

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

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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: Make It a Full House

The term "full house" is often applied in the game of poker. In cards, the hand you are dealt depends on the luck of the draw. At Monteagle, we are fortunate to have more control over whether we have a "full house" or not.

During the eight-week summer season in the Assembly, our best hand would be to have every house either full of members or full of renters. Having cottages full of people increases the participation in our program which, as you know, fulfills our mission. I urge you to plan now

for your cottage to be used for the whole eight weeks next summer. Decide NOW when you and your family will use your cottage, and if you are planning to be gone, please place your cottage in the rental program (Myra Reilly stands ready to help you start or continue this process; 931-924-4000).

Another great option is to offer it as a gift to your family or friends (I can't think of a more generous holiday gift!).

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## 2012-13 MSSA Calendar



Nov 24	Board Meeting
Feb 23	Board Meeting
Apr 12-14	Trails & Trilliums
May 6-13	Sewanee Graduation
May 25	Board Meeting
June 9	131 <sup>st</sup> Assembly Opens

## From the General Manager: Let Us Give Thanks

It is hard to believe that another holiday season is already upon us. As has been the case over the past few years, 2012 has presented challenges to many of us. During the past year, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand that the South Cumberland Plateau community faces severe challenges at nearly every turn.

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is not only an oasis to its members and guests, it is a beacon of hope for the mountain community. While our outreach provides much needed aid for basic necessities, we also provide a livelihood for many. The Assembly has become a recognized leader for the greater

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## From the General Manager

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good of the community in which we reside.

My grandfather was a man of quiet wisdom. He often told me if we all put our troubles out on a table, we would take our own back. I am thankful for the opportunity to make a difference in the MSSA community as well as the South Cumberland Plateau community. The holiday season is a time to give thanks for friends and family, present and past. Please consider a gift to the Assembly in memory of or in honor of someone you hold dear.

I hope to see many of you over Thanksgiving when Harton Hall once again fills with laughter and conversation as we gather to share a covered dish meal and fellowship.

*Warm regards,  
Scott*



*Do you know where this statue is located at MSSA?*

## From the President

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However you do it, I hope you will help us have a full house in 2013 - no quiet porches, no unused grills, no silence in the halls; no empty tennis courts or quiet days at the pool! Don't let your cottage be the one with the dark windows.

*Pat Wildman*



## Give Thanks at Harton Hall

The Assembly will host the annual day-after-Thanksgiving potluck lunch on Friday, November 23 at noon. Bring your best leftovers to share with members and guests.

If you are willing to lend a hand with set up or clean up, please email Scott Parrish.

## Cottages Available for Transfer:

#67	Wayside	\$769,000
#92	The Moorings	\$385,000
#98	Idlehour	\$390,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000
#136	Endevor	\$625,000
#156	Robin Hill	\$295,000
#165	Once Upon A time	\$850,000





## Youth Staff Application Deadline

Applications for positions on the 2013 youth staff are due to Scott Parrish by Friday, January 4, 2013. Please contact the office if you need an application.

## Thanks to Our 2012-2013 Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Your Board members and committee chairs are organizing their efforts to work for the Assembly during the coming year. In some instances, we are combining groups who have a similar focus under an umbrella designation to help support their efforts. All of these groups represent hard work expended on behalf of the place we all love. We owe them a debt of gratitude for representing us and helping to further the mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

Annual Fund - Lanier Frank  
 Architectural Review - John Sisson  
 Archives - Morgan Merrill  
 By-Laws - Ann Ewing  
 Cemetery - Bob Hudgins  
 Communications and Public Relations - Ann Ewing  
 Cottage Rentals - Agnes Short  
 Development - Ann Ewing

Dining Hall - Jean Jervis  
 Dining Hall Renovation - Anne Worthen  
 Education - Greg Maloof  
 Endowment Income - Bill Flatley  
 Finance - Charles Hornaday  
 Fund Raiser 2013 - Susan Acker  
 Landscape - Marty Buffington  
 Legal Counsel - Neil Kunkel  
 Long Range Planning - Kent Ballow  
 Monteagle Endowment Fund Corporation - Jim Humphreys  
 Membership - Anne Dennington  
 Mission Advancement - Sue Spickard and Mary Susan Kennedy (Weddings, "Friends," Cottage Rentals, Off Season Events)  
 Natural Resources - Scott Parrish (Arboretum, Landscaping, Trails, Forest Preservation)  
 Outreach - Ginny Gordon



Program/Platform - Cindy Hudgins  
 Property, Security, Safety - Joel McAlister  
 Sustainability - Stewart Crais  
 Tennis - Laurie Peacock  
 Trails - Kirke Martin, Jr.  
 Warren Chapel - Cullen Hornaday  
 Welcome - Stephanie Smith  
 Youth - Anne Williams and Jennifer Hinds



## Bits and Pieces

### Congratulations

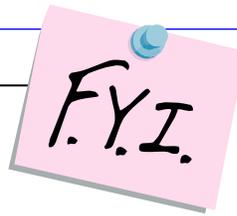
Best wishes are extended to Mary Bonney Gilbreath who wed Lonnie Hugh Pope, Jr., on October 6. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Earl Gilbreath, Jr. and an active member of the MSSA community. The happy couple will reside in Atlanta.

Anne Archer Dennington and Eric Schneider announce the happy arrival of their baby, Anne Finlay, on October 13. She weighed almost 8 pounds and was 21.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Anne and Lephiew Dennington.

### Prayers

Our prayers go out to the family of Barbara Crais Symms

who passed away October 26, 2012 in Birmingham, Alabama after complications from a lung infection. Barbara was preceded in death by her loving parents, Charles Irwin and Barbara Schnell Crais. Her two adult children, Jay Symms (wife Janene and children Will, Madison, and Morgan) and Beth Powell (husband Jason Powell), survive her. Barbara has three sisters, Christie Crais Richards (husband Bob Richards), Martha Crais Kizer (husband Jerry Kizer), and Betsy Crais (husband Mike Wagner), seven nieces and nephews, and 11 great nieces and nephews. The family would appreciate donations made to Barbara's beloved Monteagle Assembly through the "Crais Family Community Enrichment Fund", MSSA, P. O. Box 307, Monteagle, Tennessee 37356.



### Office notes

The 2013 Member Directory will be mailed out in January, so the office staff is already preparing, updating and readying the document for 2013. Be sure to send any changes to the directory to the office. This is a valuable tool for Assembly members, committee chairs and staff, and we need to keep it current!



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## Security Update

If you need our security guard at night, please call 931-607-8615. Please call for any disturbance or anything that seems odd or out of the ordinary.

### 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.