



# Mountain Voices

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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, life-long inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.**

## 2017-2018 MSSA Calendar

MSSA Board Meeting  
MAEFC Board  
November 18

Day After Thanksgiving  
Lunch  
November 24

MSSA Board Meeting  
MAEFC Board  
February 17, 2018

### Mountain Voices

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the next issue is Nov. 25.  
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## Platform Spotlights

### Inspiring speakers already scheduled for summer '18

Becca Stevens is an author, speaker, priest, social entrepreneur, and founder and president of Thistle Farms. After experiencing the death of her father and subsequent child abuse when she was five, Becca longed to open a sanctuary for survivors offering a loving community. In 1997, five women who had experienced trafficking, violence, and addiction were welcomed home. Twenty years later, the organization continues to welcome women with free residences that provide housing, medical care, therapy, and education for two years. Residents and graduates earn income through one of four social enterprises. Thistle Farms' global market helps employ more than 1,800 women worldwide, and the national network has more than 40 sister communities.



Becca has been featured in The New York Times, on ABC World News and NPR, and was recently named a 2016 CNN Hero and a White House

"Champion of Change." She was featured in the PBS documentary A Path Appears, named Humanitarian of the Year by the Small Business Council of America, and inducted into the Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame. Stevens attended the University of the South and Vanderbilt Divinity School. She has been conferred two honorary doctorates.

Her newest book, "Love Heals," was published by Harper Collins in September of 2017. Becca lives in Nashville with her husband, Grammy-winning songwriter Marcus Hummon, and their three sons. She will speak Thursday evening July 26 at 8:15pm.

## Smoke Detectors: A Cautionary Tale

Do I really need smoke detectors? ask Susie Ries, and she'll give you a hearty "yes." The combo of up-to-date detectors and Cheryl and Rhonda, our on-the-ball housing staff, probably saved her cottage from serious damage or worse.

### Note to Susie from the Housing Office:

Rhonda went by your cottage to check and make sure everything is ready for your renters for this weekend. She noticed that there are no working smoke detectors installed at your cottage, that there are new ones sitting

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# Thanksgiving Includes Giving at MSSA

This holiday season, we are excited to once again support Christmas on the Mountain, a ministry of Morton Memorial Methodist Church. The event serves 40-45 local families annually, the bulk of whom live in Grundy County.

Parents register in advance and pay a small fee to "shop" for their children in the store, which is stocked with gifts. Children from ages 1-18 are served and their families also receive Christmas food baskets.

The MSSA Outreach Committee is serving as a conduit for donations from Assembly members and friends who would like to support this

wonderful event. We can accept gift cards (Visa/Amex/MasterCard) or checks made payable to MSSA with Christmas on the Mountain in the subject line. The gift cards and money will be used by the organizers to purchase the children's gifts that will stock the store.

We will be collecting the donations at the potluck in the Dining Hall the day after Thanksgiving or accepting them in the office from now through the end of November. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Katie Trahan (Catherine@CatherineTrahan.com).

# Everyone Invited to Day After Thanksgiving Potluck



Come join your summer friends for a Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration. Get away from the shopping and crowds at home! The food is always wonderful and plentiful! Bring a dish to share... the fun starts at noon.

*With gratitude,  
Katie Trahan,  
Outreach Chair*



## Thanksgiving 2016



## Smoke Detectors

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around the cottage waiting to be installed. Do you have an idea when they might be installed? Rhonda would like to know.

### Note from Susie:

Cheryl and Rhonda,  
I want to thank you for reminding me that we needed to install smoke detectors. And for opening one of the new ones we had and leaving it on the shelf above the stove/oven.

On the weekend of September 22-24, my husband Russell and I were at our cottage for the first time since July 4th. Saturday morning while Russell was out, I put the tea kettle on the stove and went into the bathroom. After a couple of minutes, the smoke detector in the kitchen went off. I ran into the kitchen to find the tea kettle engulfed in flames. I was able to blow out the fire, so I glad to realize it wasn't an electrical fire.

After things cooled off, I checked the stove and the pan under the eye as well as the kettle. There was something kind of sticky and oily on the bottom of the kettle and there was a collection of food debris in the pans of the stove eyes and underneath that. I ended up scrubbing the kettle, the eye pans and the area under that, as well as



having the oven self clean itself.

We promptly installed the three smoke detectors in the laundry room, the kitchen and one of the bedrooms, then bought and installed three more smoke detectors for the other bedrooms. I feel lucky!

This experience made me realize that it is important to check the stove/oven as well as tea kettles, pots and pans after others have been there. I suggest that you ask the people who clean up the cottages to do that. From now on, I certainly will.

I am SO grateful to you that you check to make sure the cottages have smoke detectors and then you remind cottage owners to install them if they are not there! They make a huge difference!!!

Keep up the good work,  
Susie

### Cottages Available for Transfer :

#6 Windcrest	\$550,000
#11 Stone Court	\$425,000
#15 Bridgepoint	\$625,000
#82 Veranda	\$385,000
#72 Memphis Home	\$450,000
#135 Hillside Rest	\$840,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact: W. Scott Parrish, General Manager  
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### Call Security

For any non-emergency, please call 931-607-8615 to report a disturbance or anything that seems odd or out of the ordinary.

**Always call 911  
for Emergencies.**

## “Around the Grounds” launched

We all know that Monteagle is abuzz with activity during our eight-week season. What you may not know is that the grounds stay pretty busy in the off-season. What's going on? In addition to Assembly weddings, family gatherings, etc., the Assembly is often impacted by events and activities happening in our community.

Watch for “Around the Grounds,” a brief monthly update of what’s going on off season. We hope it is helpful as you make your off-season plans.

## Prayers Please

Judith Humphreys has been living with a diagnosis of ocular melanoma several years. Recent tests found the cancer has metastasized in her liver and bones.

Thankfully Judith has a wonderful team of doctors here in Nashville at Vanderbilt Hospital and is consulting with Dr. Sato’s team at Jefferson Memorial in Philadelphia. There is no known cure for ocular melanoma once it has metastasized. However, there is a treatment, chemoembolization, which will hopefully provide some extra days of quality life. We covet your prayers during this painful time.

Judith loves to hear from all her family and friends. Always feel free to reach out to her:  
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**Give thanks to  
the Lord,  
for he is good;  
his love endures  
forever.**

**1 Chronicles 16:34**

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## ARC Project Submission Deadlines

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trust for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the General Manager. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

January 15    May 1    July 15    September 30

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the General Manager first.

### 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.