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The mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is . . .

. . . 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...and to hold stated public meeting from year to year upon the grounds of the Assembly.

From the President Traditions

If you spend time at the Assembly, you no doubt have traditions you associate with the mountain. **“Every summer, my family....” “Every Fourth of July, we....” We can all fill in those blanks and many others.**

One of our family traditions began decades ago. We have tried to figure out when my **father initiated “Work Week-end,” but we can’t determine the exact year.** My sisters and I can remember various high school and college boyfriends **who passed through “work week-end.” At the time, we thought it**

was so gracious of my father to invite them. Later we decided it **was a “test” of their worthiness,** not to mention extra manpower!



In any case, when we were in our teens, my very wise father decided that if we were going to enjoy our Monteagle home, we were going to help maintain it. It was not an option - all hands on deck - for the
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Sunday School Updates

Regarding Sunday School for Youth, Age 12+

This summer, we are revising the program for older youth on Sunday morning. Rather than the traditional Sunday School class that convened on the porch of the Nashville Home, we will offer "Doughnuts & Devotional." Ages 12 and older are invited to meet the youth staff for coffee and a morning snack at 10:30 a.m. (note the later time slot), and then the group will walk over to

the 11 a.m. worship service together. While there will be a short devotional, this will not be the traditional, 45-minute Sunday School class of years past. It was the strong opinion of the 2013 Youth Staff and Youth Directors that Wednesday night campfires at Warren's Point is the weekly "Sunday School" for
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2014
MSSA
Calendar

May 5-12 Sewanee
Graduation
May 24 Board Meeting
June 8 132nd Assembly
Opens

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From the President (continued from page 1)

designated weekend, traditionally Easter, because it allowed three full days of work! We each received a list, and no task was too big or too small. We washed windows, painted furniture, **mopped the “yellow peril”** off the porch (what is that stuff anyway?), and installed new appliances - whatever needed to be done. I admit my siblings and I often grumbled, **“When we grow up, we’re going to pay somebody to do this.”**

Work Weekend is about 40 years old now. The next generation, my sons and my nieces, are an important part of our workforce now. We work hard all weekend. Then we gather for wonderful dinners to recap each day and tell tales of work weekends gone by. Of boyfriends **who failed “the test”** and never came back. Of disasters like the time my brother-in-law was electrocuted when he tried to turn on the water in the new shower. Or the time my sons cut the new bathroom linoleum on the wrong side so when they flipped it, it did not fit! We laugh about the wrong color paint applied, the number of trips to Lowes in one day, the tears that were shed one year by the team trying to paint the bead board.

Yes, we could pay someone to do those things (and I am sure somebody in my family is saying that right about now). But we would miss out



Kent Ballow and Bill Elder at Board Meeting event at Shenanigans.

have a job for you. I’ll make you a sandwich (according to my sister Ann, I’m always “making sandwiches” while she’s always taking on a backbreaking task on our list...it’s a tough job but someone’s gotta do it.)

Kent Ballow

on a lot of fun and laughter. And it is OUR tradition.

Everyone in my family can point to something they did to improve (usually!) our house and make it truly ours. That sense of ownership and **pride can’t be purchased. “I painted that bathroom.” “I crawled under the house and sealed cracks in the foundation.” “I got electrocuted!”**

We are three generations into work weekend and I don’t think it is going away. In fact, if you are on the mountain Easter weekend, stop on by. We

Plains Chautauqua



The Plains Chautauqua, part of the Chautauqua Trail, is holding its first weekend event, May 2-4, 2014, and President Jimmy Carter is the keynote speaker. Assembly members interested in attending can check out the details online at www.plainschautauqua.com.

Dog Days at MSSA



Just a reminder to all that have dogs coming to the Assembly have to be up to date and shots and the office needs current rabies records on file. They can be emailed, faxed, or mailed to Diane Cruise at Diane@mssa1882.org.

Cottages Available for Transfer:

#7	Corner Cottage	\$619,000
#30	Balconies	\$900,000
#35	Peavine	\$425,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$450,000
#98	Idlehour	\$390,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000
#136	Endevor	\$595,000
#146	Boutcher	\$595,000
#148	Brookview	\$545,000 NEW PRICE
#156	Robin Hill	\$250,000 NEW PRICE
#165	Once Upon A Time	\$785,000



It's Planting Time



After a long grueling winter, a few signs of spring are finally appearing on the Assembly grounds. Soon it will be time to begin beautifying our grounds in anticipation of the upcoming season. Instead of having a dedicated **“planting day,” this year we will have a “planting time” from Monday April 21 - Wednesday April 30.** Most of the heavy lifting will be done before hand so anyone who would like to plant a few pots will have the opportunity to sign up for an hour or so at your convenience. We have had so much rain the past few years that, hopefully, this will allow more flexibility. All are invited to participate. I plan to be around during the planting time to point you in the right direction. This could be a fun activity during a girls' trip or family weekend. For more information or to sign up for a day and time, email me at mbuff@blomand.net or call (931)924-3249.

*Marty Buffington,
landscaping committee*

ARC Quiz

We hope you've enjoyed (and learned a thing or two) from the ARC quizzes in the last few issues.

1. Vinyl Windows may be used as replacement for original windows
True False

2. For landscaping purposes: an owner in the Cabbage Patch proposes to remove the low stone walls that are in bad repair around his cottage that form a property line. Instead he proposes to replace them with a tall privacy fence for the purpose of creating more usable outdoor space. Is this appropriate?
Yes No

3. **The “Original Structure” is defined as:**
 - A. The structure as it presently stands
 - B. The structure as it was built the first time without any additions
 - C. The structure as it stood during the 1982 survey

4. A cottage is under renovation (as a replacement in kind) and the owner decides to remove the vinyl siding and replace it with a newer Hardi Board siding. Once the siding is removed can Hardi Board or for that matter newer vinyl siding be a replacement option.
Yes No

5. Only two (2) dwelling structures can occupy one leasehold.
True False

Roofs: Go for the Metal

If your cottage was built before about 1920 the most appropriate roof is a metal one. Asphalt shingles came into widespread use only after 1920 long after the majority of the cottages in the Assembly were built. Although an asphalt shingle roof is cheaper to install in the short run it will last only about 15 years at best. A metal roof will last a hundred years.

Originally the most common roof in the Assembly was the metal shingle roof. The gazebo on the Mall and several cottage including #78 (Polk-In-Along) and #167 (Twin Oaks) have recently replaced roofs with new metal shingles that approximate the original roof material. Metal roofs can also installed in sheets either with a standing seam or with a V crimp pattern. Both the metal shingle roofs and the sheet metal roofs come in a number of baked-on colors that eliminate the need for painting. **There's nothing like the sound of rain falling on a tin roof.**

Oscar Fitzgerald, ARC member

- Answers:
1. False DS - Stand for Alterations to Exist Bldgs-Windows p7
 2. No DS-Stands for Demolition p14 & Stand for Alt to Exist Bldgs - Apurtenances p9
 3. B. The structure as it was built the first time without any additions DS-Stand for New Construction p10
 4. No Stand for Alterations to Exist Bldgs-Materials p8
 5. False Code I-11



Assembly Family

Prayer List

If you know of an MSSA member, family or friend who needs our prayers, please send them to Mountain Voices (if appropriate), so we can put the power of many prayers to work! On the prayer list this month:

Hayes Haney
Virginia Uden
Aileen O'Brien
Bill Elder

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.

Count Your Blessings

The Chapel committee is collecting favorite table blessings or graces for our dining hall tables. We will print them and place them on each table in stands for protection and easy visibility for those who would like to use them before meals. Please email your favorite blessings, as many as you like, to cullen704@gmail.com. Or send them by mail to Cullen Hornaday, 704 Braeview Rd., Louisville, KY, 40206. We've already received a few lovely ones that are new to me, and we look forward to receiving many more. Thanks for your help with this project!



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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.](#)

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.

Sunday School Updates

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Buzzards and Falcons, so we have decided to take a more casual approach for Sunday mornings. If your child is age 12+, please check your summer program book for more details, including location and opportunities for you to volunteer to bring coffee and doughnuts or other breakfast snack.

Adult Sunday School for the Upcoming Season

We have two great classes for adults this summer and hope you will plan to give them a try if you never have before. The classes have different formats and, generally speaking, draw people from different age brackets.

First, we are happy to announce that Andy Spickard will lead his class again this summer at Winfield House, and his curriculum is centered on two books that you may want to secure before the summer: *Daily Thoughts on Holiness-Devotions for a Deeper Spiritual Life* by Andrew Murray and *The Presence and Work of the Holy Spirit* by E.A. Torrey. **Per Andy, "the lessons will be directed to those who seek a deeper spiritual experience of prayer and meditation."** Both books are available on Amazon.com.

A second class for adults (typically in the 30-50 age

range) meets on the porch of cottage #158, Leap of Faith. Every week, a different volunteer teacher prepares a topic and leads the class. Although the format is more discussion than lecture, you can participate as much or as little as you like. Come give it a try.

Let's keep the "Sunday School" in Monteagle (Sunday School) Assembly!



New Curriculum for Youth Sunday School

There are exciting changes in store for the youth Sunday School program. Pam Maloof, who has taught the 5-7 year olds class for the past few summers, will now be in charge of the class for older youth (ages 8-11) at Shady Dell. Pam is excited at the prospect of working with her former students who had aged out of her class for younger children.

Britton Watson has offered to lead the class for 5-7 year olds, which meets in the art pavilion. For the very first time, the two classes will be studying the same curriculum: the Beatitudes from Matthew 5. Pam and Britton will share the first seven Beatitudes with

their students, addressing the same verse on the same Sunday, so that older and younger children will basically have the same lesson, but, of course, the discussion and "take-aways" will be different for each group.

June 15: Matthew 5:3
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

June 20: Matthew 5:4
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

June 27: Matthew 5:5
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

July 6: Matthew 5:6
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

July 13: Matthew 5:7
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

July 20: Matthew 5:8
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

July 27: Matthew 5:9
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Many, many thanks to Pam and Britton for teaching our children! As always, we ask that you please observe the age range of each class and not send younger siblings to classes intended for older children. We hope to see your child this summer.

Margaret Rixham,
Chapel Committee

Spring Preening at the Assembly

Spring has officially arrived here at the Assembly, with snow showers today and temperatures tonight expected to be about 20 degrees. We have endured a fairly cool winter, and now the signs of spring are finally everywhere: forsythia, crocus, daffodils, and Lenten roses all in bloom. We are busy during this transition of the seasons.

We are trying to pick up leaves three or four days a week, and, to date, we have hauled about 90 dump truck loads of leaves to our brush dump. We have a two-year-old leaf mold out at the shop if anyone would like some compost for their garden. Wednesdays are devoted to picking up brush that has been placed out by the road. We have also been picking up and cleaning our park areas. After clean up, we aerate, fertilize and reseed where needed.

You might notice that the yew at the bandstand has been pruned rather dramatically to make it not so tall. We fertilized it as well, and today I think I



spotted some new growth, (or maybe that was just wishful thinking).



I'm keeping my fingers crossed. The fountain in front of the chapel has been repaired. The last week of February, we were able to till and plant a couple of wildflower plots out at North Gate field.

These are just a few of the projects the crew is working on. It's exciting to see the progress as we look toward the season.

As the new facility superintendent, I would like to thank the crew and everyone in the office for their support and cooperation in making my entry as seamless as possible. A big thank you to those members who have wished me well; I look forward to meeting more of you. Feel free to email me with any concerns, ideas or questions. I hope you have a chance to visit the mountain soon, take a walk, and enjoy this beautiful historic place.

*Rick Duncan,
facility superintendent*

Lovely Lawns

FYI, lawn trimmings will be collected every Wednesday.