

MOUNTAIN VOICES



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Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

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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.

2016 MSSA Calendar

MSSA Board Meeting
October 15
Sewanee Homecoming
November 2-6
MSSA Board Meeting
November 19
MAEFC Meeting
November 19
After Thanksgiving Lunch
November 25

Mountain Voices
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Deadline to submit items for the next issue is Oct. 25th. Send articles to Ann Ewing at aewing62@gmail.com.

From the President The Magic of Monteagle

Julia Pulliam once commented on our 8-week season in this way: " We are all so busy doing a bunch of nothing, and we hardly have time for that!"

I have always loved this sentiment because I think it is quintessential Julia....and although she meant it to be funny, there is a grain of truth to it.

Whether you get to spend the entire summer or just a weekend at the Assembly the magic begins as soon as you pull through the front gate, unload your car and hit the ground running.

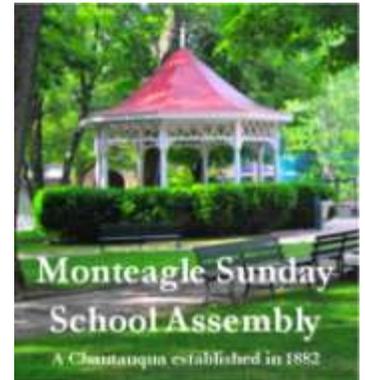
Maybe you start your days with yoga, water aerobics, a hike through Waldrop Woods...or all three. Then there's time to run

errands:
First stop: the Pig!, then maybe Greeter's, Dollar store or Amish Hippie.

Of course, you gotta register the kids for games, check on the schedule for the tennis round robin, a morning lecture, art class or committee meeting.

Before you know it, it's time for lunch in the dining hall (who can resist that highly anticipated first bite of Emily's tomato pie?...or a hamburger off the grill!)

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Welcome Kim, New Housing Assistant

Please welcome Kim Disheroon to the Assembly Housing Office. Kim has accepted our offer to serve as the Housing



Office Assistant. Having owned her own business, Kim has experience in all areas pertinent to our operation, and she loves working with the public and meeting new people.

Please make her feel welcome; her email is kim@mssa1882.org

From the President

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Lunch at Shenanigans is a must during some part of your stay (a shout out to MSSA members Nelson Byrd and Bill Elder for rescuing and reviving a beloved landmark)!

Of course you really can't miss the Mountain Goat Market either (did you know that Spenser & Eric Duncan earned the area's #1 restaurant ranking by TripAdvisor)?

Afternoon offerings include crafts, mahjong, a bridge game, an afternoon lecture, or a dip in the pool. And don't forget about choir practice, ringers and singers, cooking demonstrations and more ... perhaps another committee meeting? Thank goodness for quiet hour—great time for a nap!!

Next thing you know, you're prepping for a progressive supper, two porch parties And scheduling your kids for the movie, moonlight swim or capture the flag. Don't forget Twilight Prayers. Hmmmm...who's cooking dinner? Don't panic, call High Point or Ivy Wild!

Nobody would really call our robust program "a bunch of nothing." The truth is, even though fall is here, the gates are up and the Assembly is quiet, plans for 2017 have already begun. Committees are hard at work, Virginia Curry is putting together a wonderful program, Scott Parrish and the

office staff are working every day to keep the Assembly in good working order, Rick and the facilities crew are maintaining the grounds, the board is meeting and members are making good suggestions.

The magic of Monteagle is still at work.

*Barry Moody
President*



New Crowd Control System During Sewanee Family Week

In an effort to control the student crowds for Sewanee Family week, MSSA, with the support of the University, will be instituting a new policy regarding admission to the grounds. All guests will be admitted by invitation only from a host in residence. The renting guests have been notified of this policy change. If you are using your cottage or lending it to family or friends, please note that *everyone* staying at the cottage will be issued a gate ticket at no charge.

Additionally, if you or the person to whom you loan your cottage wish to have a gathering, a guest list will

need to be turned into the office so that wrist bands may be issued to your guests.

Our goal is to maintain the integrity of the Assembly's values, protect our property, and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for our families and guests. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Scott

*Parrish,
General Manager*



Give to the office.

Community Responds to MSSA Outreach

MSSA members and friends have generously donated their time and resources to the local community through the Outreach Committee over the past year. Appreciative notes have been pouring in from the various recipient organizations. We wanted to share some of the most impactful passages. Excerpts from various notes are below.

*Warm regards,
Katie Trahan,
Outreach chair*



Plateau. We just celebrated our fifth round of grant awards to 11 terrific organizations. Among the projects SCCF funded are purchasing 100 new



helmets for youth football, building a playground at Grundy Housing Authority, helping pay for new roofs

on the Grundy Co. Historical Society's buildings, and new bleachers for Tracy City Softball & Baseball. You can read all about all the new grants on our website www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org."

TN Department of Health:
"Thank you so much for your donation of five hundred dollars for the Grundy County Back to School Bash. This event is so important for the community since 37% of the children live at poverty level..."

Friends of South Cumberland: *"thank you for the timely \$6,500 gift for ranger house repair and renovation. These funds will be applied almost immediately to improvement of the Stone Door ranger house, where a renovation is already underway with support from Friends."*

Morton Memorial: *"Thank*



you ... for your generous donations to our 'Christmas on the Mountain', 'Tools4School', and Food Ministry programs. The mountain is blessed to have residents like you."

May Justus Memorial Library: *"Thank you for the \$200 donation... I plan to purchase children's books..."*

South Cumberland

Community Fund: *"Thank you for your recent gift of \$4,000 ... Your donation*



allows us to continue our work to promote the health and prosperity of this

A Chance to Help the Community

The South Cumberland Community Fund, The University of the South, and AmeriCorps Vista are partnering to create a nonprofit network and need your help. This network aims to increase capacity in local non-profits by building relationships and connections with those who have the skills to help them achieve our shared vision of making the South Cumberland Plateau a better place to live. We are seeking talented members of the community to offer professional services and consulting pro bono or at a discounted rate.

Are you skilled in marketing, communications, grant writing, fundraising, financial management, or volunteer recruitment and management, or any other area applicable to nonprofit management? If so, we need your expertise to build capacity for the nonprofits serving our community.

If you are interested in offering your services, please attend the informational meeting October 18 at 5 p.m. in the MSSA Pulliam Center. Please contact Scott Parrish if you plan to attend.

