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Thurmond Library: Where the Light Is Always On

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

In 2016 when Theresa Shackelford asked Trudy Cunningham to take over as chair of Thurmond Memorial Library board, it didn't take Cunningham two seconds to decide: "Absolutely not." Cunningham had just retired. Thurmond had a board, and Cunningham's main goal in retirement was "never to attend another meeting." Shackelford persisted, "Trudy, if you take over you can do whatever you damn well please." Cunningham relented. Doing as she pleased has served Thurmond Memorial Library well, returning the venerable institution to what it began as in the 1890s. Said Cunningham, "What we continue to celebrate is the delight that book people share."

The Thurmond Library story begins post-Civil-War, when Bishops Quintard and Green, influential founding figures of the University, visited the Dabney family on their Mississippi plantation. Cunningham speculated the bishops were "likely looking for lodging while they recruited money and souls." During the war, with their brothers and father gone, the Dabney sisters worked alongside the slaves on the 4,000-acre plantation, and in the slaves' place after they were freed. The sisters managed to maintain the plantation until its sale in 1883. The bishops urged the sisters to visit Sewanee. In 1892, Sophy, Susan and Lelia Dabney moved there intending to rent and run a boarding house. Learning the University planned to build dormitories, the sisters abandoned the boarding house idea. With the help of her sisters, Susan Dabney Smedes built Gladstone Cottage on Oklahoma Avenue in 1894 and the following year built a schoolhouse on the same leasehold. That schoolhouse was the first physical home of the Sewanee Circulating Library.

Sophy Dabney Thurmond reportedly donated more than 2,000 books to the library. But Cunningham suspects women were already passing books around. She learned about the book collection of a Sewanee woman containing notations about who a book belonged to and who had already read it. "Women back then didn't work and had help in the home and were bright because they were married to professors," Cunningham observed. "My sense is they were hungry for academic enrichment, and they shared what they could get hold of."

In 1902, a dedicated room in the new parish hall became the Sewanee Circulating Library's home. For a few years, there was a paid librarian, the library's first and only, who earned \$10 a month for keeping the library open three days a week. In 1910 Rev. Claiborne, who served as the executor of Sophy Dabney Thurmond's estate, renamed the Sewanee Circulating Library and Reading Room the Thurmond Memorial Library, as a tribute to Sophy both for her donation of books to the library and for her active role in the church.

After WWI Thurmond Library became a classroom on Sundays. The doors were never locked.

But after thefts were reported, Rev. Claiborne gave the books to the DuBose Memorial Training School in Monteagle. The books were not suited to the school's needs, though, and were apparently unwanted. Miss Lizzie Wadhams reorganized the library board and demanded the books be returned, enlisting the help of Sonia Thurmond, Sophy's daughter. Two horsedrawn wagonloads of books made the journey back to Sewanee, just 2 months before the DuBose School burned on Jan. 9, 1924.

In 1936 Thurmond Library reported having an impressive 2,000 volumes in its collection, with 300 in circulation.

Then during WW II, the library disappeared from view again, with the books in storage in the parish hall basement and the local women on the library board busy with knitting socks, gloves, and sweaters for the troops and doing other Red Cross work. For several years, the room dedicated to the library housed a Boy Scout museum. The museum moved to Tracy City in 1949, and the stored books were once again unboxed.

In 1953 the Tennessee Regional Library's bookmobile began using Thurmond as a regular station, and Thurmond came to be regarded as Franklin County's second public library. The Sewanee Woman's Club assumed responsibility for Thurmond in 1961, with volunteers assuring the library was open five days a week.

But the books went back into boxes again from 2011 to 2015 when the parish hall closed for renovation.

In 2016, enter Trudy Cunningham. Volunteers expected 33 boxes of books to unpack, when there were 50. Commenting on the generosity of the book loving Sewanee community, Cunningham said, "People take out two books and bring back seven." Although that was the case in the past, there are no sign out cards. The library's lending policy is "if you want it, keep it. If you know someone who wants it, give it to them," Cunningham stressed. "What would be the point in knowing George has it?" she joked. Books are easy to find in the small 20' X 20' room, and visitors who can't find a book or want a book the library doesn't have are urged to fill out a "request card," available on the shelf just outside the library door. One of Cunningham's favorite requests was a printed, unsigned note from what was likely a preschooler: "Need more dinos."

Cunningham found an eBay deal offering 35 dinosaur books for \$25. She estimates the library currently has over 4,000 volumes with the annual book sale scheduled for Labor Day weekend expected to be the largest ever. Books rarely borrowed are offered for sale. Paperback books cost \$1 and hardback books cost \$2, with a volume discount, three paperbacks for \$2 and three hardbacks for \$5. The books that don't sell at the book sale are

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Community Chest Applications Available

Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association (SCA), the Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2026-27 grant cycle. The purpose of the Sewanee Community Chest campaign is to raise funds for local organizations that serve the common good. An important function of the campaign is to minimize the need for excessive area fundraising by many groups; therefore, organizations receiving funds are expected to acknowledge support from the Sewanee Community Chest in other area fundraising efforts.

The Sewanee Community Chest does not allocate funds to those organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, or national origin.

The 2026-27 funding application is available on the website <www.sewaneecivic.org> in a Word document. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 11, 2026. There is an online form available <<https://forms.gle/yMTGeRXz-9TLkzECr9>>. It does require you to have a Gmail email account.

The SCC is a nonprofit organization and relies on funding from the community to support programs throughout the greater Sewanee area. As the 2026-27 grant cycle begins, the SCC is also kicking off its annual fundraising campaign.

The SCA urges everyone who benefits from life in this community, whether you live, work, or visit, to give generously. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Contributions, payroll deductions and pledges are accepted at any time at P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. You can also donate through PayPal Giving <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.

For more information go to <<https://sewaneecivic.org>>.

12th Annual Hunger Walk

The Hunger Walk raises funds to combat food insecurity in Tennessee's South Cumberland Plateau region by supporting its local food organizations. Proceeds will benefit local organizations which help our neighbors in need, such as Community Action Committee (Episcopal Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul), Grundy County Food Bank, Morton Memorial Food Mission, and other eligible organizations.

This event is sponsored by the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club. The Hunger Walk will take place at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, starting at Angel Park in Sewanee. For complete information go to <<https://www.monteaglesewanee Rotary.org/hunger-walk>>.

To donate online, go to <<https://givebutter.com/hungerwalk2026>>. Mail checks to Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 336, Monteagle, TN 37356.

Joseph's Remodeling Celebrates Eric Rogers' 20 Year Company Anniversary

Joseph's Remodeling Solutions announces the 20th company anniversary for Eric Rogers. Eric joined Joseph's Remodeling on July 31, 2006, and has played a vital role in the growth and success of Joseph's Remodeling Solutions.

During the 20 years with the company, Eric has worked in many different capacities beginning as a Field Team Member, advancing soon after to a Project Leader, Estimator, Production Leader, and Company Operations Leader. He earned his electrical license along the way and is known for his vast knowledge of construction, leadership, and dedication to excellence.

Joseph Sumpter said "It is an immense privilege to work alongside Eric. He is a 'solutions' kind of person, and we are constantly learning together. We are blessed to know him and have him in our leadership team at JRS."

"We've shared a lot of life together over 20 years both professionally and personally," said Alyssa Sumpter. "Eric has walked with us through the growing pains of



Eric Rogers

business, shared our commitment of excellence in the work we do, and spearheaded creating processes necessary to make things happen. Outside of work, we've shared celebrations and struggles, laughter and tears. Eric continues to grow and 'show up' for us, and for JRS, and we are so grateful he does."

Reaching a 20-year milestone in remodeling is evidence of Eric's dedication to the trades, the team, the customers, and the workplace culture at Joseph's Remodeling. The company celebrated this milestone with an administrative team lunch, banner with community members, customers, and JRS team member signatures, company meeting breakfast recognition with award, and special video commemorating Eric's 20 years.



New students enjoying the Sewanee Ropes Course with the Outing Program, Aug. 21. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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Electric Bill Assistance with Project HELP

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) members can apply for assistance with their electric bills through the Project HELP program. Project HELP is DREMC's emergency residential energy assistance program overseen by local charity organizations, including the Franklin County Good Samaritan Association.

Project HELP provides emergency electric bill assistance year-round to help qualifying DREMC members keep their electric power on during difficult financial times.

Project HELP is supported by donations from DREMC members and employees, and their generosity has made this assistance program a valuable resource for those who live in Franklin County.

To apply for Project HELP assistance, contact the Franklin County Good Samaritan Association located at 1725 Decherd Blvd., Decherd, or call (931) 967-9336.

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Assistant Director, Sewanee Fund, University Relations; Associate Dean of Students, Director of Community Building and Connections, Student Life; Associate Director for Public History Research and Program Development, Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation at Sewanee; Title IX Coordinator | Clery Compliance Manager; The Office of Human Resources; Athletic Trainer, Athletics; University Archives and Special Collections Instruction and Outreach Archivist, Library & Information Technology Services.

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Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our print circulation area. Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number with your letter. You may mail it to us at Sewanee Mountain Messenger, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee, TN 37375, leave it at our office, 418 St. Mary's Ln., or send your email to <news@sewaneeessenger.com>. — KB



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The South Cumberland Farmers' Market has breads, fruits, vegetables, eggs, coffee, meats and more available. Ordering is online from Friday at 9 p.m. to Monday at noon. Pickup is on Tuesdays, 4–6 p.m., at the Sewanee Community Center. To order go to <<https://openfoodnetwork.net/south-cumberland-farmer-s-market/shop>>.

Three Seasons Market will be open the first Friday of each month, through October, 3–6 p.m., at the Old Roundhouse Park, 366 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. We offer fresh homegrown seasonal produce, plants, crafts, small livestock, food trucks, music, kid activities, and much more.

The Sewanee Gardeners' Market is open 8–10 a.m., every Saturday until September at Hawkins Lane. Locally-produced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants and flowers will be available.

The Fresh Mess Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday afternoon until Oct. 1, from 3–6 p.m., at Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle. Stop in to buy, sell, or barter fresh produce, crafts, clothing, jams, candles, boutique goods, flowers, and other creative products from local artisans. Watch <facebook.com/groups/freshmess> for information on weekly vendors and rainy day calls. Call or text Rhonda at (931) 273-0606 if you are interested in becoming a vendor.

Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop is located at 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. A reminder: we do not accept any children's items, and ask that you check with us during open hours before donating furniture. Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The donation bins are on the side of the new Shop. We ask that all donations are in good resale condition and come bagged or boxed when placed in the bins.



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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will have Public Hearings on the following Ordinances at 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 31, 2026, in the conference room at City Hall.

08-26 An Ordinance to amend section 501 Schedule of permitted uses of the Monteagle Zoning Ordinance.

09-26 An Ordinance to amend the Monteagle Zoning Ordinance by creating section 306 downtown adjacent residential overlay district.

10-26 An Ordinance to amend the Monteagle Zoning Ordinance by changing section 302A corridor commercial to section 302A downtown district, creating section 305 specific standards for Monteagle downtown zoning district, removing C01 from section 401, adding references to section 305 specific standards for downtown zoning district throughout the zoning Ordinance.

11-26 An Ordinance to add Data Centers to Section 501 of schedule of permitted uses to the Monteagle Zoning Ordinance.

The regular City Council meeting will be at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 31, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1, in the conference room at City Hall.

EQB Club

The Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Club, founded in 1870, is Sewanee's oldest organization in continuous existence. During the Academic Year, the EQB Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at St. Mary's Sewanee for lunch after which a talk is given by a variety of talented speakers.

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., the lead will be given by Sewanee Religious Studies Professor Kati Curts. Her talk is titled, "Messianic Machinery and the Gospel of Efficiency at Ford."

Dr. Curts is Associate Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at Sewanee. She is a historian of religion and secularism in the United States. Her work focuses on religion, capitalism, and popular culture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. She is the author of "Assembling Religion: The Ford Motor Company and the Transformation of Religion in America" (New York University Press, 2025).

Members are asked to contact Dr. Stephanie Smith, Membership Coordinator, at <sbscmth@outlook.com> for a luncheon reservation (\$20/lunch). Non-members or prospective members are always welcome to come at 12:25 p.m., to hear the presentation.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 3, at St. Mary's Sewanee.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

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Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food 8–10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, on Sept. 6. All are welcome to contribute. All donations can be dropped off on the porch outside the CAC office or inside the church doors at St. Mark & St. Paul, both at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. There is an Amazon Wish List <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>> for those who want to shop online.

The typical bag of groceries includes beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned vegetables, fruit, and soup.

The CAC is an outreach ministry of the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest, and other organizations and individuals across the Mountain. For more than 50 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance, and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. The CAC is open 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.

Voting Information

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026, is the State and Federal General Election. For municipal elections held with the November election, the qualifying dates below also apply.

Voter Registration Deadline: Monday, Oct. 5, 2026

Early Voting: Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026

All voters must present a federal or Tennessee state ID containing the voter's name and photograph when voting at the polls, whether voting early or on Election Day.

For information on the Tennessee Congressional redistricting, go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/announcements/2026-congressional-redistricting>>.

For more information on voting, IDs required and if you registered to vote, go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/govotetn>>.

For more information on sample ballots, and polling locations, go to Franklin County Election Commission <https://www.franklincotn.us/election_commission.html>, phone (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <<https://www.grundycountyttn.net/officials/index.html#election>>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <<https://marionvotes.com>>, phone (423) 942-2108.

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Services during the academic year: Sunday, All Saints’ Chapel, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2; 6:30 p.m., Growing in Grace.
Monday-Friday, St. Augustine’s Chapel, 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 4 p.m., Evening Prayer. All Saints’ Chapel, noon, Quiet Hour.
Wednesday, Meditation Chapel, 7 a.m., Christian Meditation.

Christ Church

No matter what Lectionary churches use, or even if they don’t have a Lectionary, The Parable of the Good Samaritan gets read at some time of year.
It is in the Three Synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark, and Luke. There is no conflict, but in Luke’s account it is “the lawyer” who speaks about the chief commandments. Luke appears to have concluded that he is setting a trap for Jesus. But having heard the story and being asked “Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him who fell among thieves?” He responds,”He that showed mercy on him.”
Then Jesus gives him, and us, and all who will listen, the words “Go, and do thou likewise.” Is the parable outdated? Even medical people today have to rely on “Good Samaritan laws” to protect themselves from being sued if things go wrong. Do we just Ccut out this page as Thomas Jefferson did with the miracles? I don’t think so. We do need healthy humor. At some time in our lives we have felt more like the beaten traveler than any other character in this story. But someone came along and we were (are) grateful.
Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. CDT.

Draw Near

Draw Near is a church that is all about becoming disciples of Jesus one person at a time through real relationships. Come as you are and experience authentic worship at 10 a.m., Sunday. Classes for 2 years old through fifth grade. The church is located at 301 Montgomery St., Cowan.

Monteagle SDA

Weekly prayer meeting is at 9 a.m., Wednesday, and Sabbath school is at 10 a.m., Saturday, followed by worship service at 11 a.m. A vegetarian potluck takes place each week after the worship service. Please join us. Monteagle SDA Church is located at 497 College St., Monteagle.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

Sunday, Aug. 30, the sermon title will be “Conjugation of “To Be” (Exodus 3:1-15) as Rev. Melisa Derseweh invites consideration of the unlimited nature of God.
Children are welcome at Morton Memorial. This Sunday, Rev. Derseweh will share a children’s sermon that will focus on the story of Moses at the Burning Bush. Following this portion of worship, children will leave for time together in activities.
This Saturday, at 10 a.m., the church will celebrate the ground breaking for “The Well,” which is planned to be the home of the food pantry this fall or early winter. All are invited to take part in this exciting development. If the weather is inclement, the celebration will move to the Fellowship center. A reception will follow.
To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Worship begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message, there is always inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship, the service is live streamed at Morton’s Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The Men’s Breakfast Group meets the first Saturday of the month. We gather each Sunday after church for refreshments and fellowship. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 11

a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.
Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather on the playground or downstairs in Claiborne Hall.
Morning and Evening prayer services are at 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.
Centering Prayer Group: Mon-

Winchester First United Methodist Church

Embrace a new beginning with Jesus in a new kind of faith

community. Come home to Winchester First United Methodist Church, 100 S. Jefferson St. Worship services are on Sundays at 10 a.m. On the first Sunday of the month, our service is followed by a free lunch. For more information, contact senior pastor, Eric Bronkala, at (865) 591-8823, or visit us on Facebook.

Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Growing in Grace, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday
10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service
5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday
11 a.m. Worship, Saturday
7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

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New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

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6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

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8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, Kennerly Hall

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, also available livestream Facebook

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4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
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7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday
10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday
5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday
5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

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10 a.m. Sunday School
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Sewanee Recognized in the Princeton Review Rankings

Sewanee has been named the No. 1 college in the nation for getting outdoors in The Princeton Review's inaugural "Great Outdoors: Students Get Outside" ranking. The recognition highlights the extraordinary ways students engage with the University's 13,000-acre Domain, through one of the nation's most active collegiate outdoor programs, the Sewanee Outing Program, as well as hands-on environmental research, sustainability initiatives, and more.

The ranking is part of The Princeton Review's 2027 edition of its "The Best 392 Colleges" guidebook, which again recognizes Sewanee among the nation's best colleges. Only about 14% of four-year colleges in the United States were included on the list, which now marks 35 years of publication.

The education services company also named Sewanee as one of its 209 Best Value Colleges. Colleges and universities were selected for this recognition based on a combination of institutional data and student survey responses that identified three main factors: stellar academics, affordable cost as demonstrated via sticker price and/or generous financial aid, and strong career prospects for students.

A fixture on lists celebrating the most beautiful college campuses in the country (and the world), Sewanee again landed near the top of the "Most Beautiful Campus" list with the No. 2 ranking.

Across other categories, Sewanee also earned recognition for the quality of its student support services, for the caliber and accessibility of its faculty, for the strength of its alumni network, and for the amiability and engagement of the student population. Read Sewanee's full Princeton Review entry here <<https://www.princetonreview.com/college/university-south-1022737?ceid=best-colleges>>.



Meet the Class of 2030: A New Chapter Begins on the Mountain

Last week, Sewanee welcomed the Class of 2030 — 474 first-year students selected from 5,631 applications — to the Mountain. They join 26 transfer students, bringing the University's total number of new students to 500. The incoming class represents 38 states and jurisdictions and 11 countries—and, perhaps most notably, a growing number of students who knew early that Sewanee was where they wanted to be.

Nearly 40 percent of the class applied through Early Decision, while another 47 percent applied through Early Action. Altogether, 84 percent of the incoming class applied through one of Sewanee's early admission programs.

"The strength and depth of our applicant pool this year allowed us to be especially thoughtful in shaping this class," says Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Alan Ramirez. "What has impressed me most is how many of these students knew early that Sewanee was where they wanted to be. They are excited to be here and to be part of this community, and I am excited to see what they will bring to it."

The Class of 2030 arrives with a strong academic profile, including an average high school GPA of 3.84 on a 4.0 scale. Just over half of the class — 52.3 percent — submitted standardized test scores, with middle 50 percent ranges of 1260–1390 on the SAT and 28–33 on the ACT composite.

The class also brings a wide range of academic interests. The most popular areas of interest among incoming students are economics and business; biology and pre-med; politics and pre-law; English and creative writing; and psychology and social science.

Those interests reflect only part of what these students will bring to the Mountain. The Class of 2030 includes valedictorians and team captains, Eagle Scouts and Gold Award Girl Scouts, scuba divemasters, small-business founders, and ultra-marathoners.

Thirty-eight percent of the class are student-athletes, and 81 percent visited Sewanee before enrolling. Students are arriving from communities large and small, with Charlotte, New Orleans, Atlanta, Nashville, and Houston representing the top five hometowns for members of the incoming class. Eighty percent of students come from outside Tennessee, with North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina among the other states most represented.

The class also includes students with a range of backgrounds and connections to Sewanee. Twenty-one percent are legacies, with at least one family member who attended the University, while 14 percent are first-generation college students. Eighteen percent are students of color, up three percentage points from last year, and 18 percent are eligible for Pell Grants, two percentage points higher than last year's incoming class. Eighteen percent of the class are Episcopalian.

For the Class of 2030, the transition to Sewanee also marks an important milestone in the University's First Year Experience (FYE). For the first time, every incoming first-year student will participate in all three components of FYE: Explore, Encounter, and Embark. A key component of Sewanee's strategic plan, FYE is designed to give students a multidimensional jumpstart to college life, helping them build relationships, explore the 13,000-acre Domain and the University's many opportunities, engage in interdisciplinary learning, and begin thinking about the kind of Sewanee experience they want to create.

"This class is already showing us the breadth of talent, curiosity, and character that makes a Sewanee education so distinctive," Ramirez says. "We can't wait to see what they do here."

Thurmond (continued from page 1)

sold to McKay's in Chattanooga.

Thurmond used to receive \$500 annually from the Sewanee Community Chest, but the book sale is so successful, the donation is no longer needed. Cunningham describes the book sale as a "weaving straw into gold" proposition. "The book sale generally makes about \$2,000," Cunningham said, "and we have no expenses." The library uses proceeds from the book sale to ship books requested by clients directly to their home, if they wish, to purchase requested books, and to purchase two copies of each book being read by the Sewanee Woman's Club book club. With a goal of not having over \$5,000 cash on hand, the library has made donations to the church and subsidized worthy projects. Several years ago, the cash surplus purchased 100 copies of artist Joan Balfour Payne's illustrated book "The Raven and Other Fairytales." Reading fairytale picture books to Sewanee children post integration, Payne realized the black children had never seen kings and princesses who were black. Payne changed that, in her version of the fairytales, she

repainted the characters as people of color.

When the renovated parish hall reopened in 2016, a question arose about when the library would be open. The vestry considered giving keys to 26 people who used the building, with the library having a key. "That was too complicated for a small town," Cunningham insists. She had a better idea.

A feature of the library is a broken light that cannot be turned off. Thurmond Library does not publicly post the hours when the library is open. The light that cannot be turned off quietly accomplishes that function. "I need to check and make sure the bulb isn't burned out," Cunningham said. After all, where the light is always on is what books are all about.

Note: Trudy Cunningham spent the early days of COVID-19 researching Thurmond Library. In addition to an interview with Cunningham, the information appearing here came from a report she delivered to the Rectors Forum in 2021 and from a story appearing in the Winchester Herald Times, April 15, 1964.

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Monday, Aug. 31: Meatloaf, pinto beans, slaw, cornbread.

Tuesday, Sept. 1: Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, bean salad.

Wednesday, Sept. 2: Baked chicken, rice, green beans, corn, roll.

Thursday, Sept. 3: BLT soup, toasted cheese sandwich.

Friday, Sept. 4: Beef tips, noodles, salad, roll.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at (931) 598-0771.

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30–11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Game day is 12:30–3 p.m., every Thursday, at the Senior Center. Contact Susan Roberson by text at (516) 987-8440 for more information on chair exercise and Mahjong.

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Frame Gallery Gifts & Art Hosts “Art of Abstraction” Watercolor Workshop

Frame Gallery Gifts and Art welcomes back Jackson, Tenn., artist Lendon Noe, who will lead a full-day “Art of Abstraction” art workshop for all experience levels from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Sept. 12.

Limited to 8 participants, the session will involve experimenting with building abstract images using watercolor and other water-soluble media. This hands-on workshop invites students to move beyond representation and discover how line, shape, color, texture, and composition can serve as expressive tools.

Noe will guide participants in exploring how artists use layering, repetition, contrast, movement, and visual rhythm to create meaningful compositions. Noe says, “The emphasis is on curiosity and discovery, allowing ideas to develop through the process rather than focusing on perfection.”

Class Schedule: 10 a.m.–noon: Introduction, exercises, and exploration; noon–1 p.m.: Lunch break (brown bag or enjoy one of Sewanee’s local restaurants); 1–4 p.m.: Studio time and individual guidance.

Participants will leave with new approaches to abstraction, a deeper understanding of abstract art, and one or more original works created during the workshop.

“I love bringing artists like Lendon to Frame Gallery because it gives people the opportunity to experience art in a different way. This workshop isn’t about knowing how to paint abstractly or getting it ‘right.’ It’s about experimenting, paying attention, and seeing where the process takes you,” says Frame Gallery owner Harriet Runkle.

To learn more and to pay the \$145 registration fee, which includes class supplies, visit: <https://framegals.com/events/art-of-abstraction-workshop-with-lendon-noe>.

Of Wood & Light at Sounding Stone Gallery

This summer, two creative communities will come together at Sounding Stone Gallery for Of Wood & Light, an exhibition uniting the craftsmanship of the Cumberland Furniture Guild with the evocative painted works of the Nashville Painters Salon. The exhibition runs through Sept. 19.

Founded in 2024 by Kymberlee Stanley, the Nashville Painters Salon (NPS) is a collective of artists who draws on the tradition of the European salon as both exhibition and community. Plein air landscape paintings will be their central focus for this exhibition. NPS actively participates in public painting events across Nashville and has recently expanded its reach to the South Cumberland Plateau.

The Cumberland Furniture Guild is a nonprofit Middle Tennessee group dedicated to the craft, education, and preservation of furniture making and fine woodworking. Its members span the full range of the discipline, from nationally recognized studio furniture makers, restorers, and collectors to devoted hobbyists. What unites them is a shared reverence for the materials and traditions of the woodworking craft.

Fine craft and traditional art take center stage at Sounding Stone Gallery, which shares space with stone sculptor Stephen Hutchins. Work created with intention, skill, and respect for materials shines through local artists and craftsmen from across the Southeast. Sounding Stone Gallery is located at 74 West College St., Monteagle.

‘The Well’ at Morton Memorial UMC

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church will host a Groundbreaking for “The Well,” the extension of their continuing Food Mission, at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 29. The ceremony and new facility will be located behind the church building on Church Street.

At one time, the property where the new building will be built had wells that provided the Marion County side of Monteagle with water. According to Rev. Melisa Derseweh, minister for Morton Memorial, “The name ‘The Well’ reflects both our faith and history. As we draw from the well of living water, we faithfully serve neighbors who need not only food, but also a sense of being welcomed and loved. With the new facility, our food mission continues providing the surrounding communities with both physical and spiritual sustenance.”

“For many years, Morton Memorial’s Food Mission has faithfully served our neighbors by providing food, compassion, dignity, and hope. From its beginnings by a few volunteers helping a few families each week, the distribution has grown to serving more than 200 families monthly. On the second Saturday of each month, more than 10,000 pounds of food are distributed to our neighbors from five or more counties who are facing food insecurity. The next step for the food mission is to build its own building, which will provide the space for a new iteration of service,” Rev. Derseweh said.

The public is welcome to attend the ceremony. Morton Memorial is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. In case of rain, the ceremony will be in the church’s Fellowship Center.

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Cowan Fall Heritage Festival: 13th Anniversary and Tennessee America 250 Celebration

The Fall Heritage Festival in Cowan will fill the streets on Sept. 18-20, collaborating this year with Cowan Center for the Arts, which received a grant from the State of Tennessee to celebrate the Tennessee America 250 Celebration.

The Fall Heritage Festival is a free three-day event featuring three days of music on three stages, two nights of fireworks display, a kids' zone, the popular Antique Engines & Tractors exhibit, a quilt display at the Center for the Arts, the Cowan Railroad Museum, 175 vendor booths of crafts and food exhibits, and a parade on Saturday with the theme "Red, White, and YOU!" This year opening ceremonies take place from the main stage on Friday at 4 p.m., followed by festival kickoff with the Stones River Reelers for the Cumberland Community Dance square dancing.

Saturday night entertainment will feature headliner Confederate Railroad on the Main Stage. Confederate Railroad first rolled onto the national country music scene in the early '90s with its unique style and sound and would go on to chart 18 total hits such as "Queen of Memphis" and "Daddy Never Was the Cadillac Kind." Also playing on the main stage sponsored by Denby's J&J Construction, Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, and Watson Funeral Home & Memorial Park, Allie Colleen, Cody McCarver, and Legacy.

The Cowan Center for the Arts Tennessee America 250 grant is bringing a wide array of local Tennessee traditional, bluegrass, and Americana music to the Fall Heritage Festival Tennessee Avenue Stage: Ben Ayers with the Yellow Dandies, Todd Elgin and the Ukedelics, songsters and songstresses Sarah Mallory, Ida York, and Morgan Clonce, the Freedonia Bluegrass Band, the Faith String band, the Hand Family Band, Chuck Holcomb and Friends, and Final Crossing.

On Saturday the Cowan Center for the Arts theater will feature a patriotic showcase by Let's Make a Note and a presentation of traditional music by Rainey Gray, Glen Kosiorek, and other local musicians.

The Front Street Stage will feature the acts Orange Charlie, James County, Hank Cawthorne, Conner Brooke, Easy Street Sunday, Secret Commonwealth, and Patton James and the Syncromatics.

A complete schedule of performance times and daily events will be available at <www.fallheritagefestival.org> or <www.facebook.com/FallHeritageFestivalCowanTn>.

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Friday, Sept. 4: Waffles, juice, fruit, milk.
LUNCH
Monday, Aug. 31: Chicken sandwich, waffle fries, whole pickle, fruit, milk.
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Wednesday, Sept. 2: Asian chicken, steamed broccoli, tiny whole potatoes, rice, roll, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Sept. 3: Barbecue nachos, tortilla chips, salsa, pinto beans, baked potato, fruit, milk.
Friday, Sept. 4: Hamburger/cheeseburger, french fries, steamed carrots, fruit, milk.
For meal pricing, go to <<https://franklincountyttn.schoolinsites.com/menus-meal-pricing>>.

‘Dark Waters’ at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present Kristine Potter's "Dark Waters," on view through Oct. 14, 2026.

The artist will speak about her work at 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, in Guerry Auditorium. Reception to follow. The event is free and open to the public.

In "Dark Waters," Kristine Potter plumbs the relationship between culture and landscape, and specifically that between gendered violence and the Southern landscape.

In her words, "Dark Waters" "attempt[s] to make visible the unseen forces through which culture, memory, and embodied perception shape our relationship to place ...".

The artist pulls together murder ballads, studio portraiture, and landscape photography. Sharp, precise images immerse the viewer in carefully observed views of Southern riverbanks, roadsides, night skies, and bodies of water. Cinematic narrative cues, the juxtaposition of potential settings and characters, and archetypal motifs all invite viewers to step in and construct a story, but who we are in that story — victim, aggressor, witness, observer — is left deeply uncertain.

In "Dark Waters" Potter troubles representational traditions, both the narratives of gendered violence that persist as entertainment, and depictions of the Southern landscape.

Acclaimed photographer Kristine Potter has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship (2018), the Grand Prix Image Vevey (2019-2020), and the Hariban Prize (2023). Raised in Georgia, she earned a BFA in photography and a BA in art history from the University of Georgia, and an MFA from Yale University. She is an assistant professor of photography at MTSU, and lives in Nashville.

Open Casting Calls

The Sewanee Tennessee Actors Group and production companies are planning to shoot four short movies this fall and winter in the Sewanee/Cumberland Plateau area. The auditions will be at 5 p.m., Sept. 10 and Sept. 17, at the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ball Park Rd.

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Volleyball Tabbed Fifth in SAA Preseason Poll

Sewanee volleyball was picked to finish fifth in the Southern Athletic Association Preseason Poll, as voted on by the league's nine head coaches.

Trinity narrowly beat out Berry to be the preseason favorite, grabbing five first-place votes for 69 points, while Berry took four first-place votes for 68 points. Southwestern tallied 58 points for third, while Centre and Sewanee rounded out the top five with 46 and 43 points, respectively.

Trinity and Berry both made a run to the NCAA Final Four, following Berry's 2025 conference championship.

Sewanee returns the SAA Defensive Player of the Year, along with three additional All-Conference members. The Tigers open their season on the road at Covenant on Sept. 1, at 6 p.m. ET/5 p.m. CT.

The 2026 SAA Volleyball Championship is slated for Nov. 12-14 in San Antonio, Texas, hosted by Trinity University.

Men's Cross Country Picked Fifth in SAA Preseason Poll

Sewanee's men's cross country team was picked fifth in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) preseason poll, as voted on by the conference's nine head coaches.

Trinity garnered eight first-place votes for 72 points, while Centre picked up one first-place vote with 62 points. Berry and Rhodes finished third and fourth, respectively, with 59 and 53 points, while Sewanee rounded out the top five with 42 points.

The Tigers are set to host the 2026 SAA Men's Cross Country Championships on October 31 in Sewanee, Tenn.

Sewanee opens its season on Sept. 5 at the Mountainside Stride, hosted by Covenant at the Woodland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Women's Soccer Voted Second in SAA Preseason Poll

Sewanee's women's soccer team was picked to finish second in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) preseason poll, as voted on by the league's nine head coaches.

Trinity captured seven first-place votes for 71 points, while Sewanee had two first-place votes for 64 total points. Rhodes took third with 58 points, followed by Centre and Oglethorpe, which rounded out the top five with 51 and 37 points, respectively.

Sewanee earned two first-place votes in the 2026 preseason poll after finishing 3-1-3 in conference play a year ago. The Tigers claimed back-to-back SAA Championships in 2023 and 2024 and return two All-SAA Second Team and four Honorable Mention selections as they look to contend for another conference title this fall.

Defending SAA Champion, Trinity was selected as the preseason favorite after capturing the 2025 conference title and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division III Championship. Trinity also swept the conference's major individual awards and posted an unbeaten 5-0-2 record in its inaugural SAA season.

Sewanee will open the 2026 season at home against Covenant on Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. The Tigers will host Rhodes and Millsaps on Oct. 2 and 4, respectively, for their first conference weekend at Puett Field.

The 2026 SAA Women's Soccer Championship is slated for Nov. 5-8 in Mt. Berry, Ga., at Berry College.

Women's Cross Country Tabbed Sixth in SAA Preseason Poll

Sewanee's women's cross country team was selected sixth in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) preseason poll, with voting conducted among the SAA's nine head coaches.

Trinity was picked to finish first with eight first-place votes for 72 points, while Centre captured one first-place vote with 63 points. Sewanee garnered 35 points for a sixth-place finish.

The Tigers are set to host the 2026 SAA Women's Cross Country Championships on October 31 in Sewanee, Tenn.

Sewanee opens its season on Sept. 5 at the Mountainside Stride, hosted by Covenant at the Woodland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Men's Soccer Slated Fourth in SAA Preseason Poll

Sewanee's men's soccer team was picked fourth in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) preseason poll, as voted on by the league's nine head coaches.

Trinity captured eight first-place votes for 72 points, while Southwestern captured one first-place nod for 55 points in a tight race for second. Berry finished just behind the Pirates with 54 points, while Sewanee and Oglethorpe finished out the top five with 51 and 46 points, respectively.

Trinity was picked to take home the title in 2025 but was upset by the Berry Vikings in the second round of the SAA Tournament. Trinity still earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they finished as national runner-up.

Sewanee returns two First-Team All-SAA and Third-Team All-Region selections, along with one Second-Team All-SAA selection and four Honorable Mention honorees. The Tigers will open the 2026 season at home against No. 4-ranked Emory on Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. Sewanee will host Rhodes and Millsaps on Oct. 2 and 4, respectively, for their first conference weekend at Puett Field.

The 2026 SAA Men's Soccer Championship is slated for Nov. 5-8 in Atlanta, Ga., at Oglethorpe University.

SAS Mountain Lions Athletics Updates

Golf swings into action

St. Andrew's-Sewanee's golf team added three more wins to its record over the last week. After a difficult loss to Collegedale Academy at home on Aug. 18, the Mountain Lions defeated both Marion County and South Pittsburg at Dogwood Hills on Aug. 20 with the strong play of sophomore Bryant Karunda, junior Gavin Smith, and seniors Bryce Archambault and Gus Sherril. SAS golf then traveled to Franklin County Country Club on Aug. 24 to take on Winchester Christian Academy and Grundy County. In this second three-team match, SAS beat Grundy County and fell short of WCA by only two strokes. SAS looks forward to a rematch with WCA on Aug. 27, when they hope to further improve their record for the season.

Volleyball triumphs in early season play

The Lady Mountain Lions volleyball team started its fall season ringing the historic "chocolate bells" after a 3-1 win over visiting Fayetteville High Lady Tigers. After shaking a tough first set loss, the SAS fired on all cylinders and won the next three to close out the match. Starting third-year sophomore Savannah Blosser gave a solid performance, with six aces, two kills, and nine assists. Also contributing was returning TVBCA all-state junior Aubrey Blosser, with three aces, nine kills, five assists, and one dig. Other solid performances were junior Maggie Lou Rudd, with two aces and one kill; junior Maggie Mayo with one ace, three kills, and five digs; senior Ella Johnson, adding four aces and five kills; and freshman Amber Patel played three great sets. The coach noted the victory was a total team effort and a sign of good things to come.

Girls' soccer falls to MTCS in opening match

The SAS Girls' varsity soccer team dropped its opening match 2-3 against Middle Tennessee Christian School. Junior Leonora Pate and freshman Lucia Pate scored for the Mountain Lions. The defense was led by senior captains Annabelle Close and goalkeeper Arabella Mitchell, who made five saves.

MS, varsity cross country host jamboree

SAS welcomed eight visiting cross country teams from the surrounding area to campus Aug. 11 for the Mountain Lion Jamboree. The middle school team was led by Miles Bruscato. Leading the varsity boys' team was junior Mason Sparacio, who came in third overall. Sophomore Ananoel Sparacio led the girls' team and also placed third overall.

Sewanee Soccer Academy Registration Open

Sewanee Soccer Academy is back this fall and will begin on Saturday, Sept. 12 (the weekend after Labor Day). Sewanee Soccer Academy will be geared towards 3- to 9-year olds this year.

Registration is now open through the Franklin County Soccer Association website and will be open until Sept. 1: <<https://www.fcsoccertn.org/>>. Once you enter the PlayMetrics registration portal, you'll see an option to register for Sewanee Soccer Academy. You'll also notice that registration costs have been reduced this year. To help keep the program affordable, players will receive a T-shirt rather than a full uniform.

Each Saturday, players will build technical skills, develop confidence with the ball, play small-sided games, and learn in a fun, supportive community.

We're excited to share the joy of soccer with your children this fall! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Marcus Murphy, Head of Sewanee Soccer Academy, at <murphmarc@gmail.com>. Additionally, if you are interested in helping, please let Marcus know.

HOME GAMES

5 p.m., Aug. 31, SAS MS Girls' Soccer vs. Huntland School

4 p.m., Sept. 1, SAS Golf vs. Marion County and south Pittsburg High Schools

5 p.m., Sept. 1, Men's Soccer vs. Emory University

7:30 p.m., Sept. 1, Women's Soccer vs. Covenant College

5:30 p.m., Sept. 2, SAS MS Girls' Soccer vs. Thurman Francis Arts Academy

4 p.m., Sept. 3, SAS JV Volleyball vs. Boyd Buchanan

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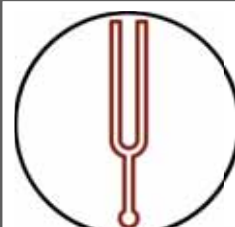
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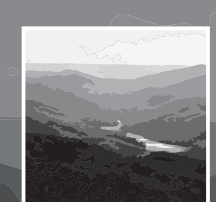
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Fishing spider. Photo by Lin Cameron

Spiders

Jean Yeatman, who wrote Nature Notes with her husband Harry for many, many years, passed away on Aug. 20, 2015. In her memory I am quoting an article she wrote for the Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, edition of the Sewanee Mountain Messenger, titled “Sometimes It’s a Good Thing to Procrastinate”:

“The other night I was reading in bed,” reports Jean Yeatman, “and when I glanced up at the ceiling, I saw a spider walking along. I thought I had better get it down so it wouldn’t fall on my pillow. Well, I kept on reading, and when I looked up an hour later I saw the spider building a nice web. Then, pretty soon a moth flew into the web, and the spider pounced on it and bundled it up in the web, to eat then or save for later. Next some gnats were trapped. So by waiting I have a nice bug catcher in the corner. In the morning”, she concluded, “I swept up the remains of the spider’s feast.”

I wish Jean and Harry were still here to explain to me why it seems that spiders become more visible and abundant this time of year. We have a large web of a funnel weaver spider on our back porch. I can see it hidden deep in the funnel, waiting for an insect to wander in. Soon we should be seeing the Orange Shamrock Spider, Araneus, an orb-weaver, which seems to particularly prefer doorways, windows, and porches. This spider has rather short legs and a large round abdomen. They seem to be particularly active in the evening and night hours, rebuilding the web each time, and sometimes removing the web during the day. Lin Cameron found the HUGE (her emphasis) fishing spider among the rocks of Wiggins’s Creek just off the Perimeter Trail. It walks on water, targeting aquatic insects and small fish.

State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/>> and select the park. All times are central.

Fiery Gizzard State Park

Intro to Rock Climbing, Sunday, Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Have you ever wanted to try rock climbing? Join park staff for an introduction to the exciting sport of outdoor climbing at Foster Falls. Participants will learn basic climbing equipment, safety procedures, climbing commands, knot tying, and beginner climbing techniques. After a safety briefing and gear orientation, everyone will have the opportunity to climb beginner-friendly routes under ranger supervision. This program is designed for first-time climbers and beginners with little or no experience. All climbing gear will be provided. Climbing shoes are limited but we have sizes ranging from 5-11. Helmets and harnesses are provided as needed. Participants should wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activity and bring water and a snack for the program. Climbing activities are weather dependent and may be canceled in the event of rain, lightning, or unsafe climbing conditions.

Head of the Crow State Park

Sow, Grow, Know, Friday, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Meet at the Head of the Crow Welcome Center to work with our Seasonal Interpretive Ranger Caleb to learn about gardening basics and a chance to help plant our fall garden. All gardening tools and gloves will be supplied by the state park. All we ask is for you to bring water.

Buggytop Cave Trip, Sunday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. This guided cave tour will last about 6 hours, covering just about 5.5 to 6 miles. During the cave tour, even though marketed as a beginner level cave, there will still be some crawling, mud, and water. There is a chance that during our tour we may get wet, up to our knees, since Crow Creek flows through Buggytop Cave. Participants must be able to walk across rocky, slick, uneven surfaces. Participants will also need the ability to climb up and down some rock ledges. So be prepared when arriving at the trailhead with proper footwear to be able to hike 2 miles to the cave, scramble over rocks in the cave, and for the 2-mile hike back to the trailhead. Please also bring plenty of water. Head of the Crow staff will provide headlamps and helmets. We also recommend packing knee pads for your convenience, though these are not required.

Savage Gulf State Park

Explore the Door, Saturday, Aug. 29, 9–11 a.m. Come along with Ranger Todd to the Stone Door overlook. This 2-mile hike is moderately easy but requires care due to the proximity to steep bluff lines. Guests should bring water, snacks and comfortable hiking shoes with weather appropriate clothing. Meet at the Savage Gulf North Ranger Station. This hike is weather dependent and will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program’s scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

Three Forks Lake Hike, Sunday, Aug. 30, 9–11:30 a.m. Join Ranger Todd on a 3 mile morning hike around the secluded Three Forks Lake. This hike can be your introduction to the new addition to Savage Gulf State Park. Guests should bring: water, walking shoes, and snacks. Hiking off trail is only permitted with authorized park staff and should never be done unsupervised.

Hunt Down Your Home’s Air Leaks

Home energy efficiency might not sound like a family activity, but finding hidden air leaks can be surprisingly fun, especially when you turn it into a game.

Pick a cool evening this fall and challenge everyone to see who can find the most drafty spots around the house. Start with the usual suspects: windows, exterior doors, attic hatches, electrical outlets on exterior walls, recessed lights, and areas where pipes or vents enter the home.

You may be able to feel some drafts with your hand. Want to make the hunt a little more interesting? Try a handheld thermal leak detector. These inexpensive tools use an infrared sensor to identify temperature differences. Depending on the model, they may display temperature readings or use colored lights to help you spot unusually hot or cold areas.

Once you find the leaks, it is time to fix them. Use caulk for cracks and gaps around stationary areas, such as window frames or where pipes enter a wall. Use weatherstripping around doors and windows that open and close. A door sweep can help with drafts underneath exterior doors.

You could even keep score: one point for every leak found and another for figuring out the right way to seal it.

It is a simple activity, but those little gaps can add up. When heated or cooled air escapes, your HVAC system has to work harder to keep your home comfortable.

Before colder weather arrives in the Sequatchie Valley, round up the family and see what you can find. A little friendly competition, a tube of caulk, and some weatherstripping could help keep more of the air you are paying to heat or cool where it belongs: inside your home.

Nature Journaling Continues

The Nature Journaling group, sponsored by the Sewanee Herbarium, meets Thursdays, 9-11 a.m. Grab a pencil and paper and plan to join us. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for more information and meeting location.

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Thu	Aug 13	86	71	Thu	Aug 20	87	69
Fri	Aug 14	90	71	Fri	Aug 21	87	65
Sat	Aug 15	90	71	Sat	Aug 22	86	66
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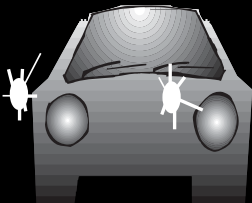
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Kennerly Hall, Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul

DONATIONS ACCEPTED Sept. 1, Sept. 2, Sept. 3
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Sept. 1, 3-6pm, Sept. 2 & 3, 8am-5pm, Sept. 7, noon-2pm
BOOK SALE Sept. 4-6, 8am-6pm, Sept. 7, 8am-noon

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

The End of Summer

When summer's end is nighing
And skies at evening cloud,
I muse on change and fortune
And all the feats I vowed
When I was young and proud.

The weathercock at sunset
Would lose the slanted ray,
And I would climb the beacon
That looked to Wales away
And saw the last of day.

From hill and cloud and heaven
The hues of evening died;
Night welled through lane and hollow
And hushed the countryside,
But I had youth and pride.

And I with earth and nightfall
In converse high would stand,
Late, till the west was ashen
And darkness hard at hand,
And the eye lost the land.

The year might age, and cloudy
The lessening day might close,
But air of other summers
Breathed from beyond the snows,
And I had hope of those.

They came and were and are not
And come no more anew;
And all the years and seasons
That ever can ensue
Must now be worse and few.

So here's an end of roaming
On eves when autumn nighs:
The ear too fondly listens
For summer's parting sighs,
And then the heart replies.
--A.E. Housman, *When Summer's End Is Nighing*

Community Calendar

Friday, Aug. 28

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 29

8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners' Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
10 a.m. Groundbreaking for The Well, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Sunday, Aug. 30

1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Aug. 31

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
4 p.m. Monteagle City Council, Public Hearing, conference room, City Hall
5 p.m. Monteagle City Council Meeting, conference room, City Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Registration closes for Sewanee Soccer Academy <<https://www.fsoccertrn.org/>>

8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
10 a.m. Story Time, Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St., until 11:30 a.m.
11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Stirling's, until 1 p.m.
11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
noon Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
3 p.m. Book donations for Thurmond Memorial Library book sale accepted, Kennerly Hall, until 6 p.m.
4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission Meeting, conference room, City Hall
4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

8 a.m. Book donations for Thurmond Memorial Library book sale accepted, Kennerly Hall, until 5 p.m.
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>

10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. EQB Club, St. Mary's Sewanee
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Sept. 3

8 a.m. Book donations for Thurmond Memorial Library book sale accepted, Kennerly Hall, until 5 p.m.
8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, St. Mary's Sewanee
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
10 a.m. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
noon Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
12:30 p.m. Mahjong, Susan, Senior Center, until 3 p.m.
3 p.m. Fresh Mess Market, Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist

Sunday

6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Monday

5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont

7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Wednesday

10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493

6 p.m., NA, community room at 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont

7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee

7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

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