The Montegagle 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.

2017 MSSA Calendar

MSSA Board Meeting May 20
MSSA Board Meeting June 17
MSSA Board Meeting July 1
MSSA Pool Opens May 27 (Weekends)

Mountain Voices
Ann Ewing, editor
Martha Ann Pilcher, design/layout

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

From the President
Where’s the Program?!

If you're like me, every appointment goes straight into your phone: doctor, haircut, dentist, client meetings, board meetings, etc., are all stored with the click of a few buttons.

Some “appointments,” however, deserve a little more respect than others. Every spring, when the highly anticipated MSSA program arrives, my entire family spends lots of time pouring over what activities they want to attend and begin highlighting, circling and starring their choices. Before the season even begins, our program looks a bit like a failed geometry test from high school, but it becomes our collective "smartphone for the summer."

Even so, there’s always a little confusion;
"What time does the dance start?"
“Where are they meeting for the excursion?” “What do I need to pack for a caving trip?”
"Look in the program!"
"Where is the program?"
Predictable but always entertaining.

The summer of 2017 is no exception. The Moody crew is ready to start marking the program. What are we looking forward to? The scenic biking outing led by Norman Blake, the pickleball workshop by nationally ranked Stephanie Lane, and Margaret Smith’s lecture on Medicare (Think it doesn’t yet apply to you? Trust me on (continued on page 2)

Requests

Thanks for all you do to keep the platform running smoothly. We have a couple of needs for the upcoming season and would appreciate your support:

We are still in big need of croquet sets! They are only needed for Thursday, July 13, and we promise to take good care of them.

We also need card tables for the Mah Jongg tournament during Week 8. (In case you're wondering, all of the Woman's Club card tables will be at the Pulliam Center for Advanced Bridge). It's a busy week!

To make it extra easy, we will take care of all pick-ups and returns!

Virginia Curry
Platform Superintendent
From the President
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this one, it arrives quicker than you think), and so much more.

The youth program is also chock full of exciting offerings including:

- Family Fun Thursdays, including an Amazing Race, a croquet tournament and family friendly crafting with Natasha Brunton.
- Eagles’ Art Workshops with Susie Elder – Monteagle ARTventure will explore and encourage Eagles to create paintings, sculpture, and more… and find inspiration from famous artists and Monteagle Landmarks.
- For Eaglets, Animals in Art will spotlight Monteagle’s dogs, birds, turtles and crawfish in the creek and Eaglets will create amazing art and learn about artists who are inspired by animals and nature.

It is bittersweet that our own children have aged out of games and being on the youth staff. As my daughter Bradley put it, "You know your too old to be on staff when your first hummingbirds become your co-workers!" But that is the magic of Monteagle… the next generation beginning their lifelong love of the Assembly. Just ask our great niece, Margaret Berry Kennedy, what she is going to be this summer. "A Hummingbird!" she replies smiling from ear to ear.

I encourage you to have your highlighter and pen ready… your program will arrive any day now. Why not make it your Assembly smart-phone too? Whether you love art, beginning mahjong, hikes or have a house full of children or grandchildren to entertain, thanks to Virginia Curry, our talented platform chair, there is something for everyone!

I look forward to spending time with you on the mountain! Just don’t ask me what to pack for a caving trip.

Barry Moody
President

Call for Artwork - Pulliam Center Exhibition 2017

In preparation for the second art exhibition in the MSSA Pulliam Center, we seek works of art by historic artists with significant ties to the Assembly. If you have work that you would consider loaning for the 2017 season and/or future exhibitions, please send details, including artist name, media, title if known, dimensions, photo, (cell phone photo is fine) and any other pertinent information. We will only be borrowing between 15-30 pieces for this summer but plan to create a data base with information of works available for future exhibitions.

Please send information to Christi Teasley at ecteasely@gmail.com along with the best way to contact you.

Sign Up for Text Alerts

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 or 800-230-1933. Msg & data rates may apply.

It is not too early to sign up for text alerts for the season to stay current with changes to the program or youth activities. It is easy to sign up, and you can discontinue the notices after you leave.
Adult Sunday School 2017

Our two adult Sunday School classes will kick off Sunday, June 18, at 10:00 am. As in years past, one class will meet at Winfield House, and the other will meet at Leap of Faith (#158). For three of the seven weeks, both classes will meet at the Pulliam Center for a combined session. Mark your calendar for these special dates:

**July 9 and 16:** A two-part series on ethical dilemmas that doctors and families face when making end-of-life decisions for loved ones. Many thanks to Dr. Keith Meador for inviting his colleague, Kate Payne to speak on July 9. Kate is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC). As a nurse, attorney, and ethicist, she has an ethics consulting service at the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society and is co-chair of the Ethics Committee at VUMC. Keith Meador will lead the discussion the second Sunday, July 16. He is a Professor of Psychiatry and Health Policy at VUMC and directs the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society.

**July 23:** David Wilson and Blaine Larsen of Search Nashville. Search Ministries is a nationwide non-profit organization that, through small groups, events, or individual sessions, encourages the asking of life’s toughest questions and exploring the answers. Discussing questions of faith openly and honestly can be the first step toward a stronger relationship with Christ. We are fortunate to have these two dynamic leaders from the Nashville chapter visiting us, and it would be wonderful to have a strong attendance (especially from our Nashville families). [www.searchministries.org](http://www.searchministries.org) and [www.searchnashville.org](http://www.searchnashville.org)

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Do you have an interest in **writing or journalism?**

We are looking for older teens (not youth staff), college students and/or adults with a love for writing to help with a project during the Assembly Season.

This “job” we hope will promote and provide an opportunity to spark the inter-generational relationships that make the Assembly so special! If you are interested in learning more, please call Rhonda at Assembly Housing, 931-924-9000.

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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.*
Monteagle Goes Motown

Please join us for the MSSA Motown Dinner & Dance, Saturday, July 1, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Feed Your Soul with a delicious dinner and dance to the rhythm of "CEO the Band" as they perform Motown, R&B, jazz and a wide variety of hits from the ‘50s through the present. To top off the excitement, we will have several fabulous pieces of artwork available for auction.

Tickets to the event are $70 per person. The summer fundraiser always sells out, so please secure your tickets early by contacting the MSSA office or logging into mssa1882.org for a purchase through PayPal. Childcare will be available during the event for Hummingbirds, Eaglets and Eagles; sign up this summer at the youth board in the front of the auditorium.

Proceeds will benefit the Gateway to the Assembly Campaign. The campaign’s goal is to raise funds for the Eleanor Waldrop Land Acquisition Fund and are earmarked for the Assembly’s recent purchase of the Partin Property. This property is located directly to the south of the MSSA front gate extending to College and Main Streets, and west of Highway 41, creating the perfect "Gateway to the Assembly"!

See flyer on page 6.

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.

July 15          September 30         January 15             May 1

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.
MSSA Season Lecture Passes Now Available

This pass allows the purchaser and anyone accompanying him/her in the same vehicle to take advantage of some of our awesome programs and events. It is good from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. for lectures, lunch at Harton Hall, Sunday church services, Twilight Prayers and movies. It’s just $100.

Old friends and long-time MSSA family Ann “Bug” Tharp and Julia Pulliam were just two of the many, many people who enjoyed the beautiful weekend during 2017 Trails and Trilliums.

Our own Jenny Jervis recently participated in the Boston Marathon ... she finished in under four hours and still looked as fresh as a daisy! Ann Ewing cheered her on at the halfway mark without running a step.
Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Presents

MOTOWN

DINNER & DANCE to Feed your Soul!

Featuring CEO the Band

SAT. JULY 1

6:30 PM to 10:30 PM

$70 ADMISSION PER PERSON | MSSA AUDITORIUM

Please note the summer fundraiser has sold out in previous years due to the need to ensure sufficient food and beverage. Secure your tickets early by contacting the office or logging into MSSA1882.org for a purchase through PayPal. Babysitting during the event will be available for Hummingbirds, Egglets and Eagles. Please sign up this summer at the Youth Board (by Auditorium).

Proceeds to benefit the GATEWAY to the ASSEMBLY CAMPAIGN