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Winter wonderland! Photo by the University of the South

Sewanee Council Resolution Endorses the Jackson Law

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 26 meeting, the Sewanee Community Council unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the Jackson Law, a Tennessee rule assigning decisions about landfills to the local governing body. The Council also reviewed changes to the Dog Control Policy and heard an update on the University apartments.

Sewanee resident Kiki Beavers explained “the Jackson Law gives counties and cities the right to make local decisions about landfill development in their district and within one mile of their borders.” If the local governing body adopts the Jackson Law and decides not to allow a landfill, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation cannot grant the landfill a permit. However, to adopt the Jackson Law, a municipality must be incorporated. “Unincorporated communities like Sewanee don’t have a legislative body with the power to adopt the Jackson Law and instead must work with their county commissioners to advocate for the county government to adopt the law,” Beavers said. The Sewanee Council considers the 37375 area code to be the boundaries of Sewanee and that area lies in both Franklin and Marion counties. Neither Franklin

or Marion County have adopted the Jackson Law.

Statewide, 20 cities and 50 counties have passed the Jackson Law. “The places that don’t have Jackson Law protection are the ones that tend to be the first ones looked at when it comes to new landfills,” said Adam Hughes, east Tennessee organizer with Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM). “We do need landfills, but to have a local governing body be able to say this is a place that it’s appropriate and this is a place that it is inappropriate is a power that is really important for all local governing bodies to have.” The South Cumberland Plateau is particularly vulnerable as a potential landfill site. “Prime places for putting landfills is in spent quarries, and we have multiple spent quarries,” said Lucy Keeble with United to Protect the Plateau. Area resident and SOCM representative Shari Lydy pointed to a recent effort in Murfreesboro to expand a municipal landfill to take out of state waste from all over the southeast. “The Jackson Law gives each local government, whether it’s a municipality or a county, the decision-making power, the right to accept or reject. There’s

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Square Dance at the Littell-Partin Center

Please join us for another lively square dance at the Littell-Partin Center in Tracy City on Friday, Feb. 6. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the dancing is from 5-7 p.m. There will be live music from local fiddler Bob Townsend and his band, The Cumberland Mountain Music Makers. The dances will be led by caller Earle Eames.

From 4:30-5 p.m. we are inviting the public to bring an instrument for an informal old-time jam. All instruments and musicians of every level are welcome.

There will be light snacks sponsored by the Junior Appalachian Musicians.

There will be a suggested donation at the door. Your support makes these dances possible.

Cumberland Community Dance is a part of, and receives support from, the Grundy Area Arts Council. We have a great slate of Spring dances planned, so if you’d like to keep up-to-date please sign up for our newsletter here <<https://www.grundyarea.art/community-dance>> and follow us on instagram by searching Cumberland Community Dance.

‘A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream’ at McCrory Hall

The SAS Players present “A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream” at McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts. Shows are at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30, and Saturday, Jan. 31, with a 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1 matinee. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Ticket reservation is available at <<https://www.sasweb.org/arts/theatre>>.

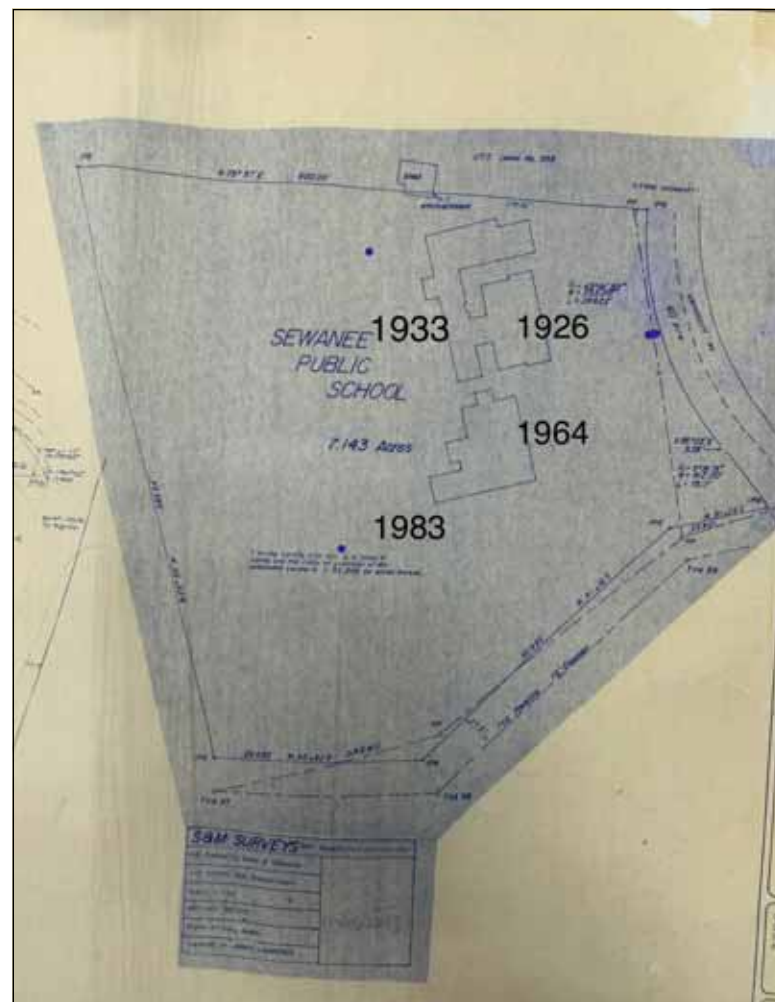
43rd Annual Community Service Award Nominations Accepted

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 43rd annual Community Service Award. The award recognizes the person or organization that has made outstanding contributions to our community. The recipient is one who has helped make Sewanee a better place and has improved the quality of life for everyone in the area. Nominations are due by Friday, March 13.

Past recipients are not eligible to receive the award again. Send the name of your nominee, along with a paragraph of why you are nominating the person or group, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. Nominations can also be mailed to the Sewanee Civic Association, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

The service awards will be presented at the SCA annual membership meeting that is planned for Monday, May 4. Please join us to celebrate those who serve the community.

Past recipients include Ken and Lynn Taylor; Leslie and Dale Richardson; Georgia Hewitt; Felix Wilson; Sue Scruggs; John Solomon; Kiki Beavers; Mountain Mask Initiative; Amanda Knight; the Sherrill family; Sarah Marhevsky; Kat O’Donohue; Mickey Suarez; GSA Allies; Pixie Dozier; Barbara Schlichting; Helen Bailey; Sewanee Youth Soccer; Dr. Matt Petrilla; Harry and Jean Yeatman; Marshall Hawkins; Karen Keele; Helen Shedd; Tom Watson; Susan Binkley; the Sewanee Senior Center Food Pantry (Lena McBee, Sue Hawkins, Charlise Green); George and Ruth Ramseur; Dr. John Gessell; Dora Turner; the Community Action Committee; Geraldine Hewitt Piccard; Myrtis Keppler; Connie Warner; Ina May Myers; Pete Green; Duval and Boo Cravens; Housing Sewanee; Betty Nick Chitty; Harry and Millie Dodd; the Sisters of St. Mary; Martha Dugan; Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary; David Green; Joe David McBee; Robert Lancaster; Maria Webb; Doug Cameron; Galon Sherrill; Phoebe Bates; Marilyn Powell; and Louise Irwin.



Sewanee Elementary Turns 100!

The students of SES continue to learn about the school’s history. This 1983 blueprint illustrates the expansion of the physical school over the years. The quality of teaching inside the school has always remained strong! Do you have a special memory, photo, or memorabilia to share with our students? Contact us at <1926ses@gmail.com> or leave a note in our mailbox in the school’s front lawn.



The nature journaling group, several of whom are shown here, are sponsoring a show at Stirling’s Coffee House that features the use of natural plant pigments. The show includes works by college, St. Andrew’s-Sewanee, and School of Theology students, as well as the nature journalers. And the display is growing: Stirling’s patrons are invited to add their own imaginary critters, for which materials are provided. A reception will be from 4:30–5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5. All are welcome.

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Sewanee, TN 37375

Letter

DO EVERYTHING WE CAN

To the Editor:

Thirty-two people who died in ICE custody in 2025, ICE's deadliest year in more than two decades. In mid-December, 68,440 people were in detention, 75% of whom had no criminal convictions. The detention facilities are too crowded; the conditions are unsanitary. There is not enough proper food or medical care.

Federal agents have shot 12 people during immigration enforcement operations since September. The rapidly expanding deployment of federal agents into American communities is hurting, killing, frightening, and enraging people.

All of this abuse, suffering, and death is unnecessary, cruel, mean, and vengeful. And it is not about protecting Americans, our economy, or our Constitution. The escalation of hatred against immigrants has led to federal agents killing American citizens in the streets, lying to us about it, and interfering with investigations.

We must do everything we can. We must continue organizing and showing up at protests, cultivating community, contacting representatives, urging those who have power, position, and more prominent voices to object to the increasing fascism now evident to all of us. Contacting senators may seem futile, but it is not. We can demand that they stop this cruelty; we can make our representatives uncomfortable in accepting these gross abuses of power. Minority senators, democrats, can withhold unanimous consent, force quorum calls, demand recorded votes, force bills to be read aloud.

Everyone can do something from where we stand to stop the senseless deaths and pain and turn to peace. To honesty. To compassion. To understanding. Surely none of us voted to be killed in the streets by federal agents.

Sid Brown, Sewanee

Figures and information from <<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2026/jan/04/ice-2025-deaths-timeline>> and <<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/ice-shootings-list-border-patrol-trump-immigration-operations-rcna254202>>

THANKS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

To the Editor:

As we move into the new year of 2026, we at the Sewanee Senior Center would like to thank our friends and community who stepped up during the recent renovations that took place at the Center. We were blessed with the provision of meals for the elderly who are homebound during this time. Namely, Mountain Goat Market, The Depot, Sewanee Dining Services, CAC, Wendy's and our wonderful team of volunteers who delivered these meals each day of the work week to our elderly shut-ins. We have a wonderful community of caring and supportive people, who do a great job assisting those in need.

We would also like to invite the community to join us for lunch at any time, by calling the Center at (931) 598-0771 before 9 a.m., to make a reservation. Suggested donations for lunch are \$5 and the menu is printed in the Messenger. The building is also available for events, email <SewaneeSeniorCenter@yahoo.com> for more information.

Many thanks to all.

Dan Sargent and the entire staff and board members of Sewanee Senior Center



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

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 8–10 a.m. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.



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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 Education will host a workshop this Saturday, Jan. 31, to address leadership planning and district athletics. The meeting will follow the schedule below:

- 8 a.m.: Board members will discuss the process for replacing the Director of Schools.
- 9 a.m.: Board members will meet with District Athletic Directors to discuss sports.

The workshop will be at the Board of Education, 215 S. College St., in Winchester.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, with Equestrian coach, Savannah Mannes, at the McGriff Alumni House. Coffee with the Coach will be livestreamed every week on <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>.

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the conference room at City Hall.

Ecce Quam Bonum 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 meet on Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., the Lead will be given by Myles Elledge, C'86, director of the Babson Center for Global Commerce, telling us about Sewanee's program to provide students with opportunities to collaborate personally with industry leaders, to engage in real-world projects, and to focus on the integration of a liberal arts pro-

gram with preparation for a career in the business world. The title of his presentation is "From Vision to Value: The Babson Center's Impact on Business Education at Sewanee".

Myles Elledge is the Director of the Babson Center for Global Commerce. He teaches leadership, strategy, entrepreneurship, and international business, and leads the Carey Fellow business honors program. Prior to joining the Babson Center, Mr. Elledge served in executive roles with a technology start-up, as a global business director with a large non-profit applied research organization, and as a staff economist with an international consulting firm. He has served in international roles in Tokyo, Japan, and has led public and private sector consulting projects in 35 emerging market countries. Elledge holds a master's degree in public and international economy from the University of Pittsburgh. He completed his bachelor's degree in global studies from the University of the South, and course work at the London School of Economics.

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

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, at St. Mary's Sewanee for a club assembly.

Sewanee Emeriti Association

Elizabeth Wilson, Sewanee's new Director of Student Formation, will share her work with students and faculty at the Feb. 5 meeting.

Drawing on a brief, participatory glimpse into a real student appointment, Elizabeth will explore how reflective assessments and core questions give clarity about how students think, what they care about, and where they feel called to contribute. She will also reflect on the ways in which faculty

partnerships, Net VUE-supported initiatives, and student-led mapping efforts point to a broader shift in how Sewanee understands and supports formation across the institution.

As elders in a community filled with energetic college students, audience members may gain useful insights at a time when AI may drastically change their world and ours.

Elizabeth came to Sewanee in 2006 with a degree in Anthropology from the University of California Santa Cruz that included study at the University of Nairobi and, except for a trip around the world with her daughters, has worked with students and faculty to develop leadership skills that enhance one's careers and life.

Everyone is welcome to join Sewanee Emeriti Association members as we learn from Elizabeth Wilson at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 5, at the McGriff Alumni House. For more information or to arrange transportation, please call Trudy Cunningham at (931) 535-4637.

Sewanee Woman's Club

At the Feb. 9 meeting of the Sewanee Woman's Club we will hear the exciting things that are happening and planned for at the Savage Gulf State Park. Park Manager Aaron Reid will be telling us about the recently established state park. He will give an overview of the park and also talk about future plans and new developments. He will also share renderings of the beautiful new facilities.

Bring a friend and come to the Monday, Feb. 9, Sewanee Woman's Club meeting to learn more about another great Tennessee State Park in our area. We will gather at St. Mary's Sewanee, at 11:30 a.m., for socializing with lunch starting at 11:50 a.m. Reid will begin his presentation following lunch. The lunch will be a healthy and gourmet affair for just \$20.

Reservations are required for lunch, or, if preferred, just to hear the program. Please make reservations by noon on Sunday, Feb. 1 to this email: <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, Feb. 1. 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. There is an Amazon Wish List <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>> for those who want to shop online.

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

This month CAC is in need of granola bars, ramen noodles, single serve macaroni & cheese, baby diapers (sizes 3, 5, 6) and toilet paper.

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.



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Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2:00 pm

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Services during the Academic Year: Sunday, All Saints’ Chapel, 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2; and 6:30 p.m. Growing in Grace.

Monday-Friday, St. Augustine’s Chapel, 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 4 p.m., Evening Prayer. All Saints’ Chapel, noon, Quiet Hour.

Wednesday, Meditation Chapel, 7 a.m., Christian Meditation. All Saints’ Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Christ Church Monteagle

On Saturday Jan. 31, Matthew Mezzatezza will be ordained to the priesthood at Christ Church Monteagle. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Tim Williams, the Rector of Holy Cross Anglican Church, Franklin will be the preacher. Bishop John Greaves will preside and be celebrant.

Matthew has been called as Rector by St. Stephen’s Anglican Church in Tullahoma. Christ Church will host a luncheon following the service.

Bishop Greaves will also be celebrant and preacher at Christ Church on Sunday, Feb. 1. That service will begin at 10:45 a.m. The Wednesday noon services continue, weather permitting.

Christ Episcopal Church

Christ Episcopal Church of Tracy City is beginning a study of the Lectionary readings for each Sunday before the service. The study will begin at 10 a.m., Feb. 1, in the Parish Hall which is next door to the Church. The study will be hosted by the Rev. Marion Rectenwald. Marion is a retired priest who served for many years on an Lakota Indian reservation in South Dakota. Our regular service hour is 11 a.m. each Sunday with Eucharist and organ music.

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, and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Our children’s ministry offers a safe and exciting environment 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. Come as you are and experience authentic worship at 10 a.m., Sunday. Classes for 2 years

through fifth grade.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

As we prepare for worship, much attention is paid to the selection of scripture, the focus of the message, inclusivity of the morning prayer, and music, much music. We would do well to heed the words in Micah 6:6-8 that the Lord is not impressed by burnt offerings or even rivers of oil, instead, “... what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” This should be our offering every day, not just on Sunday.

This Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord’s Table. Our open table means that you do not have to be

a member at Morton, nor at any church, in order to experience this sacrament. We understand ourselves to be invited by the Host, Jesus Christ. To share in Holy Communion, a person of any age doesn’t have to be a baptized believer or a member of a church. Come to the feast!

Children are welcome at Morton! In All God’s Children this Sunday. Following that sharing, children will have time in activities with Ms. Margaret in Children’s Church.

To learn more about life in our community of faith, accept this invitation to worship. Morton is located at 322 West Main Street in Monteagle. Our service begins at 11 a.m., following coffee and refresh-

ments in our Fellowship Center. If you are unable to attend but want to sample worship at Morton, the service is live streamed at Morton’s Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

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

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Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 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

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-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

11 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 Gathering for Pat Wiser

Friends of Pat Wiser are invited to an informal memorial gathering from 1–3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Sewanee Senior Citizens Center. Light refreshments will be provided, and there will be an opportunity to express reminiscences about Pat. For more information, contact Betsy Grant at (423) 774-6055.

Obituaries

Janice Elaine Haney

Janice Elaine (Bennett) Haney, age 73, died on Jan. 21, 2026. She was born in Sewanee on March 3, 1952, to the late Joseph Milton Bennett and Hershulina McBee Bennett. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son Harold D. Haney Jr.; daughter Jenny Haney Layne; brother Joseph Milton Bennett Jr.; sisters Sandy (Houston) King and Beverly (Ver-non) Rollins; and brother-in-law, Greg Lemons.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Haney Sr.; son Geary Layne; daughter Dora Haney-Snider; grandchildren, Roman Haney, Trenton Terrill, Jazmyn Haney (Nicholas) Elfrink, Cadence Layne, Emily Snider, Georgia Layne, and William Layne; brother Keith Bennett; sisters Julia (Jack) Champion, Cheryl Wilkinson, Fran Bennett, and Caroline King; uncle, John P. Bennett; aunts, Judy Copeland, Linda Stanley, and Carol Davidson; 20 nieces and nephews; special friends, Evelyn Murray, Peggy King and Helen Bray; and many more family survive her.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Marianne Ruth Tyndall

Marianne Ruth Tyndall, age 60 of Sewanee, died at home on Jan 19, 2026 after living with cancer for many years. She was born on Sept. 3, 1965 in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Professor Dean and Mrs. Shirley Benham Tyndall. She was preceded in death by her mother. She attended the University of Iowa on a classical ballet scholarship, graduating with degrees in Education and Dance. She completed

her elementary education teaching residency in England, before returning to the U.S. and relocating to Seattle, Wash. In the 1990s she was admitted to the PhD program in anthropology at the University of New Mexico, with a concentration in archeology. She specialized in the study of American Southwest pre-Hispanic ceramics, receiving a National Science Foundation grant in 2005 to study Chuska gray ware pottery in Chaco Canyon, NM. While matriculating at UNM she worked for the National Park Service in Bryce Canyon and Banderlier National Monument. She moved to Sewanee in 2004 and became a resident of the Jumpoff Community Land Trust (JCLT). Shortly thereafter she launched the Happy Gardener landscaping business, and the Jumpoff Java coffee roasting company, while also farming and raising sheep on the homestead she shared with her life partner, Joseph.

During her years living in Sewanee she served on the Sewanee Community Center Board, volunteered at the Hospitality Shop, and served as the treasurer for JCLT. She was a valued member of the regional farming community. Marianne was a thoughtful and loyal friend to many throughout her lifetime, remembered for her adventurous spirit, intelligence, kindness, and sense of humor, even during the most trying of times. She is survived by her partner, Joseph Bordley; father, Dean Tyndall; brother, John (Emily) Tyndall; brother-in-law, Lawson (Mary) Bordley; niece, Bronwyn Tyndall; nephews, Benham Tyndall, and Whit Bordley; and God children Ginny and Maggie Root. A small, private memorial will be at a future date.

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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.

Sunday Forum: Patrick Dean will talk about his book, “A Window to Heaven: The Daring First Ascent of Denali, America’s Wildest Peak,” in Sunday’s Feb. 1 Forum presentation at St. Mark and St. Paul. The climb’s protagonist was Episcopal priest and missionary Hudson Stuck, who graduated from Sewanee in 1892. The talk will be 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall.

Dean has lived on the Mountain with his wife Susan since 1999. A native of Mississippi, he taught history and English and ran the Outing program at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School. Since 2012 has been executive director of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance. He has an MA from the Sewanee seminary and is also the author of “Nature’s Messenger,” a biography of 18th-century British artist, naturalist, and explorer Mark Catesby.

Our first book of the new year will be “The Dance of the Dissident Daughter” by Sue Monk Kidd. Beth Wiley will lead the discussion. Get your copy now, and join us Tuesday nights through Feb. 10 (there will be no meeting on Feb. 3). We will gather around the table in Brooks Hall with finger foods

and drinks, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 1 is CAC Pantry Sunday. This month CAC is in need of granola bars, ramen noodles, single serve macaroni & cheese, baby diapers (sizes 3, 5, 6) and toilet paper. CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

Mardi Gras: Come one come all and let the good times roll for a New Orleans themed celebration in Kennerly Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 5–6:30 p.m. You won’t want to miss the Fat Tuesday festivities and feast hosted by the Parish Life Krewe. Everyone and every age is welcome, so invite all your friends and neighbors. The Krewe needs you. See the sign-up sheet in Kennerly Hall for all of the ways you can help make this a night to remember. We have volunteer opportunities from cooking to cleaning to decorating and everything in between.

Centering Prayer Group: Mondays at 7 p.m. and Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., both in the sanctuary.

Lectionary Bible Study: meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall.

Adult Choir: Adult choir practice is Sundays 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Children’s choir rehearses on Wednesday after school. To enroll your child contact Wyatt Poe at: <music@stmarkstpaul.org>.

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for children (3 years old through fifth grade). Youth Sunday School meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite-13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Hilary Bogert Winkler <hbwhchurch@gmail.com> for details.

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no downside,” Keeble insisted. In urging the Sewanee Council to pass a resolution endorsing the Jackson Law, Beavers said, “It’s a good conversation starter to engage our county commissions to start talking about this.”

Taking up the long-discussed dog policy issue, Provost Scott Wilson said, “Since the last meeting we’ve finished the dog policy that was in draft form and posted it to the University website.” To view the policy, see “Policies and Forms” on the “Leases and Community Relations” page. Wilson highlighted significant changes. The revised policy stipulates the police “will” enforce, rather than “may” enforce certain aspects of the policy. The revision also takes out language telling people harassed or attacked by a dog to contact the owner. The revised policy “takes the onus off the person who is dealing with a dog who is attacking them or is a nuisance,” Wilson stressed. The policy goes on to note there are financial and criminal penalties according to state law and gives links to the relevant Tennessee code.

The University apartment project is “officially underway,” said David Shipps, Vice President for Economic Development and Community Relations. Some land clearing and logging have been done and will continue in March with the official groundbreaking set for April. Shipps anticipates the 48 apartments would be ready for occupancy by late summer or early fall 2027.

The council elected Evelyn Patton to serve as the council representative on the agenda committee. Council member Laura Willis’s term on the committee expired in December.

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Dog Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines that promote safe, responsible and respectful presence of dogs on the Domain. This policy outlines the responsibilities of dog owners and the expectations of appropriate conduct to ensure a peaceful co-existence.

Scope

This policy applies to anyone that has a dog on the Domain.

Responsible Party

Owners are fully responsible for the behavior of their dogs.

Definitions

Term	Definition
Obvious control	The owner must be carrying a leash and within immediate site and sound of their dog at all times.
Effective Control	The dog will respond to a command given by the owner, including but not limited to “come”, “down”, “off”, or similar commands.
Service dogs	Dogs that are trained to perform a specific task or tasks necessary to assist a person with a disability.
Emotional support animals	Animals that provide comfort to a person with a disability, but are not service dogs.

Dog Policy (January 21, 2026)

The University of the South (1 of 2)

1. Supervision Requirements:

- All dogs must be under obvious and effective control of their owners at all times.
- If a dog cannot be quickly and effectively recalled by its owner with a verbal command, the dog must be on a leash or otherwise restrained.

2. Behavior Standards:

- Aggressive behavior, excessive barking, or otherwise disruptive conduct is not permitted.
- Dogs that snap at, bite or exhibit threatening behavior will be picked up by the Sewanee Police or Franklin County Animal Control.

3. Managing Issues:

- Notify the Sewanee Police Department and/or Franklin County Animal Control.

4. Clean up Responsibilities:

- Owners must immediately clean up after and dispose of waste appropriately.

5. Designated Dog Areas:

- Owners or caretakers must remain with their dog while at the Phil White Dog Park.
- No dogs other than service dogs are allowed in University buildings.

6. Violations: Failure to comply with this policy will result in at least one of the following:

- Written warnings
- Referral to Franklin County Animal Control
- Revocation of dog privileges

*An owner who is issued a citation for a dog running at large or for a dog creating a public nuisance is also subject to fine or criminal prosecution in accordance with Tennessee Code.

Dog Policy (January 21, 2026)

The University of the South (2 of 2)

Dog Policy is found here: <<https://new.sewanee.edu/files/resources/dog-policy-3.pdf>>.

‘Postcolonial Anglicanism and Women’s Ministry and Leadership’

Join the School of Theology community at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4, when Dr. Kwok Pui Lan will deliver The Rev. Melissa L. Kean, T’19, Memorial Lecture. Kwok is a distinguished scholar at Episcopal Divinity School and a past president of the American Academy of Religion. Her lecture titled “Postcolonial Anglicanism and Women’s Ministry and Leadership” analyzes the changing demographics and landscape of Anglicanism in a postcolonial world and discusses women’s leadership in mission, churches, theological education, and movements to confront gender-based violence.

The lecture will be in Hamilton Hall at the Samuel Lloyd Forum on the campus of the University of the South (335 Tennessee Ave. in Sewanee). It will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. Livestream registration can be found at <www.theology.sewanee.edu>.

Dr. Kwok Pui Lan has authored and edited numerous books on Asian and Asian American feminist theology, biblical interpretation, and postcolonial criticism. She is the author of “The Anglican Tradition from a Postcolonial Perspective” and coeditor of Living Postcolonial Anglicanism and Anglican Women on Church and Mission. She received the Lanfranc Award for Education and Scholarship from the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2021.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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‘Share the Love’ at Frame Gallery’s 8th Anniversary Arty Party

Join Frame Gallery Gifts and Art for a special anniversary celebration featuring hands-on art activities and live art demonstrations with local artists Randa Wells and Connie Keetle in Sewanee, on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Themed “Share the Love,” Frame Gallery’s eighth Anniversary Arty Party is a free event designed for all ages. Art supplies, party favors, and refreshments will be provided for guests and party participants.

During the celebration, make a Valentine or two with artist Randa Wells using her collage and cardmaking techniques — just in time for Valentine’s Day. Fellow artist and Frame Gallery’s own Connie Keetle will share her fascinating, unique painting process, using acrylic paints and walnut ink that she makes by hand. Both artists will have their original art, prints, cards, and Keetle’s walnut ink available for purchase on the day of the event.

Guests will also have opportunities to sign up for upcoming workshops and art projects at Frame Gallery’s new Community Table initiative with these artists, as well as Carole Foret and Linda Kerlin, among others.

“Since opening our doors in 2018, Frame Gallery has been honored to not only frame this community’s treasured pieces but also to celebrate local and regional artists, support fair-trade artisans, and host a wide variety of art, workshops, and events,” says Frame Gallery owner Harriet Runkle.

“I want to thank the artists, customers, collectors, teachers, students, and staff for supporting Frame Gallery for the past eight years—we truly couldn’t do this without you,” continues Runkle. “We want to share our love and gratitude with everyone in the community on this fun day, celebrating this milestone by creating art.”

Runkle recommends following Frame Gallery on Facebook or Instagram to stay up-to-date on the eighth Anniversary Arty Party activities, or visit <www.framegals.com/events> to learn more.

Upcoming Retreats at St. Mary’s Sewanee

You are invited to experience St. Mary’s Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development in 2026 in a brand-new way! Come and see the improvements to the buildings, upgrades to the rooms, and enhancements to the grounds. In addition, we are offering quality spiritual development programming throughout the year.

Dr. Robbie Pinter, St. Mary’s Sewanee Board Member, retired Belmont English professor, Spiritual Director, and three-time graduate of Shalem Institute, will be leading a weekend retreat Feb. 6-8, In Image and Word: Listen to Your Life – a journaling retreat.

Next, Becca Impello and Kim Drye, bring experience in physical therapy and yoga instruction for a unique collaboration in Training for Your Next Decade: Mindful Longevity Planning, Feb. 13-15.

To register for these retreats or find out more information, visit <www.stmaryssewanee.org> or email <Reservations@stmaryssewanee.org> or call (931) 598-5342.

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. The Shop is in the process of moving to a new location, 574 Georgia Ave., in Sewanee. Donation processes will resume on March 2.

Wright Thompson Book Offer

Wright Thompson, author of the acclaimed new work about the 1955 murder of Emmett Till, will read from his book during a visit to Sewanee on March 23 and March 24.

Till’s violent death at the hands of a group of white Mississippi men, the sham trial that resulted in the acquittal of two of the murderers’ (they later confessed to the crime), and the protest led by Mamie Till-Mobley, the boy’s mother, that reverberated around the world were epochal events in the history of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.

In “The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi” (Penguin Books), Thompson grounds his understanding of the lynching of the 14-year-old Black boy from Chicago in the deep historic soil of the Mississippi Delta, zeroing in on the long story of the barn where the torture and murder took place and that still stands today.

The Washington Post called “The Barn” “extraordinary ... an intimate history of the tragedy, but also a deep meditation on Mississippi and America.” Time magazine selected it as one of the 100 “Must Read” books of the year, “a sensitive, deeply reported book that will make you reconsider everything you thought you knew about Till’s lynching and its place in American history.”

The writer Kiese Laymon called “The Barn,” “the most brutal, layered and absolutely beautiful book about Mississippi, and really how the world conspired with the best and worst parts of Mississippi, I will ever read ... Reporting and reckoning can get no better, or more important, than this.”

Thompson’s appearance in Sewanee is sponsored by the University’s Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation, in partnership with the Sewanee School of Letters and The Sewanee Review. The precise times of the programming events in March are TBA.

In connection with Thompson’s visit, the Roberson Project is offering a complementary copy to anyone in the greater Sewanee area who requests it. Book clubs are especially welcome and may request multiple copies. If you would like your own copy of “The Barn,” please write to us at <robersonproject@sewanee.edu>. But hurry, because our supply is limited.

Thompson’s appearance is made possible by an extraordinary gift from friends of the Roberson Project.

Speculation, Jane Austen’s Favorite Card Game

Friends of the Library of Sewanee: The University of the South and the Department of English invite you to attend an event featuring Dr. Robin R. Bates, Professor Emeritus of English from St. Mary’s College of Maryland. Dr. Bates will discuss the importance of card playing in Jane Austen’s novels and will instruct attendees in how to play Speculation, one of the card games played in “Mansfield Park.” This event will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Convocation Hall.

Dr. Bates has a PhD in 18th century British literature from Emory University and spent his career teaching British literature at St. Mary’s College of Maryland. In 2018 he retired to Sewanee, where he grew up and where he has served as an occasional Visiting Professor of English.

Although the protagonist of “Mansfield Park” is no card player, Austen informs us that “it was impossible for Fanny not to feel herself mistress of the rules of the game in three minutes.” In other words, it is a very simple game, with Austen reporting in a letter, “I introduced Speculation, and it was so much approved that we hardly knew how to leave off.” Attendees who would rather watch than play, however, can do so. An English high tea will be served during the card game and Jane Austen-themed prizes will be awarded to the winners. We request that you RSVP via email to <pcowan@sewanee.edu> for the event by Friday, Jan. 30, to determine the number of card tables needed.

More information about the Friends of the Library can be found at their website: <http://libguides.sewanee.edu/FOL>. For more information contact Penny Cowan at (931) 598-1573 or <pcowan@sewanee.edu>.

Nominations Open for the SCA Board

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>.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$5, regardless of your age. Please call (931) 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, Feb. 2: Chicken strips, baked potato, salad, rolls.

Tuesday, Feb. 3: Philly steak sandwich, chips.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: Loaded potato soup, ham and cheese sandwich.

Thursday, Feb. 5: Cheeseburger, french fries.

Friday, Feb. 6: Ribs, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls.

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

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30–11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Contact Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.

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

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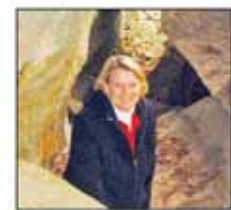
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‘Falls the Shadow’ at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present “Falls the Shadow” by artist Kate Teale, on view in the University Art Gallery through March 30, 2026.

Teale’s graphite and charcoal drawings — however simple their means, and however stripped down their subject matter — are laden with meaning.

These drawings do not render objects, but voids, doorways filled with tactile shadow. They are controlled and careful, and perfectly quiet. They wait.

Representing doorways, tunnels, and windows, Teale manipulates architectural space, making walls disappear. She distills meaning in the representation and experience of thresholds, points of transition between shelter and destruction, between confinement and escape. Doorways “make visual the transition from darkness into light — or the reverse.” A doorway divides two worlds, and requires a choice.

More than metaphor or representation, these drawings require embodied understanding. Drawing, for Teale, “[should] be something we experience in our bodies and process in our sub-conscious.”

The drawings included in “Falls the Shadow” are the result of the artist’s 2023 residency at Christ Church College, Oxford, U.K. Their gothic forms echo, and are echoed by, the architecture of the University of the South’s campus, deliberately designed to recall that of its English predecessors.

New York-based artist Kate Teale received her M.A. from Oxford University, England, her Art Diploma from City and Guilds of London Art School and her M.F.A. from Hunter College, C.U.N.Y. She teaches at the Parsons School of Design, New York, NY.

Teale will present her work at 5 p.m., Feb. 12, in Guerry Auditorium. Reception to follow.

The UAG will be closed for the University of the South’s Spring Break, March 5–15, 2026.

Color Run Fundraiser for Literacy

The community is cordially invited to join Early Literacy Ambassadors for the third annual Color Run Fundraiser at Cove Creek Farm. The event will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at 933 W. Main St., Monteagle. Cost is \$10 for ages 13 and up. Kids 12 and under are free. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1X9mfx7gl_MFL-Ht_NyCVLpr0XDtuiWD1Lbla4QA4VBWg/edit>.

Enjoy a 3 mile loop from the farm to Mooney’s and back along the Mountain Goat Trail. Walk, run, bike, skateboard, etc., and make sure to bring the kids.

Your support helps us reach at-risk children throughout Franklin and Grundy Counties. With the help of 18 Sewanee college students, we are offering before and after school reading groups at Sewanee Elementary and Tracy City Elementary, story time at both Grundy County Head Start centers, and story time and intervention support at Cowan Elementary. Our programs are free.

If you would like to sponsor the event or find out more about our 501(c)(3) organization, please go to our website: <www.earlyliteracyambassadors.com>. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

Presidents’ Day Spelling Bee and Trivia Challenge

The Franklin County Democratic Party invites you to a night of food, fun, and friendly competition on Presidents’ Day, Monday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Mark’s Community Center, 481 Alabama Ave., Sewanee. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat soup/salad/sandwich buffet. Enter your child to win a \$50 cash prize in one of two Spelling Bees. Adults can enter the American History Bee to win dinner for two at Judith. Spelling lists will be age-appropriate. Fifth-graders will be spelling from a fifth grade list, while first-graders will be spelling from a first grade list. Registration will take place the night of the contest. We will be collecting donations for the Annual FCDP College Scholarship available to Franklin County High School seniors. If you are unable to make it, you may donate here: secure.actblue.com/donate/fcscholarship. For more information, please contact Helen Stapleton at <hfstaple@yahoo.com>.

Free Recital of Schubert’s ‘Winterreise’

Join us at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31 for the recital “A Winter’s Journey Through Love and Loss: Schubert’s ‘Winterreise.’” The recital will be in the Sam Lloyd Forum, at Hamilton Hall. Tenor William Ferguson and pianist Steven Philcox will bring this timeless song cycle to life, celebrating the expressive depth and artistry of Franz Schubert’s final romantic masterpiece. The program is underwritten with the support of the Music Department, the Voice Studio under the direction of Dr. Kerry Ginger, and the Caldwell Fund for Viennese Classical Music.

Professor Kristen Cecala Recognized with ACA Faculty Fellowship

The Appalachian College Association (ACA) has announced that Sewanee Professor and Co-Chair of the Biology Department Kristen Cecala has received the association’s John B. Stephenson Semester Fellowship to support her research activity during the 2026-2027 academic year.

An ecologist with a special interest in amphibians and reptiles, Cecala’s research focuses on understanding how human-driven changes of the landscape affect aquatic organisms and how climate change impacts on the behavioral, population, and community ecology of stream amphibians. Cecala’s research team, which includes a large number of Sewanee students, uses a combination of observational, experimental, and modeling approaches to develop information that can often guide the management and conservation of aquatic ecosystems and the organisms that inhabit them. Click here <<https://new.sewanee.edu/inquiring-minds/amphibian-superheroes/>> to watch Cecala discuss why she believes amphibians are nature’s superheroes.

With the support of the fellowship, Cecala aims to design and develop a framework integrating participatory science, undergraduate engagement, and advanced population modeling to improve conservation outcomes for rare wildlife, while further building institutional and regional capacity. In service of this goal, Cecala plans to collaborate with nonprofit organizations in the region to engage more people in conservation activities like headcount surveys to generate sustainable and reliable data on rare species populations.

“We are thrilled to see Kristen receive this recognition for her scholarship,” says Vice-Provost and Dean of the College Jennifer Cooley. “Her work seeks to address critical conservation issues at a time of great challenge for the field, and will offer invaluable opportunities for Sewanee students to develop advanced analytical skills and connect their learning to real-world problems of significance.”

The Appalachian College Association is a nonprofit consortium of 33 private four-year liberal arts institutions located in the Appalachian region. The association is governed by a board comprised of the presidents of all member institutions, and an executive committee with representation from presidents and chief academic officers. Each year, the association awards fellowships to provide financial support to member institutions’ faculty for post-doctoral research or pre-doctoral degree completion. Cecala is one of 31 professors representing 23 member institutions to receive the award this year.

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Cold Shooting, Turnovers Send Southwestern Past Tigers

Adison Howard posted 14 points, six rebounds and four assists and Olivia Falvey added 16 points, but Sewanee went ice cold in the third quarter and never recovered, dropping an 86-51 decision at Southwestern University in women's basketball action Jan. 25, in Georgetown, Texas.

The Tigers (8-10, 1-6 SAA) have lost four straight conference games, all on the road. Sewanee did not score for almost five minutes to start the game but trailed, 13-11, after one quarter. The Pirates (11-7, 2-5) put together an 11-0 spurt in the second period and built a 42-26 lead at the half.

Southwestern then posted a 20-2 run in the third quarter and outscored the Tigers, 26-5, in the period. Sewanee made only 2-of-8 shots from the field and committed 14 turnovers in the quarter alone. The Pirates netted 34 points off 30 Sewanee turnovers in the game.

Falvey scored 11 of her 16 points in the final period and Howard registered the first five points of the game and then seven more in the fourth quarter.

Southwestern's Neela Castillo finished with 39 points, including 26 in the first half. She made 10-of-13 shots in the first 20 minutes, 6-for-8 from 3-point range, including three straight triples late in the second quarter.

Adrianna McCoy added 14 points off the bench and Trinity Benitez collected 12 points for the Pirates.

The Tigers did not score for almost five minutes to start the game, missing their first four shots with five turnovers, but trailed only 8-0 before a driving layup plus the foul by Howard. She added another basket and Falvey and Janie Boyd both scored, helping Sewanee trail just 13-11 at the end of one quarter.

Hannah Cleveland's short jumper kept the deficit at two to begin the second period, but the Pirates netted 11 straight points over a 3-minute stretch, with the Tigers missing three shots and committing three turnovers. Grace Gavin's layup ended the spurt and Brianna Keating-Rendon made a 3-pointer on the next Sewanee possession, their only triple of the half (1-for-10).

The Pirates also took advantage of 15 first-half turnovers by the Tigers, turning those into 21 points en route to a 42-26 advantage.

Falvey's 3-pointer just over two minutes into the third quarter were the only points for Sewanee in the period until a Howard layup with just over a minute left on the clock, more than six points of game time. McCoy and Castillo each netted six points during the 20-2 run and Southwestern led, 68-31, at the end of three quarters.

SAS Middle School Boys Make Game-Winning Shot, Finish Season With Six Wins

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School middle school basketball team defeated Covenant Christian Friday night 37-35 to close out their season with six wins. Isaiah Shelby hit the go-ahead basket with less than 30 seconds to play. Ian Tucker led SAS with 16 points, Patch Wilson, nine, Shelby, six; Torrey Anderson, four; and Dagen Latham, two. Head Coach Rob Zeitler said, "It was a joy coaching this team. We have come so far as individuals as well as a team. I look forward to watching the eighth graders play at the next level."

SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball Picks Up Win at Home

The SAS boys' varsity Mountain Lion basketball team won at home against Riverside Christian Academy Jan. 23, 60-52.

"Against a tough opponent, our boys worked as a team, sharing the ball well and making the plays," said Head Coach Larson Heitzenrater. "The support of students and families at the game added to the energy and excitement."

Juniors Harper Thompson and Bryce Archambault led scoring with 15 and 14 points respectively, and Thompson secured 19 rebounds. Senior Sam Goodpaster contributed 13 points.

Bigham Named USBWA National Player of the Week

Fletcher Bigham has been named to the U.S. Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) Division III National Player of the Week, as announced by the organization on Jan. 21. Bigham earned his first career nod from the USBWA.

The junior led the Tigers' conference road sweep, averaging 31.5 points and 13.5 rebounds, while shooting 67.6 percent (23-of-34) from the field, 100 percent (7-of-7) from the foul line, and 55.6 percent (10-of-18) from three-point range.

The Charlotte, N.C. native opened the weekend at Oglethorpe with a 23-point and 13-rebound night. He was 10-of-14 from the field and 3-of-7 from the 3-point

range, while adding an assist and a steal in Sewanee's 93-85 victory over Oglethorpe.

Bigham followed that up with a career-best 40-point performance, including the 1,000th point of his career, en route to an 82-72 win over Berry. He was 13-of-20 from the field, 7-of-7 from the charity stripe, and 7-of-11 from behind the arc. He added 14 rebounds, three blocks, an assist, and a steal to his day.

Bigham was also named to the <D3hoops.com> Team of the Week and named the Southern Athletic Association Athlete of the Week for his efforts.

Men's Tennis Tabbed Second in SAA Preseason Poll

Sewanee's men's tennis team was picked to finish second in the Southern Athletic Association preseason poll, as announced by the league's office on Jan. 22.

Trinity was selected as the 2026 preseason favorite with seven first-place voters for 56 points, while Sewanee had picked up one first-place vote for 49 points. Southwestern totaled 45 points for third place, while Oglethorpe and Rhodes tied for fourth with 34 points.

The Tigers were ranked 22nd in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) preseason rankings, coming in seven spots behind the Trinity Tigers, who are tied for 14th.

Sewanee had three players in the round of 16 singles at the ITA South Regional this fall and made it to the NCAA round of 16 last season before falling to No. 6 Emory.

Trinity also fell in the third round of the NCAA tournament last season to top-ranked Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

Tigers Picked Second in SAA Women's Tennis Preseason Poll

Sewanee's women's tennis team is slated to finish second in the Southern Athletic Association Preseason Poll, as released by the conference office on Jan. 22.

Trinity was picked as the 2026 preseason favorite with six first-place votes for 55 points, while Sewanee received two first-place votes for 49 points. Rhodes tallied 43 points in third place, while Southwestern received 37 points. Berry rounded out the top five with 34 points.

Trinity is ranked 11th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) preseason rankings. Trinity fell to No. 4-ranked Pomona-Pitzer in the third round of the 2025 NCAA Championships.

Sewanee is coming off of its 11th SAA Championship title and a second-round run in the NCAA Tournament.

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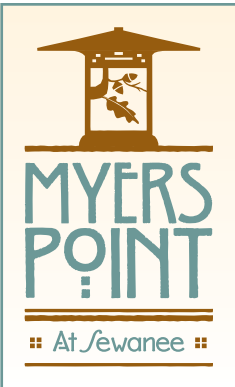


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1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1, Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern
6/7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, SAS Boys' JV, and Boys' Varsity vs. Ider High School
3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, Men's Tennis vs. Carson-Newman
4/5/6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, SAS Boys' JV, Varsity Girls', and Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Lookout Valley
6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, Women's Basketball vs. Oglethorpe
8 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Oglethorpe

Everett Leads Tigers in Road Loss at Trinity

Eliza Everett led the Tigers with 12 points and eight rebounds, but Sewanee surrendered 27 points off turnovers in a 94-65 loss at Trinity in women's basketball action on Jan. 23.

Everett's 12 points tied her career high, and she added three assists to her night. Hannah Cleveland followed with 10 points and six rebounds, while Brianna Keating-Rendon chipped in nine points on three 3-pointers. Janie Boyd finished with eight points, six rebounds, and three steals, Micha Lovelace added seven points and four rebounds, and Grace Gavin tallied six points and three boards.

Sewanee struggled to find its rhythm early, as shots refused to fall in the opening minutes and three early turnovers helped Trinity jump out in front. The Tigers were held scoreless through the first three minutes, while Trinity opened the scoring with a 3-pointer and added two more baskets to take a 7-0 lead before a Sewanee timeout. Olivia Falvey put the Tigers on the board after being fouled on a fast break, converting both free throws, but Trinity answered with back-to-back threes to extend the margin. Everett recorded Sewanee's first field goal on a layup, though another Trinity triple and a quick turnover pushed the home team further ahead. Cleveland broke a brief 7-0 Trinity run with a basket late in the quarter, but Sewanee finished the opening frame with eight turnovers and shot just 15.4 percent from the floor, as Trinity carried a 27-7 advantage after one behind five 3-pointers.

Turnovers continued to plague Sewanee in the second quarter, as the Tigers committed eight more miscues, giving Trinity 15 for the half. The home team consistently turned those mistakes into easy scoring opportunities, finishing the night with 24 points off fast breaks. Boyd, Everett, Cleveland, and Elliott Porter each scored four points in the period as baskets slowly began to fall, and a three from Keating-Rendon helped slow Trinity's momentum. Still, the home team continued to capitalize on turnovers and transition chances. Cleveland capped the half with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer, trimming the deficit slightly, but Sewanee headed into the break trailing 50-26.

Trinity opened the third quarter with consecutive layups, but Sewanee responded with one of its strongest stretches of the game. The Tigers put together a 7-0 run, fueled by four points from Lovelace and a three from Keating-Rendon, cutting into the deficit. Sewanee continued to battle on both ends, trading baskets and showing improved efficiency, but Trinity closed the quarter with a late surge. The home team finished the third with a 6-0 run in the final 54 seconds, sparked by back-to-back 3-pointers, sending Sewanee into the fourth, down 74-45.

In the final quarter, Sewanee matched Trinity shot for shot, with both teams scoring 20 points over the final 10 minutes. Everett continued to score inside, while Keating-Rendon and Cleveland each connected from beyond the arc. Trinity's early lead held as the home team secured the 94-65 win.

Men's Hoops Falls at Southwestern, 78-75

Nikolas Avaliani scored 26 points before fouling out and Aidan Treacy added 19, but Sewanee missed two tough chances around the rim in the final 15 seconds and lost, 78-75, at Southwestern University in men's basketball action Jan. 25, in Georgetown, Texas.

The Tigers (8-10, 4-3 SAA) trailed 47-40 at the half before posting a 15-3 run to start the second period. Avaliani netted six points, Philip Ryan made the first 3-pointer of the game for Sewanee and Jack Bakken's two free throws put the Tigers in front, 55-50, five minutes into the period.

Southwestern (9-9, 3-4) answered with an 8-2 spurt for a 58-57 edge, a lead the home team would never relinquish. Aedan Lewis and Shobby Enakpene each recorded four points during the spurt.

The teams traded baskets until a layup and then another basket plus the foul by Lewis pushed the Pirates advantage to 69-63 with less than nine minutes to play. Fletcher Bigham's triple from the corner and a layup by Treacy pulled the Tigers within, 71-70, with four minutes remaining.

Neo Franco answered with a triple for Southwestern and Lewis added a layup for a 76-72 edge. JD Gardner missed the front end of a 1-and-1 for Sewanee and Treacy connected on 1-of-2 free throws with 1:26 to go.

Zach Gomez missed a 3-pointer at the end of the shot clock for the Pirates and Gardner pulled the Tigers within a point with a layup with 49.3 seconds to go. Lewis turned the ball over and Sewanee called timeout with 17.6 seconds remaining.

Treacy missed a layup in traffic and Bakken's putback chance also would not fall. Luke Hatcher was fouled and made both free throws with 5.4 seconds to play for Southwestern. The Tigers were unable to get a shot off, dropping their second straight road game after three consecutive wins.

Bakken finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds while Bigham grabbed 11 boards with five assists as well.

Enakpene led four double-digit scorers for the Pirates with 24 points. Lewis posted 17 points, Gomez recorded 15 and Luke Mills had 10.

Avaliani netted six points and Bakken added four in the first five minutes of the contest, tying the game at 12. Mills made a jumper and a layup before a 3-pointer from Enakpene put the Pirates in front, 29-22, with seven minutes left in the half.

Avaliani connected on a jumper and added four free throws, pulling the Tigers within, 33-30. Gomez completed a four-point play for Southwestern at the four-minute media timeout, extending the home team's lead to 40-32.

Treacy converted a pair of driving layups, cutting the deficit to four, but Eli Bradley answered with a corner 3-pointer for the Pirates. Another Treacy basket made it a 3-point game with 90 seconds remaining in the period before Enakpene collected a pair of layups and Sewanee was unable to get a good shot off in the final 10 seconds.

Southwestern took a 47-40 advantage to the locker room, with the Tigers missing all eight 3-point chances and trailing despite shooting 50 percent from the field and committing only four turnovers. The Pirates also connected on 50 percent of their field goals, including 7-for-15 from behind the arc.

Avaliani posted 16 points and Treacy added 10 for Sewanee while Enakpene netted 20 points on 8-of-11 shooting with a pair of triples and Gomez made 4-of-7 3-pointers and recorded 15 points.



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Second-half Run Sends Trinity Past Sewanee

Nikolas Avaliani poured in 32 points, but a strong second-half performance sent Trinity past Sewanee, 103-84, in Southern Athletic Association men's basketball action Jan. 23, at the Bell Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Avaliani finished one point shy of his career high, knocking down five 3-pointers while adding five rebounds. Aidan Treacy was also one point shy of his career best, tallying 14 points to go along with six assists and five rebounds. JD Gardner chipped in 12 points off the bench, while Fletcher Bigham and Jack Bakken added nine points apiece. Bigham contributed six rebounds and four blocks, and Bakken dished out six assists with four rebounds. Philip Ryan aided defensively with six rebounds and two assists, along with four points.

Bakken opened the game with an early layup after Bigham recorded a block on Trinity's first possession. Jack Lawson answered with a 3-pointer for the home team, but Bigham responded with a triple of his own. Back-to-back 3-pointers from Avaliani and Bigham sparked a 13-2 run over a 3-minute stretch, giving the Tigers an early edge.

Trinity responded by holding Sewanee scoreless for nearly three minutes, scoring six unanswered points to pull back in front. Sewanee answered with a 6-2 run of its own, limiting Trinity to just two free throws during the stretch and keeping the contest tight.


Turnovers proved costly late in the half, as five Sewanee miscues fueled a 10-0 Trinity run that gave the home team a 39-38 lead. Ryan halted the run by converting a pair of free throws to regain a one-point advantage for Sewanee, but another turnover led to a Trinity layup. Bakken answered with a jumper with 28 seconds remaining, before Ben Estis converted inside for Trinity with six seconds left. The Tigers had the final word of the half, however, as Gardner drained a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to send Sewanee into the locker room with a 45-43 halftime lead. Sewanee shot 48.4 percent from the field and 46.7 percent from beyond the arc in the opening 20 minutes.

The teams traded baskets to open the second half, knotting the game at 47-47, before Trinity seized control with a decisive 17-5 run, building its largest lead of the night. Trinity followed with another 7-0 spurt, holding Sewanee scoreless for more than three minutes until Avaliani broke the drought with a 3-pointer.

Foul trouble mounted for the Tigers in the second half, as Sewanee was whistled for seven personal fouls before the final three minutes. Trinity took advantage at the line and cleaned up its ball handling, committing just four turnovers after halftime, while Sewanee turned the ball over nine times in the second half.

Gardner's fourth 3-pointer pulled Sewanee within nine points with 11:41 remaining, but Trinity answered immediately with an old-fashioned 3-point play, igniting a 10-2 run. Avaliani connected on another three to stop the momentum, but Trinity pushed the lead to 14 with just under eight minutes to play.

The teams exchanged baskets down the stretch, but Sewanee was unable to string together a late run, as Trinity outscored the Tigers 60-39 in the second half to secure the 103-84 victory. The home team finished with 27 points off turnovers, while Sewanee shot 49.2 percent from the floor and 40.7 percent from beyond the arc.



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by Yolande Gottfried

Northern Cardinal

In these gray, wintry days, it is a delight to see the red flash of a cardinal in a shrub. They are with us year-round and maintain their colorful plumage through the winter, unlike goldfinches and some others. In fact, we have seen them sold as cage birds in Central America, where their plumage makes them as attractive there as some tropical birds are to us here. The Nature Journaling group has been discussing cardinals lately and came up with some interesting information. The red color comes from yellow carotenoids in the berries and seeds in the bird's diet, such as sunflower seeds and the fruits of dogwood and sumac. The carotenoids are converted to the red color in the bird's body. The better the diet, the healthier and redder the bird and the more attractive he is to females. There is a complication in that the fruits of Amur honeysuckle, a nonnative, invasive shrub, are attractive to the bird and enhance the red color but contain a much lower content of the lipids which contribute to the bird's health, thus giving a deceptive signal to possible mates. Sometimes, a cardinal may metabolize the carotenoids in such a way as to make its feathers yellow, due to a genetic mutation. And, of course, the female cardinal is sort of yellowish, with red in the wings, tail, and crest. (There is also a South American bird called a Yellow Cardinal which is a tanager-finch, not in the same family as our Northern Cardinal.) The black mask on the cardinal absorbs bright sunlight to improve sight and the crest is used to signal dominance. And then there is the leucistic form of the Northern Cardinal that has a lack of pigment in some (or many) of its feathers, giving them a white or pink look. They are not albinos—they have some color and their eyes are not pink. One of the nature journalers has seen such a bird in Ft. Negley Park in Nashville for the past two years. I believe such a bird has been reported in the Sewanee area in the past. Nature Notes would surely like to hear of any more in the area.

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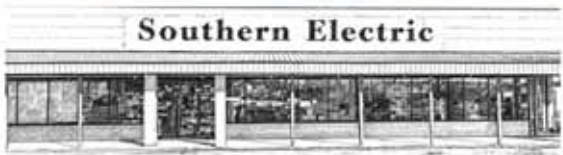
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Coffee with a Ranger — Head of the Crow State Park, Friday, Jan. 30, 9–11 a.m. Meet at Park Office/Visitor Center, 17 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee. Join Ranger Allen at Head of the Crow's Visitor Center to talk and ask questions about the park over coffee and treats.

Winter Tree Identification Hike — Head of the Crow State Park, Saturday, Jan. 31, 1–4 p.m. \$3 to \$15. Register for event. Meet at Pack Hollow Trailhead, 2036 Old CCC Rd., Sewanee. Looking to improve your tree identification? Winter is the hardest time of year to ID trees because of the lack of leaves, so it is a great time to challenge yourself. If you can ID trees in the winter, you can ID them year-round. Join Ranger Allen for a 2.9-mile hike around our Sherwood Day Loop, where you will learn how to identify various tree species by their bark, buds, and twigs. Bring appropriate winter hiking clothing and footwear, water and any desired snacks. Binoculars (optional).

Nature Hike to Big Creek Overlook — Savage Gulf State Park, Thursday, Feb. 5, 8:30–11:30 a.m. \$8. Register for event. Interested in learning about the park's native plants and wildlife? Enjoy wildlife viewing, waterfalls, and scenic overlooks by joining Ranger Jamie on a day hike to the Big Creek Overlook. We will meet at the Savage Gulf West Trailhead, 550 Greeter Falls Rd., Altamont. We will begin the hike by taking the Greeter Trail to the Big Creek Overlook and on the way back we will be completing the Greeter Falls Loop Trail. This hike will be approximately 3 miles in total and is considered strenuous in certain areas, please be prepared for a challenging hike. Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and are capable of completing the entire hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike. We will observe a beautiful overlook, waterfall, and we will also chat about the park and/or what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required. This hike is weather dependent and will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

Sewanee Herbarium Winter Calendar of Events

Art Exhibit, Stirling's Coffeehouse, January through mid-February — This year, the herbarium-sponsored nature journaling group's annual "All Things Bright and Beautiful" show at Stirling's Coffee House will feature works done in pigments derived from fruits and flowers, including but not limited to pokeberry, dahlia, goldenrod, and avocado. Besides the nature journalers, other groups represented are the college Green House students, seminary students in the "Ethics for Christians and Other Aliens" class, and possibly chemistry students at St. Andrew's-Sewanee. Look for news of a workshop on using natural pigments, sponsored by the Green House, which will be held in conjunction with the show.

Winter Green — an Introduction to Mosses and Lichens, Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, Yolande Gottfried. Whether the groundhog told us that winter is here to stay or that spring is just around the corner, winter is a great time to take a look at mosses, lichens, and maybe some ferns and other non-flowering plants. Herbarium Associate Yolande Gottfried will introduce interested participants to some of the "lower plants". Do mosses freeze? What is an Irish valentine? Are lichens really plants? Come with your questions and specimens, if you like! We will meet indoors with specimens provided to examine and, weather permitting, take a short walk outdoors to see them in the field. Meet next to the Sewanee Herbarium on the first floor of Spencer Hall, Room 173, on the campus of the University of the South. The main entrance is across from duPont Library and there is parking behind the library. Bring a hand lens or a magnifying glass if you have one.

Botanical Drawing Workshop — Leaves!, Saturday, Feb. 28, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Spencer Room 173, Mary Priestley. Leaves are some of the most fun, and challenging, botanical structures to draw. For this workshop, we will bring some plants from the greenhouses at the University Farm to draw. We will look closely at leaf function, structure, and arrangement, then move on to drawing leaves, plants, and possibly flowers, depending on what is available. Participants will do a pen and ink illustration with the option of adding color. Bring your cell phone; other materials will be provided. There is no cost, but please reserve so we know how many people to expect. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

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Mittens: The Purrfect, Four-Paw Lap Warmer! Meet Mittens, a kitty whose name tells her whole story! This gorgeous gray Tabby Domestic Shorthair girl is simply irresistible with her four picture-perfect white 'mittens' and her endlessly affectionate nature. Mittens is the definition of a lap kitty — she's always ready to share her love and believes every day is a good day for a belly rub! She is fully litter-trained and dreaming of the day she can settle into a cozy, entirely indoor life with a family who will cherish her. If your heart has an empty space waiting to be filled with constant, sweet purrs, Mittens is waiting for you!

Bluey: Your Next Friendly, Hug-Loving Family Member! Hello there! Bluey here, and I'm a handsome, friendly boy (approx. 3 years old, 60 lbs, maybe an Australian Cattle Dog/German Shorthair Pointer mix, white with red ticking) just waiting to join your family! I'm already house trained, adore being with my people, and especially love children! I'm very social, enjoy playing with other dogs, and have tons of energy for running. My favorite reward? Hugs and kisses! I'm currently working hard with a trainer to polish my skills and promise to be the very best boy for you.

If you would like to learn more about Mittens and Bluey, please fill out an Adoption Application found on our MARC website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives. MARC has a trainer available to work with dog adopters and dog fosters as needed.

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NOW HIRING FOR ALL POSITIONS

Why it's great for you
Bartenders: Fast-paced, social, and great for those who know the community.

Server-Guides: Perfect for high-energy people who love interacting with locals and students.

Line & Prep Cooks: Great for those who want to work in a focused, high-output kitchen.

Host/Hostess: The perfect entry-level role to get to know everyone on the Mountain.

Barbacks & Dish Support: Essential roles for those who like to stay busy and work behind the scenes.

WHY WORK AT "THE CHAIR"?

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Prime Location: Located right in the Village — easy to walk or bike to from your dorm or office.

The Best Vibe: Work where the community gathers. It's more than a job; it's being part of a Sewanee tradition.

Competitive Pay: Great hourly rates plus excellent tip potential in a high-traffic spot.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

The Sewanee Spirit: Friendly, helpful, and community-minded.

Reliability: We need folks who show up ready to work, especially during busy Village events.

Team Players: Willingness to jump in where needed to keep the tavern running smoothly.

HOW TO APPLY

Ready to join the Blue Chair family?

Stop By: Come see us at the Tavern in the Village. Ask for Chef Rick and bring a copy of your resume (or just your class schedule!).

Email Us: Send your info and which position you're interested in to <chefaugogo@gmail.com>.

EMPLOYMENT

FULL-TIME PRESCHOOL TEACHER: The Sewanee Children's Center seeks a caring, joyful full-time teacher for ages 1–5. Join our mission-driven, play-based program that values curiosity, kindness, and lifelong learning. Must be 18+ with HS diploma; childcare experience preferred. Contact us at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com> or (931) 598-5928.

PART-TIME SUPPORT / AFTER-SCHOOL TEACHER: Sewanee Children's Center seeks a part-time Support/After-School teacher to work with preschool classrooms and our After-School program (K–3). Ideal for someone who loves children and wants hands-on experience in a nurturing, play-based setting. Must be 18+ with HS diploma. Early childhood experience is desired. Please contact us at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com> or (931) 598-5928.

SUBSTITUTE PRESCHOOL TEACHER (PART-TIME): The Sewanee Children's Center seeks caring, enthusiastic substitute teachers to support our preschool classrooms as needed. Join a warm, collaborative, child-centered program that values curiosity, kindness, and learning through play. Must be 18+, with HS diploma, and childcare experience. Please contact us at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com> or (931) 598-5928.

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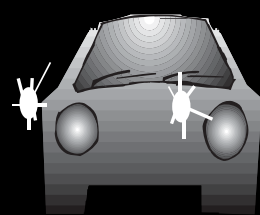
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by Robin Bates

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To harm thy brethren:

In such a faith is happiness,
In lack of it is misery and pain:

Blessed is he who swerveth not aside
From this straight path:
Blessed is he whose life is lived
Thus ceaselessly in serving God:

By bearing others' burdens,
And so alone,
Is life, true life, to be attained:

Nothing is hard to him who, casting self aside,
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--Tulsidas, True Religion
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Community Calendar

Friday, Jan. 30 • RSVP due for FoL event
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.
7:30 p.m. SAS Players present “A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream” at McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts, tickets <https://www.sasweb.org/arts/theatre>

Saturday, Jan. 31
8 a.m. The Franklin County Board of Education workshop, to address leadership planning and district athletics
4:30 p.m. Recital, “A Winter’s Journey Through Love and Loss: Schubert’s ‘Winterreise.’” Sam Lloyd Forum, at Hamilton Hall
6:30 p.m. Ben Ayers and Folk Concert, Cowan Center for the Arts, doors open 6 p.m., \$10
7:30 p.m. SAS Players present “A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream” at McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts, tickets <https://www.sasweb.org/arts/theatre>

Sunday, Feb. 1 • CAC Pantry Sunday
Reservations due for Sewanee Woman’s Club Meeting
1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 3 p.m.
2 p.m. SAS Players present “A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream” at McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts, tickets <https://www.sasweb.org/arts/theatre>
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Feb. 2 • Groundhog Day
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
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.
9 a.m. Coffee w/Coach, McGriff Alumni House; livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City

noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room, City Hall
4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
6 p.m. FoL event, Speculation, Jane Austen’s Favorite Card Game, Convocation Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 4
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
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 @ noon; lead at 12:30 p.m., Elledge, St. Mary’s Sewanee
3:30 p.m. SoT Lecture, Dr. Kwok Pui Lan, Sam Lloyd Forum, Hamilton Hall
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Feb. 5
8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club, St. Mary’s Sewanee
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
3:30 p.m. Sewanee Emeriti Association, McGriff Alumni House, Wilson
4:30 p.m. All Things Bright and Beautiful reception, Stirling’s Coffee House, until 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
4:30 p.m. Square dance at the Littell-Partin Center in Tracy City. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., dancing is from 5-7 p.m.
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

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Local 12-Step Meetings

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

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

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

Monday
5 p.m., 12-Step Women’s Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday
11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester
7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

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