

MOUNTAIN VOICES



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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.

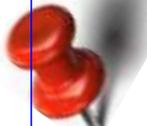
From the President In Gratitude

I don't remember what year it was when we had our first Monteagle Thanksgiving. I am sure it was prompted by my siblings and me when we were in our teens, and it was intended **to be a "break" from our normal** family tradition. What I do remember well was that it was extremely cold - there were snow showers! We managed to talk many of our summer friends into making the trip - and many came! From Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana...and beyond. **Their**

own Assembly homes were unheated, so everybody piled into ours. The bedrooms were so cold we slept in a pile of blankets in front of the fire in the living room!

We did not know it then, but we were creating a new tradition. We began to spend more of our Thanksgivings on the mountain, and many folks began to realize that it was an excellent place to gather with family and friends. My sons have spent most of their

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2013 MSSA Calendar

November 23
Board Meeting 9AM

February 22, 2014
Board Meeting 9AM

April 11-13, 2014
Trails & Trilliums

Mountain Voices
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out design

Deadline to submit
items for next issue is
Nov. 25. Send articles
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From the General Manager Memories Are Made in Monteagle

This month, we marked moving day for the Nashville Parrish homestead, the culmination of many days of sorting and packing. Every box, every drawer, every turn produced memories of our family, from generations past through the next generation just beginning their lives on their own.

The Monteagle Assembly provides all of us an opportunity to create new memories every season and throughout the year. We worship together, we play together, we celebrate weddings, birthdays,

and anniversaries together, and we mourn together. What a remarkable place!

We are well on our way to the 2014 season. I am pleased that Graycie Wingo will lead our youth program this season. We have had a terrific group of folks already apply for youth staff positions and hope to have the staff on board by early January.

If you are missing your dose of Monteagle memories, please join us for Thanksgiving this year, it is *(continued on page 2)*

From the President

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Thanksgivings at “Home Again,” and they don’t want to be anywhere else.

The Friday after Thanksgiving meal in the Dining Hall has established itself as a wonderful new custom. In the last few years, more than 100 folks have gathered to share leftover turkey and an astonishing array of desserts, including birthday cake to celebrate the many late-November birthdays!

As Thanksgiving approaches, it is only natural to give thanks for our Assembly -- its history, its beauty, its fellowship. As I reflect on how grateful I am to be a part of the Assembly community, I have to acknowledge that what I am truly thankful for are the people I have been privileged to know because of the Assembly.

The Monteagle family is a cast



of “characters” that I would not otherwise know, and those relationships have enriched my life in immeasurable ways. Where else would I come to know and be influenced by folks such as Miss Bessie, Joe Howorth, and Comfort Randolph? Without Monteagle, I would not have had the pleasure of knowing Virginia Jervis, Blue Hamby, Pat Bates, Jim Franklin, Ginger Donelson, Frank Waldrop, Ruth

Utley.... people who loved Monteagle as much as I do.

The list, of course is endless, and it includes each of you as well - those of you I know well, those I am getting to know better, and those who I will meet in the future because of the Assembly.

This Thanksgiving, no matter where you are, you can be sure that I am bowing my head in grateful thanks for you and yours.

*Happy Thanksgiving.
Kent Ballow*

From the General Manager

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a wonderful time to be on the mountain. And for those of you who long for the season, be sure to check out the website for a great slide show from last season.

*Warm regards,
Scott*

Happy
Thanksgiving!



Cottages Available for Transfer:



#7	Corner Cottage	\$619,000	#67	Wayside	\$689,000
#30	Balconies	\$900,000	#92	The Moorings	\$280,000
#35	Peavine	\$425,000	#98	Idlehour	\$390,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$450,000	#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000
			#136	Endeavor	\$595,000
			#146	Boutcher	\$595,000
			#148	Brookview	\$650,000
			#156	Robin Hill	\$295,000
			#165	Once Upon A Time	\$785,000

Platform Notes

Planning for the 2014 summer season is well underway! We hope that everyone will plan to be at the Assembly for the entire season.

However, if you know you will be away for a week this summer and your cottage will not be in use, please consider loaning it to house Platform guests. This could serve to attract a wider array of program lectures, workshops and performances. Platform will pay for cleaning and utilities to offset any cost to the cottage owner. If you are interested in supporting Platform in this way, please call or email Becky Nelson at (804) 306-3747, becky.nelson@mssa1882.org.

The Platform is considering bringing a live radio show to the Montegale Assembly from Floyd, Virginia! The hosts would spend



a week locally to develop the show and feature old-time musicians from the area. We are seeking an individual or company sponsor who would, in return, receive national advertising via podcast available to radio stations throughout the U.S. Please contact Platform Superintendent, Becky Nelson, for additional information.



Remember the Thanksgiving Food Drive



Feeding the Community

The Assembly will again be holding a canned food drive for the Grundy County Food Bank at the Day After Thanksgiving Dinner in the dining hall, and the Outreach committee hopes you will participate. Non-perishable food items, peanut butter, canned meats, pasta, rice, dried beans, mac 'n cheese are great options. The bank director reports that they are currently feeding a staggering 500 families per month these days, so our generosity is much needed and greatly appreciated. Clean out your cupboard or head to the Piggly Wiggly and stock up and bring your donations to the Dining Hall on potluck day. We will have collection boxes at the door.

*Thank you,
Ginny Gordon, Outreach*

News & Notes



Prayers

Longtime Assembly member James Rodman (Jim) Franklin died on October 10, 2013. Jim was a renowned fine artist and a regionally and nationally recognized architect, facilitator, teacher, and author. His designs grace buildings and parks, and his paintings adorn walls across Tennessee and the region. He is survived by wife Sara McKinney Franklin of Monteagle, Tenn.; brother Selmon T. Franklin, Jr. of Signal Mountain, Tenn.; sons James Jeffrey Franklin of Denver, Colo.; Henry Trotter Franklin of Chattanooga; Thomas McKin-

ney Warren Scott of Signal Mountain; grandsons James Joseph Warren Scott of Signal Mountain and Tyler Milne Franklin of Madison, Wis.; granddaughters Charlotte Ellen Franklin of Chattanooga, Sarah Margaret Franklin of Denver, Mason Trotter Franklin of Denver, and Emma Lee DeVerdery Franklin of Denver; and great grandson Robert Jennings Warren Scott of Signal Mountain. Contributions may be made to Emerald Hodgson Hospital or the Monteagle Assembly.

Hay Hay Hay

MSSA will support the May Justus Library Friends program by participating in the Friends-sponsored hayride the evenings of December 6 and 7 beginning at 6 p.m. The hayride will travel the length of College Street and make a loop through the Assembly. Proceeds from the Friends of May Justus Library hayride will help fund expanded hours. If you are on the mountain, bundle up and support the library!



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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.