

## THE SEWANEE MOUNTAIN

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## Sisters of St. Mary **Elect Next Prioress**

At a recent elective chapter meeting, Sr. Hannah, CSM was elected the next prioress of the Community of St. Mary. The prioress serves as the leader of the Community and is elected to a five year term. Sr. Hannah's installation will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2023 with a Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. in the Convent Chapel. Sr. Hannah joined the Community in 2015 as a postulant and made her life profession in 2021.

Reflecting on her election, Sr. Hannah said: "My favorite words of wisdom from the Rule of St. Benedict are "Never lose hope in God's mercy." Since the humble beginnings of our Community in 1865, led by our foundress Harriet Starr Cannon and four other Sisters – Jane, Sarah, Mary and Amelia - God's mercy has created, sustained, and strengthened our Order for almost 157 years. Being a part of the oldest women's religious community in the Episcopal Church means that we stand on the shoulders of unknown and unheralded women whose service quietly enriched the areas they ministered to, and whose lives of prayer benefited all of the world. As leader, Sr. Madeleine Mary worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the past ten years for the good of the Community throughout its joys and sorrows, challenges and successes. Her work enabled us to continue on this history, and to thrive and expand our work, ministries, and connections to the world. I am deeply honored to be elected as the next prioress, and I ask your prayers for guidance, as I, with our Community, strive to discern

where the mercy of God guides us in this next chapter of our history." Following a resolution passed at General Convention 80, January 22 will also mark the renewed observance of Religious Life Sunday sponsored by The Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas (CAROA). They explain: "This observance focuses our efforts to tell all Episcopalians and Anglicans about our monastic and Christian Communities and what we offer the church," and thus it is a fitting day to mark such a transition in the life of our Community. Learn more about Religious Life Sunday by visiting <religiouslife-

After a decade serving as prioress, Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM will enjoy a sabbatical period before returning to the Community. On Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, the Community will celebrate Sr. Madeleine Mary's leadership with a reception in the Convent following Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. "We have much to be grateful for. God has supported our community both through great trials and deep blessings in the last 10 years. Our friends, Associates, and Oblates, likewise, have supported the Community and continue to partner with it in extending its ministry. I look forward to this new chapter in our history as Sr. Hannah becomes Prioress and leads us into new directions and new growth. May God bless her as she undertakes her ministry as Prioress and may she be a blessing to others through her leadership," said Sr. Madeleine Mary.

## **SUD Nominates Slate** of Candidates

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 13 meeting, the Sewanee Utility District nominated the slate of candidates for the upcoming commissioner election. The board also discussed SUD's \$1,560,000 Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) grant application.

The board nominated Ellis Mayfield and Clay Yeatman as candidates for the Marion County commissioner's seat which comes open in January. To qualify to serve as the Marion County board representative, the candidate must be a SUD customer residing in Marion County. Board President Charlie Smith said two other individuals had expressed interest in running for the seat and asked how they could become candidates. SUD manager Ben Beavers said Marion County customers could qualify as candidates until Jan. 3 by submitting a petition signed by 10 Marion County SUD customers. Petitions are available at the SUD office.

Voting begins Jan. 3, the first business day after the holiday, and continues through Jan. 24, during regular business hours at the SUD office. The January commissioner's meeting will be held the fourth Tuesday, Jan. 24, instead of the third Tuesday, to allow more time for voting after the holiday. All SUD customers can vote in the election, not just Marion County customers. Regulations allow one vote per household.

Reporting on finances, Beavers said SUD was "in good shape financially" and would be able to meet the 15 percent matching funds requirement for the TDEC grant. Beavers said TDEC had received over 400 applications. He has not received any news on the status of SUD's application. The grant, funded by American Recovery Plan money administered by TDEC, stipulates SUD must spend the money to address Inflow and Infiltration into the sewer system, the only category where SUD ranked deficient in a TDEC survey. The hydro excavator earmarked for purchase with the grant money is set to be delivered and will be paid for on a no-interest lease with option to buy contract until the grant money is received. Beavers said the hydro excavator was a budgeted purchase for 2023, and SUD could cover the cost if the grant money failed to come through.

## Franklin County **Schools: Employee** Raises for **Christmas?**

by Leslie Lytle Messenger Staff Writer

After more than an hour-long discussion at the Dec. 12 meeting, the Franklin County School Board decided to hold a special called meeting at 8 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, to vote on awarding employees midyear raises or bonuses. "This is more urgent than anyone understands. People are really struggling, and [employees] are getting angry and they're leaving," said nonvoting student representative Cason Orr, prompting the board to take immediate action rather than deferring a decision until January. The board could not vote Dec. 12 since the agenda only called for discussion on the raise-bonus question.

At the October meeting, North Middle School teacher Amy Smith asked the board to consider midyear bonuses, \$2,000 for certified employees and \$1,000 for classified employees. The discussion Dec. 12 opened with board member Sara Liechty stressing, despite raises given for the 2022-2023 school year, Franklin County starting teacher salaries fell \$1,400-\$1,500 below surrounding counties Bedford, Coffee, and Lincoln and several \$100 below Grundy County. Board member Sarah Marhevsky insisted both teachers and classified employees should receive raises, and a retroactive raise from the start of the current school year could function as a bonus.

Director of Schools Stanley Bean said although he was "cautiously optimistic" the county would receive increased revenue from the new state funding formula TISA (Tennessee Investment in TISA," Bean said.

Board Chair Cleijo Walker said she did not anticipate the county commission increasing schools' percent of tax revenue.

Board Vice Chair Lance Williams said a \$1,400 raise for teachers alone would require drawing nearly one million dollars (\$900,000) from the reserve fund balance this ear and every year going forward. Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) revenue resulted in the unusually high fund balance, Williams noted, since money had been returned to the fund balance the past three ears. Liechty countered the excess fund balance resulted not from ES-SER but COVID. "We held school differently for a couple years," Liechty said.

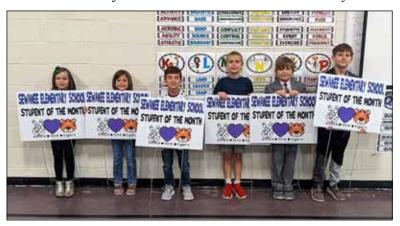
What amount do we feel comfortable with," Marhevsky asked, acknowledging the TISA uncertainty.

We need numbers from TISA,"

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Sewanee Elementary first grade students completed their Reading unit on Ancient civilizations by creating and selling items at a market. They made ornaments, reindeer food, and hot chocolate to sell at their holiday market.



Sewanee Elementary's Students of the Month for November: kindergarten, Miriam Mazur; first grade, Nora Jackson; second grade, Kaisen Dietz; third grade, Paul Mazur; fourth grade, Rory Holmes; and fifth grade, Declan

## University of the South **COOP Site Celebrates 20** Years Providing NWS with Weather Observations

 $Cooperative \ weather \ observations \ began \ at \ the \ University \ of \ the \ South$ in Sewanee, on March 1, 2000. Since that time, more than 8,300 observations have been recorded, with quite a wide variety of wild weather in those 20-plus years. Here are just a few of the notable weather tidbits over the last 20ish years:

More than 1,455 inches of rain have been measured during this time, which equates to over 121 feet of rain if it had all fallen at once. The wettest year on record was 2020, when 99.09" fell. The driest year on record was during the widespread drought of 2007, when only 34.17" fell. The wettest day measured at Sewanee occurred on April 27, 2011 Student Achievement), he did not when 5.16" fell. Conversely, regarding snowfall at the site, over 90" of anticipate having figures on the snow have been measured since 2000, which equates to just over 7.5 feet amount until after the first of the if it all fell at once. The snowiest year on record was this year (2022), year. "We give raises off growth from property tax and sales tax and show its day on record occurred back on Jan. 10, 2011 when 7" fell.

A wide array of temperatures have also been observed since the site began in 2000. The warmest temperature recorded occurred in June of 2012 when 101F was observed. Conversely, the coldest morning low temperature recorded at Sewanee was in January of 2003 when -4F occurred.

The NWS is thankful for the teamwork of observers through the 20plus years at the University of the South, and appreciate their hard work and service to provide the National Weather Service with observational weather data. From NWS Director Ken Graham, NWS Southern Region Director Mike Coyne, NWS Huntsville Meteorologist-in-Charge Todd Barron, and local Observations Program Leader at NWS Huntsville Chelly Amin, we congratulate Sandy Gilliam, Nathan Wilson, Nicole Nunley, and everyone else along the way on receiving this 20 Year Length of Service Award.

Editor's Note: Weather stats on page 10 of this issue.

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## **University Job Opportunities**

Exempt Positions: Archivist, Library & Information Technology THANK YOU FROM THE Services; Area Coordinator, Student Life, Residential Life; Assistant BENNETT FAMILY Director, Sewanee Fund, University Relations; Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, School of Theology; Business Analyst, Library & Information Technology Services; Director, Community Standards, Student Success; Director of Digital Presence, University Advancement; Director of Student Accessibility, Student Success; Energy Specialist, Facilities Management; Executive Director of Education for Ministry, School of Theology; Project Manager, Facilities Management, Administration.

Non-Exempt Positions: dvancement Services Coordinator, University Relations; Alarm Technician, Facilities Management, Trades; Campus Security Officer (Part-Time), Sewanee Police Department; Catering Logistics Coordinator, Sewanee Catering; Catering Team Lead, Sewanee Catering; Childcare Provider, University Child Care Center; Custodian (Multiple Positions), Facilities Management, Building Services; Dispatcher (On-Call, Part Time), Sewanee Police Department; Faculty Technology Coordinator, Library & Information Technology Services; First Cook, Sewanee Dining, Sewanee Dining; GIS and Database Technician, Facilities Management; Golf Course Greenskeeper, Grounds and Landscaping; Golf Course Greenskeeper (10-Month Position), Grounds and Landscaping; Golf Shop Assistant, (Part-Time) Business Services, Golf Course; Office and Communications Manager, Library & Information Technology Services; On-Call Catering Attendant, Sewanee Dining; Police Officer (Full-Time, 2 Positions Available), Sewanee Police Department; Police Officer (Part-Time), Sewanee Police Department; Second Cook, Sewanee Dining; Sewanee Dining Associate, Sewanee Dining.

For more information call (931) 598-1381. Apply at <a href="https://jobs.">https://jobs.</a> sewanee.edu>.



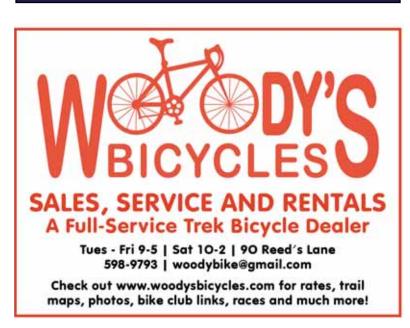
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## Letters

To the Editor:

We have been looking for a way to thank everyone for their love and generosity shown during the loss of a home due to fire. We do not want to leave anyone out and felt this might be the best way. Other than the death of family members or close friends, this is the toughest ordeal we have ever faced. The toughest part is the things we can not replace: the pictures, our pets, and of course all of the basketball and school memorabilia. Nothing can take away the memories from our hearts and minds. We have been literally blown away by the love and compassion shown to us. We want to thank everyone who gave us clothing, food, furniture, money, cried a tear with us, gave us a hug, said a prayer, or just had us in their thoughts. We know we have tough days ahead, but we also know we have a lot of people to reach out to help. We love all of you and may God bless each of you!!! Bill & Carol Bennett & Family

#### **BOY SCOUT TROOP 14 GRATITUDE**

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the Sewanee Community Chest for their kind donation to Troop 14, Boy Scouts of America, which is sponsored by St. Andrew's Sewanee School. The Sewanee Community Chest has donated to us over many years and this support helps us to purchase badges and awards that our Scouts earn. We would just like to express our gratitude for the continuing support.

Thanks, Edward Deen, Treasurer, Troop 14, Boy Scouts of America

#### **EMPTY TABLES THANKS**

To the Editor:

During the Studio Tour, Tennessee Craft South sponsored an exhibit called Empty Tables, an artists' initiative to address local hunger. Fifteen artists participated in this endeavor, donating items celebrating the growing, serving, and eating of food. More than \$1,800 was raised through this sale, and all proceeds were 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: Peter Beasecker, Annis Cox, Kate Gundersen, Cindy Kershner, Tom Limbird, Mary Lynch, Bill Mauzy, Charlotte McKelvey, Laura McWhorter, Alec Moseley, Bill Nichols, Claire Reishman, Merissa Tobler, Terrie Ponder Watch, and Katherine Zammit. Additionally, we would like to thank Katherine Zammit, Sherri Bergman, Charlotte McKelvey, and Emily Heid, who managed the Empty Tables booth throughout the weekend. We are grateful for all the support that we received from the community for this project and are excited to be anticipating its continuation in the December 2023 Studio Tour.

Claire Reishman, Sewanee

#### **GOOD SAMARITAN**

To the Editor:

On Monday I was driving to Nashville in my truck and when I stopped for gas at Exit 114 in Manchester, I realized I had stupidly forgotten my wallet — and therefore had no cash, no credit cards, and no identification. I went to two gas stations with my



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checkbook and presented my case, but understandably neither would let me pay by check. Then I went to the 2-Go Market, the BP gas station near Walmart (just off the north side of exit 114), and the person behind the counter asked how much gas I needed. I said that I would take whatever he would let me pay for by check, and he authorized me to get a whole tank of gas. When I went in to pay him and thank him again for trusting me, he said that it was the Christmas season, which should remind all of us to be kind to one another.

We are very lucky to have Harold's garage here in Sewanee and other gas stations in Monteagle, but if you are ever in need of gas when driving on I-24 towards Nashville, please stop at exit 114 and go to the 2-Go Market/BP station there. I was so impressed with this man's kindness and generosity shown to someone he didn't know at all, and I have determined to repay him in any way that I can.

Claire Reishman, Sewanee

#### **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

To the Editor:

As 2022 comes to a close, we are grateful for the generosity displayed by our neighbors toward our 2023 campaign goal of \$106,425. As of Dec. 9, contributions are at approximately 53 percent of the amount needed to fund all the grant requests received from local not-for-profit organizations. As you reflect on your year-end giving and the charitable programs that are important to you, please consider what you can do to join hands and

help your neighbors. Your contributions are the powrhouse behind Neighbors Helping Neighbors — what makes this place so special. Sewanee Community Chest grants fund specific projects that meet urgent needs and provide continuing support for organizations and activities that care for our seniors, feed the hungry, educate our children, expand housing, care for stray dogs and cats, and bridge a gap in necessary services. One hundred percent of your contribu-tions work to fulfill basic needs that otherwise would go unmet.

Gifts of any size can be made online at the Sewanee Civic Association website <a href="http://sewaneecivic.org>, or by sending a check to: Sewanee Community Chest, PO Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

We, along with the members of the Sewanee Civic Association's Board of Directors, send warm wishes for a wonderful holiday season with your friends and family. Gratefully,

Kathy and John Solomon, and Clay and Paula Yeatman, Sewanee Community Chest Stewards

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

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If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Shirley M. Lawson at <slawson@sewanee.edu>.

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **Caregiver Support Group**

Everyone who is taking care of a chronically or terminally ill relative or friend is invited to join the caregiver support group for mutual support and to share ideas about coping with the difficulties and heartache of long-term caregiving. The group will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Brooks Hall, next door to St. Mark and St. Paul Parish Church (formerly Otey Parish) in Sewanee. For information contact Folks@Home at (931) 598-0303 or <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>.

#### **Rotary Club Meeting**

There will not be a meeting of the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club on Dec. 22 and Dec. 29. The club will resume meeting at 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 with a Club Assembly, at LaBella Pearl's.

#### **Town of Monteagle**

The Monteagle Regional Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle City Council is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20, in the conference room at City Hall.

#### Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

#### **Sewanee Community Council**

The Sewanee Community Council is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23, at the Sewanee Senior Center.

#### **Sewanee Utility District**

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, 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, Ronnie Hoosier, Johnny Hughes, Donnie McBee and Charlie Smith.

## Housing Sewanee **Applications Available**

Applications are available at the energy costs for the homeowner. Community Action Committee (CAC) for families who would like to be considered for the next house to be constructed by Housing in 1993, Housing Sewanee has Sewanee Inc. These applications built more than 21 homes for our should be picked up, filled out, and returned before Dec. 31, 2022.

Housing Sewanee uses volunteer labor to build simple, energyefficient, low maintenance houses for members of the greater Sewanee community. When the house is complete, the family will pay back by emailing members of the HSI the cost of the house by a 30-year Applicant Selection Committee: interest-free loan which helps to pay

Applicant Selection Committee: Tom Phelps < tphelps 52@gmail. for new houses.

Clients who are able are asked to help with construction. It usually takes about 18 months to complete or by writing: Housing Sewanee a house. College students and other Inc., P.O. Box 3152, Sewanee, TN community volunteers provide 37375. most of the work force. The plan for the next house is to make it as energy efficient as possible and to use as many local materials as possible. This should reduce long-term

We're glad you're reading the Messenger!

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Housing Sewanee Inc. is a nonprofit organization modeled after Habitat for Humanity. Founded community members.

Applications can be picked up at the CAC office, located St. Mark's and St. Paul's Parish (formally Otey Parish) on University Ave., downloaded from the HSI website (www.housingsewaneeinc.com), com>, Bruce Baird <230cbbaird@ gmail.com>, and Rob Matlock <rmatlockconstr@gmail.com>,

## **Chief David** Green's **Operation** Noel

#### Providing Abundant Holidays for All

In just a few weeks, it will be Christmas. While many are already planning 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.

Chief David Green's Operation Noel provides help for families in need with 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 a new application whether you have received from us before or not. An application will ensure that we have all the pertinent information so we can provide for everyone in need.

The deadline for returning applications is Friday, Dec. 16. Families eligible for Chief David Green's Operation Noel must live on top of Sewanee Mountain in the following communities: Sewanee, Midway, Jump Off and on Sherwood Road.

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

To donate 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).

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



## **Crimson Clover Master Gardener Application** Deadline is Jan. 13

Do you have a passion for gardening? Do you want to share that passion with your local community while you learn? If so, the Tennessee Master Gardener Program might be right up your alley. The TN Master Gardener program is a volunteer service program that serves local communities by training, certifying, and equipping volunteers to provide community service through their passion of gardening.

The Crimson Clover Master Gardener Association's (CCMGA) intern training program begins Jan. 31 and continues each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon through May 2. The program, open to residents of Coffee, Franklin, Marion and surrounding counties, will consist of group meetings at the University of Tennessee Space Institute where specialists and experts from the University of Tennessee will Zoom in live to cover topics such as environmental stewardship, soils and cover crops, botany and propagation, landscape design, woody ornamentals and trees, entomology and IPM, plant pathology, turf and weed management, fruits in Tennessee, vegetable gardening, and pollinators and wildlife. After the live sessions, our certified master gardeners and subject matter experts will leads hands-on labs to put what you learned into action!

Applications and more information can be found at <a href="https://tiny.">https://tiny.</a> utk.edu/ccmga>. Applications are due at the Franklin County Extension Office by Friday, Jan, 13. Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program by Tuesday, Jan. 17. The cost of the program, including educational materials, refreshments, etc., is \$150 for the entire 14-week program. Deadline for payment (by mail or in person) is Jan. 20.

Email <mdeist@utk.edu> or phone (931) 967-2741 with questions

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## **Church News**

#### **Christ Church**

Christ Church Monteagle will keep The Fourth Sunday in Advent on December 18 with a service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m. Following the service we will have a special time of fellowship.

Our Christmas Eve service is at 5 p.m. We will have our Christmas banquet following that service. On Christmas Day our service will be at 10:45 a.m.

You are invited to join with us at any and all services.

#### Christ the King Anglican

Christ the King Anglican Church in Decherd invites the community for a free showing of the Advent portion of Handel's "Messiah!" at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, in the chapel. This will be followed by a chili supper in the Parish Hall.

#### **Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church**

Christmas Eve Communion will be served at Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church between 5 and 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24. This will be a Come-and-Go service. We invite you to come inside, take a moment in silent prayer, and then come forward to be served and to join in prayer.

Cowan C.P. Church is located at 206 W. Cumberland St.

#### **Cowan First Baptist**

The Celebration Choir at Cowan First Baptist Church will bring forth the joyful news of the season. The Christmas Cantata will be at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18.

Bring a friend and join us for this special time of music and praise in a beautiful evening setting.

Every year millions of people around the globe celebrate Christmas. But what does it mean? What 10:45 a.m., Sunday, meets on the is the importance of Jesus' birth? Why the Virgin Mary? Why Joseph? Why a visit from shepherds and wealthy scholars? Join us for a special screening and discussion of "Why the Nativity?" produced David Jeremiah, a noted theologian, author and pastor. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m., Thursday,

with the joyful news of our Savior's Hall. The whole community is birth. Cowan First Baptist Church invited. On Dec 18, Robin R. will gather at 10:25 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 25, for a joyful service with Dickens's vision of Christmas and Communion.

Cowan First Baptist is located at 316 W. Cumberland St.

Cowan Fellowship Church will gather at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, for a Christmas Eve service. Joins us for this special time in worship with lesson, music and song in a beautiful and traditional evening service. Afterward we invite everyone to join us for a reception with Christmas treats and a joyful time of fellowship.

Cowan Fellowship is located at 609 E. Cumberland St.

#### Goshen C.P. Church

The Goshen community invites you to an evening of Christmas music and fellowship. The reception will begin at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, with hot chocolate, hot cider, and light desserts in the Fellowship Hall.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. with music performed by Jacob and Dec. 25. Rev. Cynthia Gray. At the end the congregation will join in a round of favorite Christmas carols.

A love offering will be taken to benefit the family of of Rev. Richard Morgan.

invites you to a time of worship on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. This will be a traditional candlelit service and will be led by Rev. Dr. Michael

us on the happy morning of Christ-Morgan, a candidate for ministry and a student at Bethel University.

Goshen is located at 1262 Williams Cove Rd., between Cowan and Winchester.

#### Morton Memorial UMC

The Longest Night Worship Service will be at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21. Plan to attend this worship service to hear music and scripture. This worship is for everyone, but can be especially meaningful to those of us who recognize that this season stirs our memories and vividly confronts our losses.

Christmas Eve Worship will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, with Holy communion, candles and Silent Night.

Christmas Day Worship is at 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 25.

#### St. Mark and St. Paul

The 8:30 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist is in the church for those who have been vaccinated. The 8:30 a.m. service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page. The 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist **Pelham** 

Nursery, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday. Infants and toddlers are invited to gather either at the playground, or in the child care classroom.

Godly Play, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Sunday, through the fall. Two Montessori-based classes meet in the Godly Play rooms or outdoors.

Youth Sunday School, 9:45upstairs porch of Brooks Hall and/or in the upstairs youth room.

Connections for Parents, 9:45– 10:45 a.m., Sunday, through the fall. The class will meet on the front porch of Brooks Hall for fellowship, support, and reflection on the hopes we have for our children.

The Sunday Forum, 9:45 All are invited to start the day -10:45 a.m., meets in Kennerly Bates will talk about Charles community, especially as they appear in The Pickwick Papers and A Christmas Carol

Bates grew up in Sewanee Cowan Fellowship Church before attending Carleton College First Baptist Church, Cowan English at Emory University. He spent his career teaching at St. Mary's College of Maryland before retiring to Sewanee in 2018. In addition to authoring multiple articles on literature and film, he 10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday writes daily about "how literature can change your life" for his blog, Better Living through Beowulf.

Christmas services for St. Mark and St. Paul: Sunday, Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m., Children's Pageant, at SAS McCrory Hall. Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 4:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, at All Saints' Chapel. Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 9:30 p.m., Christmas Music and Holy Eucharist, at All Saints' Chapel. Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist, at the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul.
No Sunday School or Nursery on

Midway Baptist Church Day, 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist, at

#### St. Agnes' Episcopal

The congregation at St. Agnes' will gather to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord at 4 p.m.,

Saturday, Dec. 24. This will be a Church. We are located at the Prayer 7:30 a.m.; Eucharist 8 a.m.; traditional candle-lit mass with corner of Bob Stewman Road and lessons, carols, and Holy Commu-The extended family at Goshen nion. The service will be led by The Venerable Dr. Martin Odidi, Priest Assistant at St. George's, Nashville.

"O come, let us adore him," and bring a friend or neighbor to join us. Following the service, we will All are invited to worship with host the Father Werlein Memorial Christmas Reception in the parish mas. The service will begin at 10 hall. Join us for snacks, hot cider, a.m. and will be led by LeighAnn and and a joyful time of Christian fellowship. St. Agnes' is located at 105 E. England St., Cowan.

#### St. James Episcopal

Eucharist, at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25, no service. Sunday, Jan. 1, Eucharist, at

#### **Sewanee Cumberland Presbyterian Church**

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating the Birth of Jesus at the Sewanee Cumberland Presbyterian

Cumberland Circle.

At 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, refreshments after Church service and before Sunday school

Saturday, Dec. 24, Holy Communion from 4-4:30 p.m.

#### Scripture and Carols, at 9 a.m. Sisters of St. Mary

Saturday, Dec. 24, Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.; Evening Prayer 5 p.m.; Christmas Eve Mass 10:45

Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Day, Morning Prayer 8 a.m.; Eve-

ning Prayer 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, Feast of St. Stephen (transferred), Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.; Eucharist 8 a.m.; Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28, Feast of St. John the Evangelist (transferred), Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.; Euchanaming griefs, losses, and hurts; rist 8 a.m.; Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29, Holy Innocents (transferred), Morning

Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30, Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.; Evening Prayer 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.; Evening Prayer

Sunday Jan. 1, Feast of the Holy Sunday, Dec. 25, Program of Name, Holy Eucharist 8 a.m.; Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 2 through Thursday Jan. 5, Morning Prayer 7 a.m.; Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 6, Feast of the Epiphany, Morning Prayer 7 a.m.; Eucharist 7:30 a.m.; Evening Prayer

#### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

Trinity Episcopal Church will host a Blue Christmas service on at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21. This 30-minute service provides an opportunity for quiet time in the midst of holiday preparations; asking for healing; and anticipating

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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 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,

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 and then earning his doctorate in 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

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday 5 p.m. Mass, Saturday 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 Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday 11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

service available online after noon Sunday, link is at <a href="https://www.mortonmemorialumc.com">https://www.mortonmemorialumc.com</a> on FB 10 a.m. Sunday School, until 10:45 a.m.

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle online worship services. Call (931) 924-5339 or go

to <a href="https://www.tdworldministries.org">https://www.tdworldministries.org</a> 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 St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, indoors, livestream Facebook, YouTube later

8:30 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall (Sewanee Children's Center), until noon 9:45 a.m. Godly Play, until 10:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Brooks Hall 9:45 a.m. Connection for Parents, Brooks Hall

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, Kennerly Hall 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel 7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 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 12:30 p.m. Noonday Prayer and Lectionary Bible

Study, Tuesday, <tec213@bellsouth.net> Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma 10 a.m. Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday 11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

#### Church (from page 4)

a time in the fullness of God's kingdom. Members of the community are invited to attend.

Trinity Episcopal Church will celebrate Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, with carols at 6:45 p.m. followed by a service at 7 p.m. Members of the community are invited to attend.

Trinity Episcopal Church will celebrate Christmas Day with a service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25. Members of the community are invited to attend.

Trinity is located at 213 First Ave. NW in Winchester.

#### **Tullahoma Sangha**

Tullahoma Sangha, a Zen Buddhist meditation and study group, meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma. The service will consist of zazen (meditation), a short lesson, and discussion. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information, call (931) 588-8935.

#### **Unitarian Universalist**

The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 455-8626, or visit the church's website at <www.tullahomauu.org>.

## Memorial Service for the Rev. Dr. Linda Hutton

All are invited to a time of worship that will honor the vital ministry and precious memory of The Rev. Dr. Linda Hutton. Linda served as supply priest at St. Agnes' and also as a member of the Cowan Ministerial Association until her unexpected death on Oct. 14, 2022.

The service will take place at St. Agnes' Episcopal Church at 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 26. Dec. 26 is also known as the Feast of St. Stephen: Deacon and Martyr.

St. Agnes' is located at 105 England St. E, Cowan. For more information log on to <www.saintagnescowan.org>.



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#### **Schools** (continued from page 1)

Williams said. "Raising salaries out of the fund balance is dangerous." Williams favored a one-time bonus, estimating a \$750 bonus for all 720 district employees would cost \$540,000.

Bean proposed a \$300 retroactive midyear raise for teachers and \$600 raise going forward and a percentage amount wage increase for classified employees. Human Resources Supervisor Linda Foster said a flat \$600 raise would "mess up" the graduated pay scale based on percentage increases for years of service. Foster estimated increasing the starting teacher salary by \$600 with proportionate increases for years of service, including fringe benefits, would cost \$384,000. Foster will calculate the cost of a percentage wage increase for the 300 support employees for the board to consider at the Saturday meeting. Any raise or bonus authorized by the board will need approval from the county finance committee at the Jan. 17 meeting. "Ask for what you require to get where you need to be," recommended Franklin County Finance Director Andrea Smith.

In other business the board heard an update from consultant Gary Clardy on the school district's maintenance needs. Clardy recently circulated a survey to board members and maintenance personnel, interviewed all maintenance workers, and inspected vehicles and equipment. "I was struck by the amount of junk they're travelling around in," Clardy confessed. He also cited deficiencies in "buildings and material organization." Clardy plans to interview board members and promised detailed recommendations for prioritized capital improvements in February. "It's not all going to happen," Clardy said, acknowledging the cost over 10 years would be in the "21-billion-dollar level."

On Bean's recommendation, the board voted to move forward with the TRANE project for lighting upgrades, which will reduce operating costs.

Reporting on the search for a new director, Walker said the deadline for applications was Jan. 31. The timeline proposed reaching a decision in March.



All physical education students at Sewanee Elementary recently competed in the annual Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition. The activity is designed by grade level so that students only compete against students in their grade level in all three areas. Grade-level winners are determined by who can kick, punt, and pass a football the farthest. Coach Chris Hobbs coordinated the event. Pictured are Coach Hobbs, Arabella Barry (fourth grade), Cooper Knight (fourth grade), Aliza Jackson (third grade), Westin Walker (second grade), Miriam Mazur (kindergarten), Malcolm Tate (kindergarten), Carter Belle Hewgley (first grade), Nora Jane Elrod (fifth grade), Mason Rudder (fifth grade). Not pictured: Bradley Rollins (third grade), Suzy Camp (second grade), Darien Kaluzny (first grade).





## Winter Convocation Jan. 20

Order of the Gown.

Dr. James E.K. Hildreth, president and chief executive officer of McCardell, and Vice-Chancellor helped the many organizations Community Foundation. Emeritus John M. McCardell Jr. with which she has been involved Dr. Hildreth will give the convocation address.

B.A. in chemistry from Harvard childhood special education profrom Johns Hopkins University. Hildreth's research in immunol-

rural communities in the state.

The University's Winter Contional Sciences was launched, and a nity development. Her work early vocation will be at 4:30 p.m. on number of innovative partnerships in her tenure in Sewanee inspired Friday, Jan. 20. Three honorary have been launched including State the development of the Commudegrees will be presented, and new of Tennessee-supported training nity Fund, as she organized the first members will be inducted into the programs to increase the number community conversations to assess of physicians and dentists serving need and capacity on the Plateau for creating a philanthropic orga-Bonnie G. McCardell is a com- nization. In South Carolina, she Meharry Medical College, community leader whose strategic serves as a committee member for munity leader Bonita (Bonnie) G. vision and unwavering focus has the Beaufort Fund of the Coastal

John M. McCardell Jr. is vicewill be awarded honorary degrees. become stronger and more unified. chancellor emeritus of the Uni-She started her career in journal- versity of the South. He served ism and public relations but soon as Sewanee's 16th vice-chancellor James E.K. Hildreth is the 12th turned to education and commufrom 2010 to 2020 and then as a president and chief executive officer nity engagement. Upon earning a member of the history faculty until of Meharry Medical College, the master's degree in early childhood his retirement in 2022. Prior to his nation's largest private, independent special education from the Univerarrival on the Mountain, McCahistorically Black academic health sity of South Carolina, McCardell rdell spent 34 years at Middlebury sciences center. Hildreth earned a worked in one of the original early College serving as a professor, a dean, the provost, and as president University and was selected as the grams in Middlebury, Vermont, from 1991 to 2004. During Mcfirst African American Rhodes before becoming director of the Cardell's tenure, Sewanee enjoyed Scholar from Arkansas. He earned Mary Johnson Children's Center. record applications to the College, a Ph.D. in immunology from She also served on the Vermont growth in the reach of the School Oxford University and an M.D. Governor's Partnership for Child of Theology, and increased recogni-Care Committee. After moving tion as a leading national liberal arts to Sewanee in 2010, McCardell university. Under his leadership, the ogy and virology, with a focus on helped to develop Discover To- Stronger Truer Sewanee fundrais-HÍV, has resulted in more than gether in Tracy Cîty, which builds ing campaign eclipsed its original 110 publications in top journals family resiliency through programs \$250 million goal to raise a total and 11 patents. His seven years focused around place, community, of \$294 million to support finanas president of Meharry Medical and literacy. She was a founding cial aid, facilities like the Sewanee College have been impactful and board member of the South Cum- Inn, the Wellness Commons, and transformative. The College's re- berland Community Fund, where the University Bookstore, and search funding base has tripled, a she served as chair of communica- programs promoting Global Citinew school of Applied Computations and then as chair of commutations and Community Engagement. McCardell also spearheaded an effort to bring dining services in-house rather than contracted, improving job security and employment conditions for food-service workers, and reorienting the food service to promote local agriculture, good nutrition, and sustainability.

## SENIOR CENTER **NEWS**

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$4, regardless of your age. Please call 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, Dec. 19: Ham, hashbrown casserole, broccoli salad,

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Meat loaf, pinto beans, slaw, cornbread. Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken spinach gnocchi soup, garlic sticks, dessert.

Thursday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Dec. 26: Center closed. Tuesday, Dec. 27: Taco salad.

Wednesday, Dec. 28: Chicken pot pie, salad.

Thursday, Dec. 29: Open-face roast beef, mashed potatoes, slaw. Friday, Dec. 30: Pork chop, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll. Note: For Jan. 2-13, 2023 menus, please call (931) 598-0771. 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.

## U.S. Postal Service **Announces New Prices**

The United States Postal Ser- at 24 cents. The Postal Service is vice filed notice with the Postal also seeking price adjustments for Regulatory Commission (PRC) Special Services products includof price changes to take effect Jan. ing Certified Mail, Post Office 22, 2023. The new rates include a three-cent increase in the price of and the cost to purchase insurance a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 60 cents to 63 cents.

mail will increase to 60 cents, and the price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 48 cents. A 1-ounce letter mailed to another country would increase to \$1.45. prices, go to <a href="https://about.">https://about.</a> There will be no change to the usps.com/newsroom/nationalsingle-piece letter and flat addi-releases/2022/1007-usps-announctional-ounce price, which remains es-new-prices-for-2023.htm>.

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For the complete list of new





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# The University of the South to Host Its First MLK Day of Service

Local residents will step up to serve as volunteers on the annual Martin Luther King Jr., holiday. Volunteers will participate in a bed building event, joining hundreds of thousands of Americans across the country in volunteer service. Sewanee's Office of Civic Engagement, Office of Inclusive Excellence, All Saints' Chapel and the SCP-AmeriCorps VISTA Project invite students, faculty, staff, and other Sewanee residents to join in serving the local community while building community with one another.

On Monday, Jan. 16, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., volunteers will gather in the parking lot of the Fowler athletic center on Sewanee's campus and work in partnership with the South Pittsburg chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. While SHP is a national organization, all of the beds built will go to children in our community who otherwise would not have a bed to sleep in. We can't think of a better way to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. than to come together in service and unity.

For those interested in participating, sign up to volunteer by Jan. 4, 2023 at <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNQvU55Huz8VkxfBzJtRKxDkCfpdCp2IwKId481lJnpUrrlw/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNQvU55Huz8VkxfBzJtRKxDkCfpdCp2IwKId481lJnpUrrlw/viewform</a>. Lunch will be provided at noon by the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 16, Abbreviated Day, Grundy County

Dec. 19, 2022–Jan. 2, 2023, Christmas Break, Grundy County

Dec. 21, 2022–Jan. 2, 2023, No School, Franklin County Dec. 22, 2022–Jan. 8, 2023,

Christmas Break, SAS
Dec. 22, 2022, Abbreviated
Day, Marion County

Dec. 23, 2022–Jan. 4, 2023, Christmas Break, Marion

Jan. 3, Staff Development, Franklin County

Jan. 3, Classes Resume, Grundy County

Jan. 9, Classes Resume, Marion County

Jan. 9, Classes Resume, SAS Jan. 16,

First Day of Classes, School of Theology Jan. 16, No School, Franklin County

Jan. 17, First Day of Classes, College

## Community Chest Spotlight: Reach Out and Read

The 2022-23 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$106,425 will help 17 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 enrolled as an ROR site in 2016. Across the country, more than 6,100 medical offices in all 50 states deliver 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. Like Imagination Library, ROR provides new books and emphasizes the benefits of reading aloud with young children. However, ROR specifically operates through the pediatric healthcare system, leveraging the doctor-caregiver relationship to "prescribe" reading aloud. As a requirement for joining ROR, providers at Sewanee Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine completed an accredited online course in early literacy promotion. ROR has been formally endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, and its effectiveness at building literacy skills has been demonstrated in peer-reviewed, published research. 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 \$2,200 to help with project-based support to cover the full cost of providing new books to 800 families for one year.

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, 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. Payroll deductions and PayPal Giving Fund are also options. Go to <www.sewaneecivic.org> for more information.



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With the help and support of local nonprofits such as Friends of South Cumberland State Park and South Cumberland Regional Land Trust, we are excited to announce the launch of our Forest Preschool program at the South Cumberland State Park Visitor's Center in Monteagle. Preschool for ages 3-6 years old will begin in the Spring of 2023. More information can be found on the website at <www.cumberlandforestschool.org>. We are so excited to offer intentional outdoor programming for the children of the Cumberland Plateau.



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## **Holiday Closings**

The Messenger will be closed Friday, Dec. 16 through Monday, Jan. 9, and back in print on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023.

The Hospitality Shop will be closed Dec. 18 through Jan. 6. The Hospitality Shop will be open only on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the month of January.

The Community Action Committee will be closed Friday, Dec 23, Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2.

Federal holidays are Dec. 26 (Christmas Day observed) and Jan. 2 (New Year's Day observed). The post office and banks will be closed.

The Fowler Center will be closed on Christmas Day. duPont Library will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

The Sewanee Senior Center is closed Thursday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Dec. 26.

Monteagle City Hall will be closed at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 22, through

The Franklin County Solid Waste Department will be closed starting Dec. 22. The convenience centers will reopen normal hours on Monday, Dec. 26, at all locations. Richardson Sanitation will pick up Sewanee residential garbage on normal scheduled day of Thursdays for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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## 'Elf the Musical' Performances Begin Dec. 21

"Elf the Musical" will be performed at the Tennessee Performing Arts day, Dec. 17, 2022. Come to The Country Mart at 1045 W. Main St., Center, James K. Polk Theater, 505 Deaderick St., Nashville. Shows start Monteagle, from 10 am. to 4 pm. Photos are \$5 for each group setting. on Dec. 21 and run through Jan. 1. The cast includes Sewanee Profes-

Bring your camera or iPhone and MARC volunteers will take the pictures. sor & Chair of Theatre Department James Crawford as Walter Hobbs.

Based on the hit holiday movie, Buddy mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. Raised as an elf, he is unaware that he is actually human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. Just like the 2003 New Line Cinema hit, "Elf" is a modern-day holiday classic sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

> Go to <a href="https://nashvillerep.org/elfthemusical">https://nashvillerep.org/elfthemusical</a> for show times and ticketing information.

## The Essence of Their Ticking: **Arlyn Ende & Jack Hastings**

Tinney Contemporary offers "The Essence of Their Ticking," a retrospective of the lives and works of Jack Hastings and Arlyn Ende.

The work captures and crystallizes the range, depth, and diversity of two artists whose creative partnership spanned five decades. The title, adapted from one of Jack's poems, alludes to the nature and heart of their journey.

In travel and sojourns in Europe and cities across the U.S., they left their sculptures and textiles permanently installed in schools, parks, hospitals, office buildings, houses of worship, banks, and private residences. Awards in design competitions, and shows in galleries and museums provided additional creative latitude and economic foundation for developing new ideas.

The retrospective will be on display through Saturday, Jan. 7. The closing reception is from 2–8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 7. Tinney Contemporary is located at 237 Rep. John Lewis Way, Nashville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about the collection email <info@tinneycontemporary.com>.

> The Town of Monteagle Wishes you a joyful & Blessed Thristmas & a Happy New Year

## Community Art Shows

The Franklin County Arts Guild (FCAG) offers Community Art Shows each year to promote the arts in Franklin County and the surrounding area. The Franklin County Arts Guild invites original contributions from artists of all ages in any media for inclusion in its Community Arts Shows at the Artisan Depot. Individuals wishing to submit work for a community show should submit their work at the Artisan Depot on published intake dates during gallery operating hours. Each artist is free to interpret the theme of each show as they wish. All work must be submitted ready for display. Membership in the Guild and gallery fees are not required for these shows but members can participate. Works can be submitted for sale or not for sale (NFS).

Community Art Shows in-

"Recycled and Reimagined," on view through Jan. 29.

"Languages of Love," Feb. 2– April 2, intake dates, Jan. 26–29, opening reception, Friday, Feb.

"Being a Flower is a Big Responsibility," April 6-May 29, intake dates, March 30-April 1, opening reception, Friday, April

"Something for Children," June 1–July 30, intake dates, May 25–28, opening reception, Friday,

The Artisan Depot is operated by the Franklin County Arts Guild and is located at 204 Cumberland St. East, Cowan. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information go to <a href="http://www.franklincoarts">http://www.franklincoarts</a>. org/>.





## SAS MS **Basketball** Rallies for Win

On Dec. 8, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School boys' middle school basketball team hosted Monteagle Elementary School. The Mountain Lions were down 19 to 7 at the half and 20 to 10 after the third quarter. Despite several key players fouling out of the game, SAS rallied in the fourth quarter, outscoring the visitors 18 to 8, allowing the team to earn a 33 to 28 victory. Harper Thompson played the best game of his season, scoring a team-leading 25 points, with 18 coming in the fourth quarter. Harper also went 4-for-5 from the free throw line during his fourth quarter run. Max Goodpaster contributed six points. Mark Rodgers and Bryce Archambault played exceptionally well. Ed Smith, Emmanuel Akodhe, Lennon Kilgore, and Kevin Shima had excellent games coming off the bench. Coach Helvey said after the game, "The boys faced a tough team, and we worked hard for the victory." The victory improves the Mountain Lions record to 6 and 2.

# **HOME**

4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Marion County

5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Marion County

1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, Women's Basketball vs. Bob

6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 6, Women's Basketball vs. Hen-

8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 6, Men's Basketball vs. Hendrix

1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, Women's Basketball vs.

3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, Men's Basketball vs. Rhodes 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, SAS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Berean Academy

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, SAS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Berean Academy

5/7 p.m., SAS Middle School Basketball vs. Swiss

2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, SAS Swimming Snowball Invitational

## Shelbyville Central and Cascade

On Dec. 8, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity swim team competed against swimmers from Shelbyville Central High School and Cascade High School. The SAS swimmers defeated SCHS 139 to 110 and CHS

First place finishes were earned by multiple SAS swimmers: Sienna Barry, 100 freestyle (1:05.99); Jack Frazier, 200 freestyle (1:55.29) and 100 butterfly (56.63); Loulie Frazier, 200 freestyle (2:22.82) and 500 freestyle (6:37.18); Reese Michaels, 50 freestyle (29.88) and 100 breaststroke (1:30.99); Sarah Russell Roberson, 200 IM (2:29.17); Toby Van de Ven, 500 freestyle (6:16.39). Jack Frazier and Roberson earned TISCA State Championship Qualifying Times in their individual events, while Barry, Loulie Frazier, Michaels, and Van de Ven earned MTHSSA Region Meet Qualifying Times in their individual events.

Time improvements were achieved in 94 percent of the varsity swims at the meet, including significant time improvements from Aidan Gruman on the 50 freestyle (4.18 seconds drop) and 100 freestyle (19.80 seconds drop), Ellie Jenkins on the 500 freestyle (22.95 seconds drop), Javier Jimenez-Arellano on the 50 free (1.07) and 100 Free (14.59), Christina Kincaid on the 50 free (12.01 seconds drop), and Toby Van de Ven with a season drop of 18.13 seconds and lifetime best time in the 500 freestyle.

SAS middle school swimmers also competed at the meet, although there were no middle school opponents. Middle school swimmers completed challenge events based on their skill level and experience. Eighth grader Maya Davis and sixth graders Flynn Allen, Asher Kavur, Archer Ladd, Kyla Kilgore, and Jane Shealy all completed their first 200 yardd freestyle. Seventh graders Martin Brodsky and Will Roberts both completed their first 500 freestyle. Seventh grader Konrad Knoll also completed the 500 freestyle, dropping 32 seconds off his best time from last season with a 6:16.51, while classmate and teammate Sam Frazier swam a new best time of 2:25.54 in the 200 Individual Medley.

## **SAA Releases Fall All-**Sportsmanship Teams

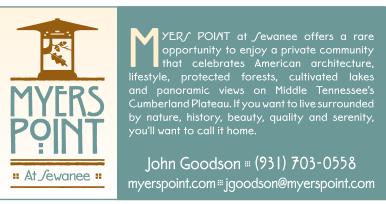
Announced on Dec. 9 by the Southern Athletic Association (SAA), the conference office released the Fall All-Sportsmanship Teams for the sports of cross country, field hockey, football, soccer and volleyball.

The SAA places a special emphasis on good sportsmanship, great character, and fair play among all competitors.

Selected by the head coaches, below are the representatives from the University of the South.

Men's Cross Country, Max McCloud; Women's Cross Country, Jean Tankard; Field Hockey, Abbey Sohonage; Football, Michael McGhee; Men's Soccer, Stewart Miller; Women's Soccer, Hadley Richardson; and Volleyball, Lexi Williams.





## SAS Varsity Swimmers Defeat SAS Varsity Wrestling Update

St. Andrew's-Sewanee Boys' and Girls' wrestling teams competed against three teams this past week: Franklin Co. High School, Sequatchie Co. High School and Chattanooga Central High School. Junior Dimitri Sherril led the boys team going 5-0 for the week with four pins. Tom Karanja went 3-1 with one pin. Jack Hale went 2-2 with two pins and Jonte Wedig went 1-1 with a pin. On the girls' side, state champions Melanie Val and Verena Pate both went undefeated for the week. Melanie got three victories all by pin. Verena got two victories also by pin. Junior Ellie Jenkins also racked up two wins by pin. Anna Bridgers, Beckler Durst, Hadlee Hale, and Stella Wilson all earned wins by forfeit. Julie Sumter lost one match but wrestled well against a state qualifier.

## SAS Girls' MS Basketball Earn Two Victories

On Dec. 5, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School girls' middle school basketball team defeated Coalmont, 32-8. High scorer for the Mountain Lions was Annabelle Close with 14 points. In addition, Savannah Blosser scored eight points, Claire Christopher scored four points, and Ruby McDougal, Josie Stevens and Catherine Barnett each scored two points.

On Dec. 8, the Mountain Lions won in a hard-fought game against Monteagle, 33-27. High scorers were Annabelle Close and Ruby Mc-Dougal with eightpoints respectively. Other outstanding performances included Savannah Blosser with six points and Aubrey Blosser with three points. Claire Christopher, Josie Stevens, Adeline Pond, Catherine Barnette each scored two points. "Our team played great defense," commented Coach Lowe. "We boxed out and rebounded well. It truly was a team effort." The team moves to 3-5 for the year.

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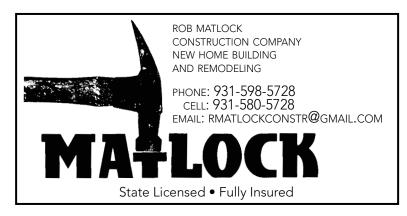
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## **NATURENOTES**

by Yolande Gottfried

#### The Woods in Winter

Winter gives us a chance to appreciate our woods with a fresh perspective. Instead of a mass of green, we can enjoy the silhouettes of the tree crowns against the sky, especially against a colorful winter sunset or that special blue-green that follows the brighter colors. Perhaps you can pick out the thick twigs of a hickory or the pale grey trunk of a tulip poplar with its black chevrons. We become aware of the many little beeches scattered among the larger trees because they hold on to their papery tan leaves. This retention of dried leaves through the winter is called marcescence, a fun word to know. Its purpose isn't known for sure, but some theories are to provide mulch in the spring when the leaves do fall for nutrients, shading the soil, or moisture retention. Another thought is that it may discourage browsing by wildlife. Some oaks also follow this pattern, retaining leaves on their lower branches, which might lend support to that theory. Green shows up against the grey and brown of the tree trunks – many small white pines. In the eastern US, they are the most shade-tolerant pine and the only one that will grow under deciduous trees. In Tennessee, they are native in the northern part of the plateau and east in the mountains, and in disjunct areas on the western Highland Rim. Around Sewanee they have been planted and have spread from there. The evergreen holly is not as abundant as the little white pines but is easier to spot in the winter woods than in the spring. We don't seem to have much mistletoe right around Sewanee but elsewhere, that too shows up in the denuded trees. Pine, holly, and mistletoe - our winter celebration greenery.







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#### Sunday, Dec. 18

Ranger Falls Winter Hike (\$10). Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please pre-register at link above) — Join Ranger Todd Childress at 8:45 a.m. CST at Stone Door Ranger Station (Savage Gulf North), 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, to hike to the Great Stone Door to enjoy its panoramic overlook before traveling down the passageway into the Big Creek Gulf toward Ranger Falls. This destination hike is 7 miles and can be very rugged due to the rocky terrain and steep elevation changes. This waterfall is unique since it disappears into a cave under the falls. Bring or wear good hiking boots, weather-appropriate clothing, pack a lunch and extra water. This program is weather permitting. Guests will be emailed if cancellation is required.

Savage Gulf — Night Hiking at Stone Door (\$10). (This hike is limited to the first 10 people to register. Please pre-register at link above)—Join Ranger Spencer Baxter at 6:15 p.m. CST at Stone Door Ranger Station (Savage Gulf North), 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile roundtrip hike to the Stone Door Overlook and several other overlooks. Experience the beauty of the evening sky in beautiful Savage Gulf State Park. Bring your own (non-phone) flashlight, sturdy hiking shoes or boots, weather-appropriate clothing, and your adventurous spirit. This hike is weather-permitting. Hiking at night means the potential to trip and fall exists, so care is needed at all times.

#### Saturday, Dec. 24

**Christmas Eve Hike (\$5)** — Meet Ranger Ryan Harris at 9 a.m., 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd, Tracy City. Hike the day before Christmas on the infamous Fiery Gizzard trail. We will hike out to Sycamore Falls from the Grundy Forest North trailhead. This trail offers beautiful creek crossings, rock formations, and old growth timber forest. This is a three mile difficult to streneous trail. Come prepared by dressing weather appropriately and by bringing water and snacks for the trail.

#### Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023

First Day Hike (\$0-\$20/attendance/donation). (Registration required; please pre-register at link above)—Let go of the holiday stress by bringing in the New Year with South Cumberland State Park for the "First Day Hike"! Meet Ranger Hannah Sheley at 11:45 a.m. at the Lost Cove East Trailhead (take Jump Off Road to Old CCC Camp Rd., go just past Coyote Cove Lane) to go on the 3-mile Sherwood Day Loop. This hike offers beautiful overlook views and awesome geological features! The trail has some slight elevation changes, but nothing too strenuous. Please wear hiking shoes and bring some water and a snack.

Savage Day Loop with State Naturalist—Join State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath at 9:45 a.m. at Savage Gulf South Trailhead, 3177 S.R. 399, Palmer, for a walk at Savage Gulf to see panoramic views of the gulf, suspension bridges, and beautiful winter forest. This is an easy 6 miles doing the Day Loop and short sections of the North and South Rim Trails. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch and plenty of water.

Savage Gulf - Stone Door First Day Hike — Park Ranger Mark Greenwood at 1 p.m., at the Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba, for a New Year's Day at the Stone Door Ranger Station. Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothing for the hike. Please also bring any desired snacks and water, as these are not provided. Weather permitting. This is a basic, introductory hike to the great Stone Door. The challenge lies mostly in the overall distance. This First Day hike will be a moderately paced one-mile-there and one-mile-back hike totaling about 2 miles. We sometimes discuss what we see, sometimes just chat, and sometimes just enjoy what we see around us.

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

#### **WFATHER**

DAY	DATE	HI LO	Week's Stats:				
Mon	Dec 05	52 51	Avg max temp =	60			
Tue	Dec 06	63 63	Avg min temp =	53			
Wed	Dec 07	64 60	Avg temp =	56			
Thu	Dec 08	63 58	Precipitation =	4.21"			
Fri	Dec 09	63 43	•				
Sat	Dec 10	59 51	Reported by Sandy Gilliam				
Sun	Dec 11	53 42	Domain Ranger				





Taddy



Summer

## MARC's Mountain Adoptables Meet Taddy & Summer

Taddy is one entertaining cat. He is an around five months old Orange Tabby. When he's not curled up in the coziest spot he can find — currently the highest part of the tallest cat tower — he's zooming around the house, trying to wrestle with every other cat he sees! Nothing phases him: not the dog, not the vet, not the roomba, not being picked up and held like a baby (although he'd rather you didn't). Once he's done zooming, he'll join you on the couch for a good snooze fest. Taddy is one fun fellow just waiting for you to adopt him and make him part of your family.

Summer is the life of the party! She is ready for a run or a hike or a job to do. Summer is around three years old and a golden color weighing around 35 lbs. She has had a rough life chained to a dog house but is still a sweet girl despite all that. Summer will want instructions on house manners and crate training. She is a little too interested in cats to be safe so a "no cat home" will be best. Summer will be a wonderful companion for an active family or person. Don't miss out on this diamond in the rough.

If you would like to learn more about Taddy and Summer, please fill out an Adoption Application on the MARC website <www.marc4change.org> or contact Sue Scruggs at (423) 619-3845. These pets are fostering on the Sewanee-Monteagle Mountain and are easy to meet. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives.

and preventatives.

MARC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization. It is not a shelter and relies on foster homes to save animals. MARC also provides low cost and free spay/neuter procedures for animals and is available for teaching humane education.

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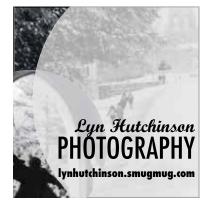
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#### **Community Calendar** (continued from page 12)

5:30 p.m. Pilates, Intermediate, Bruce, 293 Ball Park Rd. 6 p.m. FC School Board, 215 S. College St., Winchester

#### Tuesday, Jan. 10

8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.

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

11 a.m. La Leche League, Zoom, <LaLecheLeaguesewanee@gmail. com> for link

4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market, pickup, Community

Center, until 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Social Dance class, Lorenz, Community

#### Wednesday, Jan. 11

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

10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.

3 p.m. Gymnastics, Georgia, Community Center 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

5:30 p.m. Pilates, Intermediate, Bruce, 293 Ball Park Rd

#### Thursday, Jan. 12

8 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Mon-

teagle, until 9:15 a.m. 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Club Assembly, La Bella Pearl's

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

5:30 p.m. Ecstatic Dance, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:30 p.m,.

Karate (age 6+), Cimino-Hurt, Legion Hall, until 7:30 p.m.; more info/sign up, <jm.hurt@gmail.com> or text (703) 801-4754

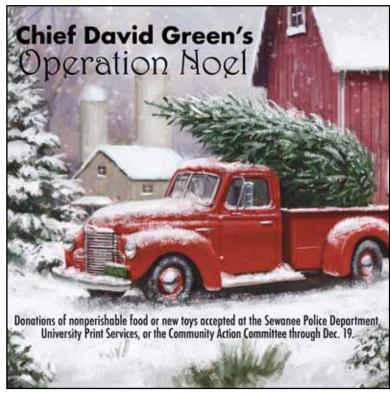
## Friday, Jan. 13

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

9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle,

10 a.m. Game Day, Senior Center, until noon

10 a.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center





## **FROMBARDTOVERSE**

by Robin Bates

#### Christmas

You can't exactly call it greed When birds at feeders feed and feed On endless quantities of seed;

It's sleeping in the cold all night And doing prodigies of flight That gives a bird an appetite.

They wait their turns with impatience Perched on the cedar by the fence Like so many Christmas ornaments,

Cardinal, goldfinch and chickadee, Turning it, trismegistically, Into an ancient Christmas tree

With angels hurrying to and fro Feasting and flying and doing a show For watchers on the earth below.

--Scott Bates, The Bird Watcher's Christmas Dinner



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#### Friday

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

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

6:30 p.m., AA, open, Morton Memorial, Wesley House porch, Monteagle Monday

5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group, Brooks Hall, (931) 327-7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

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

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

10 a.m., AÅ, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493 7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

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

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

## Community Calendar

#### Friday, Dec. 16 • Last Messenger of 2022

GC Schools Abbreviated Day Last Day to turn in Operation Noel forms

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country

Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m. Game Day, Senior Center, until noon

10 a.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center 2 p.m. Holiday Market (proceeds go to Operation Noel), Sewanee Elementary, until 3:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, Dec. 17

8:30 a.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Robie, Community Center, until 9:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:45 a.m.

10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m. 10 a.m. MARC Santa Pictures with Children & Pets, Country Mart, 1045 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 4 p.m.

#### Sunday, Dec. 18 • Hanukka Begins

1 p.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center, and at 2:30 p.m.

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

#### Monday, Dec. 19

GC Schools Christmas Break, through Jan. 2, 2023 8:45 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Community Cen-

ter, until 11:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermediate, Bruce, 293 Ball Park Rd.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 20

FC Schools Abbreviated Day

8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.

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

9 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m. 9 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.

11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City

noon Pilates, intermediate, 293 Ball Park Rd. 12:30 p.m. Caregivers' Suport Group, Brooks Hall, Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul

4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, High Vibes, Country

Mart, Monteagle, until 6:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Robie, 293 Ball Park

6:30 p.m. Social Dance class, Lorenz, Community Center

#### Wednesday, Dec. 21 • First Day of Winter

FC Schools Christmas Break, through Jan. 2, 2023 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park

5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermediate, Bruce, 293 Ball Park Rd.

#### Thursday, Dec. 22

MC Schools Abbreviated Day

SAS Christmas Break, through Jan. 8, 2023 8 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Coun-

try Mart, Monteagle, until 9:15 a.m.

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 9 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.

10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga Pippa, Zoom, <pippabrowne@yahoo.com> noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park

5:30 p.m. Ecstatic Dance, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:30 p.m,.

#### Friday, Dec. 23

MC Schools Christmas Break, through Jan. 8, 2023 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 25 • Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 26 • Boxing Day (Canada), Kwanzaa, Christmas Day Observed

#### Tuesday, Dec. 27

8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 9 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country

Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m. 4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup,

Community Center, until 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, High Vibes, Country

Mart, Monteagle, until 6:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Robie, 293 Ball Park Rd.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 28

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Community Cen-

ter, until 11:45 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

#### Thursday, Dec. 29

8 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 9:15 a.m.

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga Pippa, Zoom, <pippabrowne@yahoo.com>

#### Friday, Dec. 30

Deadline for Housing Sewanee applications 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 10 a.m. Game Day, Senior Center, until noon

#### Saturday, Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve Sunday, Jan. 1, 2022 • Happy New Year

#### Monday, Jan. 2

10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermediate, Bruce, 293 Ball Park Rd.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 3

FC Schools Staff Development; Classes Resume

GC Schools Classes Resume 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, drivethrough pick-up only, until 10 a.m.

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid

Bakery, Tracy City

noon Caregivers' Support Group, Brooks Hall, Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul 4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup,

Community Center, until 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Robie, 293 Ball Park

6 p.m. Monteagle Regional Planning Commis-

sion, conference room, City Hall 6:30 p.m. Social Dance class, Lorenz, Community Center

#### Wednesday, Jan. 4

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

10 a.m. Sewanee Writers' Group, 212 Sherwood

10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center,

until 11:15 a.m. 3 p.m. Gymnastics, Georgia, Community Cen-

5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center 5:30 p.m. Pilates, Intermediate, Bruce, 293 Ball Park Rd

#### Thursday, Jan. 5

Lease Agenda Deadline, <crfulmer@sewanee.edu> 8 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Coun-

try Mart, Monteagle, until 9:15 a.m. 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Club Assembly, La Bella Pearl's

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Ecstatic Dance, High Vibes, Country

Mart, Monteagle, until 6:30 p.m,. 6 p.m. Karate (age 6+), Cimino-Hurt, Legion Hall, until 7:30 p.m.; more info/sign up, <jm.hurt@gmail.com> or text (703) 801-4754

#### Friday, Jan. 6

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m. 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country

Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m. 10 a.m. Game Day, Senior Center, until noon

10 a.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center

#### Saturday, Jan. 7

8:30 a.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Robie, Community Center, until 9:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m. YinYoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m. 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.

#### Sunday, Jan. 8

1 p.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center, and

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

#### Monday, Jan. 9

MC Schools Classes Resume

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Classes Resume

8:45 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, (Continued on page 11)