

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

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## 2015 MSSA Calendar

October 3	Board Meeting 9am
October 12-18	Sewanee Family Week
November 9-15	Sewanee Homecoming
November 21	Board Meeting 9am

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## From the President A Time to Reflect

Members, visitors, and guests come to the Assembly because it is unique—one of a kind. No other assembly is like it, not even any other Chautauqua! So many of our speakers and visitors this season noted how different the Assembly is from the outside world, which races at a frantic pace and in which we are bombarded with constantly



changing images, ideas, demands, and schedules. The Assembly offers a place of retreat, respite, time for reflection, relaxed visits with friends and family, study, meditation, quiet time, sunsets, fireflies, porches, rocking chairs—peace.

I am honored to be the president of this amazing Assembly and look forward to this year, its pleasures and challenges. My goal is Preservation of the Assembly, certainly the physical entity, but especially its family

values, its historic values, its cultural values. In a sense, preserving the status quo—almost—which requires battling entropy while managing the changes that must be made and folding them

into our special ambiance, so that families and visitors who return after ten years will say, “Oh! It’s just the way I remember it.”

This will be accomplished through all of you, the

members, Board, wonderful committees, great staff, volunteers, visitors, and guests who love this Assembly.

Our committees contributed so much throughout the year to make the 2015 season a success and supported our outstanding staff to keep the Assembly running smoothly. I am pleased to announce the chairmen and members of board committees for 2015-2016. (See left column)

*Stephanie Smith*  
President

## From the President

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Luther Richardson  
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## From the President

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 Murray Strang  
 Jim Uden  
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 Andy Wildman

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Frannie Smith

NOTE: Chairpersons of committees are noted by bold face type.



## Tools4School a Success!

Thank you to everyone in our community who volunteered their time for this successful first year program! The money MSSA donated for school supplies and the volunteer effort went a long way toward making school supplies available to 264 children in the community. Below is one of many thank-you notes we received from students.

*Katie Trahan, chair  
 Outreach Committee*

*Dear Monteagle Sunday School Assembly,*

*Thank you for helping our school and parents gather school supplies for us. It saved a lot of money for our parents and saved us an hour of shopping at Wal-Mart. I know that my parents appreciate it greatly. My mom would normally pay close to \$120 for both me and my brother, so this took a load off her mind. I also appreciate it because it means that since my mom has more money we can do something fun like bowling! It was very kind of you to spend your time and money gathering school supplies just for some kids. Again thank you.*

*Sincerely,  
 Seren Yelk, 7<sup>th</sup> grade*

## Fall Maintenance Suggestions

As we approach fall and winter, there are a few things you should know and/or do to your cottage:

1. Sewanee Weeks-Contractors may not work in the Assembly during Sewanee Family Week-October 14-18, 2015 and Sewanee
2. Homecoming November 11-15, 2015. During these times, in season work rules apply. All of your contractors are made aware

of these blackout dates when they receive their yearly work pass.

3. Please check your smoke detector batteries.
4. Shut off your water while you are away. Every year, several cottage owners experience water leaks while their cottage is not occupied. Some of the leaks have been quite expensive. The Assembly does not allow for leak adjustments due to our utility relationship with the Town of Monteagle.
5. It gets really cold! Many of

our cottages are built so the air circulates under the floor. This is great to keep us cool during the summer, but it plays havoc with the water pipes during the winter (see #3).

6. Please let the office know when you loan your cottage to friends and family. We like for our security officers to keep a watch out for people and cars which are not familiar to the campus.
7. **Don't be a stranger!** The Assembly is beautiful in every season; try to enjoy it year round.

The Monteagle 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.

## Calling All Platform Suggestions!

A big thank you goes out to all who have made suggestions for platform programming this past year! The MSSA program thrives on suggestions from Assembly friends and residents. Please take a moment to recommend a lecturer, minister, workshop presenter or performer. Program Recommendation Forms may be obtained through the office or online at <http://mssa1882.org> under programs/ events.

Many recommendation forms were distributed during the season, and few have been returned. So, this is a friendly reminder to get your ideas in!  
*Becky Nelson, Platform Superintendent*

## Landscape Committee Announces Fall Plant Swap

To celebrate gardening's "second season," the Landscape Committee is organizing a plant swap during the month of September. As you work on your cottage garden, please bring any plants you need to divide, labelled and in plastic containers, to the west side of the Auditorium. And, feel free to take back with you any contributions you find there that will be just the right touch for your refreshed fall planting. Look here first for hostas, hellebores, day lilies, Shasta daisies, coreopsis, evening primrose, shepherd's crook and who knows what else! Hope to see you outside,

playing in the dirt, and enjoying a beautiful fall on the mountain! Contact Linda Parrish ([parrishld@bellsouth.net](mailto:parrishld@bellsouth.net)) with any questions.



## 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.

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## Cottages Available for Transfer:

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$650,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$425,000
#103	North Gate Inn	\$695,000
#146	Boutcher	\$595,000



## 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.