looking forward to the seventh week, Youth Tennis Tournament Week. It will also be Youth Staff Appreciation Week. Indeed, what a tremendous job these young people have done this season under the leadership of Jenny Jervis, Youth Superintendent, and Summer Stroud, Youth Coordinator! When you see a member of the Youth Staff, take time to say "Thanks" for all the time and effort for our children! Thanks also to all the parents and others who are willing participants and volunteers in supporting the youth program!

-- Stephanie Smith, DBA, RP

## Platform Highlights This Week

The spirit of George Washington visits us this week in a lecture with Ed Larson, whose book about the nation's first president was on the *New York Times* bestseller list in 2015. A popular lecturer, Larson is a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize in History and holds the Hugh and Hazel Darling Chair in Law at Pepperdine University. Prior to becoming a professor, Larson practiced law in Seattle after earning his law degree from Harvard. He also served as counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives. His lecture in the Chapel at 8:15pm Tuesday shares the name of his latest book, "*The Return of George Washington 1783-1789.*"

Another well-known writer, Scott Dannemiller, joins the Assembly Thursday for a lecture on his family's quest to spend a year without buying any non-consumable "stuff" – a feat that serves as the focus of a book and that earned Dannemiller featured coverage by *Good Morning America*, *MSNBC*, and other regional and national media outlets. Dannemiller is the founder and president of LifeWork Associates, a consulting firm that helps develop leaders who bring more trust and authenticity to corporate America. He travels the country working with corporations across the United States. His lecture in the Chapel Thursday at 8:15pm is "*The Year Without a Purchase: One Family's Quest to Stop Shopping and Start Connecting*," also the title of his book.

## From the Archives



Picture: Monteagle Assembly Hotel 1895 (Burned 1961)



Family fun at the pool's extended Friday night hours -- with the Shenanigans food truck!

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Early-Bird Movie: **“Lion King” (1994, G)**  
6:00pm • Auditorium

Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing!  
8:00pm • Warren Chapel

Movie: **“Into the Woods” (2014, G)**  
8:05pm • Auditorium

Thursday

Produce Market  
7-10am • On the Mall

Lecture: **“Giant Pandas,”** with Charlene Johnson  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

Movie: **“Step Dogs” (2013, PG)**  
8:05pm • Auditorium

Lecture: **“The Year Without a Purchase: One Family’s Quest to Stop Shopping and Start Connecting,”** with Scott Dannemiller  
8:15pm • Warren Chapel

Friday

Lecture: **“Two Comic Stories that Mingle Faith with Reality,”** with Fred McGavran  
10:45am • Warren Chapel

Meeting: MSSA Denominational Caucuses  
3pm • Various locations

Meeting: MSSA Board of Trustees  
4:00pm • Warren Chapel

Farm-to-Table Dinner, by advanced registration only  
6:30-8:00pm • Dining Hall

Flashback Friday Movie: **“Mildred Pierce” (1945, PG)**  
8pm • Auditorium

Saturday

Annual Meeting of MSSA Cottage Owners  
9:00am • Warren Chapel

Meeting: MSSA Board of Trustees  
2:00pm • Pulliam Center

Meeting: MAEFC Board Meeting  
2:30pm • Pulliam Center

Youth Dance (Eagles, Buzzards, Falcons)  
8-10:00pm • Gymnasium

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

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Liz Norell, editor

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

## Meet the Gatekeepers



Meet Dylan Dudley, a 17 year old rising senior at Franklin County High School. This is his first season working on the Assembly gate. We have Dudleys all around us, in case you didn't know. Dylan's older brother Dustin worked on the gate for a few summers in the recent past. You may also know his two uncles, Ben Dudley (gate) and Homer "Taco" Dudley (MSSA grounds crew). Dylan lives with his parents in Sewanee, along with their four dogs. He plays on the soccer team at Franklin County High School and likes to skateboard. This year, Dylan will apply to college and is considering Maryville College (where his older brother went), Motlow State (Tullahoma), and Pellissippi State (Knoxville). Fun Facts about Dylan: He has a pet gecko named Bonsei. His favorite ice cream is cookies & cream. His favorite restaurant is a Japanese place in Winchester called Yamato. And his favorite thing about the gate job is good pay!

## From the Pool Committee

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 AND baby 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.

Adult open lap swim and water exercise occurs Monday-Friday from 9-10am. Water aerobics with Regina Rourk 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 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

## Save the Date: MMUMC Fish Fry

The 10th annual fish fry will be held at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday July 30th from 4-7pm. This is a rain or shine event.

Proceeds from the fish fry help enable the community outreach programs at MMUMC. Our food ministry reaches over 300 people per month who are experiencing food insecurity. The annual Tools 4 School program provides the essential back to school supplies for all the students at Monteagle Elementary School. Our Christmas on the Mountain program provided gifts for over 115 children this past Christmas season. These and other ministries are an integral part of helping our neighbors on the Plateau.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Take-out is also available! Please see Ruth Patterson at Linger Longer (931-924-2535) for tickets or you may purchase them on the day of the event. We appreciate your support.

## From the Outreach Committee

Outreach Opportunity: The Outreach Committee is working with Tools4School to provide needed school supplies to Monteagle Elementary students. We will be helping to pack school supplies by grade on August 1st beginning at 9am and will be handing them out at registration on August 4th beginning at 7:30 am. Please let me know if you'd like to join the fun!

-- Katie Trahan, Outreach chair, (415) 729-1045



Please join the town of Monteagle at the Mountain Market, July 30-31!

# 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.
- **Lost your iPhone?** We have one in the office. Call or come by and describe to claim.



## Sunday Buffet

Roasted turkey breast with stuffing and gravy  
 Seafood Cioppino  
 Boiled new potatoes  
 Turnip greens  
 Assorted salads and fruit  
 Assorted pies and cobbler



The Eagles backpacking trip during Outdoor Adventure Week was a smashing success. Thanks to all who were involved in this special week of outdoor programming!

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

## Updates from the Dining Hall

Farm-to-Table Dinner - Friday, July 29

Menu: Jerry Sweeton's heirloom tomato soup with basil, olive oil and fresh mozzarella; cold cucumber buttermilk soup; local lettuces with green goddess dressing; slow-roasted pork shoulder from Cove Creek Farm, Tracy City; grilled corn and corncakes from Hillsboro, TN; country-style pole beans; local squash casserole with goat cheese; breads supplied by the Bread Peddler, Monteagle, TN, with local jams; mountain berry poke cake; watermelon mint refresher  
Cost: \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. We will supply tea and lemonade. You can bring an adult beverage of your choice to enjoy with your meal. After dinner musical entertainment on the porch by Clark Hudgins and John Greer.

Culinary Guild Dinner Outing - Sunday, July 31, 6:30pm  
 Tea on the Mountain, Tracy City

Proprietors Pat and Myrna Nesbitt are preparing a special dinner of cold asparagus soup, apricot glazed Cornish game hen with brown rice and broccoli, and peach pavlova. We must have a minimum of 12, and a maximum of 24 people. Please sign up at the dining hall or email Emily at emilyfrith@comcast.net to reserve your spot. \$30 per person, plus tax and 20% gratuity. Coffee and tea provided, and you may bring your wine (no corkage fee).

# Youth Updates

- Many thanks to Anne Byrn Floyd, Claire Makins, Lady Hamilton, the Walkers, the Davis family, the Maxwells/Rauls, the Strouds, the Watsons for feeding our Eaglets, Eagles, Buzzards and Falcons. Thank you also to the Strouds for feeding the staff; we appreciate it a lot! Thank you to the Maxwells, Walkers, Clevelands, Thompsons, and Hamiltons for driving our Eagles on their climbing excursion and making it happen. Thank you to the Malone Trabue Youth Fund and Evelyn & Tommy Trabue for our great fun weeks!
- **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 to do 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 on the front end so we can determine how many youth we can take. Please volunteer to drive early so we can take as many youth as possible on these excursions!!
- Buzzards & Falcons MUST wear closed toe shoes to campfire on Wednesday nights for safety reasons.
- Hummingbirds are collecting empty 2 Liter soda bottles. Please bring those down to the hummingbird room. They are also wanting empty cardboard egg cartons (please no styrofoam).

## 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
#11	Stone Court	\$590,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$650,000
#34	Gardens Path	\$685,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$370,000
#98	Idlehour	\$547,000
#103	North Gate Inn	\$695,000
#146	Boutcher	\$560,000

- Arts and Crafts are doing tie dye! They will be doing it Wednesday and Thursday so please bring a white t-shirt.
- 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 put your recycling by the dining hall entrance! 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.

## From Winfield

- Monday, July 25th: Book Club, 10:45am on the Porch -- our final book club meeting of the season!
- Tuesday, July 26th: Porch reading by Chrissana Waldrop from her book *The Before Guy*
- Thursday, July 28th: Adult Porch Party, 5:30-7:00pm. Bring a dish to share and beverage of your choice.

Thank you to all of those who have donated summer magazines! If you have any August ones, we welcome them!

Cocktail napkins are always welcome for the events we still have this season.

-- Cindy Huston, Winfield Hostess, (931) 924-2255

# Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

## Week 7 Platform Guests

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

The Reverend David Eldridge, *Guest Minister*. Dr. David Eldridge began serving as the pastor of First Baptist Church of Clinton in May of 2014. David received his Ph.D. in preaching from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2010, Master of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School in 2004, and BA in Christian Studies from Mississippi College in 2001. David is married to Danielle, and together they have three boys: Hayden (10), Luke (8), and Jonathan (4). Danielle holds a BS in Elementary Education from Mississippi College, but currently is a stay at home mom. David is actively involved in the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, having served on numerous committees of both. Additionally, David serves as an adjunct professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. David's hobbies include spending time with his family, reading, and running.

Scott Dannemiller, *Lecturer*. Scott Dannemiller is a speaker, author, blogger, worship leader, leadership consultant and former missionary with the Presbyterian Church (USA). He makes his living as the founder and president of LifeWork Associates, a leadership development consulting firm focused on bringing more trust and authenticity to corporate America. Most weeks, he can be found delivering a workshop or keynote speech somewhere in the United States. Scott and his family have been featured on *Good Morning America*, *MSNBC*, *The Tennessean*, *USA Today*, and *Tyra Banks' FAB Life* for *The Year without a Purchase*, **his book about the family's quest to reconnect with the meaningful side of life by going 12-months without buying any non-consumable "stuff."** He also posts regularly on his blog, *The Accidental Missionary*. Scott and his wife Gabby reside in Nashville with two very loud children.

Charlene Johnson, *Lecturer*. Charlene Johnson is a panda enthusiast who lives in the United States and travels to giant panda zoos and bases throughout the world. She takes frequent trips to Sichuan Province to visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, and the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda to photograph and obtain information about the giant pandas in captivity. A historian by training, she is interested in learning about the detailed lives of the pandas at these bases. She has published articles for the *Chengdu Panda Base* magazine and translates Chinglish into English for the Chengdu Panda Base website. She studied history and accounting at the Universities of Hawaii and Virginia, and she received her Masters degree from Parsons The New School for Design in partnership with The Smithsonian Associates.

Ed Larson, *Lecturer*. Ed Larson holds the Hugh and Hazel Darling Chair in Law and is University Professor of History at Pepperdine University. Originally from Ohio with a Ph.D. in the history of science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and law degree from Harvard, Ed Larson has lectured on all seven continents and taught at Stanford Law School, University of Melbourne, Leiden University, and the University of Georgia, where he chaired the History Department. Prior to becoming a professor, Ed Larson practiced law in Seattle and served as counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Recipient of the Pulitzer Prize in History and numerous other awards for writing and teaching, Ed Larson is the author of nine books and over one hundred published articles. He is interviewed frequently for broadcast, print, cable, and internet media, including *The Daily Show*, *The Today Show*, and multiple appearances on *PBS*, *BBC*, the *History Channel*, *C-SPAN*, *CNN*, *Fox News*, *MSNBC*, and *NPR*. Ed Larson lives in Malibu with his wife and two children. He enjoys hiking with friends, traveling with his family, and working in his garden overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Fred McGavran, *Lecturer*. Fred McGavran is a graduate of Kenyon College and Harvard Law School, and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. He practiced law as a member of Frost Brown Todd LLC in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 2010 he was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, where he serves as Assistant Chaplain at Episcopal Retirement Homes in Cincinnati. McGavran won the Writers Digest Popular Fiction Award in the horror category, the John Reid/Tom Howard Contest, the Raymond Carver Award from Humboldt State University, and has placed in many other literary and screenwriting contests. The Ohio Arts Council awarded him an Individual Achievement Award for *The Reincarnation of Horlach Spenser*, a story that appeared in *Harvard Review*. Black Lawrence Press published *The Butterfly Collector*, his award winning collection of short stories. For more information and links to stories, please go to [www.fredmcgavran.com](http://www.fredmcgavran.com).

Karen Ramsay, *Workshop Instructor*. Karen Ramsay, celebrated Colorado watercolor artist, devotes her time to capturing the beautiful landscapes around her, and teaching students the techniques and joys of her favorite medium. From an early age, Karen enjoyed a love for drawing and painting. Encouragement to pursue this passion came from her parents and artists in her family: her grandmother and cousin. Karen is a graduate of the Colorado Institute of Art in Denver and continues to study under her favorite artists, including Charles Reid, Burton Silverman, Frank Webb, Eric Weingardt, Thomas Schaller and Iain Stewart. She has been featured in **the Big Sky Journal as an "Artist of the West."** Other accolades include: Paint The Poudre: People's Choice Award, Wild About Colorado: Best of Show and the Colorado Watercolor Society: Member Show Award. More information about **classes, events and art can be found at Karen's website:** [www.KarenRamsay.com](http://www.KarenRamsay.com). Twitter: @klrwatercolor

Rachael Wagner, *Lecturer and Workshop Artist*. Rachael Wagner, recently seen on television's *Face Off*, is an accomplished Makeup Artist with a professional concentration in Special Effects Makeup (SFX). Rachael creates and applies highly realistic prosthetic makeup for film, television, and live events. She is a graduate of Make-up Designory's New York Master Program and a finalist in multiple IMATS Battle of the Brushes events. She was also a competitor on Syfy's beloved makeup competition show *Face Off*, where she joined the cast of Season 7. Rachael has returned to freelancing after almost a year of working as Global Effects Inc's Project Supervisor, a prestigious costume and fabrication shop. With them she had the honor of working on many special projects, including: Spielberg's *Bridge of Spies*, *Agents of Shield*, *Castle*, the upcoming film *Geostorm*, and a host of live events including Universal's stage shows.

Chrisanna Waldrop, *Guest Author*. A member of a long-standing MSSA family, Chrisanna Waldrop has enjoyed the sights and sounds of Monteagle since she was a newborn. Having lived in Santa Barbara, CA for nearly twenty years before returning to her hometown of Washington DC, she had plenty of opportunity to closely observe the inanities of Southern California culture, as well as the profound impact pop culture has on society today. Such observations inspired her to use Los Angeles as the background setting for her story. *The Before Guy* is about Tennessee native, Tate Harton, as he struggles to reinvent his life while reconciling conflicting instincts--his Southern roots and the allure of glittering Hollywood. While the book is intended to provide a humorous look at the inanities of reality in our modern era, it also depicts a portrait of the questions Tate must wrestle with when his life is unexpectedly turned upside down. What makes this story of particular interest is that there are many affectionate references to things MSSA members will recognize--starting with his name!

## Tennis Tournament Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the adult tennis tournament! What a fabulous week!



Congratulations to our winners:

- Women's singles: Katherine Gilliland (winner), Colby Black (runner up)
- Women's Doubles: Anne Williams and Laurie Peacock (winners), Betsy Peebles and Jeanie Barrier (runners up)
- Men's singles: Garrett Henderson (winner), Alex Black (runner up)
- Mixed Doubles: Dianne Black Lloyd and Alex Black (winners), Amanda Moody and Bill Phillips (runners up)



A special shout out to Bill Phillips who has been a force to be reckoned with during this tournament for over 5 decades!

## McGavran Readings Available

Our platform speaker Friday morning, Fred McGavran, has sent us two of his short stories to have available for Assembly members to read in advance. You can find these at the Assembly office and the Chapel.

The Sewanee university bookstore has also ordered copies of his collection short stories, *The Butterfly Collector*.

## From the Chapel Committee

The Chapel has several hearing assist devices that can be used for lectures and services. Just pick one up at the back of the Chapel before the program and replace it afterward.

We hope you are enjoying the new NIV Bibles purchased this year. There were also a few new large print editions but they seem to have disappeared from the Chapel. Please help us track them down and return them for others to use. Thank you!

### Schedule Change

Unfortunately, Tuesday's morning lecturer Bassam Issa has had to cancel his lecture. We apologize for the late notice.



## Musical Notes



Old Fashioned Family Hymn Sing!  
Last Hymn Sing for the Season!

Bring your family and friends and join us in singing some of our favorite hymns. This is an opportunity for you to revisit your past and celebrate some of these old songs! Wednesday, July 27, 8:05pm in the Chapel.

Many thanks to the Molly and Whit Uden that played a duet of "Amazing Grace" last Sunday. We are grateful for their leadership on the violins when we sing the Monteagle Benediction.

The Assembly Chorus, open to ages 12 -100+, will sing Sunday, July 31. If you love to worship the Lord with song, please join us. We will be practicing on Wednesday afternoons, July 20 & 27 from 4:30-5:30pm in the chapel. Several choir members have voiced their love for some of the old gospel songs; consequently, we will take a step backward in time and will be worshiping the Lord with a medley of beloved old gospels.

Ringers & 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 10:00am so the children can get to games on time. Ringers and Singers participate in worship every Wednesday night at Twilight Prayers. They should arrive at 7:25pm and sit with Ms. JuJu in the front pews.

This week will be the last week for Ringers and Singers until next season. Many big, heartfelt thanks go to the adults that make this program run smoothly (including parents who bring/send their children to the chapel): Ruth Patterson, Brenda Matthews, and Marie Leighton (from earlier this season). If you see them, please take a minute to say thank you. I could not have rehearsed the Ringers and Singers without their help.

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

## Thanks for Cottage Tour Help!

Thank you from the Woman's Association to all who made our Tour and Bazaar a success! Since this article is due before the Tour and Bazaar, we are sending thanks in total confidence of a record-breaking day! Watch for full coverage next week!

-- Frannie Smith, Woman's Association President



### EARLY BIRD MOVIES

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

This week: *Lion King*  
(1994, G)

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.

