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Artists' Holiday Studio Tour

Tennessee Craft-South invites the public to the 2025 Artists' Holiday Tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in Sewanee, Monteagle, Wartrace, and Bell Buckle.

Now celebrating its 30th anniversary, Tennessee Craft-South is the regional chapter of Tennessee Craft, a statewide organization dedicated to supporting and promoting handmade arts and crafts throughout Tennessee.

During the weekend, visitors can explore studios and galleries featuring the work of local and regional artists in a wide variety of media, including textiles, sculpture, jewelry, pottery, painting, metalwork, and woodwork.

Sewanee stops include the studios of Judith Condon, Pippa Browne, Diane Getty, Ben Potter, Claire Reishman, and Merissa Tobler, along with the American Legion Hall, the Spencer Room at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, and Frame Gallery Gifts and Art.

In Monteagle, open studios and galleries include those of Cheryl Lankhaar, Jim Clendenning, Linda Kerlin, Terrie Ponder Watch, and The Gallery at Monteagle Assembly. In Bell Buckle, Sherri Warner Hunter will open her studio, and the Wartrace Emporium in nearby Wartrace will also participate. Light refreshments will be available at most locations.

A group exhibition of work by Tennessee Craft-South members, SAS faculty, and students will once again be featured in the St. Andrew's-Sewanee Art Gallery, located in the Simmonds Building at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. The exhibition is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will also be open to visitors during the Holiday Studio Tour.

The Empty Tables Project returns this year at the American Legion Hall in Sewanee. This artist-led initiative, sponsored by Tennessee Craft-South, supports the Community Action Committee, Grundy County Food Bank, and Morton Memorial Church by raising awareness about local hunger. Participating artists donate artwork in exchange for contributions, with all proceeds used to purchase food for those in need.

This year's 2025 Artists' Holiday Studio Tour sponsors are: Artisan Depot, Big A Marketing, Blue Chair, Cardinal Lake Pottery, Eco E-Bikes, First Choice Storage, Full Circle Candle/Hallelujah Pottery, Frame Gallery Gifts and Art, The Lemon Fair, LUNCH, Montee Tailored Smiles, Mooney's Market & Emporium, Mountain Goat Market, Phil Ponder Prints, John Runkle Architects, Sewanee Realty LLC, Shull Chiropractic Clinic, PLLC, Sublime Haven, and Woody's Bicycles.

Bright yellow signs will mark the tour route, and maps are available at all tour and sponsor locations, in the Sewanee Mountain Messenger, and online at tennesseecraft.org/members/chapters/south.

Tennessee Craft-South is an active and engaged chapter of Tennessee Craft. South members have year-round opportunities to gather, network, exhibit, and sell work.

Greening of the Chapel

Join us on Friday, Dec. 5, for the beloved tradition of Greening All Saints' Chapel, as we prepare for the 66th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols (Dec. 6 and 7). Greening of the Chapel begins at 9 a.m. All levels of experience are welcomed and very much needed. We also encourage you to bring any treasures from your garden (dried hydrangea, nandina, and other berries, unusual evergreen clippings, etc.) which can be used to decorate wreaths and garlands. Food and beverages will be supplied throughout the day which are provided by the Chapel. Come anytime and stay as long as your schedule allows.

The Greening of the Chapel has become a tradition for many — many expressing that it begins, for them, the Advent season. Ken Taylor, of Taylor's Mercantile, will direct the day's activities.

The tour of the Lessons and Carols decorations at All Saints' Chapel, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7, has been canceled.

Christmas Tree Lighting at Angel Park

The Sewanee Christmas Tree Lighting will be from 4:45-5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at Angel Park in downtown Sewanee. Carols will begin at 4:45 p.m. Santa will arrive by fire truck around 5 p.m., followed by the tree lighting, visits with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies. Bring unwrapped toys for Chief David Green's Operation Noel, or canned goods and hygiene items for the Community Action Committee.

Monteagle Christmas Parade

The Monteagle Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, Dec. 6. This year's theme is Santa's Workshop. Parade lineup is at 2:30 p.m., at the Flea Market. The parade begins at 3:30 p.m. Meet with Santa after the parade at Harton Park.

Cowan Christmas Market

The Cowan Christmas Market 5-8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. The event will be at the Monterey Station, 104 Monterey St., Cowan. There will be pictures with Santa, crafts games, live music, dance performance, food trucks and more.

The Cowan Christmas Parade will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6.

Monteagle Approves \$99K Flow Study, AR Purchase

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Nov. 24 meeting, the Monteagle Council approved a flow study, cost \$99,350, to continue ongoing work to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) of groundwater into the sanitary sewer system. The council also approved the purchase of eight automatic rifles, cost \$17,976, for use by the police department. The council deferred a decision on an ordinance amendment that stipulated projects under 1,000 square feet did not require a site plan or planning commission approval.

The three-month flow study will measure I&I entering the sewer system from the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly and two satellite areas Monteagle treats sewage for, Tracy City and the Grundy County Housing Authority. I&I puts an unnecessary burden on the city's wastewater treatment system, taxing its capacity. The cost of the study "will be reimbursable," said Mayor Greg Maloof who anticipates receiving grant money for the I&I reduction project. In conjunction with the flow study, the council approved the purchase of a flow meter to measure I&I entering the system from the Grundy Housing Authority, cost \$9,031. Flow meters to measure I&I from the Assembly and Tracy City have already been installed.

Asked about the purchase of the automatic rifles, Monteagle Police Officer Gus Raby explained, "They are rifles, not fully automatic machine guns. Us not having them puts us at a disadvantage." The department currently owns three nonfunctional automatic rifles. "A few officers carry our own personal ones," Raby said. The rifles are equipped with suppressors to "quiet the noise down," a benefit to bystanders and officers not wearing ear protection and an aid in helping officers distinguish enemy fire, Raby maintained. He stressed the suppressors are not silencers. The cost of the rifles will be drawn from the drug fund. Alderman Dean Lay "passed" on the vote.

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Photo from the William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections. Date unknown.

SES Prepares for 100th Celebration

Sewanee Elementary School students are learning about the history of this community-built school. Construction began in 1924 and in 1926 the doors opened!

The Celebration Planning Committee is planning a Birthday Bash on Friday, May 8, 2026. Do you have a memory to share? The committee will gladly receive photos from alumni of the school as they prepare for the event. Reach us at [1926ses@gmail.com](mailto:<1926ses@gmail.com>) or via this google form: <https://forms.gle/Z9LdYzgeUZUAbDN66>.

Operation Noel

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.

Operation Noel is a group that was formed many years ago by Fire Chief David Green 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 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. Please see page 15 of this issue for the application.

The deadline for returning applications is Friday, Dec. 12. 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.

To donate money, nonperishable food items or new toys, please take items to the Sewanee 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). Checks may also be mailed to Chief David Green's Operation Noel, 138 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee, TN 37375. Please donate by Monday, Dec. 15.

Food and toys will be available for pickup in the large parking lot beside Cravens Hall, 435 Kentucky Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers will be there to assist in loading of the items. Food and toys will not be delivered. You have to pick up your order. No one else may pick it up for you.

If you have any questions, please call (931) 598-0040 and leave a message, or call (931) 308-6534.

66th Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

On Dec. 6 and 7, All Saints' Chapel will host the 66th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. The 4 p.m. service on Saturday has reserved seating and requires a ticket for entry, although unclaimed tickets may be released one hour prior to the service. The other two services, 7 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday, feature open seating, and tickets are not required for attendance. Doors open an hour in advance of each service, and overflow seating will be available as needed. All three services will be livestreamed <https://vimeo.com/event/167828> for family and friends who are unable to attend in person. We hope you will join us.

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I am not a turkey!

Summary of the November 2025 Lease Committee Meeting

The following items were approved: October minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 775, located at 236 North Carolina Avenue, to Jeff and Ann Zivan; request to transfer Lease No. 689, located at 164 Willie Six Road, to ECCE, LLC; request for renovations to include an expanded front porch, rear porch, replace siding and roof, and new windows and doors on Lease No. 689, located at 164 Willie Six Road.

Leasehold information is available online at <leases.sewanee.edu> or by calling the lease office at (931) 598-1998.

Please be sure and contact the Franklin County Planning and Zoning for any needed permits as well as the local utility companies to ensure there are no issues before beginning your project.

Planning and Zoning office, (931) 967-0981; Duck River Electric Membership Corporation, (931) 598-5228; Sewanee Utility District, water and sewer, (931) 598-5611; Elk River Public Utility District, natural gas, (931) 967-2110.

Agenda items are due by the fifth of each month for Lease Committee meetings. If the fifth falls on a weekend, then items are due the following Monday. Lease Committee meetings are normally the third Tuesday of the month.

Messenger Break Ahead

For the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Messenger will be on break Dec. 22, 2025 through Jan. 9, 2026. The staff will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, with the first issue of the new year on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026.

Important updates will be available on the website <http://sewaneemessenger.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@sewaneemessenger.com> or call the office at (931) 598-9949.

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Non-Exempt Positions: Access Services Coordinator, Library and Information Technology Services; Accounting Administrator, Facilities Management Administration; BAS (Building Automation Systems) HVAC Tech, Finance & Treasurer; Business Office Specialist for Accounts Payable, Finance & Treasurer; Campus Security Officer, On-Call, Public Safety, Sewanee Police Department; Catering Team Lead, Sewanee Dining; Fire Alarm Technician, Facilities Management; FitWell Group Exercise Instructor, Flourishing Wellness Center; Medical Assistant, University Health Services; On-Call Catering Attendant, Sewanee Dining; On-Call, Stable Assistant, Athletics, Equestrian



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

Hospitality Shop News

Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The Shop is located at 1096 University Ave., Sewanee.

As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed. Good donations are: fully assembled, working, and clean with all parts and pieces; free of mold, mildew, and smells; free of chips, breakage, food residue, grease, rust; free of rips, tears, stains, missing buttons, broken zippers or excessive wear.

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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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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

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8, at 215 South College St., Winchester. Link to FC Schools YouTube Board Meetings <www.youtube.com/franklincountyschoolstn-gy3lp>.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, with Jaylynn Stewart, Women's Basketball. The livestream will be available at <www.sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The in-person meeting will be at the McGriff Alumni House.

EQB Club

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

The Sewanee EQB Club will next meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:30 p.m., the Lead will be given by The Very Rev. Christopher L. Epperson, Dean of All Saints' Chapel and University Chaplain. Reverend Epperson's talk will be about his life journey to Sewanee and his vision for the future as Dean of the Chapel and University Chaplain.

Reverend Epperson brings to Sewanee more than 25 years of deeply rooted service in the Episcopal Church, including leadership in parishes of all sizes and in educational settings. From 2011 to 2025, he served as rector of Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, VA -- an historic congregation in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg with a vibrant liturgical life, a strong commitment to community outreach, and a close relationship with the College of William and Mary. His ministry is shaped by a compelling vision of worship, community, and theological inquiry, and his connection to Sewanee is longstanding.

Members are asked to contact Susan Horton, C'73, Membership Coordinator, at <sshorton22151@aol.com> for a luncheon reservation (\$20). Non-members or prospective members are always welcome to come at 12:25 p.m. to hear the presentation.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 11, for a Club Holiday Social for members. There will not be a meeting on Dec. 18 or Dec. 25.

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will meet for the regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the conference room at City Hall.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16 at the utility office, 150 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 Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

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CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, Dec. 7. All are welcome to contribute. Please bring your food offerings to St. James Episcopal in Midway, the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul for collection, or deliver directly to the CAC located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee.

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

This month CAC is in need of: macaroni & cheese, shelf stable milk, dry beans, canned green beans, pasta, and paper towels.

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

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church regular monthly food distribution takes place the second Saturday of the month. Distribution will be from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13. In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main St., Monteagle.

Local Food Available

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

29th Worldwide Candle Lighting

The Highland Rim Chapter of The Compassionate Friends will participate in the 29th Worldwide Candle Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 14, followed by a potluck. It will be in the Activity Center at The Church of Christ at Cedar Lane. Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. and bring a portrait of your child no larger than 8x10 and holiday foods to share. Family and friends are welcome. For information call: (931) 455-2964 or (931) 962-0458.

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting on the second Sunday in December unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who have died. As candles are lit at 7 p.m., Dec. 14, hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon. This ceremony creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. Hundreds of formal candle lighting events take place, and thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in homes, as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died but will never be forgotten.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Sundays During the Academic Year: 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.

Christ Church

On this Second Sunday in Advent The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Bishop Coajutor of The Diocese of the South of The Episcopal Missionary Church will be the Celebrant and Preacher at Christ Church Monteagle. He will give an update on some of his travels and his ministry. Our Sunday Service begins around 10:45 a.m. We serve lunch at noon and that provides a time for fellowship and sharing news, as well as providing to-go meals especially for those who are house bound. We completed our Shoebox shipment.

We do not know what the Weather will bring, but we urge people to use the Tower entrance on wintry days, even though we do put ice melting salt on the parking lot entrance.

City Light Church

City Light Church in Monteagle exists to see people changed by the love of Jesus and fulfill their purpose. We are located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle (right next to Ace Hardware) and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. You will experience passionate worship, powerful preaching, and a fun and exciting environment for your children. Our children’s ministry offers a safe and exciting environ-

ment for children newborn to fifth grade. Find out more at <www.citylightchurch.cc>.

Draw Near

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

Live Nativity

The historic Marble Plains Church, located at Tims Ford State Park, will sponsor a live nativity as part of the park’s first annual “Sleigh Bell Trail.” The decorated and lighted Christmas tree trail will be from 5–7 p.m., Dec. 6-11, with the live nativity scheduled for 5–7 p.m., Dec. 6-7. The event is open to the public to drive around the campground loop to view the Christmas lights and decorations. The trees and campsites will be decorated by local businesses, families, and supporters around the area. Other related events are scheduled at the park throughout the day on Dec. 6 including the Christmas Market at Spencer Hall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Location is 1200 Tims Ford Drive, Winchester.

Matthew 25:35 Drive-Thru Christmas Gifts

Cowan Cumberland Presbyte-

rian Church, in partnership with Matthew 25:35 Ministries, will host a drive-thru Christmas for infants and elementary school children, beginning at noon, Saturday, Dec. 20. The program will distribute toys, food, and Christmas stockings. Santa will be there too. First come, first served. Cowan C.P. Church is located at 206 W. Cowan St.

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The Men’s Breakfast Group meets

the first Saturday of the month. We gather each Sunday after church for refreshments and fellowship. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

This Sunday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m., for children (3 years old through fifth grade).

Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

<<https://www.tdworldministries.org>>

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-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

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

livestream Facebook

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Memorial Service

Stephen Wells Burnett

The Memorial Service for Stephen Wells Burnett who died on Oct. 24, 2025, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at The Parish of St. Mark’s and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. For complete obituary go to <https://www.csog.com/obituaries/stephen-burnett?ttm_pid=210234125&ttm_affiliate=legacypro&ttm_affiliatetype=standard&ttm_campaign=legacy>.

Obituaries

The Rev. Michael Emerson “Corky” Carlisle

Michael Emerson Carlisle died on Nov. 26, 2025, in his home in Sewanee, after courageously battling Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma for seven years. He was born in Lexington, Ky., on Aug. 7, 1947, to the late Ralph Emerson Carlisle and the late Thelma Willoughby Carlisle.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Bentley Carlisle; his son, Absalom Oketch Carlisle; and his cherished grandson, Michael Emerson Carlisle.

He is also survived by his surrogate grandchildren, Brarian Namonywa, Jean Bentley Namonywa, and Cliff Namonywa, each of whom he loved with deep and joyful devotion.

His family offers profound gratitude to Tennessee Oncology and especially Dr. Bertrand Anz III, whose exceptional care and compassion gave the gift of more time—more laughter, more stories, and more love—with him.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorial gifts to the following organizations that reflect Corky’s lifelong commitments to faith, justice, education, and compassionate service: Community Action Committee (CAC), Sewanee; Episcopal Relief & Development; Southern Poverty Law Center; University of the South – School of Theology, designate gifts to “Student Support”; St. Mark and St. Paul, Sewanee.

A Memorial Service will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, at All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee, followed by a reception at Convocation Hall. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Wayne Huston Smith

Wayne Huston Smith, age 71 of Winchester, died on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025, at his residence. A native of Franklin County, he was born on Jan. 12, 1954, in Winchester to the late Charles H. and Laura (Vaughan) Smith. A proud American, he retired from the United States Air Force, after serving at bases in Sumter, S.C., Upper Heyford, England, Seymour Johnson, N.C., and Bergstron Air Force Base in Texas. After returning home to Tennessee, he worked for the City of Cowan Water Department and at the University of the South. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as camping and travel. But most of all, Wayne cherished the time spent with his beloved family and loved to cook for them. A devoted Christian, he was a member of First Baptist Church in Cowan, where he served as deacon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Anita Smith; and daughter, Tisha Smith. Wayne is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sue Smith; children, Eric (Alica) Smith, Kendall Smith, and Carsyn Smith; two grandchildren; and brother, Chuck Smith. A private Celebration of Life is planned. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Church (continued from page 4)

Advent Study: On Tuesdays in this Advent (Dec. 9, 16), Rev. Tom Gildemeister will lead a study on Frederick Buechner: Writing for the Kingdom. This will take place in Brooks Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please bring a snack or drink to share.

This Sunday Dr. Pat Kelly, a noted international expert on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, will talk about the German theologian's response to the 1930's Nazification of Christian churches. The presentation is part of the SMSP Sunday Forum and will be from 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall. The series this year is focusing on issues of social justice.

Kelly says that Bonhoeffer was one of the public faces of those opposing the rise of Hitler and would ultimately pay with his life. Bonhoeffer's exploration of how Christians should respond to authoritarian oppression has made him an important figure in contemporary theology.

Kelly has a PhD in Systematic Theology from Yale University and taught at Lynchburg College for most of his career before coming to Sewanee as a Visiting Professor of Religion. He is most noted as the director and archivist of an extensive set of interviews, held with 43 persons who engaged in acts of resistance against Nazi policies before 1935 on grounds of Christian conscience. The interviews are archived in the Holocaust Museum and elsewhere.

Christmas Memorials: It is that time of year when the Altar Guild offers church members an opportunity to contribute to the beauty of our church during this blessed holiday season. Please consider honoring your family and friends

with a 2025 donation towards poinsettias and Christmas decorations. The Flower Fund donation is \$50, which may include up to six dedications per family in one donation. Please specify whether the gift is an honorarium as a thanksgiving dedication for living family and friends or a memorial gift for the dearly departed, including the names of those dedicated. Please email Cheryl Lankhaar at <cheryllankhaar@gmail.com>, no later than Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m., including exactly how you want your dedication to read.

Season of Angels Tree: The Christmas season is approaching, and CAC will once again host its Season of Angels Tree to help provide clothing and gifts for children in our CAC families. Sign-ups have just begun, so please keep an eye out in the coming days for gift tags on the tree in Kennerly Hall.

A Visit from St. Nicholas: Last year the children found oranges and notes from St. Nicholas in their shoes after Sunday School! Then the old Bishop of Myra himself showed up at Coffee Hour to exhort the crowd and pass out chocolate coins. Could it happen again? We'll all be looking for him Dec 7, the Sunday after the Feast of St. Nicholas.

Christmas Pageant: The annual parish Christmas Pageant will be at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at McCrory Hall, St. Andrew's-Sewanee.

Christmas Eve Services: 4:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, All Saints' Chapel; 9:30 p.m., Christmas Music and Holy Eucharist, All Saints' Chapel.

Christmas Day: 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist, St. Mark & St. Paul. No Sunday School or Nursery.

Monteagle (continued from page 1)

In other police business, Sargent Hafiz Karteron addressed a question about why Monteagle police responded to a call outside the Monteagle city limits. Karteron said Grundy County requested Monteagle's assistance. "It was a domestic call, so a priority call," Karteron insisted. "Whoever can get there fastest." Monteagle arrived first. The arrest for false imprisonment was made by Grundy County. "Mutual aid is common practice," Karteron said. "We have had 69 other mutual aids this year."

The proposed ordinance amendment excluding projects less than 1,000 square feet from requiring a site plan and planning commission approval only applied to commercial, multifamily, and industrial developments, Alderman Nate Wilson pointed out. Only a sketch plan would be required. Alderman Grant Fletcher took issue with the amendment. "If a new business comes in and it's going to be 800 square feet in one of those skinny ones along the frontage [greenway], they would not need a site plan, and I don't think that's a good idea. It has utility implications, all kinds of drainage implications, even though it's a small building. I want to see the sketch plan definition so we know it includes all the things needed for a new building," Fletcher said. "I think you're onto something," Wilson agreed. The council deferred a decision on the amendment pending receiving more detailed information on sketch plan requirements.

Going against Maloof's recommendation, the council approved transferring \$500,000 from the operations budget to the capital reserves account. Maloof argued for waiting until the end of the fiscal year in June before transferring projected excess from the operations budget. "I do not see the urgency. I think we can add to the balance at the appropriate time. No one can predict what the future holds between now and June 30."

Reporting on the Imagine Monteagle planning initiative, Fletcher said Monteagle received a \$20,000 Brownfields grant to hire an environmental engineer to identify possible contaminated sites. The town also received a \$97,000 Brownfields grant for assessment of a privately owned site to determine remediation possibilities. For the assessment to move forward the owners would need to temporarily transfer ownership to the town via a quit-claim deed, Fletcher noted. Following the assessment the property would be deeded back to the current owners.

Building inspector Travis Lawyer updated the council on the Mountain Inn which burned nearly a year ago. By law, the owners had six months to clean up the property. "I'm going to serve them a notice for condemnation of the building and seek demolition. It's the first time Monteagle has had to deal with this. I'm seeking a lien on the property for the city to be reimbursed on the demolition."

Monteagle's holiday calendar includes a parade at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, lineup at the flea market at 2:30 p.m.; and the Christmas Bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at City Hall.

The council will meet next on Monday, Dec. 15 instead of the regular meeting day on the last Monday of the month.

Call for SCA Board Nominations

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for open positions on the 2026-27 Board of Directors. Experience working in fundraising and for nonprofits is a plus, but any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is welcome.

Nominations are due by Monday, Feb. 16, 2026. The slate will be presented at the March 2, 2026 membership meeting. Voting will occur at the annual membership meeting on May 4. For more information, email at <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

Candidates Sought for SUD Board

In January 2026, the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties customers will elect two commissioners for four-year terms. Commissioner Donnie McBee will seek reelection. Commissioner Johnny Hughes will not seek reelection. All SUD customers are eligible to serve on the board. Customers wishing to be added to the ballot should contact a commissioner or phone the SUD office. The deadline for application is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16. The SUD board will approve a slate of nominees at the December meeting. Voting will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, Jan. 5, 2026, at the SUD office during regular business hours and continue until 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2025. Final selection will be by the vote of SUD customers.

2025 Holiday Tour

SEWANEE, MONTEAGLE, WARTRACE, BELL BUCKLE

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2 Exit 97 from I-24. Follow Rt. 64 to Wartrace. Turn left just before the Railroad tracks. The Emporium is on the right.

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Interstate 24

Exit 97 to WARTRACE and BELL BUCKLE

Exit 134

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1. Sherri Warner Hunter Studio
3375 Fairfield Pike
Bell Buckle, TN 37020
615-406-5004
See map for directions
• Sherri Warner Hunter—Mixed Media
Sculpture, Mosaic

2. The Wartrace Emporium
100 Main St. E.
Wartrace, TN 37183
931-703-6087
See map for directions
• Julie Barrett—Mixed Media

3. The Gallery
Monteagle Assembly Cottage 9-A
Monteagle, TN 37356
615-594-3208
• McCarty Pottery, Local Art

4. Jim Clendenen Studio
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Monteagle, TN 37356
Call for Gate Access: 615-337-4915
• Jim Clendenen—Photography, Encaustic

5. Cheryl Lankhaar
730 Dogwood Drive (Cliff Tops)
Monteagle, TN 37356
Call for Gate Access: 615-337-4717
• Cheryl Lankhaar—Oils, Prints

6. Linda Kerlin Studio
175 Water View Lane (Cooley's Rift)
Monteagle, TN 37356
423-605-1056
Gate: push # button then 2580
• Linda Kerlin—Mixed Media Paintings

7. Cardinal Lake Pottery
201 Water View Lane (Cooley's Rift)
Monteagle, TN 37356
678-984-9549
Gate: push # button then 2580
• Terrie Ponder Watch—Clay

8. Judith Condon Studio
451 Wildwood Lane (Deepwoods)
Sewanee, TN 37375
423-802-7691
• Judith Condon—Ceramics, Paper, Acrylic

9. The Spencer Room at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School
290 Quintard Rd.
Sewanee, TN 37375
• J. Denise Miller—Bookmaking, Gel Printing, Paintings
• Art Parry—Wood
• Susan Parry—Glass Jewelry, Ornaments, Sculpture
• Nancy Wallace—Paper Art, Books

10. St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Gallery
290 Quintard Road
Sewanee, TN 37375
• Studio Tour Exhibition—Selected works by Studio Tour participants, members of Tennessee Craft-South and SAS faculty, staff, students

11. Merissa Tobler Studio
25 Running Knob Hollow Road
Sewanee, TN 37375
931-636-3490
• G. Sanford McGee—Copper, Mixed Media

12. Pippa Browne Studio
82 Abbott Martin Lane
Sewanee, TN 37375
931-636-5317
• Pippa Browne—Mixed Media
• Franklin County Arts Guild

13. Claire Reishman Studio
102 Curlicue Road
Sewanee, TN 37375
931-691-5264
• Shore Griffin—Jewelry
• Claire Reishman—Pottery
• Faith Vaughn—Polymer Clay Earrings

14. Diane Getty Studio
136 Mikell Lane
Sewanee, TN 37375
931-308-7259
• Diane Getty—Fabric Collage
• Mary Lynch—Clay, Jewelry

15. Ben Pottery Studio
341 Kentucky Avenue
Sewanee, TN 37375
931-598-5773
• Ben Potter—Copper Sculpture

16. Frame Gallery Gifts & Art
12569 Solace Freeman Highway
Sewanee, TN 37375
931-463-2300
• Mixed Media, Local Artists

17. American Legion Hall
36 University Avenue
Sewanee, TN 37375
• Bill Mauzy—Wood
• Caroline Pate Polansky—Jewelry
• Sewing Sisters—Sewn Goods, Cards
• Nancy Gaye Woodlee—Organic Collage, Watercolor
• Empty Tables

SCCC Receives \$3,000 Grant

South Cumberland Community Clinic (SCCC) would like to express its gratitude to BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Community Trust for a \$3,000 grant to fund operations and clinic improvements. SCCC is honored to partner with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Community Trust.

The BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Community Trust is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all Tennesseans through charitable giving and community support. One area of focus is charitable clinics that support healthcare access for underserved populations.

The South Cumberland Community Clinic's mission is to provide free medical care to the uninsured and underinsured community across the South Cumberland Plateau, primarily serving Franklin, Grundy, and Marion counties of Tennessee.

Temporary Change to Glass and Aluminum Recycling

The small glass and aluminum hoppers in Sewanee will not be available between Dec. 10 and Jan. 5. Please unbag and place recyclables in the large dumpsters labeled for glass and aluminum.

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Rob and Phoebe Pearigen
invite members of the
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Pictured with their first place tree are (from left to right) Danielle Stiefel, Dana Banks, Shelly Landis, and Haley Sons. Not pictured: Sasha Phipps and Kassie Miller.

Winner Announced for Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

The Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail Trees are up, and the lights are on in Monteagle's Greenway. Drive by and enjoy the lights and on warm days walk the sidewalk and enjoy the creatively decorated trees.

Congratulations to Untangled Beauty Salon in Monteagle for winning first place in the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. The tree has many of the tools they use each day now creatively used as ornaments. "It was a team effort," they said. Second place went to Paco's Cantina whose tree has taco shells as ornaments. Third place went to Linda Brookhart and Loise Witherspoon for their Grinch Christmas tree which is a strange shade of green and leans a little.

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Upcoming Peace Crane Exhibit

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace and DuPont Library are pleased to announce they will be hosting a new peace crane exhibit in the library lobby. There have been three such exhibits since 1986 when CCJP, then called the Sewanee Peace Fellowship, sponsored the first one in conjunction with the Hands Across America project to raise awareness and funds for hunger and the unhoused. Besides the library exhibit, the Sewanee community also turned out on May 25, 1986, to form a human chain from the hospital to downtown. The most recent exhibit featured cranes representing service members who died during the Iraq-Afghanistan war. The upcoming exhibit will give everyone a chance to reflect on ways to achieve inner peace and healing during these divisive and turbulent times.

The coming exhibit will officially open on Feb. 20, 2026, the International Day of Justice, but you will soon notice the display beginning to grow in the lobby of the library. In addition to the traditional aerial display there will be a meditation room erected in the lobby of the library. The outside will be adorned with cranes but we need your help to make the cranes. We encourage the whole community to contribute to covering the outside of this room with cranes. You can contribute as an individual or as a group—a single crane or a whole exhibit of cranes.

Origami was first practiced in Japan in the 7th century. The crane in particular became popularly associated with hope, healing and peace in 1955 when Sadako Sasaki, a young woman who developed leukemia after the Hiroshima bombing, sought to make 1000, the number that by legend one made to bring healing. Sadako died before reaching her goal but her classmates and others finished making the 1000 cranes for her, raising awareness about the association of origami cranes with peace and healing. Children raised money to build the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima's peace park, and to this day people and groups from all over the world send the traditional 1000 cranes to the park for display.

You or your group can send the library single cranes or a display of cranes strung on fishing line (approximately 6.5' to hang down the sides of the tent plus extra line to attach). Traditionally exhibits number 1000 cranes but any number is accepted. We encourage attaching any messages relating to peace or healing you may have. The students at Sewanee Elementary School will anchor that exhibit with the cranes each student made for their celebration of the International Day of Peace in September. Drop by the library to pick up paper and instructions for folding cranes or come to folding workshops to be held periodically at the Community Center or around town. The first workshop in October included a professor and his six-year-old son and five sisters from out-of-town meeting for a reunion. The next workshop will be from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Sewanee Community Center. Stop by while out on the holiday gallery tour. Paper, instructions, demonstrations, and refreshments will be provided.

Watch for announcement of future workshops and for the official opening events, and stop by the library to see the progress and to have a little quiet time inside the meditation room.



Annual Greening of the Chapel

9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, All Saints' Chapel
Ken Taylor of Taylor's Mercantile will direct the day's activities in preparation for Lessons and Carols Weekend

Volunteer as a Reading Buddy

The Community Action Committee is working with Sewanee Elementary School to recruit reading buddies who can help out during library time for our young students. This partnership requires consistent volunteers who will read with students and help select books, while overall fostering a love for reading and providing support for the library program. If you are interested, contact Sarah at <cac@stmarkstpaul.org> to see how you can get involved.



I am not a turkey!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 5, last day of classes, School of Theology
 Dec. 8–12, Final Examinations, School of Theology
 Dec. 11, last day of classes, College
 Dec. 12, Reading Day, College
 Dec. 13–10, Final Examinations, College
 Dec. 19, Abbreviated Day, Franklin County, Grundy County
 Dec. 19–Jan. 5, Christmas Vacation, SAS
 Dec. 22–Jan. 2, Christmas Break, Franklin County, Grundy County, Marion County
 Jan. 5, No School, Staff Development, Franklin County, In Service Grundy County
 Jan. 12, First Day of Classes, University
 Jan. 16, Winter Convocation

SES MENUS

Monday–Friday
 Dec. 8–12
BREAKFAST

All reimbursable breakfast meals must include a minimum of three items with at least one being fruit or fruit juice. A variety of fruit, fruit juice & milk offered daily. All entrees = 2 items. Every effort will be made to follow the published menu; however, last minute changes may be necessary.

Monday, Dec. 8: Chocolate uncrustable, juice, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, Dec. 9: Sausage slider, juice, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, Dec. 10: Pizza, juice, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, Dec. 11: Steak biscuit, juice, fruit, milk.
 Friday, Dec. 12: Cinnamon roll, juice, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

All reimbursable meals must include a fruit or vegetable on the tray. Students may decline 2 of the 5 meal components – meat/meat alternative; grain; fruit; vegetable; milk. Daily offerings may include Yogurt Fun Packs and/or PB&J Power Packs.

Monday, Dec. 8: Chicken sandwich, trimmings, baked beans, waffle fries, whole pickle, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, Dec. 9: Chili, PB/honey sandwich, emoji potatoes, fresh broccoli, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, Dec. 10: Oven-roasted chicken, creamed potatoes, pinto beans, mac and cheese, roll, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, Dec. 11: Lasagna, side salad, corn, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Dec. 12: Pizza, seasoned potato wedges, fresh carrots, Ranch, fruit sorbet, fruit, milk.

For meal pricing, go to <<https://franklincountyttn.schoolinsites.com/menus-mealpricing>>.

Community Chest Needs You

The 2025-26 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$118,500 will help 19 local 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 the entire community. 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.

To date, 50 percent of the goal has been met. For more information go to <www.sewanee.org>. To give through PayPal Giving go to <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.



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TDOE Announces School and District Designations for 2024-25 School Year

459 Schools Across Tennessee Earned Reward School Designation

The Tennessee Department of Education announced state school and district designations for the 2024-25 school year, including Reward schools, Exemplary districts, and In Need of Improvement districts. These designations are based on various performance indicators, including student achievement and growth.

Across the state, the number of Reward schools increased from 377 in 2023–24 to 459 in 2024–25, representing a 22 percent increase. At the district level, the number of Exemplary districts increased from 10 in 2023–24 to 14 in 2024–25, reflecting a 40 percent increase. The number of In Need of Improvement districts decreased from nine in 2023–24 to eight in 2024–25, reflecting an 11 percent decrease. The complete list of district and school designations is available on the department's accountability webpage.

"Because of the dedication of Tennessee district, charter, and school leaders, along with our outstanding educators, we are proud to see their hard work demonstrated in these results," said Lizzette Reynolds, Commissioner of Education. "Congratulations to the 459 Reward schools and the 14 Exemplary districts for reaching this incredible milestone."

Each year, schools and districts are eligible for designations based on their overall performance across indicators that are essential to student success, including how they prepared students to be proficient (achievement), accelerated student learning (growth), encouraged students to attend school regularly (chronically out of school), prepared students for postsecondary success (graduation rate and Ready Graduate), and supported English learners acquiring language skills.

Schools are recognized as a Reward school when they demonstrate high levels of performance and/or improvement in performance by meeting objectives across performance indicators and student groups, and the Reward school distinction places significant emphasis on performance and improvement across all indicators from the prior school year.

Reward Schools in Franklin County: Broadview Elementary School, North Lake Elementary School and Sewanee Elementary School.

Reward schools, Exemplary districts, and In Need of Improvement districts were presented to the State Board of Education on Nov. 21 and received approval. All designations can be found on the department's accountability page <<https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/lea-operations/accountability.html>>.

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Monteagle Christmas Bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Monteagle City Hall. City Hall is located at 16 Dixie Lee Hwy, across from the Monteagle post office and next to May Justus Library. There will be 25 vendors available with skincare products, handcrafted jewelry, homemade soaps, sun catchers, bowl cozies & kleenex holders, gift baskets & ideas, plants, baskets, wreaths & pillows, flower arrangements, custom cutting boards, freshies, lavender syrups, deer jerky, dog treats, resin items, gourmet chocolates & cookies, wide selection of specialty breads and pretzel bites, resin items, variety of baked goods & desserts, cake pops & dipped treats and decadent French pastries.

May Justus Library will have activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Make sure you bring your children for Storytime at 10:30 a.m. and kids crafts throughout the event. Enjoy a light snack and take home a treat bag. As part of the library's summer reading fundraiser, Silent Auction baskets will be available for bidding.

Follow our Facebook page, Monteagle, TN Christmas Bazaar, <<https://www.facebook.com/events/803216055850186>>, for spotlights on our vendors and chances to win Bazaar Bucks to be spent at the event. During the event, there will be several drawings for T-shirts and Piggly Wiggly gift cards. We will be collecting donations for Easy's Dog Shelter (Tracy City) including treats and flea treatment.

We hope to see you at the Monteagle Christmas Bazaar and again at the Monteagle Christmas Parade that starts at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6.

GAAC Holiday Potluck

The Grundy Area Arts Council Holiday Potluck Gathering will be at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8, at the Littel-Partin Center in Tracy City. We welcome all creatives to join us for a celebration of current arts projects on the mountain and a discussion of future arts initiatives. Come early to hear the Junior Appalachian Musicians Program play through their semester repertoire at 4:30 p.m. We will be on the second floor — follow the sound of Bob Townsend's fiddlers! The address 14399 US-41, Tracy City.

Santa in the Park

St. James/Midway Community Park is hosting Santa in the Park, from 5–7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate with Santa. St. James/Midway Community Park is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee.

Sounding Stone Gallery Announces Soft Opening Holiday Art Show

Sounding Stone Gallery, a new art gallery located at the studio of stone sculptor Stephen Hutchins, will open its doors for the very first time on Dec. 6–7 with a Holiday Art Show and soft opening event. The studio will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A reception is from 5–8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6.

Located at 8406 U.S. 41 in Monteagle, Sounding Stone Gallery aims to become a place where fine craft and traditional art takes center stage. While the gallery is still shaping its long-term identity, its mission is to showcase up-and-coming and master artisans from across the Southeast and to host guest galleries from other cities, creating rotating exhibits where finely made work can be experienced up close.

The inaugural Holiday Art Show will feature a lineup of artists working in diverse mediums: Sarah Bogdal, printmaking; Brenda Butka, oil painting; Ryan Ghertner, ceramics; Richard Greathouse, oil painting; Stephen Hutchins, stone; Keith Killebrew, oil painting; Amber Lelli, glass, bronze, mixed media; Alan LeQuire, terra cotta, plaster, bronze; and Dan Pate, oil painting.

"We're a bit last minute putting this holiday show together — it's just a soft opening — but we're excited to welcome people into this space," said co-founder and sculptor Stephen Hutchins. "We're especially honored that Alan LeQuire, creator of the Athena sculpture in Nashville's Parthenon, has three sculptures in the show. From locals to world-renowned artists, this group of artists is a mash-up of mediums, but all are dedicated craftspeople."

Originally from New Hampshire but most recently coming from the Nashville area, Hutchins relocated with his wife and daughter to the Monteagle area seeking a closer connection to nature. His working stone studio sits behind the new gallery, giving visitors a glimpse into his process.

Sounding Stone Gallery seeks to celebrate fine craftsmanship, highlighting work created with intention, skill, and a respect for materials. The Holiday Art Show is the first step in building a place where artists and visitors alike can connect through the language of handmade work.

Winter Solstice Market Party and Potluck

The South Cumberland Farmer's Market is hosting a Winter Solstice Market Party and Potluck from noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ballpark Rd., Sewanee. Vendors will be set up indoors and along the sidewalk with everything from the last of the season's veggies, teas and tinctures, juices and prepared meals, meats and cheeses, craft and gift items, to sourdough, French pastries, cookies & cakes, and more! Pre-ordering is not required, but will take place online from 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17 until noon, Saturday, Dec. 20, if customers would like to secure holiday items in advance. Bring a dish or a drink to share and come enjoy mingling with other customers and meeting all the people that produce the food sold online at the market all year.

Sewanee Senior Citizens' Christmas Bazaar

The Sewanee Senior Center Annual Bazaar and Fundraiser will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at the American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., Sewanee. Pick up your favorite baked goods including cookies, bread, cakes, fudge and other goodies. There will also be handmade quilted items, stocking stuffers, Christmas decorations and gifts. This fundraiser is always a big part of the year for the Senior Center, and proceeds help fund the cost of meals. If you have any questions, contact: Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.

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Children's Christmas Party

Rob and Phoebe Pearigen invite you to the Children's Christmas Party. The party will be from 3:30–5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, at Convocation Hall. The fun includes food and gingerbread houses. RSVP at <sewanee.edu/rsvpchildrensparty>.

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Festival of Trees

The annual Festival of Trees at the Grundy County Heritage Center, hosted by the Grundy County Historical Society, brings the holiday spirit to life in Tracy City. The Festival of Trees will be through Dec. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Grundy County Heritage Center, 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. This festive event showcases creatively decorated Christmas trees contributed by local businesses, organizations, and residents, each uniquely representing community spirit and seasonal joy. Guests can enjoy holiday music while they browse the beautifully lit trees. Open throughout the holiday season, the festival is an excellent opportunity to support local heritage efforts and revel in community cheer. For more information contact <tnsouthcumberland@gmail.com>.

Holiday Open House

Rob and Phoebe Pearigen invite members of the Sewanee community for a Holiday Open House. The event will be from 2–4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at Clement Chen Hall. RSVP at <rsvp.sewanee.edu>.

Holiday Tour Exhibition in SAS Gallery

Vivid and inspiring creative work fills the SAS Gallery in the 2025 TN-Craft Holiday Tour Exhibition. Running through Dec. 7, 2025, the show provides a broad sampling of the pieces to be found in the 2025 TN-Craft South Studio Tour on Dec. 6–7, 2025.

The annual exhibition features works by TN-Craft South member artists and SAS faculty and staff. This year's show features textiles, ceramics, sculpture, photography, painting, and more. The 2025 Holiday Tour exhibition was juried by fiber artist and storyteller Zak Foster. Works by artists Merissa Tobler, Diane Getty, and Linda Kerlin were chosen for awards of merit.

During the weekend of the studio tour, Dec. 6–7, SAS students and community members will join the celebration by offering their ceramics, jewelry, textiles, and original artwork for sale. All can be found in the classroom adjoining the SAS Gallery.

The SAS Art Gallery and all of the Holiday Studio Tour locations will be open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The detailed map will guide you to the SAS Art Gallery and other tour locations. Hard-copy maps are available in the SAS Gallery. Follow the bright yellow signs across the mountain to see the unique variety of artists and artwork on the tour.

The SAS Art Gallery is located in the center of the Simmonds Building on the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School campus at 290 Quintard Rd., Sewanee. Follow signs to the Academic Complex/Gallery. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. Contact Gallery Director Kinion Asmus at <sasgallery@sasweb.org> for more information.

Thompson Exhibit at the Carlos Gallery

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present "It's hard to stop rebels that time travel," an exhibition by artist Raymond Thompson. The exhibition is on display through Dec. 11.

Raymond Thompson's "It's hard to stop rebels that time travel" is a photography project that utilizes archival fragments, historic ephemera, and Thompson's images to focus on individual stories of slaves, maroons, and runaways whose existence is only now revealed through traces in the collective archive. This project works to expand narratives about the Black experience and our connection to the "American" landscape. This work has been guided by local historic archives of runaway slave ads, lynching news articles, Black folklore, and other location-specific historical events. Maroons were enslaved people who had escaped their captors, but did not flee to the North. Instead, they choose to create a life in hard-to-access swamps or the wild spaces between plantations. The plantations can be considered "freedom practices." Through these recently reclaimed threads of stories, viewers can radically re-envision Black people's connection to the American landscape.

Raymond Thompson, an interdisciplinary artist, educator, and visual journalist, is based in Austin, Texas. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. His academic journey includes an MFA in Photography from West Virginia University, an MA in Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin, and a degree in American Studies from the University of Mary Washington.

Thompson explores how race, memory, representation, and place combine to shape the Black environmental imagination of the North American landscape. He won the 1619 Aftermath Grant (2023) and the 2021 Lenscatch Student Prize (2021). His work has been exhibited in numerous exhibitions, including the Fotofest Biennial - Ten by Ten: Ten Portfolios from the Meeting Place 2022–23 (2024). His work is held in the permanent collection of the Museum of Contemporary Photography, the Virginia Museum of Fine Art, and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. Raymond is the author of *Appalachian Ghost*, published in 2024 by the University Press of Kentucky.

Thompson's professional experience extends to freelance photography, where he has collaborated with renowned organizations such as The New York Times, The Intercept, NBC News, NPR, Politico, ProPublica, The Nature Conservancy, ACLU, WBEZ, Google, Merrell, Bloomberg Businessweek Magazine, and the Associated Press.


Carlos Gallery Visual Art Building is located at 105 Kennerly Rd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday.



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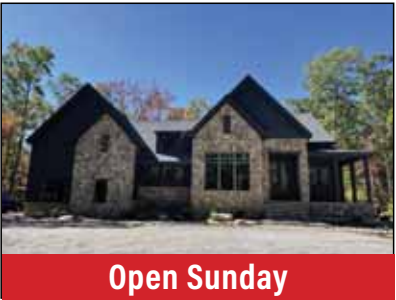
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Gardner Hits Five 3-Pointers, Bakken Posts Double-Double in Home Loss

SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball Update

JD Gardner netted 19 points and Jack Bakken recorded a double-double off the bench, but Sewanee struggled offensively and four Berea players scored in double figures in the Mountaineers' 80-69 win over the Tigers in men's basketball action on Nov. 30, at Juhan Gymnasium.

Sewanee made just 11-for-50 from 3-point range against a 1-3-1 matchup zone by Berea, with Gardner hitting five of those triples in the second half. Reid Carrier was 2-for-12 and Fletcher Bigham missed all seven of his attempts.

Bakken finished with 12 points and 17 rebounds, including 10 offensive boards, but 16 turnovers and all of the missed shots did not allow the Tigers to find a rhythm offensively.

Sewanee led 36-34 at the half behind eight points from Nikolas Avaliani and 10 rebounds by Bakken, but Berea registered nine of the first 11 points of the period, including two layups by Jae'dyn Gist and a 3-pointer and a field goal from Nathaniel Barrow.

Bakken's putback and a floater from Bigham pulled the Tigers within 45-42, but Bigham missed a three on the next offensive possession and Zach Hudson netted his 3-point attempt for the Mountaineers. Baskets by Braden Hudson and Andrew Jones pushed the Berea advantage to 55-45 with 10 minutes to play.

Gardner was Sewanee's only offense for a six-minute stretch thereafter, connecting on four 3-pointers, but the Tigers were unable to stop Berea on the defensive end, with layups by Anthony Hamm, Jaylen Black and Zach Hudson.

Gardner's third triple pulled Sewanee within seven before a 6-0 spurt by the Mountaineers, including two more baskets by Zach Hudson, pushed the lead to 67-54 with five minutes to

go. Gardner made another three before a field goal by Avaliani and a 3-pointer from Carrier got the Tigers within seven, 69-62, with just over two minutes left.

Berea connected on 8-of-10 free throws in the final 63 seconds, putting the game away.

Barrow posted a team-best 15 points while Zavian Douglas added 14. Zach Hudson finished with 13 points, Gist collected 12 and Black recorded nine points, four assists and five steals.

The Mountaineers led early thanks to 3-pointers from Douglas and Barrow as well as a put-back from Douglas, but Avaliani answered with a triple and a layup. Jacob Amonett's 3-pointer started an 11-5 run for Sewanee, with Bigham making a layup and triples from Carrier and Avaliani putting the Tigers in front, 21-14, and forcing a timeout by Berea.

Black posted two baskets for the visitors and Bryce Riley connected on a layup, cutting the Sewanee lead to three, but Amonett drilled his second 3-pointer of the period and Carrier's layup pushed the advantage back to seven.

Barrow posted his second triple of the half and Gist added two layups. Douglas registered a basket plus the free throw and Gist made two foul shots with 8.1 seconds left in the half, cutting the Tigers edge to 36-34 at the break.

Avaliani led the Tigers with eight points and Bakken collected 10 rebounds, six offensive, leading to eight second-chance points for the home team. Douglas paced the Mountaineers with 10 points.

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Varsity boys' basketball hosted Berean Academy for their home opener on Nov. 18. Berean started off hot and never let their foot off the gas. The final result was 74-30, with Berean taking home the win. Bryce Archambault led the team in Points with 11, Triumph Maina led the team in assists with three, and Harper Thompson led the team in rebounds with nine.

The SAS boys' basketball team travelled to Grundy County High School for their second game of the season on Nov. 19. The Mountain Lions struggled to put the ball in the net against Grundy's depth and physicality, resulting in a 81-26 loss. The Mountain Lions were led in points and rebounds by Harper Thompson with 14 and eight, respectfully, and Bryce Archambault led the team in assists with two.



Junior Annabelle Close

SAS Girls' Basketball Opens Season With Commanding Win

On Nov. 18, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School girls' varsity basketball team opened their season with a decisive 40-11 victory over Berean, starting the year at 1-0. Junior Annabelle Close and freshman Savannah Blosser led the scoring with nine points each. Senior Lilly Crigger added eight points, and Aubrey Blosser contributed seven in the win.

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Baseball Announces 2026 Schedule

Sewanee baseball coach Nate Burns announced the team's 2026 schedule this week, which includes 23 home games and a 13-game homestand to start the season.

The Tigers host Anderson University (Feb. 14-15), Oberlin College (Feb. 20-22), Bethany Lutheran (Feb. 27-March 1) and Asbury University (March 6-7) in three-game series as well as Covenant College for a single contest on March 3 to begin the campaign.

Sewanee plays in Pensacola, Fla., at Blue Wahoos Stadium for the third straight year, facing Nebraska Wesleyan and Wisconsin-Whitewater on March 11-12.

Conference play begins March 21-22 with a three-game series at Berry College. The Tigers also face Centre College (April 3-4), Trinity University (April 18-19) and Oglethorpe University (May 2-3) in road league series and Covenant (March 24) and Maryville College (March 31) in nonconference outings away from home.

Sewanee hosts Rhodes College (March 28-29), Millsaps College (April 11-12) and Southwestern University (April 25-26) in SAA home series and has a home contest versus Maryville on April 7.

The conference tournament is set for May 7-10 in Rome, Ga., at AdventHealth Stadium, home of the Rome Emperors, a High-A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves.

Olsen Sets School Records In Three Events at Speedo Invitational

Sophomore Andrew Olsen posted school records in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard freestyle and Olsen, senior Naeem Mangum, sophomore Carter Nabors and freshman Eric Jurkovic set a school record in the 200-yard medley relay for Sewanee men's swimming and diving Nov. 21-23, at the Speedo Centre Invitational in Danville, Ky.

Nov. 21: Olsen finished 10th in the 50-yard freestyle in 21.29, improving his time in the Top 10 in school history, while senior Josh Kim placed 20th in 21.76 and Jurkovic and Nabors were 22nd and 23rd, respectively, with times of 21.37 and 21.82. Jurkovic's mark moves him into the Top 10 in program annals. Sophomore Henry Lindeman III placed 19th in the 500-yard freestyle in 4:50.91 while freshman Ryder Griffin was 21st in 4:50.31 and sophomore Tyler Foster placed 30th in 4:59.17.

Kim, Jurkovic, Nabors and Olsen finished ninth in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:25.42, a Top 10 mark in program history. Olsen, Mangum, Nabors and Kim placed 10th in the 400-yard medley relay in 3:27.68, a Top 10 time in program history and Foster, freshman Mason Horner, Lindeman III and Jurkovic were 17th in 3:35.65.

Nov. 22: Olsen, Mangum, Nabors and Jurkovic placed third in the 200-yard medley relay in a school-record 1:31.31 while Foster, Horner, Lindeman III and Kim were 16th in 1:37.46. Olsen, Lindeman III, Griffin and Nabors finished sixth in the 800-yard freestyle relay in 7:00.37, a Top 10 mark in program annals, and Foster, freshman Jon Brettschneider, Jurkovic and junior Jackson Pillow were 16th in 7:22.62.

Olsen won the A final in the 100 backstroke in 49.00, an NCAA 'B' cut time. Foster placed 16th in 52.75 and Pillow was 26th in 55.05. Brettschneider finished 14th in the 400-yard individual medley in 4:26.62 and junior Connor Young was 22nd in 4:46.87.

Jurkovic placed 23rd in the 100-yard butterfly in 53.97 while Pillow and Kim were 26th and 27th, respectively, with times of 54.66 and 54.91. Nabors finished 17th in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:45.97 and Lindeman III (1:47.34) and Griffin (1:47.38) placed 25th and 26th, respectively.

Mangum finished sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 57.43 and Horner was 22nd in 1:00.60.

In diving freshman Jonah Kearns finished third in the one-meter with 486.50 points, a school-record mark, while Korbin Smith was 11th for the Tigers.

Nov. 23: Olsen placed third in the 100-yard freestyle in a school-record 45.35 and Kim finished 22nd in 47.68. Nabors (47.83), Jurkovic (47.87) and Griffin (48.49) were 24th, 25th and 28th, respectively.

Kim finished sixth in the 100-yard individual medley in 55.29 and Foster placed eighth in the 200-yard backstroke in 1:54.12 while Pillow was 21st in 2:02.32 and Young came across in 2:06.72 for 25th.

In the 200-yard breaststroke, Horner placed 18th in 2:16.34 and Lindeman III finished 12th in the 200-yard butterfly in 2:02.55 while Brettschneider was 19th in 2:10.25 and Young came across in 2:21.53 for 25th.

Brettschneider placed 17th in the 1650-yard freestyle in 17:24.00 and sophomore Bryson Reid was 21st in 17:54.69.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Nabors, Kim, Jurkovic and Olsen finished seventh in 3:07.81, a Top 10 time in school history, and Mangum, Foster, Griffin and Lindeman III were 15th in 3:16.30.

In the three-meter diving, Kearns finished fourth with 441.40 points, a Top 10 mark in school history, and Smith was 10th.

The swim and dive teams take a break until hosting the Sewanee Invitational on Jan. 10.

Softball Releases 2026 Schedule

Sewanee softball coach Merritt Yackey announced the team's 2026 schedule this week, which includes 17 home games among 40 contests.

The Tigers open the schedule with a six-game road trip starting Feb. 13-14 in Columbus, Miss., facing host Mississippi University for Women as well as Covenant College in doubleheaders both days. The squad also plays at Talladega College on Feb. 15.

The first home games are scheduled for Feb. 26 versus LaGrange College.

Sewanee opens March with a doubleheader at Maryville College on March 1 and plays six games on the road over Spring Break at Haver College (March 8), Asbury University (March 10) and Berea College (March 11).

The Tigers start a 12-game homestand March 15 with two games versus Wesleyan College. Conference play begins March 21-22 with a three-game home series against Rhodes College. The club entertains Covenant College for two games on March 25, plays a three-game set versus Southwestern University on March 28-29 and hosts Franklin College for a twinbill on April 2.

Sewanee travels to Centre College for a three-game series on April 3-4 and plays its final home games of the season April 11-12 versus Millsaps College. The Tigers end the regular season with road series at Trinity University (April 18-19) and Berry College (April 25-26).

The SAA Championships are scheduled for May 8-10 in Columbus, Ga.

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Saturday, Dec. 6, SAS Varsity Swimming, Snowball Invitational
noon, Saturday, Dec. 6, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Boyd Buchanan
1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, Women's Basketball vs. Belhaven University
3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, Men's Basketball vs. Asbury University
6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, SAS MS Boys' Basketball vs. Swiss Memorial
6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, SAS MS Boys' Basketball vs. Pelham
6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12, SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. South Pittsburg
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. South Pittsburg
1 p.m./3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 29, Women's Basketball, Sewanee Classic

Deitch, Digby Help Tigers to Fourth Place at Speedo Invite

Sophomore Ella Deitch finished fourth in the 1650-yard freestyle and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle and 400-yard individual medley while sophomore Ada Digby placed fifth in the 50-yard freestyle, helping Sewanee women's swimming and diving to a fourth-place team showing Nov. 21-23 at the Speedo Centre Invitational in Danville, Ky.

Nov. 21: Deitch finished fifth in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:18.08 while freshman Sarah Beth Roady placed 13th in 5:22.33 and sophomore Adelina Willett was 19th in 5:27.76. Digby finished fifth in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.19, senior Audrey Francell placed 13th in 24.73 and sophomore McKenna Reed (25.06) and Natalia Evans (25.11) were 24th and 25th, respectively.

Sophomore Eleanor Bishop finished 17th in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:16.24 while freshman Caroline Johnston placed 24th in 2:18.04 and freshman Grace Gearhart was 29th in 2:21.80.

Reed, Francell, senior Natalia Evans and Digby placed fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:38.61, a Top 10 time in school history. Johnston, Bishop, Francell and Evans finished ninth in the 400-yard medley relay in 4:05.40 while Willett, Deitch, Roady and Digby were 13th in the 4:10.45.

Nov. 22: Deitch finished fifth in the 400-yard individual medley in 4:46.70 and Gearhart was 10th in 4:58.06.

Roady finished 10th in 1:59.31 in the 200-yard freestyle, Reed placed 19th in 2:05.19 and Willett was 30th in 2:09.06. Evans placed 11th in 1:00.59 in the 100-yard backstroke and Johnston was 14th in 1:01.43.

Bishop finished 16th in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:09.47, a Top 10 time in school history. In the 100-yard butterfly, Francell placed 18th in 1:00.47 and Digby was 25th in 1:01.66 in the C final.

In diving, senior Zoe Napier placed ninth in the 3-meter with 243.90 points and Lily Stooksbury was 12th.

In the 200-yard medley relay, Johnston, Bishop, Francell and Digby finished 10th in 1:50.83, a Top 10 mark in program annals, and Evans, Deitch, Roady and Reed were 14th in 1:52.37. Deitch, Roady, Willett and Francell placed sixth in the 800-yard freestyle relay in 8:07.89 while Bishop, Johnston, freshman Samantha Denman and Reed were 12th in 8:15.13.

Nov. 23: Deitch finished fourth in the 1650-yard freestyle while Willett placed 13th in 19:04.92 and senior Jules Vidal was 20th in 19:41.52. Johnston placed seventh in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:13.16, a Top 10 time in program history, and freshman Leah Jackson was 19th in 2:18.89.

Digby placed 11th in the 100-yard freestyle in 53.87, Francell was 13th in 54.30, Evans came across in 54.96 for 16th and Reed was 17th in 55.22. Bishop finished ninth in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:29.56 and Gearhart placed 10th in the 200-yard butterfly in 2:17.99.

Francell, Reed, Evans and Digby were fifth in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:37.02, a Top 10 mark in program history, and Bishop, Johnston, Denman and Roady placed 13th in 3:44.80.

In the one-meter diving, Napier placed 10th with 223.05 points and Stooksbury was 11th with 199.85.

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Falvey Nets 24, Cleveland Posts Double-Double in Tigers Win

Olivia Falvey posted 24 points and Hannah Cleveland added 23 points and 11 rebounds in Sewanee's 95-76 victory over Warren Wilson in women's basketball action on Nov. 29, at Juhan Gymnasium.

The Tigers (4-2) jumped out to a 24-11 advantage after one period and outscored the Owls (0-9) by just six points in the final three quarters. The contest included 38 turnovers, 25 by Sewanee, and 53 foul shots thanks to 46 combined fouls on the two teams.

The Tigers used a 17-3 spurt in the first quarter to take control of the game. Warren Wilson did not post a field goal from the 8:31 mark until the final minute of the period. Falvey made a 3-pointer from the corner to start the run and Brianna Keating-Rendon recorded the first of three triples in the quarter.

Cleveland and Eliza Everett each netted baskets and the final two 3-pointers from Keating-Rendon put the Tigers in front, 22-7, with 1:23 left in the period. Briah Clarke's field goal with 46 seconds to play in the quarter ended the drought for Warren Wilson and Ori Galloway added another bucket for the visitors before two free throws by Cleveland with 1.8 seconds left gave Sewanee a 24-11 advantage after 10 minutes.

Everett grabbed 16 rebounds for the Tigers, Grace Gavin recorded eight points and 12 boards and Keating-Rendon made five 3-pointers for 15 points, with all three players contributing off the bench.

Tatyana Lewis led the Owls with 17 points, seven rebounds and six assists while Jordan McGhee contributed 16 points and Galloway added 10.

Falvey posted a pair of layups and two foul shots in the first two-and-a-half minutes of the second period and netted two more foul shots at the 6:08 mark. Warren Wilson kept pace behind 3-pointers from Neshia Oliver and Lewis and two baskets by McGhee. Cleveland got a putback and then made a

triple, stretching the lead to 45-27.

Lewis scored twice and Galloway added a layup, cutting the deficit to 12 to open the second half. Marielle McNeal registered a putback and Galloway completed an old-fashioned 3-point play, making it a nine-point game four minutes into the third quarter.

Keating-Rendon made back-to-back 3-pointers after a timeout by the Tigers and Cleveland's layup and free throw pushed the lead back to 18. Warren Wilson did not score for more than three minutes until a layup by Galloway with 2:19 left in the period and Cleveland's putback in the final five seconds gave the Tigers a 70-52 advantage after three quarters.

Micha Lovelace hit a turnaround jumper and a triple to start the final period for Sewanee, though Oliver and Lewis answered with 3-pointers for the Owls. Falvey's old-fashioned 3-point play and Elliott Porter's triple from the wing before a putback by Cleveland stretched the lead to 83-58, the biggest of the game for the Tigers.

McGhee posted four points and McNeal and Lewis each made baskets during an 8-0 run for Warren Wilson, but that was as close the Owls would get the rest of the way.

NCEA Defeats Berry, 8-2

Sewanee outscored Berry College by 133 raw points in NCEA action Nov. 23, in the Tigers 8-2 victory, with Emma Sameth earning Most Outstanding Player honors in Fences and Olivia Carmouche garnering Most Outstanding Player accolades in Flat.

In the Fences competition, Sewanee outscored Berry, 4-1. Rebecca Love, Addison Durrett, Carmouche and Sameth all earned their points for the Tigers.

Irene Boehem was edged by Berry's Meaghan Kursman to start Fences on Tuck. Love scored 77 on Leo, Carmouche posted an 80 on Gordy, Durrett registered an 85 on Des and Sameth collected an 86 on Klacid.

In the Flat competition, Sewanee also outscored Berry, 4-1, with Campbell Flannigan, Love, Carmouche and Sameth all earning points.

Love recorded a career-high score of 94 on the flat on Carl and Sameth registered a career-best mark of 95 on Dekkar. Carmouche collected her career-high score of 97 on the flat on Archie, Flanagan posted an 86 on Huzaar and Durrett was edged out of her point on Chip by Kursman.

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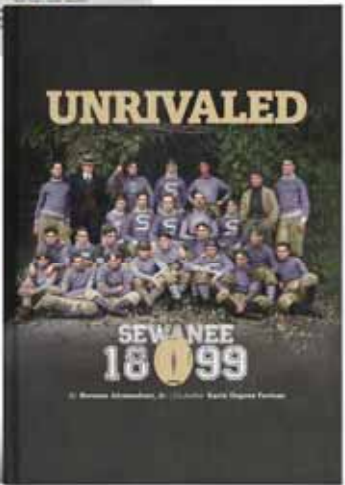
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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Greening of the Chapel

The Greening of the Chapel for Lessons and Carols this weekend uses many plant materials gathered locally on the Domain by Facilities management and the University Forestry Department. The ginkgo “roses” are one of Ken Taylor’s signature decorations, and volunteers spend hours fashioning them from the distinctive yellow ginkgo leaves that just fell a week or so ago. The fan-like vein pattern in their leaves is unlike any other living tree. That and other features make it unique among “modern” plants, a living fossil. Much of the greenery includes native evergreens, specifically white pine, Virginia pine, and eastern red cedar or juniper. Arborvitae and the broad-leaf evergreen southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*) are also used, collected from populations that are planted or escaped from cultivation, though they are part of native plant communities elsewhere in the U.S. Nandina is used for its red berries, which helps keep this potentially invasive exotic from spreading through seed dispersal. Other greenery is gathered from campus plantings of spruce, fir, holly, and cherry or skip laurel or contributed by volunteers. Another characteristic item in the decorations are the dried blooms from oakleaf hydrangea or other hydrangeas. The oakleaf hydrangea is native to the Southeast but is more common south of us in Alabama and Georgia, growing in moist woods and on stream banks. It has been suggested that the University consider creating a cutting garden for the purpose of having these greens available without having to collect them from other sources — an idea worth discussing as we admire the chapel’s adornment this year.



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Nature Journaling Continues

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Tue	Nov 18	69	61
Wed	Nov 19	71	57
Thu	Nov 20	66	59
Fri	Nov 21	65	61
Sat	Nov 22	70	51
Sun	Nov 23	67	49

Week’s Stats:
Avg max temp = 67
Avg min temp = 55
Avg temp = 61

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Nov 24	69	53
Tue	Nov 25	59	47
Wed	Nov 26	54	31
Thu	Nov 27	44	22
Fri	Nov 28	42	26
Sat	Nov 29	49	38
Sun	Nov 30	41	25

Week’s Stats:
Avg max temp = 51
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Precipitation = 2.93"

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Hike to Ranger Falls — Savage Gulf State Park, Monday, Dec. 8, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$8. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs. Join Ranger Jamie on a challenging, yet rewarding hike to Ranger Falls. We will enjoy an incredible waterfall and breathtaking views along the way. This will be an approximate 7-mile round trip hike that will navigate over steep and uneven terrain down into the gulf to reach Ranger Falls. We will begin by hiking 0.9 miles to Stone Door, approximately 2 miles down into the gulf on the Big Creek Gulf Trail, then an additional approximate 0.5 mile on the Ranger Falls Spur Trail. We will then hike back out the way we came and return to the Stone Door Trailhead. Hiking into the gulf to Ranger Falls involves navigating an approximate 800-foot descent and ascent elevation change. This is a very strenuous hike that also involves portions of narrow trail with varied surfaces that could include water crossings, boulders, and other obstacles. Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and anything else you may need during the hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike. This hike is weather dependent and will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. It may also be cancelled due to high water/impassable streams. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program’s scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.



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December

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The beggars pacing to and fro,
God pity all the poor to-night
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Community Calendar

Friday, Dec. 5

Last day of classes, School of Theology

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Greening of All Saints' Chapel (all volunteers welcome)
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- 10 a.m. Sewanee Senior Center Annual Christmas Bazaar, (last day), American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., until 2 p.m.
- 4:45 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting, Angel Park
- 5 p.m. Cowan Christmas Market, Monterey Station, 104 Monterey St., until 8 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6

- 9 a.m. Monteagle Christmas Bazaar, Monteagle City Hall, until 4 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Cowan Christmas Market, Monterey Station, 104 Monterey St., until 4 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Holiday Studio Tour, until 5 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Sounding Stone Gallery Holiday Art Show, until 5 p.m., 8406 U.S. 41, Monteagle
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 1 p.m. Cowan Christmas Parade
- 2 p.m. CCJP Peace Crane Workshop, Sewanee Community Center, until 4 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m. Monteagle Christmas Parade lineup, Flea Market; parade, 3:30 p.m.; Santa at Harton Park after parade
- 5 p.m. Sounding Stone Gallery reception, until 7 p.m., 8406 U.S. 41, Monteagle
- 7 p.m. Lessons & Carols, (open seating), All Saints' Chapel

Sunday, Dec. 7 • CAC Pantry Sunday

- 10 a.m. Sounding Stone Gallery Holiday Art Show, until 5 p.m., 8406 U.S. 41, Monteagle
- 11 a.m. Holiday Studio Tour, until 4 p.m.
- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 4 p.m. Lessons & Carols, (open seating), All Saints' Chapel

Monday, Dec. 8

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Sewanee Woman's Club, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5 p.m. GAAC Holiday Potluck Gathering, 14399 US-41, Tracy City.
- 6 p.m. Franklin County School Board meeting, 215 S. College St., Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

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- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Sewanee LaLeche League, call Pippa at (931) 636-5317 for venue/Zoom option
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. Franklin County School Board, 215 S. College St., Winchester

Wednesday, Dec. 10

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, lunch at noon, lead at 12:25 p.m., St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Dec. 11

Last Day of Classes, College

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, City Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Party, until 5:30 p.m., Convocation Hall; RSVP at <sewanee.edu/rsvpchildrensparty>
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Santa in the Park, St. James/Midway Community Park, until 7 p.m.

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

10 a.m., AA, 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

6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle

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

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