



# THE SEWANEE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER

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## Material Shortage Delays Food Bank Construction

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

In October 2020, Grundy County Mayor Michael Brady received word of grant funding for a new Grundy County Food Bank building. He expected construction to begin as soon as the contracts were signed, but that did not happen. “The holdup is the same holdup for America,” Brady said, “a material shortage.”

“Fortunately, we were able to order a metal building kit with only an eight-month delivery delay,” Brady said. He cited a two-year wait on some orders. “I know people who’ve been told, ‘I don’t care how much money you’ve got, you’re not getting it.’” Brady anticipates late February or early March delivery. “The pad is ready for concrete. Once we get confirmation on a delivery date, we can do the slab work.”

“This is an Eminent Threat Grant project,” Brady said. “It’s got to go.”

Food Bank Director Tim Glover concurs. The Chattanooga Area Food Bank oversees and monitors the Grundy County Food Bank. At a recent inspection, the Grundy County Food Bank received “a huge thumbs up on everything except the building,” Glover said. The food bank currently operates rent-free in a vacated Tracy City grocery store. Buckets catch water from the leaking roof. “There’s pressure to get the new building done,” Glover insisted. “There’s high potential for pests, mice, and rain destroying product.”

Food bank clients decreased during the pandemic, according to Glover. He speculated people receiving stimulus checks, fear of getting COVID if they ventured out, and the switch to curbside pickup caused the decrease in clients. Normally, clients receive an allotment in each food category (e.g., meat, bread, dairy) and select products just as they would at a grocery store. In a survey, 70 percent of clients preferred coming into the building and “shopping.”

Glover said the number of clients has increased recently with federal supplements gone. He expects the demand for grocery life-support to increase even more over the holidays. Typically, the food bank serves an average of 250 families a month.

Fully aware of the need, Mayor Brady said, “The funding for the new building is in place. I expect completion in two to three months once the building kit is delivered.”

## Mountain Music: Unveiling the Jewel

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Betty Carpenter’s many years as a Grundy County Schools educator gifted her with a glimpse at a rare jewel: the “extraordinary” music made on front porches and the lawns of community centers and churches. “It’s so common place to them, they don’t see the jewel of what they have,” Carpenter said. Her dream to share the gift she received found a nest in the documentary “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” a work-in-progress that hopes to celebrate the music-makers, their generosity and their joy.

Carpenter first became aware of Plateau mountain music as a Tracy City Elementary Pre-K teacher when she heard one of the moms “belt out” a ballad rich in Scotch-Irish overtones. Later the kitchen cooks sang for her. “I was blown away by the harmony,” she confessed.

Fast forward a few years to Carpenter waiting in the hallway with her special ed class at the high school. The teacher aide started playing the piano and in the children’s enthusiastic response, Carpenter “saw a window.” People referred to these children as “couldn’t do anything kids,” Carpenter said, “but music deals with a different part of the brain.” The Comprehensive Development Class (CDC) formed the Seedy Sea Band and ultimately performed in Nashville at the Bluebird Café and Opryland Hotel. The “can’t do anything kids” became a source of pride for their parents and for Carpenter a “foot in the door” to a world she didn’t know existed.

The band found themselves invited to “singin’s”—fundraising

gatherings at community centers and churches where local singers and musicians performed. The crowd would pass a hat to collect money for a family whose house burned or someone in the hospital with no insurance. The hat-passing sometimes raised thousands of dollars. None of the gifted performers had any formal musical training. Grandfathers had taught grandsons, aunts had taught nieces passing the musical tradition down through the generations. Carpenter came to realize that for these people with few extracurricular activities to engage in, music was as much a part of daily life as raindrops and biscuits for breakfast.

An ordained Episcopal deacon, Carpenter met Episcopal priest Maryetta Anschutz in the summer of 2020. Carpenter learned Anschutz had a media company, told her about the documentary idea, and took her to visit the Music Barn, an off-the-beaten-track music store on the outskirts of Tracy City. Owner, Mary Dykes, and her friends played and sang for Anschutz. Her response: the world has got to hear this music.

In the trailer for the documentary, Stephen Miller, University music department chair, describes Plateau mountain music as a hybrid, “a style while rooted in their Grundy County origins has obviously been inflected by a lot of the African American music styles they’ve heard, a lot of Southern gospel.”

“It makes sense,” Carpenter said, “Each person who passes the tradi-

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## Franklin County Schools: Why Teachers Are Leaving

by Leslie Lytle  
Messenger Staff Writer

At a Dec. 6 workshop to address the teacher shortage, the Franklin County School Board heard from teachers representing the Franklin County Education Association who revealed FCEA survey results indicated teachers’ low morale resulted from issues ranging from feeling unsupported by the board and community, to students’ loss of social skills trailing upon pandemic distance learning, to needing to find their own substitute teacher when illness prevented them from being in the classroom. The board also learned about the “iteach” program offering a possible solution to teacher recruitment.

North Middle School history teacher Dwayne Thames cited several changes teachers wanted to see. Thames acknowledged abolishing state testing was “out of the boards purview,” but he insisted not grading teachers on student test scores was a practice that could be adopted. Teachers also wanted more resources for students reading below grade level and more guidance counselors and school social workers to deal with mental health and behavioral issues. “We went from two to none [social workers],” Thames said. “You put it on us as teachers to deal with and it’s not our area of expertise. It’s beyond our ability to help. We need you to help us.”

Chiming in on the problem of student apathy and students who fail to graduate, Campora Family Resource Center Director Eric Vanzant said, “We need to sit down with these kids and find out what’s going on.”

Vanzant also commented on teachers’ lack of enthusiasm and unwillingness to speak out about problems, “They feel like it doesn’t matter what they say ... you aren’t going to listen.” One teacher told Vanzant he saw no point in filling out another survey, as past surveys never yielded results.

Thames proposed board mem-

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## Candidates Sought for the SUD Board

The Seawanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners seeks candidates for the upcoming commissioner election. The seats of commissioners Randall Henley and Paul Evans will come open in February. Henley is term limited and cannot seek reelection. Any SUD customer can serve as a commissioner. Potential candidates should contact the SUD office (931) 598-5611 by 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13. Commissioners receive a \$50 stipend for each meeting.



At the Dec 5 Lessons and Carols service, Grady Mangrum read the Seventh Lesson, the shepherds go to the manger. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

## Sewanee Operation Noel

### Providing Abundant Holidays for All

In just a few weeks, it will be Christmas. While many are already planning ahead about gifts to buy and food to eat, there are those not so fortunate. In our area, there are children who may not get presents and families that may not have an abundant holiday meal.

Sewanee Operation Noel is a group that was formed many years ago to provide help for families in need. They provide food and/or toys during the Christmas season. Local volunteers organize the purchasing and distribution of goods.

To be eligible, everyone must fill out an application. Every family needs to fill out an application whether new or returning. Completed applications ensure that Seawanee Operation Noel can provide for everyone in need.

The deadline for returning applications is Monday, Dec. 13. Families eligible for Operation Noel must live on top of Seawanee Mountain in the following communities: Seawanee, Midway, Jump Off and on Sherwood Road. Please see page 11 in this issue for the application.

To make a donation of money, non-perishable food items or new toys, please take items to the Police Department located behind duPont Library, Print Services located in the old Beta House, or the CAC located at St. Mark and St. Paul (formerly Otey Memorial Parish).

Food and toys will be available for pickup in the large parking lot beside Cravens Hall, 435 Kentucky Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 23, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please stay in your vehicle. Volunteers will be there to assist in loading of the items.

If you have any questions please call (931) 598-0040 and leave a message.

P.O. Box 296  
Seawanee, TN 37375



# Letters

## THANKS TO MARK WEBB

### To the Editor:

I am writing to offer, on behalf of the University of the South, best wishes and sincere thanks to Mark Webb for 26 years of service as athletic director at Sewanee. During his tenure, Mark oversaw growth in our varsity sports from 18 to 24 teams—adding equestrian, softball, men's and women's indoor track and field, and men's and women's lacrosse—and expanded opportunities for our students. He was also instrumental in establishing the Sewanee Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004.

Beyond his work as athletic director, Mark has represented the University on the NCAA District III Postgraduate Scholarship Committee and as a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. He has also served as the University's representative on the Board of Duck River Electric Membership Corporation.

As Sewanee's AD, Mark has upheld the Division III exemplar of the scholar-athlete and he has modeled the ideals of competitive sportsmanship. He has been a trusted colleague, a valuable community member, a hospitable neighbor, and a loyal friend to many.

All of us at the University remain grateful for Mark's service and his leadership, and wish him and his family a happy and rewarding retirement.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Berner, Provost*

## SHAKESPEARE GARDEN DONATIONS

### To the Editor:

The Shakespeare Garden on Tennessee Avenue behind Elliott Hall has long been a tucked away gem. The garden was begun in 1951 under the leadership of Miss Charlotte Gailor. The plantings are true to William Shakespeare's plays, sonnets, and poems. Members of the Sewanee Garden Club have maintained the garden since its inception.

The flagstone walk in the garden is now unsafe and needs replacing. We are asking for donations of \$25 or more to get a new walk.

Please make checks payable to the Sewanee Garden Club and send to Judy Magavero, 2431 Castle Rock Court, Monteagle, TN 37356, by Jan. 7, 2022.

Thank you for your generosity and interest in helping to build an attractive new walk in the garden.

Sincerely,

*Judy Magavero, President of the Sewanee Garden Club, and Pixie Dozier and June Mays, Co-chairs of the project*

## EMPTY TABLES

### To the Editor:

This past weekend Tennessee Craft-South sponsored an exhibit during its Studio Tour called Empty Tables, an artists' initiative to address local hunger. Fourteen artists participated in this new endeavor, donating items celebrating the growing, serving, and eating of food. Over \$1,400 was raised through this sale, and all proceeds will be given to Sewanee Locally Grown, the Community Action Committee in Sewanee, and Morton Memorial Church in Monteagle to combat hunger in our area.

Tennessee Craft-South would like to recognize the following artists for donating their work to this project: Pippa Brown, Annis Cox, Burki Gladstone, Kate Gundersen, Colleen Kay, Mary Lynch, Bill Mauzy, Alec Moseley, Bill Nichols, Frances Perea, Claire Reishman, Jeanie Stepenson, Christi Teasley, Merissa Tobler, and Terrie Watch. Additionally, we would like to thank Emily Heid, who managed the Empty Tables booth throughout the weekend. We are grateful for all the support that we received for this project and are excited to be anticipating its continuation in the December 2022 Studio Tour.

*Claire Reishman, Sewanee*

## Mobile Health Clinic

The next mobile health clinic will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Adamz Parish House, Christ Episcopal Church, at 530 10th St., Tracy City. All are welcome.

Christ Church Episcopal is donating frozen holiday turkeys to patients seen on the mobile clinic, while supplies last. Free flu shots will also be available. All visits are free.

All costs are covered by a grant from the South Cumberland Community Fund including co-pays and deductibles. Doctor visits and prescriptions are available free of charge at the mobile clinic.



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## Curbside Food Distribution

On Saturday, Dec. 11, Morton Memorial UMC's monthly curbside food distribution will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 10 a.m. Morton Memorial does not discriminate, and welcomes all in need. We continue to practice safety measures and appreciate those coming to Morton Memorial participating in keeping everyone safe by wearing a mask in our parking area. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you. Drivers should enter our parking area from behind the church where you will be directed to the loading area. The volunteers will load your car for you, so please leave plenty of room for groceries.

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 322 West Main St., Monteagle.

*We're glad you're reading the Messenger!*

## SERVING WHERE CALLED

Please keep the following individuals, their families and all those who are serving our country in your thoughts and prayers:

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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@sewaneemessenger.com>. —KB



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Monday, Tuesday and  
Wednesday  
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Thursday—Production Day  
9 a.m.—noon  
Friday—Circulation Day  
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## Upcoming Meetings

### Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will be livestreamed at 9 a.m., Monday, Dec. 13, with Men and Women's golf coach Nate Parrish.

The livestream will be available at <Facebook.com/SewaneeTigers>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

Opportunities will be available on Sunday for fans to submit questions in advance or during the live show on the social media platforms. Be sure to follow on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages @SewaneeTigers.

For those unable to make it live, the content will be accessible on-demand on the Facebook page. It will also be available on the website, <sewaneeetigers.com>, and on the University of the South's YouTube Channel by midday on Mondays.

### Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13, 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 Doug Cameron, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Paul Evans.

### Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board regular board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13.

### Monteagle City Council

The regular Monteagle City Council meeting has been changed to Monday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall. There will be a workshop at 5 p.m.

### Sewanee La Leche League

The La Leche League breastfeeding support meeting is scheduled to meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14. Email <LaLecheLeaguesewanee@gmail.com> for a Zoom link to the meeting.

### Rotary Club Meeting

On Thursday, Dec. 16, there will not be a breakfast meeting for the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club. The club will not meet on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30. At 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, the club will meet at LaBella Pearl's for a Club Assembly.

### The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust

The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) will hold an annual meeting online via Zoom at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16. We will hear an overview of the activities of the organization during the last year and members will vote on a board of directors. To receive a link to the meeting, please email <southcumberlandrlt@gmail.com> or phone (931) 636-7527 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

The SCRLT is a 501 (c) 3 organization dedicated to ecological preservation, conservation, and stewardship in and around the South Cumberland Plateau. More information on our work is available at <www.scr.lt.org> or on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

## Lessons and Carols CD

The University Choir has released a CD of the 60th anniversary service of Lessons and Carols from December 2019. CDs are being sold through All Saints' Chapel and the University Bookstore for \$20. Proceeds will be used exclusively to support the choir's upcoming tour to England in May 2022. Please contact Geoffrey Harris Ward for more information at <ghward@sewanee.edu>.

## University Job Opportunities

**Exempt Positions:** Area Coordinator, Residential Life; Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations, Athletics; Assistant Chief, Sewanee Police Department; Assistant Farm Manager, University Farm; Associate Dean of Students, Student Success; Director of Residential Life, Student Success; Director, Community Health, University Wellness Center; Director, Dialogue Across Difference Programs, Civic Engagement; Director, Economic Development Initiatives, Economic Development; Director, Publications & Media Relations, School of Theology; Foundation and Development Communications Officer, University Advancement; Post-Doctoral Fellow in Clinical Molecular Biology, Sewanee Molecular Diagnostics Lab; Student Success and Career Readiness Coach, Integrated Advising & Career Readiness.

**Non-Exempt Positions:** Administrative Assistant to the University Chaplain, All Saints' Chapel; Assistant Manager, Sewanee Dining; Assistant University Organizer, Chaplain's Office; Campus Security Officer (Part-Time), Sewanee Police Department; Campus Visitor Assistant, Student Success; Catering Food Service Worker, Sewanee Catering; Catering Logistics Coordinator, Sewanee Catering; Childcare Provider, University Child Care Center; Compliance Clerk, Sewanee Police Department; Custodian, Facilities Management, Building Services; First Cook, Sewanee Dining, Sewanee Dining; Food Service Worker, Tiger Bay Pub, Sewanee Dining; Golf Course Mechanic, Golf Course; HVAC Technician, Facilities Management; On-Call Catering Attendant, Sewanee Dining; Police Officer (Part-Time), Sewanee Police Department; Second Cook, Sewanee Dining; Sewanee Dining Associate, Sewanee Dining; Sewanee Dining Assistant Manager, Sewanee Dining.

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## Messenger Break Ahead

For the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Messenger will be on break Dec. 20 through Jan. 7, 2022. The staff will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, with the first issue of the new year on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022.

Important updates will be available on the website <www.sewaneeemessenger.com> or on our Facebook page during these breaks.

If your organization or church has a different schedule during these upcoming holidays than we normally post, please send the updates to <news@sewaneeemessenger.com> or call the office at (931) 598-9949.

## Free Pancake Breakfast

The Franklin County A.M. Rotary Club is sponsoring a free Pancake Breakfast at the First Baptist Church in Winchester. This will take place 7:30–10 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 11. This is in conjunction with the Winchester Downtown Program's "Merry Little Downtown Christmas," which kicks off at 10 a.m.

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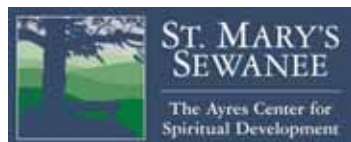
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Saturday, December 18th, 2021

10:00am to 12pm Central

As we enter the Advent season, many will enjoy revisiting favorite literature, poetry, short stories, and other writings that hold a special place in your heart and family traditions.

Amy-Lyles Wilson, a new SMS Board Member and active SMS volunteer & program presenter, will lead guests in an exchange of reading aloud and meditating on these traditions. Bring your favorite reading or excerpt from your favorite seasonal book, or even an original piece to share with fellow participants.



This event takes place via Zoom; to participate, you must have internet access and a computer or tablet with an internet connection. Registration is required. Event is FREE, donations are appreciated.  
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# Church News

## All Saints’ Chapel

All Saints’ Chapel Holy Eucharist will occur at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You can livestream our services at <<https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/>>.

## Christ Church

The Burial service and interment for Robert Winton will take place at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11. It was Robert’s request that his mortal remains be placed in the Christ Church Cemetery. Robert had such a gift for landscaping and planting that the late Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary, The Very Rev. Cecil Woods, asked Robert to come to Alexandria. Robert worked in Alexandria for a number of years before returning to Tennessee. Robert and his sister, the late Mildred Canon, lifted the spirits of all who knew them. Robert planted hundreds of daffodils and was the volunteer Groundskeeper at Christ Church Monteagle, even as the building was not yet finished.

In his later years he loved to come and visit, and to see how his labor had borne such beautiful fruit. The visitation at Watson Funeral Home in Winchester will be at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. John Patton will conduct a brief service and will assist Bishop William Millsaps at the service at Christ Church. All are welcome at the gathering in Winchester and the service at Christ Church.

On Sunday morning the service will be Lessons and Carols. This service serves as an unfolding of the drama of creation and redemption. Please join us at 10:45 a.m.

## Christ the King Anglican Church

To celebrate the coming of Jesus’ first advent, Christ the King Anglican Church invites the community to join them in enjoying the music of the advent portion of Handel’s Messiah as performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir with art selections as background at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 19. This free performance will last approximately one hour, dress

is casual, will be candlelit, and will end with the Hallelujah chorus. Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

Christ the King invites the community to its Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 24. Christ the King is located at 1241 Cumberland St., Decherd.

## Cowan Fellowship Church

Cowan Fellowship Church will gather for a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 24. The service will include Holy Communion and a variety of Christmas music. Following the service all are invited to a reception in the fellowship hall with snacks and a visit from Santa.

Cowan Fellowship is located at 609 E. Cumberland St., Cowan.

## St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church in Cowan invites you to a special time of worship on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m. The congregation will hold a traditional evening mass to celebrate The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Following the service we will gather in the parish hall for the Fr. Werlein Memorial Christmas Reception. St. Agnes’ is located at 105 England St. E., Cowan.

## St. Mark and St. Paul

The 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist is in the church for those fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks. Masking is required indoors. The 8:30 a.m. service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page. It is available there and on our YouTube channel at 11

a.m. and afterward.

The 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist for all is in Kennerly Hall with curtailed singing. Masking required for ages 2 and up. On Dec. 19, 26, and Jan. 2, the 11 a.m. service will be held at All Saints’ Chapel.

Sunday’s Forum, 9:45-10:45 a.m. is in Kennerly Hall. Masking required. The forum also streams on our Facebook Page. Our theme is “A Year with St. Mark & St. Paul” and explores Christian life in light of our previous and present/future patrons. This Sunday, Meghan Mazur will present “Advent Music in a Christmas Carol World.” Mazur is a senior seminarian at the School of Theology from the Diocese of Texas. She holds Bachelors degrees in French and Vocal Performance

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# Church Calendar

## Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 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

## 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. Morning Prayer, Sunday

noon Holy Eucharist, Wednesday

## Christ Church, Tracy City (STEM)

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

## City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday, available online

## 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 United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

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

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

## Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Grace Fellowship Church

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

## Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service (available on Facebook Live)

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

## 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

## 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

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

## Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

service available online after noon Sunday, link is at

<<https://www.mortonmemorialumc.com>> on FB

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

## New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

## New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

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 Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, in-person and Zoom, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Advent book discussion, “Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri J. Nouwen,” Zoom, Wednesdays through Christmas

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

## St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, indoors (for those fully vaccinated, masks required), livestream Facebook, YouTube later

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

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Brooks Hall upstairs porch

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Kennerly Hall (masks required ages 2 and up)

## St. Mary’s Sewanee

3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom, Tuesday

4 p.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom, Wednesday

## Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday;

(7 a.m., feast days; 8 a.m., Saturdays)

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sundays, sign up online <<https://www.communityofstmarysouth.org>>

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Sunday

## Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

## Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, Service is broadcast live via Zoom

12:30 p.m. Noonday Prayer and Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday

For more information email <[tec213@bellsouth.net](mailto:tec213@bellsouth.net)>

## United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

## Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

## Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

# Obituaries

## Sandra “Sandy” Leigh King

Sandra “Sandy” Leigh King, age 66 of Sewanee, died on Dec. 5, 2021, at Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga. She was born on July 31, 1955, in Sewanee, to Joseph and Virginia McBee Bennett Sr. She was a lifelong member of Sewanee Church of God. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 50 years, Houston King; infant daughter Melinda Faith, and son Jeffery DeWayne.

She is survived by children Kim (Jessica) King, Chris (Melissa) King, Stephanie (Joey) Marshall, and J.R. (Tracy) King; brothers, Keith Bennett, Sherman King, Jasper King, and Leonard (Anita) King; sisters, Janice (David) Haney, Beverly (Vernon) Rollins, Cheryl (Steve) Garner Wilkinson, Frances Bennett Lemons, Julia (Jack) Champion, Lois (Fred) Bramlett, Caroline Bennett, Peggy Cash, Sarah Gunn; uncles, John P. Bennett and Raymond McBee; aunts, Judy Copeland, Linda Stanley, Carol Davidson, Amy Graham, Ethel King, and Annalee Kunz; 15 grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral Services were on Dec. 8, 2021, from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Victor Tiller officiating. Interment followed in the Gudger Family Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.

## William Earl Northcutt

William Earl Northcutt, age 78, of Pelham, died on Dec. 2, 2021, at his home. He was born on Feb. 26, 1943, in Pelham, to Stanley and Willie Mae Northcutt. He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandson, Hunter Northcutt.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Donna Davidson Northcutt; children, Sherry (Anthony) Harshman, David (Sandra) Northcutt, Marty Northcutt, Michael Northcutt, Tammy (Andy) Banks, Stanley (Jennifer) Northcutt, Darla (Grant) Hill, and Carla (Kurt) Glick; brothers, Benson (Nadine) Northcutt, Freddie (Darlene) Northcutt, Martin (Wanda) Davidson, and Dillard (Donna) Davidson; 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family members.

Funeral services were on Dec. 5, 2021, from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral home with Brother Roy Woods and Brother Brett Meeks officiating. Interment followed in Bethel Cemetery, Pelham. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent in memory of William Earl Northcutt to the Hunter Northcutt Scholarship/TN Bass Nation, P.O. Box 7, Coalmont, TN 37313. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.

# Memorial Service for Kathleen Hamman

Longtime Sewanee resident Kathleen Anne Hamman died Aug. 28, 2021. She was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on Dec. 6, 1946 to parents William and Mary Keith. She is survived by her husband, Henry L. Hamman; sister, Patricia (Forrest) Izuno; one cousin, Carol Schortemeyer; three nieces, Ellen, Laurel, and Alecia; one nephew, Will; and a host of dear friends. Kathy was a teacher in Indiana, Kentucky, Colorado, Teheran, Iran, Beirut, Lebanon, and Islamabad, Pakistan. She was Editorial Director of The North-South Center at the University of Miami (Florida), where her books were honored with two Choice Awards for significant achievement in Latin American Studies. She was active in teachers’ unions and served as the chief negotiator for numerous contracts. She was a member of LaSalita and the Sewanee Woman’s Club, where she served as president. She was a true citizen of the world, and a loving friend to all she knew.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Hamman home with The Rev. Rob Henley officiating. A tented outdoor reception will follow the 2 p.m. service. Directional signs will be available along Jump Off Road in Sewanee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society’s Hope Lodge located in Nashville.



**Church** (from page 4)

from Oberlin College, a Masters in Voice from Southern Methodist University, and a Masters in Library Science from University of North Texas. Prior to coming to seminary, Meghan worked as a church administrator and professional classical singer. She recently retired from her role as seminarian at St. Mark & St. Paul's, but looks forward to staying involved with the parish in other ways.

Christmas Schedule (please note locations):

Dec. 19, 4:30 p.m.—Christmas Pageant, McCrory Hall, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School

Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m.—Christmas Family Service, All Saints' Chapel  
Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m.—Christmas Music and Holy Eucharist, All Saints' Chapel

Dec. 25, 10 a.m.—Christmas Holy Eucharist, St. Mark & St. Paul

Writing During Advent, from 6:30–7:30 p.m., on Sundays through Dec. 19. You are invited to join us for a simple time of reflection, journaling, and conversation in Kennerly Hall. "Writing During Advent" will be suitable for an intergenerational group, and will be hosted by Giulianna Cappelletti Gray, Beth Chamberlain, and Lauren Goodpaster. Adults of all ages are welcome, and any child who is able to express themselves on paper will be able to participate. We ask all to wear masks while in the building.

**St. Mary's Sewanee**

Readings of the Season, a free online event via Zoom, will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 18. The Zoom link, login, and password will be emailed to all registered guests. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

As we enter the Advent season, many will enjoy revisiting favorite literature, poetry, short stories, and other writings that hold a special place in your heart and family traditions.

Go to <<https://www.stmarys-sewanee.org>> to register and for more information.

**Sisters of St. Mary**

Join the Sisters of St. Mary for a virtual Advent quiet day from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 11. The season of Advent is a time of journeying towards the Light of the Incarnation. In this quiet day we will explore the history of the labyrinth, an ancient tool for contemplation and ritual, and how this symbol can aid us in preparing our hearts for the joy and wonder of Christmas. The event will be held live on Zoom and facilitated by Casey Perkins-Lawrence.

Participants can register at <[www.communityofstmaryssouth.org](http://www.communityofstmaryssouth.org)>.

**Mountain Music** (continued from page 1)

tion down adds something."

"Music is the language that talks to the soul," said Ralph Patrick, Grundy County singer and guitarist.

Dykes said when she first opened the Music Barn in May 2002, she worried no one would come. "We didn't know if people would travel out this far on a country road, but by December my husband was busting out the wall and making it bigger."

The "Go Tell It on the Mountain" documentary project received a grant from the South Cumberland Community Fund and has applied for funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. The project needs \$20,000 to reach fruition. To help fund the effort send checks to the Grundy Area Arts Council, P.O. Box 363, Monteagle, TN 37356. View the trailer at <[www.tellitonthemountain.org](http://www.tellitonthemountain.org)>.

Summing up what the documentary is about, Carpenter said, "It's the joy. The way music is used to help your neighbor, as a form of praise, and just for pure fun."

## Monteagle Planning: Recommends Rezoning; Defines Tiny Homes

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 7 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission recommended the Monteagle Council approve three zoning changes to allow for residential construction. Following up on a request for information in October, building inspector Earle Geary provided a definition of "tiny homes."

Sondra Bridges requested rezoning from C-2 commercial to R-1 residential three lots she purchased as Gun Estates Subdivision, one with a home already on it. Commenting on the location Geary said, "I can't understand why any lot either side of DuBose Street would be commercial." Town planner Anya Shalun with Southeast Tennessee Development said spot rezoning was not an issue since adjacent properties were R-1.

The council also recommended rezoning to allow residences on two properties in the vicinity of the Convenience Center. Phyllis Dills purchased five acres believing it to be zoned residential based on Marion County tax maps. Dills subsequently learned the property fell within the Monteagle City Limits and was zoned C-2. "You need to go buy local jurisdiction," Geary said. Shalun recommended rezoning to R-3 to conform with zoning of adjacent properties and avoid spot rezoning. Approval by the commission hinged on the council moving forward with a proposed zoning ordinance amendment allowing single family dwellings on R-3 property.

Joshua Kerns, who owns a

property neighboring Dills, also requested rezoning from C-2 to residential. Two years ago, Kerns erected a home on the site. A question arose regarding the zoning at the time, although no answer was forthcoming. The commission, nonetheless, recommended rezoning to R-3, as in the case of the Dills property, predicated upon approval by the council of the ordinance amendment allowing single family dwellings in R-3.

Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman noted all rezoning requests must follow "the process" defined by town ordinance, which includes two readings by the council, a public hearing, and signage posted on the property proposed for rezoning.

In the discussion about tiny homes, Geary said his research revealed 400 square feet was the agreed upon minimum size. "It [the small size] scares me a little," Geary acknowledged. Building Codes governing construction on ventilation, lighting, heat, ceiling heights, bathroom size and other parameters, Geary said. "It will take more than 400 square feet to meet those qualifications," he speculated.

SETD town planner Garret Haynes pointed out by current Monteagle ordinances anything below 600 square feet qualified as a tiny home. Haynes will check to determine if the 400 square foot minimum is compatible with current ordinance stipulations.

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**Franklin County** (continued from page 1)

bers visit classrooms and not just at schools in their district, since wide cultural differences existed among the county schools.

Franklin County High School chemistry teacher Lena Clark objected to the perception teachers joined the profession to get two months off during the summer. "Teachers feel called and want to make a difference in students' lives," Clark said. Regarding inadequate teacher salaries, Clark maintained, "If the community perception is changed about our district and schools, if we change the way people see us, they may become more supportive of us" and willing to support a property tax increase to fund teacher salary increases. "Can we work together to change the perception?" Thames challenged the board.

Thames praised the board for providing "things like technology...providing stuff," but he pointed out giving students an assignment using their laptops was pointless if they didn't have internet access. The board "needs to advocate to the community and county commission for the children's needs."

Director of School Stanley Bean identified the areas that needed to be addressed based on teachers' input: support, apathy, and morale; getting students up to reading level; social and mental health; pay; and community perception. The board discussed holding a January workshop to develop an action plan. A possible technology fix to the substitute problem would auto dial substitutes when a teacher phoned in sick.

The "iteach" program outlined by company spokesperson Alice Rolli provides a pathway for community members with four-year degrees to teach while pursuing certification. Once the enrollee passes the praxis examine demonstrating subject matter knowledge and takes the first two of seven online education courses, "iteach" grants them a "job embedded" teaching license so they can teach while they finish course work. Once the enrollee receives a job, they begin paying back the \$4,050 program fee, interest free. The school system bears no cost, unless they offer to pay part of an enrollee's expenses in return for staying with the school system for a set number of years.

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MLS 2290034 - 458 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee. \$59,900

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0 Bear Ct. Lot 18	2268952	\$29,000
0 Bear Ct. Lot 19	2268949	\$29,000
0 Bear Ct. Lot 20	2268951	\$29,000
0 Browbend Dr. Lot 13	2268945	\$54,000
0 Browbend Dr. Lot 14	2268946	\$54,000
Jackson Point Rd., 6.4ac	2273904	\$57,000
0 E of 10th St., 7.03 ac	2280962	\$65,900
St. Mary's Lane, 16.22 ac	2304904	\$95,000



MLS 2310714 - 333 Main St., Monteagle. \$550,000



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MLS 2240840 - 240 Maple St., Sewanee. \$298,000



MLS 2278224 - 13242 US 41, Monteagle. \$259,000



MLS 2269209 - 290 Clara's Point Rd., Sewanee. \$699,900 <https://youtu.be/Ov3stlQDyZA>

# Keep Safe at Home This Holiday Season

Joseph Sumpter, Joseph's Remodeling Solutions

Much of my time and energy is devoted to safety. In our remodeling business we see all sorts of damage and loss from safety issues that go unchecked.

Freezing pipes can come as an unpleasant surprise. One winter years ago we got a call from a couple who had returned home after visiting family for the holidays. Upon opening their door, they discovered that there was water flowing across the floor. In this case the builder had forgotten to insulate the exterior walls where the open floor trusses sat on the foundation. This was one of two floods that we worked on that January. In both cases the houses had been built during a relatively warm period and the pipes didn't burst until we had a particularly cold and wind driven storm. While those cases went undetected by the homeowners, we can all learn from them. First if there are places in your house where there is unusual cold air movement, find and repair those leaks. Frozen pipes often result from cold air leaks. Second, turn off the water to your house when you leave town. Also turn off your water heater. If that's too much of a hassle, install a water alarm. Water alarms detect uninterrupted flow and turn off the water before a leak becomes a disaster. Third, disconnect all hoses. Most modern hose spigots have the valve well inside the wall, but if a hose prevents the water in the pipe between the valve and the hose connection from draining, it will burst that pipe. Lastly open sink cabinets on exterior walls when the mercury falls. This is especially important in old houses that have air leaks and less insulation.

While water leaks quickly become apparent, carbon monoxide, CO, is a silent killer. There is no smell and no warning. CO can come from burning wood, propane, natural gas, or from car exhaust. If you have any such heat sources, a garage or carport, you must have a working CO detector. Of course, a properly vented and maintained appliance can operate safely for many years but you should still have a CO detector. A customer once shared an interesting story. He had a roaring fire in a fireplace and later in the evening when it was only coals, he shut the damper to enjoy the last heat. He was enjoying the quiet and the warmth when his CO detector woke him up. In this case his life was saved by a simple device that everyone should have. One day one of our project leaders was driving back to a job site from lunch and he noticed a car running in a neighbor's garage. He knocked on the door and learned that the lady had forgotten to turn the car off. If you have a hybrid car you know how easily this could happen because they are so quiet. Running engines also produce CO. Similarly, there are often CO related tragedies when the power goes out and people run generators

in their garages or too close to their houses. Remember that one of the symptoms of CO poisoning is it makes you sleepy so don't let this happen to you.

I grew up in the Boy Scouts and there was a great deal of emphasis on campfire safety. With the popularity of fire pits, it's important to take extra precautions to avoid costly and dangerous mistakes. Imagine my surprise when a homeowner called my cell phone early on a Sunday morning and asked me to build him a new deck. A loud thud and then an even louder roar had woken them the night before. Surveying the damage, I learned that a metal fire pit had been placed on their deck. After they went to bed the radiant heat from the still-burning fire had burned a hole in their deck and the thud that woke them up was the fire pit falling to the ground below the deck. The roar ensued when the surrounding deck caught on fire. Never place a fire pit on a wood deck. Always clear leaves and debris at least 10 feet from around the fire. Keep a hose and fire extinguisher nearby. The other lesson learned is never to leave a fire unattended. This leads me to one last point: In the Scouts we learned to put dry tinder under smaller twigs and then bigger sticks and so on. Don't let your deck become this perfect combination waiting on a spark to catch your house on fire. Be sure to get leaves out from under your deck each fall.

While modern houses get safer and safer with revised electrical codes and safety devices on appliances and lessons learned, it is still important to have fire extinguishers and smoke alarms. Along with all our modern conveniences comes modern synthetic finishes, bedding, and floor coverings. While many materials have fire retardants, when plastics and polyesters and nylons burn, the smoke and fumes will quickly render escape very difficult. This is where smoke detectors save so many lives.

Just like CO detectors, smoke detectors give us early warning. My daughter plugged her phone into a portable battery pack a few days before Thanksgiving. An internal electrical short caused a lot of smoke and fortunately the smoke stopped when she unplugged her phone. The battery pack and phone charging cord had no visual damage and it all turned out fine, but it was a real eye opener. Had this happened at night or had the fire not self-extinguished, a smoke detector and fire extinguisher could both have saved us from a much more tragic event.

Please join us in making safety a priority. Make sure you prevent and minimize tragic events. Make sure you have working smoke and CO detectors and fire extinguishers.

Joseph's Remodeling will have 10 free smoke detectors to give away on Dec. 17. Call the office at (931) 598-5565 for more information.

## Christ Church

## Monteagle

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December 12 at 10:45 am:  
Lessons and Carols

December 19 at 10:45 am:  
Morning Prayer with sermon

Christmas Eve at 5 pm:  
Holy Communion with Carols

Christmas Day at 11 am:  
Holy Communion

December 26 at 10:45 am:  
Morning Prayer

January 6 at noon:  
Epiphany Service



## SES MENUS

**Monday–Friday,  
Dec. 13–17  
LUNCH**

**Monday, Dec. 13:** One Option: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, steamed carrots, dinner roll, fruit.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14:** Manager's Choice.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15:** Manager's Choice.

**Thursday, Dec. 16:** Manager's Choice.

**Friday, Dec. 17:** Abbreviated day - no meals served.

### BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

**Monday, Dec. 13:** Breakfast bread slice, fruit.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14:** Assorted cereal, fruit.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15:** Pancakes, fruit.

**Thursday, Dec. 16:** Meat biscuit, juice.

**Friday, Dec. 17:** Abbreviated day - no meals served.

*Options available every breakfast: assorted cereal, assorted fruit and juice, milk varieties. Menus subject to change.*

## Community Chest Spotlight: Reach Out and Read

The 2021-22 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Sewanee Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$102,291 will help 20 organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve our entire community.

This week, we shine the spotlight on Reach Out and Read.

Founded in 1989, Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that gives young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read together. Sewanee Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine is one of more than 6,100 medical offices across the country that delivers ROR's program.

Starting at the 6-month well-child checkup and continuing at each checkup through age five, Drs. Mary Heath and Amy Evans, and Eric Bornemann, PNP, give children a new book to take home and keep. At the same time, these providers speak with caregivers about the importance of making shared reading part of a daily family routine.

ROR is sometimes confused with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, as the two organizations have similar missions. Unlike Imagination Library, ROR collaborates with medical providers to offer both books and early literacy guidance during checkups, leveraging the doctor-caregiver relationship to "prescribe" reading aloud. As part of the ROR site enrollment process, providers at Sewanee Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine took an accredited online course in early literacy promotion. ROR also lets families choose between several books at each checkup, ensuring that children are matched with books that they do not already have at home. While participating in ROR, Sewanee Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine also encourages families to register for Imagination Library—the more books a child has at home, the better.

ROR is requesting a grant of \$2,541 to help with project-based support for the children funding area. Per-book cost is approximately \$2.75. The Sewanee Community Chest's grant would enable the purchase of about 924 books. ROR partners with Scholastic, Inc., and other publishers to offer popular book titles, such as "Goodnight Moon" and "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," at deeply discounted prices.

Since 1908, the goal of the Sewanee Community Chest has been to help citizens by funding the community. With Community Chest donations, local organizations provide for basic needs such as books, food, animal care, housing, scholarships, recreational spaces, elder care, children's educational needs and more. The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. Go to <<http://sewanee.org>> for more information.



*Sewanee Elementary Students for the month of October: fifth grade, Rosa Thompson; fourth grade, Wyatt Burge; third grade, Grace Burns; second grade, Julian Elrod; first grade, Avery Welch; and kindergarten, Ren Elrod.*



*Sewanee Elementary students for the month of November: kindergarten, Violet Stefanut; first grade, Klayton Guess; second grade, Gracie Sparacio; third grade, Louis Borchers; fourth grade, Declan Sweeney; and fifth grade, Fred King.*

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 17, Abbreviated Day, Grundy County, Franklin County

Dec. 18, Christmas Break begins, SAS

Dec. 20–Jan. 3, Winter Break, Franklin County, Grundy County, Marion County

Jan. 6, Classes begin, SAS

Jan. 10, First day of classes, School of Theology

Jan. 11, First day of classes, College

Jan. 14, Winter Convocation

Jan. 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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## SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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**Monday, Dec. 13:** Sub sandwich, chips.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14:** Christmas meal (\$8): Stuffed tenderloin, garlic mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, roll, dessert.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15:** Chicken pot pie, salad.

**Thursday, Dec. 16:** Meat loaf, pinto beans, slaw, cornbread.

**Friday, Dec. 17:** Vegetable soup, turkey/swiss sandwich.

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

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members.

## 25th Worldwide Candle Lighting

The 25th Worldwide Candle Lighting will be held this year on Sunday, Dec. 12. This is a very special and moving event, when bereaved families can join together to remember their children gone too soon.

Now believed to be the largest candle lighting on the globe, the 25th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting is a gift to the bereavement community by The Compassionate Friends. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time, a virtual 24 hour circle of light is created as it moves from one time zone to the next.

Please join us for the local candle lighting at 7 p.m., Dec. 12, at The Church of Christ, 1200 Cedar Lane, Tullahoma, at the Activity Center Entrance. Please bring a photo of your child not larger than 8 by 10 inches, and holiday finger foods to share with the group.

For more information call (931) 455-2964 or (931) 962-0458; email <tcfhirim@gmail.com>, or go to <<https://www.facebook.com/compassionatefriends>>.

## Twelve Tips to Stay Safe During the Holidays

 <b>Don't leave candles burning and/or unattended</b>	 <b>Unplug holiday decorations like trees when away from your home</b>
 <b>Check for tripping hazards: cords, loose rugs</b>	 <b>Keep live trees watered</b>
 <b>Gather packages from your door daily</b>	 <b>Set a timer or two on lights and TV in a logical sequence if planning to be away</b>
 <b>Don't post vacation plans on social media</b>	 <b>Be wary and/or avoid using public WiFi</b>
 <b>Keep holiday plants like holly, mistletoe and lilies out of the reach of pets</b>	 <b>Be careful about foods or treats left out that can adversely affect pets</b>
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## Tennessee State Parks Seeks Input from Tims Ford State Park Visitors

Tennessee State Parks will seek input from visitors of Tims Ford State Park in a meeting Dec. 14 to discuss replacement options for the swimming pool currently at the park.

Parks officials announced that the swimming pool will not reopen. The swimming pool was closed in 2020 and 2021 due to complications related to COVID-19. Reopening the pool is unfeasible due to aging facilities, declining visitation pre-COVID 19, and high expenses. Tennessee State Parks has allocated \$400,000 for the park to invest in new outdoor recreation activities. State parks officials encourage Tennesseans to voice their opinions on options for alternative, year-round outdoor recreational operations at the park.

"The swimming pool at Tims Ford State Park requires major maintenance upgrades while usage continues to decline. We believe it is unfair to Tennessee taxpayers for the state to continue to invest in the swimming pool with rising costs and declining use," Jim Bryson, deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, said. "Fortunately, the Tennessee General Assembly has been very supportive of the parks in recent years, which has allowed us to allocate funding for options that are more fiscally responsible to taxpayers and that visitors can enjoy year-round. We first want to hear from visitors of the park about what they would prefer and use."

The funds for the park will go to options that can be used throughout the year. The swimming pool, in contrast, operated only 70 days each year.

The pool is 45 years old, visitation has been in an overall decline, and lake swimming opportunities are available.

The one-hour meeting on Dec. 14 will begin at 5:30 p.m. CST at the recreation hall at 570 Tims Ford Dr., Winchester. Anyone may attend.

## Reception for Mackie Priest Art Show

The Franklin County Arts Guild invites the community to a reception for an art show presented by one of its own. The artist is Mackie Priest and the show is "Line and Color." The reception is 5-7 p.m., Friday Dec. 17, at the Artisan Depot in Cowan.

Priest is a well-known local artist and a lifelong resident of Franklin County. "Line and Color" presents a retrospective of the artist's work as he has experimented with a variety of styles, media and techniques including recent work exploring color and acrylics in vivid and personal animal studies.

Please note that the gallery follows current CDC recommendations regarding social distancing and wearing masks at this time.

## Hospitality Shop Begins the Holiday Season

Come visit the Christmas Room at the Hospitality Shop. The whole front room is now dedicated to Christmas décor.

Saturdays, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, the Shop will feature a "Kids Shop Day." Children will be able to shop the front room for inexpensive items that are suitable for them to buy for their parents. Each child will receive an empty gift bag and tissue paper to fill with items. Parents are encouraged to go to the children's section in the back of the store to secretly shop for presents for their children.

The shop will close for the Christmas holidays at close of business on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Again, please do not leave donations behind the shop during this holiday break.

The Shop will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 11, with a giant half-price sale running through close of business Saturday, Jan. 15. Normal prices and our new spring collection of men's, women's and children's clothing will begin Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Shop is continuing to ask for the community's generous financial support. Our little yellow house desperately needs new siding and general repairs. Checks can be made out to EHH (Emerald Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary). All donations are tax deductible as the EHH is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit.

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## SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball Updates

St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity boys' basketball team lost to Ber-ean Academy on Nov. 30, 35-27. SAS was led by Kyler Cantrell's 14 points and eight rebounds; Spears Askew 10 points and Emmanuel Karanja three points.

SAS lost to Mountain View Christian School 83-44 on Dec. 2. Kyler Cantrell led SAS with 22 points; Spears Askew 10 points; Ethan Allen four points; Emmnauel Karanja four points; Pyunn Ntwari two points; Hatch McNabb two points.

SAS lost in district matchup to Collegedale Academy on Dec. 4, 50-42. The Mountain Lions were led by Spears Askew with 17 points; Ethan Allen 15 points; Kyler Cantrell eight points and eight rebounds; Raulston Barnett two points; Hatch McNabb five rebounds.

SAS lost to Riverside Christian Academy 60-48. Kyler Cantrell recorded a double double with 26 points and 13 rebounds; Spears Askew eight points; Jack Shattuck five points; Hatch McNabb four points; Pyunn Ntwari three points; Ethan Allen two points.

## SAS MS Swimmers Experience Success So Far This Season

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school swim team is currently 2-0 on the season. Eight middle school swimmers have qualified for the MTHSSA Middle School Championships, which will be held in January in Nashville: Anara Summers, Caroline Neubauer, Sarah Russell Roberson, Sam Frazier, Konrad Knoll, Kiran Malde, and Will Roberts. Anara Summers has set seven new middle school girls' records (50, 200, 500 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, 100 breaststroke, and 200 Individual Medley). Sarah Russell Roberson has set one new record this season in the 100 freestyle.



Ninth grader Maya Mauzy. Photo from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School

## SAS Varsity Swim Team Defeats Shelbyville and Cascade High Schools

On Nov. 11, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity swim team returned to the pool with a splash as they handily defeated both Shelbyville High School and Cascade High School. The SAS swimmers scored 172 points to Shelbyville's 120 points, and 194 points to Cascade's 13 points.

Three SAS swimmers took first in both of their individual events: AJ Clements in the boys' 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, Lucie Watch in the girls' 200 Individual Medley and 100 backstroke, and Toby Van de Ven in the boys' 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Rounding out the first place finishes with one first each were Maya Mauzy in the girls' 50 freestyle, Loulie Frazier in the girls' 500 freestyle, and Jack Frazier in the boys' 100 breaststroke.

SAS relays experienced success at the meet as well, with the girls' medley relays of Lucie Watch, Reese Michaels, Loulie Frazier, Maya Mauzy and Libby Neubauer, Sara Knight, Charlotte Donworth, Sienna Barry taking first and second with times of 2:09.74 and 2:15.91 respectively. Watch, Frazier, Mauzy, and Michaels combined again to take first in the girls' 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:55.95, while Neubauer, Knight, and Barry combined with Kathleen Perkins to take first in the girls' 400 freestyle relay with a time of 4:49.30. The SAS boys' 200 medley relay of Toby Van de Ven, Jack Frazier, AJ Clements, and Graeden Miller finished first with a time of 1:51.59, and they combined again for a first place finish in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:44.08.

Swimming newcomer Agust Diez-Rosety dropped 7.51 seconds in the boys' 200 freestyle, while senior Annie Zhang dropped 12.43 seconds in the girls' 100 freestyle.

The SAS varsity swim team is now 3-0 on the season.



Lexi Vanwinkle won the women's pole vault with a height of 2.76 meters in Friday's Early Season Indoor meet. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

## Track and Field Opens Indoor Schedule with Early Season Invitational

The University of the South opened the 2021-22 indoor track and field season on Dec. 3, at the Fowler Center Fieldhouse for the Sewanee Early Season Invitational.

Cat Billings ran a 1:07.91 time in the 400 meters to finish in second place.

Lexi Vanwinkle posted a 2.76m performance in the pole vault to win the event.

Clayton Tillery cleared 1.85m in the high jump for a new indoor best and a career high in both indoor and outdoor competitions.

R.G. Sherrill posted a 55.25-second mark in the 400 meters.



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## NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Photo by Todd Crabtree

### Early Birds and Late Bloomers

**Todd Crabtree**, Tennessee State Botanist, found this hepatica in bloom in Tom Pack Hollow on Dec. 4. Hepatica is often the first wildflower to bloom in spring, but this is more than unusually early. However, we not infrequently get some hepatica blooms in winter in auspicious locations, especially with the warm weather we had been having. Hepatica is poised to bloom early by having evergreen leaves that can photosynthesize all winter, storing up energy for flowering. The name comes from the resemblance of these leaves to the lobed human liver (think hepatitis), especially when they turn a maroon color as they age and die, to be replaced by new leaves in the spring. Thus, other common names are liverwort, liverleaf, and liver-moss. The leaves are hairy, perhaps providing some degree of insulation, which helps them survive winter's cold.

Ranger **Jason Reynolds** sent in a report of witch hazel in bloom on Nov. 22. The normally late-flowering witch hazel has four long, narrow yellow petals and also bears the seed capsules from the previous year, which wait to release their seed until the shrub blooms again at this time. When conditions are just right, these capsules burst open with a force that shoots the seeds some distance and makes a popping sound—something I would love to witness. This gives the shrub another of its common names—snapping alder. Blooming so late in the season, witch hazel must attract insect pollinators that may still be active on warmer days and so stays in bloom for a long period of time. These may include small gnats, wasps, and flies—something else to look for on warm fall days. This plant is indeed the source of the witch hazel lotion sold in drugstores, distilled mainly from the twigs and mildly astringent, containing tannic and gallic acid. Its forked branches were also used for “water witching”, although the common name does not come from that use but from the Anglo-Saxon word “wych,” meaning bending, which may refer to the usual growth form, with several stems that may lean and branch crookedly. So, look for witch hazel brightening the woods on walks on these late fall days, and listen for the exploding fruits. Let us know if you hear them!

Thanks to **Mary Priestley** for bringing these items to the attention of Nature Notes.

## State Park Offerings

Please note: To confirm that these events will occur as listed go to <<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/southcumberland/#/?park=south-cumberland>> or call (931) 924-2980. Please note that all programs, events and tours require masks for all participants.

### Saturday, Dec. 11

**Sherwood Forest State Natural Area Hike (Free)**—Join Stewardship Ecologist Murray Gheesling at 9:45 a.m. CST at the Sherwood Forest parking lot, Old CCC Camp Rd., Sewanee for a hike on the completed portion of the 3-mile loop trail. Discuss ecology, rare species, and see some great vistas. The trail is easy but rocky in some places. Be prepared with proper footwear, water, and clothing layers.

### Sunday, Dec. 12

**Savage Gulf Day Loop Hike (\$10/adults; \$5/12 and under) (Please pre-register at the link above. Registration closes at midnight the day before the event)**—Meet Park Ranger Mark Greenwood at 10:45 a.m. CST at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 S.R. 399, Palmer, for a 5-mile (round trip, approximate) basic, introductory guided hike on the east side of the Savage Gulf Day Loop. The challenge lies mostly in the overall distance. Bring along desired water and food, wear sturdy shoes in which to hike. Weather permitting. 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. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund.

**Sunset Hike to Savage Falls and Rattlesnake Point (\$10)**—Meet Park Ranger Kristin Willis at 2:45 p.m. CST at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 S.R. 399, Palmer, for a sunset hike to Savage Falls and Rattlesnake Point. This will be a moderate 4-mile roundtrip hike. Bring flashlights or head lamps as on the way back, it will be dark. Pack weather appropriate clothing, food and water for the hike.

### Friday, Dec. 17

**Full Moon Night Hike to the Great Stone Door (\$10) (Hike is limited to the first 10 people to pre-register. Please pre-register at the link above. Registration closes at midnight the day before the event)**—Meet Park Ranger Spencer Baxter at 6:15 p.m. CST at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile roundtrip hike to Stone Door Overlook, to experience the night sky and full moon in beautiful Savage Gulf State Natural Area. You'll pass several overlooks on the way. Bring your own headlamp, sturdy hiking boots, and appropriate clothing for the weather along with your spirit of adventure.

The South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. seven days a week. For more information call (931) 924-2980.



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- Water main diameter
- Hydrant outlet size and type

A representative from the Town will assist the contractor to navigate to the location of each hydrant. Hydrants shall be named/numbered as approved by the Town.

The allotted time to perform the work is 90 calendar days.

Bids are to be delivered to the Town of Monteagle at 16 Dixie Lee Ave Monteagle, TN 37356. The Bid must be clearly marked "Bid for Fire Hydrant Testing Project" on the outside of a sealed envelope. The attached Contractor Identification Form must be completed and affixed to the sealed envelope.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be based on a unit rate per fire hydrant as indicated on the attached bid sheet. No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. Purchase orders will be issued only upon approval by the Monteagle Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is the Town of Monteagle; 16 Dixie Lee Ave, Monteagle, TN 37356 Contact John Condra, Utility Manager, 931-247-9261.

To demonstrate Bidder's qualifications to perform the Work, Bidder shall submit with

its Bid: written evidence establishing qualifications through similar projects performed with associated project names and current reference contact information.

The Town of Monteagle reserves the right to reject any or all bids including without limitation nonconforming, nonresponsive, or conditional bids and to waive any irregularities in a bid. The Town will reject the Bid of any Bidder that is found, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation and at the sole discretion of the Town, to not be responsible. In evaluating whether a Bidder is responsible, the Town will consider the qualifications and previous experience of the Bidder and at its sole discretion, may reject any bid lacking suitable experience. The Town reserves the right to accept any part or all of a bid or to accept that bid (or bids) which in the judgement of the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the Town of Monteagle is in the best interest of the Town. The Town also reserves the right to require a bidder to submit additional evidence of qualifications as may be deemed necessary.

The Town of Monteagle does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).

Owner: Town of Monteagle  
By: Marilyn Rodman  
Title: Mayor  
Date: December 3, 2021

## 2021 Operation Noel Form

Please mail completed form to Tracie Sherrill by Monday, Dec. 13, 138 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee TN 37375 or email all information to sewaneeoperationnoel@gmail.com

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD ONLY: \_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_NO

FOOD AND TOYS: \_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_NO

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CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Attach additional sheet if necessary.  
Call (931) 598-0040 for more information.





## BARDTOVERSE

by Phoebe Bates

### Advent Poem

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances but it is the season when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know that really I am speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

—Mary Oliver, *Advent Poem*

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# Community Calendar

## Friday, Dec. 10

- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 12:30 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle

## Saturday, Dec. 11

*Last day for Sewanee Senior Center Christmas Bazaar, 5 Ball Park Rd.*

- 7:30 a.m. FC A.M. Rotary free pancake breakfast, First Baptist Church, Winchester, until 10 a.m.
- 8 a.m. MMUMC Monthly curbside food distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Mobile Health Clinic, 530 10th St., Tracy City, until 1 p.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Winchester "Merry Little Downtown-Christmas" Celebration, all day
- 11 a.m. Christmas at Country Mart, 1045 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 1 p.m.
- 11:15 a.m. UDC Kirby-Smith Chptr 327 Sewanee, Oak Restaurant, Manchester
- 2 p.m. Kathy Hamman Memorial Service, Hamman home, Jump Off Community

## Sunday, Dec. 12

- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

## Monday, Dec. 13

*Deadline for Operation Noel applications*

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee With the Coach
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, Shaonian, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Sewanee Woman's Club, St. Mary's Sewanee; lunch at noon
- noon Pilates, Stretch/Straighten, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 3:30 p.m. Children's Yoga, Ren, Legion Hall
- 4 p.m. Deadline for SUD board candidates, (931) 598-5611
- 4 p.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District board, Utility Office, Sherwood Road
- 6 p.m. FC School Board, Winchester
- 6 p.m. Monteagle City Council, Conference Room, City Hall, workshop at 5 p.m.

## Tuesday, Dec. 14

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, drive-through pick-up only, until 10 a.m.

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 10:30 a.m. La Leche League, Zoom, <LaLecheLeaguesewanee@gmail.com> for link
- 11 a.m. Zumba, Ren, Legion Hall
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market, pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.
- 5:15 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

## Wednesday, Dec. 15

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, Shaonian, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.

## Thursday, Dec. 16

- 8 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Zoom, <pippa-browne64@gmail.com>
- 11 a.m. FCRW, Oasis Restaurant, Winchester; meeting follows lunch
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <elizabethlsweeting@gmail.com>
- 1:30 p.m. Folks@Home Caregivers' Group, St. James outdoor pavilion, Midway Road
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 7 p.m. Ecstatic Dance, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 7:30 p.m. SCRLT Annual Meeting, Zoom, for link email <southcumberlandrlt@gmail.com> or phone (931) 636-7527 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

## Friday, Dec. 17

*FC, GC, MC Schools, Abbreviated day*

*SAS Christmas Break begins Dec. 18*

- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 12:30 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 5 p.m. Artist reception, Mackie Priest, "Line and Color," Artisan Depot, Cowan, until 7 p.m.

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**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, Morton Memorial, Wesley House porch, Monteagle

**Monday**  
5 p.m. Women's Recovery, Brooks Hall

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

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

**Wednesday**  
10 a.m. AA, closed, Cliff-tops, (931) 924-3493

7 p.m. NA, Decherd United Methodist

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

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