

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 Thank You Board Members

As the MSSA Board of Trust embarks on another year of leadership and governance, I would like to take a moment to thank each of them for their willingness to guide the Assembly. I have served on many boards, and I have never met a group of people more dedicated to an organization.

As you may know, MSSA's trustees regularly travel great distances to attend board and committee meetings. This year, we have board members from Maine, California, Washington, DC, Connecticut, Dallas, and other places far from our mountaintop! Getting to Monteagle for these volunteers means multiple flights and rental cars or shuttle trips from Nashville or Atlanta. This travel is costly and means time away from work and family to attend meetings, particularly during the off-season. One board member who does not have convenient air routes from his

home has risen at 3 a.m. to make our 9 a.m. meetings and then has often made the return trip on the same day. He has rarely missed a meeting.

Recent by-law changes mean that board members can attend some meetings electronically - which is



a progressive step considering that our members hail from all over the country. However, most meetings must be attended in person and, of course, our dedicated group prefers to be in attendance when possible.

So, when you see a board member, I encourage you to thank him/her! They have each agreed to serve for a minimum of three years, because they care deeply about preserving
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2013
MSSA
Calendar

October 7-14
Sewanee Family Week

October 19
Board Meeting 9AM

October 21-28
Sewanee Homecoming

November 23
Board Meeting 9AM

From the President

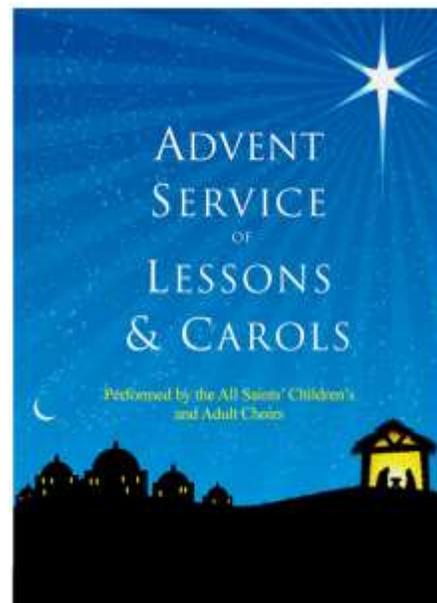
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the unique heritage of MSSA. They do so because they understand that without committed, visionary leadership, MSSA cannot continue to thrive and be securely positioned for the next generation. They do so without reward, without "perks" (we don't even feed them!) and without a lot of recognition for their service.

So please take just a moment to let them know you appreci-

ate them. They are: Ellie Billington, Marty Buffington, De-de Clements, Ann Ewing, Bill Flatley, Lanier Frank, Lisa Hammett, Hays Haney, Charles Hornaday, Cyndy Hudgins, Judith Humphries, Neil Kunkel, Mary Ellen Lovell, Bob Monfore, Barry Moody, David Pilcher, Agnes Short, Stephanie Smith, Andy Spickard, Katie Trahan, Britton Watson, Pat Wildman, and Anne Worthen.

Thank you,
Kent Ballow



Enjoy Lessons and Carols in Sewanee

The Monteagle Assembly has received a gracious offer of 25 reserved places for the popular Lessons and Carols service that is annually presented during the Christmas season at Sewanee. Our reservations are for Saturday, December 7, at 5 p.m. The service lasts approximately 2 hours and is held in All Saints Chapel. Plans are underway for our group to gather for dinner after the service (more information to come).

There is no cost for the service, however, reservations must be confirmed by November 10. Please be in touch with Sue Spickard at sms325@juno.com or [615-298-3243](tel:615-298-3243) if you want to be on the list. Include your email address and/or phone number. We'll provide additional details at a later date.

Outreach Update

*Ginny Gordon,
Outreach chair*

MSSA held a wonderful "clean out the cupboard" collection for the Grundy County Food Bank, and 93 items were donated!

In addition, Outreach Sunday generated more than \$2,000 for the Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau. Below is a letter from Leah Rhys, the Fund's development chair.

*Dear MSSA,
Thank you for your generous check from the Assembly Outreach Fund. We are grateful for your support. Over the years many have understood the deep need on the Plateau, and many have offered help. We believe we have the best shot at establishing a sustainable leadership group by reinvesting in the people of the*



Plateau: the hopeful and the helpful. In September, grantees will meet together to explore what next steps may be after completing their funded projects. We're very happy to have the Assembly folks with us in this work!

Sincerely,

Leah Rhys for the Board

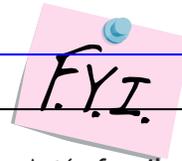
MSSA Scenes from 2013



Cottages Available for Transfer:

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|------|-----------------|-----------|------|------------------|-----------|
| #7 | Corner Cottage | \$619,000 | #146 | Boutcher | \$719,000 |
| #30 | Balconies | \$900,000 | #148 | Brookview | \$650,000 |
| #35 | Peavine | \$425,000 | #156 | Robin Hill | \$295,000 |
| #49 | Tranquil Eyster | \$450,000 | #165 | Once Upon A Time | \$785,000 |
| #67 | Wayside | \$689,000 | | | |
| #92 | The Moorings | \$280,000 | | | |
| #98 | Idlehour | \$390,000 | | | |
| #129 | Hallelujah | \$450,000 | | | |
| #136 | Endevor | \$625,000 | | | |





News & Notes

Congratulations to Katherine Howard and Bill Walters on their new arrival. William Edward Walters was born on July 30 and weighed in at 10 lbs and 1.5 ounces. Grandparents are Rita and Ed Howard.

Prayers

Please keep Susan McIntyre in your prayers. Susan suffered a stroke while in Monteagle and is currently at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. Her husband Bill and daughters Rowanne and Frances say that the recovery will be a slow process. Cards can be sent to P.O. Box 1147 Monteagle, TN 37356.

Longtime Assembly member Arthur Edgar Malone Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on July 12, 2013, at the age of age 73 on the day of his 50th wedding anniversary to his wife Cornelia. Art is survived by his loving spouse, Cornelia Barnes Malone, his three children, John (Tanja), Katherine (Andy), and David (Mary Anna). He had nine grandchildren (Sadye, Jeanie, Annalie, Emmett, Stephen, Mary Katherine, Sarah, Andrew, and David). Art also leaves behind his only brother, Winfield Baird (Barbara). Contributions may be made to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly or Independent Presbyterian Church, 3100 Highland Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Art's family has been grateful for the outpouring of support from their Assembly family and Margaret Ball sent along this note: So many MSSA folks were unable to make his Memorial Service, and we have heard from several wanting the link to his service. My brother David did an outstanding job in his eulogy (<http://www.ipc-usa.org/clientimages/24047/audio/7-16-13%20malone%20memorial.mp3>) and anyone who ever knew my father for even five minutes will laugh and cry all the way through it. Also, we are collecting Art Malone stories.

If the spirit moves you, please share your stories with us at artmalonestories@gmail.com.

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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.