

MOUNTAIN VOICES



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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.

From the President Giving, Thankfully

This is the time of year when we pause and give thanks for our many blessings. We gather and take a moment to reflect on all we hold dear and the many ways we are fortunate. If you are reading this, I know that one thing you are grateful for is Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. You know that it has contributed in many rich and fulfilling ways to your life and the life of your family. You may treasure its beauty, its history, its community, its programs, its serenity. But, no doubt, it is a place you treasure.



to meet a specific need. Most recently, a couple pledged \$100,000 to MAEFC to be used to enhance our programs. This wonderful gift, from the hearts of this couple who appreciate the unique offerings our platform provides, will enrich and strengthen our programs for generations to come.

This is not a reminder to give to MSSA or MAEFC. You already do that. I am so grateful to each of you for your many gifts, large and small to this place. You give your time and talents, your opinions, and your dollars. Thank you

all for being a part of this community and for being as committed as I am to seeing that it continues to thrive into the next generation and beyond. What a wonderful feeling to be a part of such a dedicated, caring group of people who cherish a common place and a common goal. For this, we should all be extremely grateful. We may not be together on Thanksgiving, but wherever we are, we will all be expressing gratitude for Monteagle and all that it has given us.

Kent Ballow

I know this because of your generosity. Every year, gifts of all sizes pour in when Lanier outlines the year's annual project. The annual fund dollars raised in the last few years have allowed us to repair and upgrade almost every common building on the grounds. Planned gifts are way up, with 95 individuals or families now committed to the Bridges campaign. Unsolicited gifts often arrive as well, surprising us with their generosity or the eagerness



2014
MSSA
Calendar

November 22
Board Meeting 9AM

November 28
Pot Luck Noon

December 6-7
Lessons & Carols

Mountain Voices
Ann Ewing, editor
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Deadline to submit items for the next issue is December 25th. Send articles to aewimg62@gmail.com

Support the Youth Program: Take the Survey

No matter what age you are, the youth committee needs your input. Please take a moment to fill out the attached survey. The key to good decision-making is understanding, and we are counting on you to help us understand what you like about the youth program and what you think is ready for change by answering the questions on the survey. All responses are due **by November 15th**. We greatly appreciate your input and look forward to another great summer on the mountain!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SXWNNJW>

Susie Elder and Caroline Wildman, Co-chairs Youth Committee

Welcome New Members

The Board of Trustees and the Membership Committee welcome two new Assembly members. Reach out and say hello and welcome when you have the chance.

Karen Eager: Presbyterian Caucus

Virginia Eager: Methodist Caucus

Anne Dennington,
Membership chair

Cottages Available for Transfer:

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#98	Idlehour	\$275,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$375,000
#136	Endevor	\$595,000
#146	Boutcher	\$595,000



Summer 2015

Dreaming of summer 2015? The 133rd season is set for June 7 through August 2
Cottage Tour & Bazaar July 17th
Mark your calendars and start the countdown!

Give Thanks and Pay it Forward

As we gather together on the day after Thanksgiving to share leftovers and friendship, please remember those in our local community who are struggling. The Outreach Committee will continue to coordinate MSSA support for the Grundy County Food Bank by collecting non-perishable food items. Can and jar goods, beans, pasta, rice, nut butters, and mac & cheese are examples of items our community needs. Clean out your pantry or head to the local grocery stores to help feed our neighbors during the upcoming holidays! We will have contribution boxes at the Dining Hall when you join us for the potluck.

Many thanks!

Katie Trahan,
Outreach Co-chair

Fireplaces

Roaring fires are a welcome addition to Monteagle cottages during the cool fall weather. Most of our fireplaces and chimneys are beautifully constructed with mountain sandstone. Before you enjoy your fire, please make sure that your fireplace and chimney have been properly inspected by a qualified chimney sweep.

The mountain stone is beautiful on the outside, but is potentially disastrous on the inside. Many of our old chimneys are not properly lined. Sandstone is a naturally soft stone and tends to decompose when subjected to heat, causing cracks through which smoke (carbon monoxide) and fire can penetrate. Avoid the heartache of a cottage fire and have your chimneys checked today!

Education Committee Update, BIG “Thank you!” from Community

The MSSA education committee was established to support students in our community, and this year, the committee awarded \$500 renewable scholarships to nine local college students. These students are attending Tennessee Tech University, UT Chattanooga, UT Knoxville, Chattanooga State Community College and Maryville College. The remaining funds--\$1,209—were donated to the Grundy County High School Art Department. Elizabeth Bell, GCHS visual arts specialist, sent us the following “Thank you”: “Your generous contribution will sponsor the 180 Visual Arts students currently enrolled at GCHS through the purchase of much needed art supplies and consumables.... Thank y’all so much!! The art program would not be able to function without your kind and generous gift!”

Dawn Logan,
Chair, education committee



Give Thanks with Your MSSA Family Day-After-Thanksgiving Annual Pot-Luck Luncheon

Once you've given thanks with your family, join your extended Assembly family for more merriment. Bring your leftovers and enjoy someone else's at the 20th Annual Day-after-Thanksgiving Lunch scheduled for noon on Friday, November 28 at Harton Hall.

This is an opportunity to visit with everyone who is here for the holiday, to taste different and delicious food, and to empty out your refrigerator while treating all of your guests to a scrumptious meal!

There will be a huge, roaring fire, coffee and hot cider plus soft drinks. Paper plates/cups and silverware (plastic) will be provided. All you have to bring in some of your best and your appetite! Of course, you'll also want to bring canned goods to be given to the local food pantry.

This is a fun, happy, festive event...if it's cold, then bundle up or plan to huddle up close to the fire. And, as always, clean-up help is always appreciated!

Thanksgiving trivia: Lexie Orr started this tradition sometime in the early 1990s...does anyone know the exact year? We'll say that this is the 20th Annual, but it could be the 25th!

Questions?? Call Lane Price at 924-7600 or 229-733-1328
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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.

September 30 January 15 May 1 July 15

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.

Assembly Family

News and Notes

Please keep the following members of the Monteagle family in your prayers: Martha Ann Pilcher, Virginia Curry, Mary Ellen Haley, and Judith Humphreys.

Billy "Blue" Hamby, retired MSSA Grounds Superintendent, died on October 25 at the age of 82. U.S. Veteran Mr. Billy Wayne "Blue" Hamby was born in Pelham, Tenn., a son of the late Robert Hamby and Ezella Tho-

mas Hamby. Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Hamby; son, Bobby Wayne (Debbie) Hamby, Monteagle; daughter, Peggy (Ernest) Burnett, Estill Springs; grandchildren, Jason, Amber, Dava and Alicia; 9 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

He was very active in the community, serving on the city council as alderman for several years and also was a volunteer firefighter.



Matt B. Murfree III died on November 5, 2014. He was the son of the late Dr. Matt B. Murfree, Jr. and Mary Kathryn Bell Murfree. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Davis Murfree; sons, Matt B. "Bricke" Murfree IV (Sarah), Paul Davis Murfree (Blaire); grandchildren, Blakley Neal Murfree, Kathryn Blythe Murfree, Ellen Tomlinson Murfree; and brother, Robert Bell Murfree (Betsy).

He graduated from Murfreesboro Central High School and received his BA '66 and JD '69 degrees from Vanderbilt University. Matt practiced law for over forty years, and was the senior partner in Murfree & Murfree, PLLC. He was very active in many civic activities in the Murfreesboro and Rutherford County communities. Matt was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Stones River Country Club, Belle Meade Country Club, Sons of the American Revolution, and The Society of the Cincinnati.

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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.