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Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Community Action Committee aims to provide 100 Thanksgiving Food Boxes to our neighbors in need this season, and we need your help to make it happen. Use the shopping list below to purchase the needed items to assemble food boxes. If you would like, please include a \$25 donation with your food items to help purchase turkey and rolls.

Shopping List: Stuffing mix (one box); green beans (two cans); yams (two cans); cream style corn (two cans); instant mashed potatoes (one box); fruit cocktail (two cans); gravy (one jar); cranberry sauce (one can); shelf stable pie crust (one crust); pie filling (one can); hot chocolate packets (one box).

Please deliver food items to the CAC by Monday, Nov. 17, located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. Monetary donations accepted at Community Action Committee, PO Box 267, Sewanee, TN 37375. Volunteers are welcome.

Editor's Note: The Piggly Wiggly in Monteagle has a table set up in the front of the store with these items already bagged and ready for purchase at \$30 plus tax, for the CAC or the Morton Memorial Food Ministry.



Photo by Regina Childress

Rockfall Mitigation Prompts Lane Closures on I-24 in Marion County

On Nov. 4, a rockslide occurred on I-24 West near mile marker 137, resulting in lane closures. TDOT crews responded quickly to assess the site, clear debris, and reopen travel lanes. While the middle and left lanes were restored, the right lane remained closed due to unstable rock that remained on the mountain.

Crews monitored conditions overnight, and today, it was determined that additional rockfall mitigation measures are necessary.

A contractor will need to install stronger concrete barriers and remove the remaining compromised rock. The roadway will be reopened to two lanes, while crews work in the right lane and outside shoulder to perform the necessary scaling work. During this operation, rolling roadblocks may be used as needed, depending on site conditions.

Once the slope is deemed stable, TDOT Geotechnical engineers will design a permanent repair solution. The right lane will remain closed until that permanent repair is in place.

TDOT remains focused on safety and efficiency, aiming to restore full access as quickly as possible. Drivers should expect delays and use caution in the work zone. This work is weather-dependent and may be rescheduled in case of inclement weather or other unforeseen conditions.

As always, motorists are reminded to use TDOT's motorist information tools and Know Before You Go! by checking travel conditions before departure. Drivers should never tweet, text, or use their phone while driving. For the latest updates, visit the TDOT SmartWay Map or dial 511 for statewide travel information.

Tennessee's Move Over Law requires drivers to move over for highway workers and emergency vehicles. Violation of this law can result in up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500. <<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/news/2025/11/5/-rockfall-mitigation-prompts-lane-closures-on-i-24-in-marion-county.html>>.

Candidates Sought for SUD Board of Commissioners

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.

Franklin County Schools "Quarantine" 58 Books

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Franklin County schools removed 58 books from their libraries. This was not in response to complaints from parents or the community, but because of a fear of being in compliance with Tennessee state law," explained Christina Soontornvat, Franklin County resident and children's books author, at the Nov. 10 Franklin County School Board meeting. Soontornvat learned about the books being removed from an article in The Tennessean and spoke with school librarians who, by board policy, have the authority to remove books from the library shelves, unless challenged by the board. Clarification of the Library Materials policy was among the policy changes subsequently voted on at the meeting.

The Tennessee legislature recently amended the Age Appropriate Materials Act, Soontornvat said. The law's language prohibits schools from having any books that have sexual content, nudity, or excess violence. "It really hard to determine what that is," Soontornvat insisted. "This language could even apply to books like the Bible. In Franklin County a librarian took out any art history books because she was afraid there would be nudity in those books." Other counties removed large numbers of books from the shelves, as well: Knox County 49, Rutherford County 150, Monroe County 574.

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SES 'Turkey Protection' Project

The Sewanee Elementary School first-grade students have once again created disguises for their turkey friends to help them survive the upcoming holiday and avoid being the main course for dinner.

Turkeys are "hiding" throughout this issue of the Messenger and may try to sneak into the next issue. See them all in color at <sewaneeemessenger.com> or <sewaneeemessenger.smugmug.com>.



I am not a turkey!



SES Prepares for 100th Celebration

Sewanee Elementary School will be celebrating its 100th year in 2026! Mrs. Carol Reid Doughty kindly shared this class photo of her third grade class at Sewanee Public School. The planning committee would love to see your photos and hear your memories. Reach us at <1926ses@gmail.com> or via this google form: <<https://forms.gle/Z9LdYzgeUZUAbDN66>>.



The Ginkgo leaves on the University campus have been picked up in preparation for the annual Greening of the Chapel. Photo by Ken Taylor

Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail

The Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail returns this year, and will be located in the Monteagle Greenway between Main Street and College Street. Anyone who wants to decorate a tree for the tree trail may sign up to do so. There is no fee to participate. Sign up forms are available at Monteagle Town Hall, 16 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on the town website <www.townofmonteagle-tn.com> under "Mayor's Memos."

Last day to register is Tuesday, Nov. 18. Trees must be decorated and delivered by Monday, Nov. 24. There will be a "Lighting of the Christmas Trees" on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. A \$100 cash prize for the Best Decorated Tree will be awarded. Winner must be present to win. You must provide your own: tree, live or artificial; one outdoor extension cord; LED lights on the tree; a sturdy tree stand. Town staff will stake each tree securely into the ground.

For more information contact the Monteagle Town Hall at (931) 924-2265.

P.O. Box 296
Sewanee, TN 37375

CAC Calls for Support as Federal Nutrition Support Halts

As grocery prices rise and federal nutrition support wanes, more families across our region are turning to organizations like the Community Action Committee (CAC) for help putting food on the table. But with visits to the pantry now twice as high as last year, the organization is stretched thin and asking for increased community support to keep meeting the need.

Families across Tennessee will be forced to make impossible choices about meals, bills, and basic needs as food support disappears. Regional food banks and community food pantries were never intended to be the only resource – but right now, they are.

Although local organizations are increasing their food purchases and donations are flowing in, it's still not enough to cover the need that federal nutrition programs once met. At CAC, we are doing everything we can, but our shelves are being filled and emptied faster than ever before. CAC is also preparing for an increased demand in our emergency assistance program that helps offset utility costs for families as households may be forced to choose between putting food on the table and keeping their lights on.

Like other local organizations, CAC's food pantry and emergency assistance program are critical safety nets for local families, but it depends on community generosity to stay stocked. Donations of non-perishable food, financial contributions, and volunteer hours all make a meaningful difference. Visit <www.cacsewanee.org> to see how you can help.

Those in need of CAC's services can visit the office 9–10 a.m., Monday through Friday, or call (931) 598-5927 for assistance.

As the demand for food continues to build month after month, CAC remains committed to serving every family that walks through its doors. But with your help, they can do even more — and ensure no one in our community goes hungry.

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The Messenger will be on Thanksgiving break Nov. 24 through Nov. 28. We will be back in the office on Monday, Dec. 1, and back in print on Friday, Dec. 5.

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.

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>.

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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.

Children's clothing can be taken to Good Samaritan in Winchester or to Goodwill in Kimball. We do accept children's books and puzzles.

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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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Upcoming Meetings

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

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 meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Social time begins at 11:30 followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:30 p.m., the Lead will be given by George Elliott on "Arcadia at Sewanee, a concept for a continuing care retirement community in Sewanee."

George Elliott, President of Arcadia at Sewanee's board of directors since 2022, is a graduate of both the Sewanee Academy, C'77, and the University of the South, C'81 (English). He has over 30 years of experience in the real estate business, and since 2013 he has been associated with Shannon Waltchack of Birmingham, Alabama, specializing in tenant/buyer representation, site selection, land sales, investment properties, and development. George and his wife Shirley, C'82, reside in Birmingham.

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 is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Cheryl Lankhaar and Brigid Stewart, creators of the book "The Monteagle Assembly,

Kinsley's Story," will present the program. On Thursday, Nov. 27, the club will not meet.

Sewanee Business Alliance

The Sewanee Business Alliance will be hosting its November meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, at Locals. The guest speaker will be Andy Baggenstoss, Vice President of the South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, giving an update on the current activities and future plans of the Chamber. Community members are welcome. You may also attend via Zoom, meeting code 811 4499 1180.

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will meet for the regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, in the conference room at City Hall.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, at the courthouse in Winchester.

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. 2, with Will Merrell, Men's Basketball. The livestream will be available at <www.sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The in-person meeting will be at the McGriff Alumni House. There will not be meetings on Tuesday, Nov. 18 or Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, 2026. We have reserved Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, as a possible meeting date and will meet then if there are urgent concerns. Agenda items were due on Nov. 12.



Thanksgiving Closings

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, Nov. 27. All federal, state and county offices will be closed, including the banks and post offices. The Franklin County Convenience Centers will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28, and reopen Saturday, Nov. 29, for Thanksgiving weekend. Go to <https://www.franklincotn.us/assets/pdfs/holiday_schedule.pdf>.

The Fowler Center is closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul offices and the CAC will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28.

The duPont Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29. It will reopen Sunday, Nov. 30, from 1-10 p.m. Regular hours return Monday, Dec. 1. <https://library.sewanee.edu/library_hours>.

Richardson Waste will alter the holiday garbage pickup for Sewanee residents for the week of Thanksgiving and pick up garbage on Friday, Nov. 28, instead of the normal Thursday pickup.

McClurg Dining Hall: Regular academic hours through Friday, Nov. 21. Saturday, Nov. 22 through Saturday, Nov. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27. Sunday, Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Return to regular academic hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Stirling's Coffee House: Regular academic hours through Thursday, Nov. 20. Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23. Monday, Nov. 24 and Tuesday, Nov. 25, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Closed Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Return to regular academic hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Biehl Cafe: Regular academic hours through Thursday, Nov. 20. Closed Friday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Return to regular academic hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Cup & Gown: Regular academic hours through Friday, Nov. 21. Closed Saturday, Nov. 22 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Return to regular academic hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Tiger Bay Pub: Regular academic hours through Thursday, Nov. 20. Closed Friday, Nov. 21 through Saturday, Nov. 29. Return to regular academic hours on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Birth Announcement

Stella Esme Bordwine

Stella Esme Bordwine was born in Winchester on Sept. 25, 2025, to Anna Lee Stapleton and Alexander Maxwell Bordwine of Alto, Tenn. She weighed 7 pounds. She joins her sister Ivy.

Maternal grandparents are Helen and Archie Stapleton of Sewanee. Paternal grandparents are David and Deborah (deceased) Bordwine of Roanoke, Va.

Wedding Announcement

Stapleton and Fonseca

Thomas Leonard Stapleton and Yocette Causi Fonseca were married in Avon, Colo., on Oct. 15, 2025. Groom's parents are Helen F. Stapleton and Archie C. Stapleton III of Sewanee. Bride's parents are Viviana Soledad Fonseca Farias of Santiago de Chile, Chile and Gabriel Alejandro Causi Risso of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The couple will live in Avon, Colo.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial UMC, the stone church located at 322 W. Main Street in Monteagle, is having an additional indoor food shopping opportunity from 2-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19. Please join us in the sanctuary on Winston Avenue, with parking behind the church. Please check our website at <mortonmemorialumc.org> for additional details. There will be parking lot attendants to direct parking, we'll help you shop as needed and help load your car as needed. Should you have disabilities that do not allow you to shop, we will have a limited number of pre-bagged groceries we may load into your car.

In addition, our normally scheduled food distribution drive-through will be from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13. We appreciate you allowing us to help you in this difficult time.



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Obituaries

Charles Edward Brown

Charles Edward Brown, age 83 of Tracy City, died on Nov. 6, 2025, at his home surrounded by family. He was born on September 11, 1942, in Coalmont, to the late Clarence W. Brown and Mildred Tate Brown.

He was a member of the Sewanee Lodge #405 where he served in the past as Master of the Lodge, and he was a member of the Tracy City Order of the Eastern Star #266. He served as a county commissioner for many years and had a passion for NASCAR and the Atlanta Braves.

He is survived by his children, Wesley (Carla) Brown, Michael (Sharon) Brown, Christopher (Nikki) Brown, and Rachel (Tommy “The Man”) Nestor; eight grandchildren; sistr, Katherine Nunley, Judy Zdanowski, and Virginia Morrison; and special friend and caregiver, Barbara Cagle.

A Celebration of Life was on Nov. 11, 2025, at Christ Church Episcopal—Tracy City including a Masonic service honoring his 40+ year membership. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Shriners Hospital at <donate.shrinnerschildrens.org>. For complete obituary go to <https://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Jessie “Pete” Champion

Jessie “Pete” Champion, age 85, died on Nov. 5, 2025. He was born on July 24, 1940, in Sewanee, to Jesse L. and Annie Hunziker Champion. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tony Champion and sister, Ann Price.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Frances Champion; sons, David Champion, Donnie Andrew (Sue) Champion, and Randy Alan (Brittany) Champion; daughter, Mary Jane (James) Tate; sisters, Betty Sue Bass and Shirley Coker, six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Nov. 10, 2025, from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle, with The Rev. Angi Brown, chaplain at Amedisys Hospice, officiating. Interment followed in Eastern Star Cemetery, Sewanee. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Isaiah Jones Jr.

Isaiah Jones Jr. age 69 of Winchester, died on Nov. 2, 2025. He was born on Feb. 14,1956, in San Diego, Calif., to Isaiah Jones Sr. And Robbie M. Jones Patton. He graduated from Franklin County High School in 1974. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of First Baptist Missionary Church in Winchester. He was preceded in death by his father, Isaiah Jones Sr.; son, Isaiah Jones III; stepfather, David Patton Jr.; sisters Beverly Gail Jones and Vickie L. Jones Johnson; maternal grandparents, Lewis and Ella Taylor; paternal grandparents, Hoyte and Georgia Mae Jones; in-laws, Albert and Mabeline Smith; and many loving aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his mother, Robbie Patton of Sewanee; wife of 50 years, Gloria Jones of Winchester; daughter, Alysia D. Jones of Winchester; sister, Robbie Fontaine Carson of Sewanee; aunts, Barbara Modena of Calif., Lois Adams, and Vereda Ann Taylor, both of Sewanee, Jervie (Jesse) Smedley of Georgia, Renee (Kenneth) Allmon of Knoxville; uncle Ahmed Adams of Georgia; sister-in-law, Linda Fuqua of Winchester, brother-in-law, Douglas (Sequetia) Smith of Winchester, one granddaughter, one grandson, many nieces, nephews, and cousins, two special friends, Charles Ballard Sr. and Charles Rowe.

Funeral Services were on Nov. 8, 2025, from the Roy B. Watson Chapel of Watson Funeral Home. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonfhtn.com>.

Louise Taylor

Louise Taylor, age 90 of Decherd, died on Nov. 4, 2025. She was born on Dec. 31, 1934, in Decherd, to Thomas Johnson and Lovail Hannah Jane Brown Johnson. She was a professional cook, and had many other skills: she had business experience, cooking expertise, and organizational skills, was a chef at Jim’s Oliver Smoke House in Monteagle, at Hundred Oaks Castle (her recipes were featured in the Hundred Oaks Castle cookbook), and the Holiday Inn Restaurant in Monteagle. She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Winchester, and the Bible and field ministry were very important to her. She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, and five sisters.

She is survived by her husband of 75 years, Hosea Nelson Taylor; sister Carolyn (James) Deberry; daughters, Barbara (Willie) Perry, Dale (Mark) Upshaw, and Pamela (Mike) Hasting; son, Tony (Kelen Taylor), nine grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, many other relatives, and many spiritual brothers and sisters.

Funeral Services were on Nov. 7, 2025, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Noah Wayne Turner

Noah Wayne Turner age 35 of Monteagle, died on Nov. 2, 2025, at the Highpoint Health-Sewanee Hospital. He was born in Chattanooga, Tenn.. on Sept. 21, 1990.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald James Turner; grandparents, Donald and Edna Turner, Johnny Hendrix and Linda Mansfield.

He is survived by his mother, Jama Hendrix Turner; aunt, Kathy Baxter; uncles, Wayne Turner and Todd Hendrix; step grandmother, Margie Hendrix; step grandfather, Jerry Mansfield; several cousins and friends.

A celebration of life was on Nov. 9, 2025, at the Highpoint Restaurant in Monteagle with Mike Partin officiating. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Isaiah House in Monteagle, Tenn. For complete obituary go to <https://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

If your church is in our print circulation area and would like to be listed in the Church Calendar, please send service times, church address and contact information to <news@sewaneemessenger.com> or phone (931) 598-9949.

Death Notice

Alberta Lynn Green

Alberta Lynn Green, age 63, of Sewanee, died on Oct. 25, 2025. She was born on April 25, 1962 to the late Roger and Martha Sue Green Lappin. Along with her parents she is also preceded in death by her sisters; Reta Smith, Debra Brown.

She is survived by her sons, Roger Lappin and Travis Green.

There are no services planned at this time. For complete obituary go to <https://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

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>.

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. 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Growing in Grace, in All Saints’ Chapel.

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

Tuesday, at 7 a.m., Christian Meditation in the Meditation Chapel.

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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

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

Church *(continued from page 4)*

Wednesdays, in All Saints' Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Christ Church

It was beautiful to see how the mountain kept Veterans Day with such respect. Area towns too seemed to have new flags. Now we look forward to Thanksgiving, and, hopefully, how we will keep our humor and our dignity even if family members do not agree with each other on many topics. Our whole area seemed to come together to help those in need of food. The need is not over and every church seems to recognize this. No matter what Lectionary or Readings from Holy Scripture the theme of November is gratitude and grace.

The Sunday service at Christ Church Monteagle begins at 10:45 a.m. We welcome guests at lunch too.

Cowan Community Thanksgiving Service

Various churches will gather at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, at Cowan First Church of the Nazarene for a shared Thanksgiving service. The speaker for the service will be Rev. L.Z. Johnson, and the host church will lead in music and song. Cowan Nazarene is located at 221 West Cumberland St. The Community Thanksgiving Service is provided by the various churches of the Cowan Ministerial Association.

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 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. This means you matter. Come as you are and experience authentic worship at 10 a.m., Sunday. Classes for 2 years through fifth grade.

Morton Memorial

On Sunday at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, the Reverend Melisa Derseweh will preach on "When Rivers Clap Their Hands," based on Psalm 98.

Our children will enjoy a time with our pastor during All God's Children time with an emphasis on this poetic Psalm and the opportunity to make their own joyful sounds with rhythm instruments.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Worship begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message, there is always inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and still want to join us in worship, the service is live streamed at Morton's Facebook and YouTube pages.

In addition, the church's Food Mission will have a second Food Distribution for November on Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 2-7 p.m. Please enter through the sanctuary doors.

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). Youth Sunday School, meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

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.

Sunday Forum is replaced this week by the Parish Annual Parish Meeting: Please plan to gather this Sunday at 9:30 a.m., in Kennerly Hall for breakfast and the meeting to elect vestry members, reflect on the past year, and look to the future. Vestry nominees for 3-year terms are Chris Asmussen, Julia Bates, and Paul Richaud.

November Book Study happens Tuesday nights from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with food and beverage in Brooks Hall dining room. Julia Bates will lead a study of "Psalm for the Wild Built," a novella by Becky Chambers.

Adult choir practice is on Sundays from 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>.

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Aaron Elrod <aaelrod@sewanee.edu> for details.

Advent Study: On the first three Tuesdays in this Advent (Dec. 2, 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. The Advent Study will take the place of our usual Book Study for the month of December.

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.

Books *(from page 1)*

According to Soontornvat, the Wilson County High School principal advised his teachers, "Get rid of your classroom libraries. We don't want you to run afoul of the law."

Human Resources Supervisor Roger Alsup observed many of the books "quarantined" in Franklin County were the same books removed by other school districts. Alsup stressed the books were taken from the shelves, not discarded, in the event the law changed and the books could be returned to circulation. "We spent a lot of money on these books," Alsup pointed out.

"There has been some miscommunication in that you had some schools calling it a 'quarantine,' but reporters deemed it a 'ban,'" said Director of Schools Cary Holman. "The books were not discarded. They are still on site."

The 58 titles removed from the Franklin County School library shelves include "Ancient Egypt;" "Ancient Rome;" "Ancient Greece;" "Greek Mythology;" "An Introduction to Drawing for Kids;" "13 Artists Children Should Know;" "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You;" "Five, Six, Seven, Nate!," a novel about a teenage boy who wants to star in a Broadway show; "You Should See Me in a Crown" named by TIME magazine one of the best 100 young adult books of all time about a Midwestern teenage girl who feels "too black, too poor, and too awkward;" and "The Moon Within," a coming of age novel for girls written in verse.

Soontornvat appealed to the board to contact state legislators and urge them to realize, "You're making it hard to spread the love of reading." The legislature will revisit the Age Appropriate Materials Act in 2026. Soontornvat also asked the board to publish the list of removed books.

In response to a recommendation by Board Vice Chair Lance Williams, the list will be linked to the Board Docs webpage.

Alsup expects going forward only one or two titles will be removed each year, if any. "They [librarians] now know to look at those books [for controversial material] prior to even ordering them," he said.

The amended Library Materials policy approved by the board stipulates the list of removed books must include the reason for removing a book.

Taking up other policy decisions, the board opted for adopting a highly detailed version of the amended School District Goals policy. Board members Sarah Marhevsky and Caycee Roberts thanked Alsup for incorporating the suggestions made at a recent board workshop. Speaking in favor of the more detailed policy, Holman emphasized having detailed policy was a useful tool in grant writing. "The more you can show the alignment to your district goals [by having detailed policy], you have a greater evidential piece to support that grant."

The amended Compensation policy approved by the board provides for a "deceased teacher's estate or designated beneficiary [to] be paid 50 percent of [the teacher's] daily rate at the time of death for any unused accumulated leave." A recent change in state law made it possible for the board to compensate deceased teachers' beneficiaries, Williams said. He expressed regret that the provision was not "retroactive."

In the update on projects, Holman reported the field house at the Franklin County Annex would be "revitalized" and the bathrooms at the annex field would be relocated to the former visitor concession stand.

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.

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. Please see page 15 in this issue for the application.

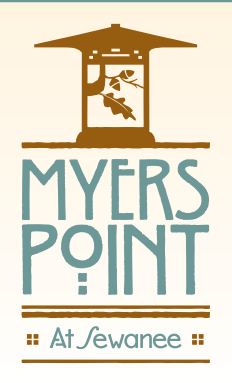
To donate money, nonperishable food items or new toys, please take items to the Sewanee Police Department located behind duPont Library, Print Services located in the old Beta House, or the CAC located at St. Mark and St. Paul (formerly Otey Memorial Parish). Checks may also be mailed to Sewanee Operation 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.

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The Babson Center Welcomes Kathryn Ingram Thompson (C'96)

The Babson Center for Global Commerce will welcome Kathryn Ingram Thompson, C'96, founding partner and Chief Executive Officer of Thompson Research Group (TRG), as the Humphreys Entrepreneur in Residence at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, in Naylor Auditorium of Gailor Hall. This event is presented in collaboration with the Department of Economics and Finance and Department of Philosophy.

Thompson is the founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer of TRG, an equity research and advisory firm focused on the industrial and construction value chain. In addition to managing and setting the strategic direction of the firm, she also serves as Director of Research. With over 20 years of experience analyzing, modeling, and advising mutual funds, hedge funds, pension funds, private equity firms, and family offices, Thompson has become a respected leader in investment and portfolio management. She works closely with both public and private companies, serving as a trusted advisor for strategic planning and growth initiatives.

Thompson's entrepreneurial spirit first took shape at Mountain Outfitters in the Sewanee Village, where she worked as the store's first employee and helped manage operations during its first year. She credits that experience with teaching her both the creative and practical aspects of starting a business, as well as the flexibility, persistence, and passion required to succeed. In 2009, at the height of the Great Recession, Thompson co-founded TRG. Instead of shrinking during uncertain and crippling economic conditions, she saw possibility. Thompson reflects, "my business partner and I saw an opportunity to capitalize on a fundamental change in our industry, and despite the unconventional move of leaving a comfortable job and starting an untested business model, we did nonetheless."

A philosophy major at Sewanee, Thompson was also a Benedict Scholar, a member of Phi Kappa Epsilon, and founder of The Sewanee Conference on Women, a speaker series that brought accomplished women to the Mountain. She also played field hockey and served as an assistant proctor. Thompson credits her Sewanee experience, particularly her philosophy studies, with developing the critical thinking and communication skills that have guided her throughout her career. As an alumnus, she has supported the Babson Center through her advisory board service.

Beyond her professional success, Thompson remains deeply engaged in community service through Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, where she has served for more than fifteen years as a board member and trustee supporting programs that "change lives through education, training, and employment" as noted through Goodwill's mission.

Please join Kathryn Ingram Thompson for an engaging discussion on entrepreneurship, integrity, and how a liberal arts foundation can inspire innovation and leadership in the business world.

Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible

Friends of the Library of the University of the South invites you to attend the Eighth annual Tom G. Watson Memorial Event. We will meet at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 in the Sam Lloyd Forum in Hamilton Hall.

Join Brad Neary, Director of The Saint John's Bible Heritage Program, as he shares the story of the creation of the original 1,150-page manuscript as well as the full-sized printed version of The Saint John's Bible, referred to as the Heritage Edition. Commissioned by Saint John's Abbey and University in 1998, The Saint John's Bible was created by Donald Jackson, former Senior Scribe to the late Queen Elizabeth II's Crown Office, along with a small collaborative team of scribes and artists. This is the first illuminated, handwritten monumental Bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years. Ancient tools, materials and techniques were employed to create a 21st century Bible. The Heritage Edition is the only full-size illuminated fine art edition of the original manuscript that will ever be produced. Only 299 seven-volume sets were created; over 175 sets have found permanent homes in institutions around the world, including The University of South.

Brad Neary serves as Director of The Saint John's Bible Heritage Program at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn. The Heritage Program is an international initiative for individuals and institutions to explore the artistic and spiritual beauty of The Saint John's Bible—the first hand-written, hand-illuminated monumental Bible in 500 years. Neary is a 1981 graduate of Saint John's University and served as the University's Assistant to the President from 1981 to 1984. Neary earned his master's degree in Human Resources & Industrial Relations from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management in 1987 and held senior positions at TRW, KeyCorp, and Medtronic over the course of his 20-year career as a human resources professional. Neary returned to Saint John's in 2008 and began serving as Senior Development Officer (major gifts) on the University's Institutional Advancement team. In 2013, Neary combined his fundraising work with a half-time Director role on The Saint John's Bible Heritage Program team. As of May 1, 2022, Neary transitioned to his current full-time role with the Heritage Program. Neary resides in and works from Seattle where he is an active member of his church, Epiphany Parish, and an even more active father to his teenage daughter, Moira.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, School of Theology, and Library and Information Technology Services.

Following the program, everyone is invited to experience one volume – Gospels and Acts – of The Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition in the Diocese of Texas Reading Room at Hamilton Hall.

More information about the Friends of the Library can be found at their website: <<https://library.sewanee.edu/FOL>>. If you have questions about the talk or joining the Friends of the Library, please contact Penny Cowan at (931) 598-1573 or <pcowan@sewanee.edu>.

MSSA Woman's Association Supports Local Charitable Organizations

Each year, the Woman's Association of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly donates a portion of the proceeds from the annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar to several deserving organizations that contribute to the well-being of the community.

This year, United for Literacy and Morton Methodist UMC Food Pantry each received \$1,750, and Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic and A Step Ahead each received \$750.

United for Literacy to addresses the literacy needs of Monteagle Elementary School provides

Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic provides free medical and dental care to residents of Grundy County and the surrounding area.

Morton Methodist UMC Food Pantry provides a regular monthly food distribution on the second Saturday of the month.

Chattanooga-based A Step Ahead works to remove barriers to contraception through education, outreach, and access to free birth control.

Electric Bill Assistance with Project HELP

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

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

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

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

Round Up for Project Help

The Sewanee Utility District's billing software has the ability to round up your bill to the nearest dollar with the difference going to the Project Help fund. Project Help collects donations from SUD customers and passes them on to the Community Action Committee, where it is used to pay folks' water and sewer bill when they need a bit of help.

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MGTA Wins Tree Grant

The Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (MGTA) has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry's Community Tree Planting Program.

In collaboration with High Canopy Tree Service of Sewanee, the MGTA will plant native trees and shrubs along the newly-completed section of the trail in Monteagle near Summerfield.

"We're excited to work with High Canopy on this project which will provide shade, habitat, and a host of other benefits to the environment as well as to trail users," said Patrick Dean, executive director of the MGTA.

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Monday, Nov. 17: Pop tart, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 18: Banana bread, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, Nov. 21: Donut Pull-apart, juice, 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, Nov. 17: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, cheesy broccoli, roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 18: Barbecue riblet sandwich, baked beans, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Thanksgiving lunch K, 2, 4, Sack lunch 1, 3, 5.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Thanksgiving lunch 1, 3, 5; sack lunch K, 2, 4.

Friday, Nov. 21: Hamburger/cheeseburger, trimmings, fresh carrots w/Ranch, French fries, birthday cupcake, fruit, milk.

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



ADT Sorority showed up in force on Nov. 8, for the sixth year in a row to help with the Folks at Home annual "Fall Action" yard clean up. Nine members signed up for this year's fall action! Thanks ADT!



Sewanee Elementary School October students of the month. Kyler Sanders, Kindergarten; Blais Womelsdorf, first grade; A. Carlson, second grade; Eli Young, third grade; Bella Barnes, fourth grade; Lilian Mylonas-Garcia, fifth grade.

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.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Nov. 22–30, Thanksgiving Break, SAS

Nov. 24–28, Thanksgiving Break, Franklin County, Grundy County, Marion County, University of the South

Dec. 5, last day of classes, School of Theology

Dec. 11, last day of classes, College



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‘soft bone, tender body’ at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present “soft bone, tender body” by Chicago-based sculptor and performance artist Nalani Stolz, on view in the UAG through Dec. 12, 2025.

Working with abstract forms and organic materials and processes, Stolz considers our conceptions of—and experience of inhabiting—our bodies. The artist makes use of materials and practices from the domestic sphere and puts these to new purpose, evoking care and intimacy, while rendering the familiar unfamiliar, and beyond easy or full understanding.

Material surrogates for our bodies and their systems, the pieces included in soft bone, tender body change over time. They grow, and break down. Their surfaces crack and age. They seep. They expand and stretch, they empty. They are shaped by processes — the growth of yeast, fermentation, how vinegars and salt respond. They are porous, they are messy, they elude control, they decay. They are crafted tenderly, they are beautiful, they are temporary.

Nalani Stolz “shift(s) our seemingly solid edges; reminding us that we are ... changing, decaying vessels, loosely contained by skin, muscle, and bone.”

Nalani Stolz received a B.A. in Sculpture at Whitman College and an M.F.A. in Sculpture from Ohio State University. Her recent solo exhibitions include “Bodies Still Becoming” at The Sculpture Center, Cleveland, OH in 2024; “Tenuous Threads” at the Atlantic Gallery, New York, NY in 2023, and “Midrib & Trifolio” at the Columbus Printed Arts Center, Columbus, Ohio, in 2022. She was a resident artist at Prairie Ronde, the Mill at Vicksburg, Mich., in 2025, at Anderson Ranch Arts Center in 2024, and at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art in 2023. From 2014-2018, she founded and directed The Birdsell Project, an arts organization and residency program that focuses on bringing artists into spaces to create site-responsive installations.

The University Lectures Committee, Sewanee’s Integrated Program in the Environment, Biology, Religious Studies, Humanities, and Art, Art History, and Visual Studies all contributed their support to this exhibition and event. Thank you!

The UAG is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 4 p.m., on Saturdays and Sundays. Please note the UAG will be closed for the University of the South’s Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 22 through Nov. 30, 2025.

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.

Lecture and Comicbook Writing Workshop

Writer J. Holtham who works in TV, comics, and podcasts, will offer a guest lecture and a comic book writing workshop.

“The Worlds We Build: Writing Dystopia and the Supernatural” guest lecture will be at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Naylor Auditorium. The Comicbook Writing Workshop: will be at 7:30p.m., Nov. 19, in the Torian Room at duPont Library.

Met Opera Live in HD Continues

Met Opera Live in HD broadcasts continue in the Ralston Listening Library, on the second floor of duPont Library. Tickets are available at <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/tickets/>>.

Saturday, Nov. 22, noon: Strauss, “Arabella,” tickets at <www.showpass.com/met-opera-arabella>.

Strauss’s elegant romance brings the glamour and enchantment of 19th-century Vienna to cinemas worldwide in a sumptuous production by legendary director Otto Schenk that “is as beautiful as one could hope” (The New York Times). Compelling soprano Rachel Willis-Sørensen stars as the title heroine, a young noblewoman in search of love on her own terms. Soprano Louise Alder is her sister, Zdenka, and bass-baritone Tomasz Konieczny is the dashing count who sweeps Arabella off her feet.

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DanceWise: Mystique

The University of the South Department of Theatre and Dance will present their annual DanceWise production Nov. 14-15 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m., in the Proctor Hill Theater at the Tennessee Williams Center. DanceWise is a collaboration between students and faculty, with students providing most of the driving force behind a production featuring many styles of dance centered around an anchoring theme. This year’s theme, “Mystique,” invites choreographers, dancers, and viewers to reach beyond reality into the nebulous world of imagination. Primarily student-created choreography interprets this theme through styles such as contemporary/modern, tap, jazz, hip-hop, contemporary Paraguayan, and modern-flamenco fusion. If you intend to attend, you are encouraged to reserve your seats with free tickets via Theatre Sewanee’s Eventbrite page; DanceWise draws a crowd and seating is limited.

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Empty Tables to Support Food Insecurity on the Plateau

Empty Tables seeks local artists to donate pieces for its booth at the upcoming annual Tennessee Craft South Holiday Studio Tour Dec. 6-7.

The studio tour is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Saturday, Dec. 6, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at Sewanee's American Legion Hall.

"We're reaching out to the public for two reasons," volunteer Lee Limbird said. "We want to encourage local artists not participating in the studio tour to donate pieces to the Empty Tables Project and invite those who are inspired by art and concerned about the crisis of food insecurity on the plateau to come by our booth to shop."

Empty Tables, launched by Claire Reischman on behalf of Tennessee Craft South five years ago, shares all proceeds with organizations that address food insecurity on the South Cumberland Plateau. Funds raised this year will be distributed to the Grundy County Food Bank in Coalmont, the Community Action Committee in Sewanee, and Morton Memorial United Methodist Church in Monteagle.

Grundy County Food Bank is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Grundy County area, working with volunteers and board members to make sure no person goes hungry.

The Community Action Committee, an outreach program of St. Mark and St. Paul Church in Sewanee, is dedicated to combating poverty and hunger in rural Appalachia and is open Monday-Friday from 9-11 a.m.

Morton Memorial Church in Monteagle distributes groceries once a month, typically to 275 or more families, to alleviate food security in the area.

Artists interested in donating pieces to the Empty Tables Project should contact Lee Limbird by text/phone (615) 630-9196 or <llimbird95@gmail.com>. Set-up will begin at 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at the American Legion Hall, Sewanee, but arrangements can be made to pick up art in advance. To see all the studios on tour, and a map for the entire event, go to <<https://tennesseecraft.org/members/chapters/south/>>.

Artifacts of Extinction

Comprised of defunct objects related to science, culture, and Sewanee-specific extinction, this show examines forgotten objects, ideas, and traditions from the William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections. Providing a window into community and campus life of former generations, this exhibition works to bridge the past and present Sewanee experience. Ranging from hair art to dog obituaries, stone and bone books to insects-in-amber and fossil fragments, the displayed objects represent the unexpected cultural heritage and geographic diversity of the University's collections. Researched and curated by Introduction to Museum Studies students in the spring of 2025, Artifacts of Extinction showcases Sewanee's rich archival resources and hands-on student experience.

Tennessee Craft-South Presents the 2025 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 ClenDening, 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 opens on November 3 and 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 C 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.

Community Art Shows at the Artisan Depot

Each year from August through July, the Franklin County Arts Guild hosts six community art shows. Shows are open to anyone in the county no matter your age, art medium (i.e., from sculpture to crayon), or training level. There is no fee to enter the show. You may sell your work at the show. The gallery will charge a 25 percent commission on sold work. We ask that the contributing artist address the theme in their own way and present a piece of work that is able to be displayed by the intake deadline. Each show has a meet the artists reception on a specified Friday from 5-7 p.m., during the show months. The shows are presented at the Artisan Depot Gallery at 204 Cumberland E in Cowan. More information can be found at the Artisan Depot Gallery during business hours noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, or at our website <www.franklincoarts.org>.

Artist Trading Cards, Dec. 4-Feb. 1. Intake: Nov. 27-30. Reception: Friday, Dec. 19.

Is Love Free? Feb. 5-March 29. Intake: Jan. 29-Feb. 1. Reception: Friday, Feb. 20.

Nurture Nature, April 2-May 31. Intake: March 26-29. Reception: Friday, April 17.

40 Degrees Celsius, June 4-Aug. 2. Intake: May 28-31. Reception: June 19.

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.

There will be a tour of the decorations for Lessons and Carols at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. Meet Ken Taylor in the narthex of All Saints' Chapel.

66th Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

On Christmas Eve, 1918, the Chaplain of King's College, Cambridge took a Cornish Christmas tradition and brought it to the world. Weaving together biblical readings with seasonal music, the service prepared participants to hear the announcement of the birth of Jesus Christ. For over 60 years, Sewanee has hosted its own service, and coming as it does at the end of the Advent semester, the gathering becomes, for many, the Christmas celebration of the University. In addition to the students, staff, and faculty of the University, the service is open to the broader community in Sewanee and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming the extended Sewanee family and friends from around the world to All Saints' Chapel in 2025. With seats for over 1000 guests, we anticipate being able to seat every person who comes to worship in All Saints' Chapel. Two services — at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6 and at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7 — feature walk-up seating, and doors will open an hour in advance of the service. Reserved seating for the 4 p.m. service on Saturday, Dec. 6 will be made available to students and employees of the University on or shortly after Nov. 1. Please note that large bags or backpacks will not be allowed in All Saints' Chapel. Email us with questions at <lessonsandcarols@sewanee.edu>.

All services will be live-streamed for friends and family who are unable to attend in person. The live-stream can be accessed approximately 10 minutes prior to the service time.

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29th Worldwide Candle Lighting

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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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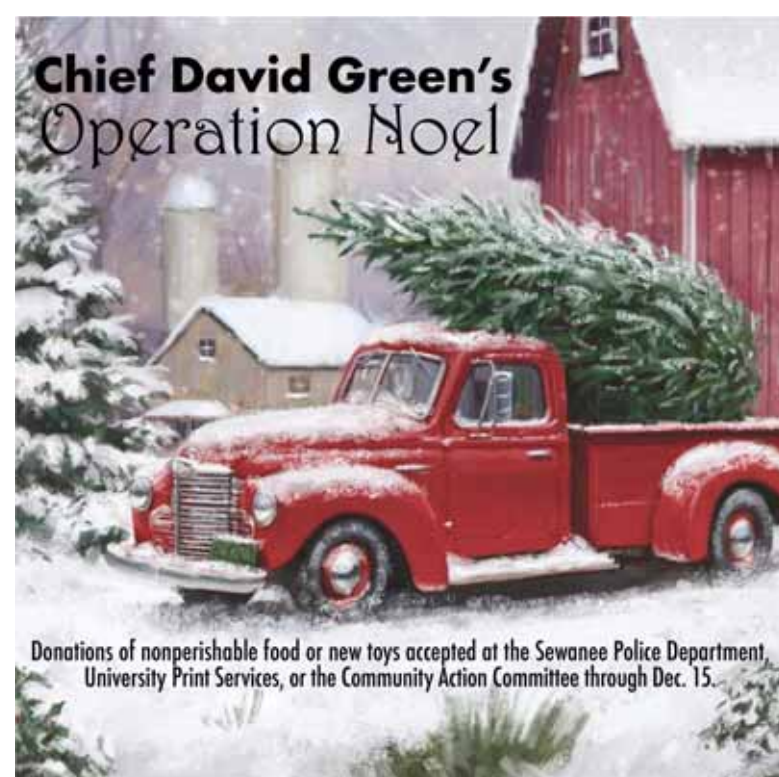
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Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is hosting its third annual Pancake Breakfast and Raffle from 8–11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, at Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul Episcopal Church, 216 University Ave., Sewanee. Pancake Breakfast tickets can be purchased through Givebutter <<https://givebutter.com/c/mspancakes>> prior to the event, or purchased day of at the door. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, and kids under 3 are free.

Raffle tickets are \$5. The limited amount of the silent auction packages are available for review on Givebutter <<https://givebutter.com/c/mspancakes/auction>>. Proceeds from the event supports several projects of the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club.

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 Dec. 1–31, 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>.

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The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 2, 4, 8, and 9, at 55 Hege Ave., Beersheba Springs. The cost is \$30 per person. For more information and to register go to <<https://www.beershebaassembly.org/event/christmas-at-beersheba/>>.

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, choir concert, dance performance, food trucks and more.

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

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"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" runs Nov. 14–16 and Nov. 21–23, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and military, and \$10 for students, and are available at <millenniumrep.org> or by calling (931) 570-4489. The Arts Center is located just off Manchester's historic square at 128 E. Main St.

New Show at In-Town Gallery

The Holiday Season is upon us! In-Town Gallery presents a gallery-wide exhibition featuring fresh new artwork by all our members. Jewelry, painting, sculpture, turned wood, fused glass — the In-Town Gallery artists have visual treats for everyone.

New this year is a Festive Holiday Shop! In-Town Gallery has long been celebrated as the source for one-of-a-kind gifts and ornaments. These items have become so popular that we've created a seasonal shop within the gallery. It's a place to browse many fun and creative items to brighten this joyful season.

Showcasing the work of local artists, In-Town Gallery is located on Chattanooga's North Shore at 26A Frazier Ave. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday–Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. ITG offers a diverse range of original art and fine craft. Visit us at <www.intowngallery.com> Facebook and Instagram.

Georgia Johnson: From Latin America to Appalachia - A Viola Recital

This recital traces a dance-filled path across the Americas, from the smoky streets of Buenos Aires to the rolling hills of Appalachia. Piazzolla's "Libertango" burns with passion and defiance, José Elizondo's "Danzas Latinoamericanas" sings with color and warmth, and Mark O'Connor's "Appalachia Waltz" offers a moment of reflection rooted in folk simplicity. Together, they remind us how rhythm and melody can travel freely across borders, speaking a language we all share.

The recital will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14, in Guerry Auditorium. With Mario Alejandro Torres, viola, and Vicki Collinsworth, piano.



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SAS Varsity Mountain Bike Team Places Fifth at State Championship

The SAS mountain bike team traveled to Chattanooga on Oct. 26 for the final race in the Tennessee Interscholastic Cycling League Race Series for the State Championship at Raccoon Mountain. Four hundred eighty riders from teams across the state tackled the beautiful yet technically challenging course. Three riders from the varsity team had podium finishes: senior William Schrader closed out his high school career with second in Varsity Boys, Rosa Thompson took third place in JV3 Girls, and Hudson Vaughan placed fifth in JV3B Boys. Other top finishes included Harper Thompson (10th Varsity Boys), Grayson Clark (seventh JV1 Boys), senior Kat Carpenter (eighth JV2 Girls), Sawyer Barry and Will Roberts (ninth and 10th respectively in JV2 Boys). Other strong finishes included seniors James Steffner (JV1 Boys) and Reuben Cloniger (JV2 Boys) who had their best races of the season.

Ten middle school riders also competed at Raccoon Mountain, proving the future of mountain biking is bright at SAS. Eighth graders Alex Glacier, Will Moody, and Jack Roberts all had strong performances to cap off their final races as middle schoolers.

Overall series awards are determined by cumulative points earned over the course of the season's five races. The following athletes were honored with state accolades: William Schrader, second place Varsity Boys, Grayson Clark, sixth place JV1 Boys, and Rosa Thompson, fifth place JV3 Girls. The varsity team placed fifth out of 29 teams.

Swim and Dive Wrap Weekend With Wins Over Transylvania and Midway

Sewanee's men's and women's swimming and diving teams capped a strong weekend with another pair of victories on Nov. 8, earning wins in a double-dual meet against Transylvania and Midway.

The Tigers opened the meet with second-place finishes in both 200 Medley Relays. On the women's side, Natalia Evans, Grace Gearhart, Audrey Francell, and Ada Digby combined for a 1:58.70, while the men's relay of Tyler Foster, Naeem Mangum, Ryder Griffin, and Josh Kim recorded a 1:40.37.

Distance events set the tone early. Adelina Willett won the women's 1,000 freestyle by more than a minute, touching in 11:43.32, while Foster completed the sweep with a time of 10:39.21 in the men's race.

Sewanee continued to find success in the 200 freestyle, where Sarah Beth Roady took the top spot for the women, and Henry Lindeman III and Eric Jurkovic finished first and second, respectively, for the men. In the 50 freestyle, Andrew Olsen won the men's race in 21.59, while Carter Nabors placed third in 22.70. On the women's side, McKenna Reed finished second in 26.08.

The Tigers swept the women's 400 IM, as Ella Deitch won in 4:57.71 and Gearhart followed in 5:07.53. Jon Brettschneider earned a second-place finish on the men's side with a time of 4:30.32. Nabors added another win for Sewanee in the 100 butterfly, clocking a 55.19.

Sewanee swept the 100 freestyle as well. Francell won the women's race in 56.09, followed by Caroline Johnston in third at 58.85. Jurkovic and Griffin went one-two for the men in 49.71 and 50.70. Olsen and Foster claimed first and third in the 100 backstroke with times of 51.84 and 55.96.

Deitch picked up her second individual win with a 5:33.67 in the 500 Freestyle, while Lindeman III won the men's race in 5:02.00, with Brettschneider placing third in 5:15.76. In the 100 breaststroke, Eleanor Bishop earned the win for the women in 1:12.88, and Mangum secured the men's victory in 59.62.

Sewanee closed the meet with a sweep in the 200 freestyle Relay. Digby, Reed, Evans, and Francell touched first in 1:43.05, while the men's relay of Lindeman III, Kim, Griffin, and Olsen posted a winning time of 1:28.50.

On the boards, Jonah Kearns swept both diving events, scoring 289.95 on the 1-meter and 259.28 on the 3-meter. In women's diving, Zoe Napier and Lily Stooksbury finished second and third, respectively, in both events.

Sewanee will close out its fall season at the Centre Invitational on Nov. 21-23, before resuming in the new year with a home meet on Jan. 10.

Centre Tops Sewanee

Sewanee closed out its home slate on Nov. 8. at McGee Field, falling to Centre, 28-0, in Southern Athletic Association football action.

The Tigers (3-6, 1-5) generated success on the ground, tallying 90 rushing yards, led by Barton Mixon's 78 yards on 28 carries. Quarterback Kade Smith also added a 45-yard run in the opening quarter to move Sewanee inside the red zone on the Tigers' best drive of the afternoon.

Defensively, Sewanee posted multiple strong stands and forced two interceptions. Jaylen Mack recorded a key takeaway on Centre's second-quarter possession, returning it 23 yards, while Athon Herrin added another interception in the fourth. Balint Rendessy paced the Tigers with a team-high 11 tackles, including one tackle for loss, while Max Grumbles and Jalen Hill each recorded sacks as Sewanee totaled four in the contest.

Centre (4-5, 3-3) struck for a pair of second-quarter touchdowns to take a 13-0 lead into halftime. The Colonels added to their advantage to open the second half with a 98-yard kickoff return before capping their scoring midway through the third.

Will Simpson was strong in the field-position battle for the Tigers, punting 10 times for 423 yards, averaging 42.3 yards per kick with two downed inside the 20.

Sewanee will conclude the regular season next weekend on the road, traveling to take on Millsaps.

Women's Soccer Falls in SAA Semifinals

Despite controlling possession and generating the majority of scoring chances, Sewanee fell 1-0 to Rhodes in the semifinals of the SAA Women's Soccer Tournament on Nov. 7.

The Tigers outshot the Lynx 15-4, including a 5-3 edge in shots on goal, and earned eight corner kicks in the match. However, a late Rhodes goal proved to be the difference.

Rhodes broke through in the 73rd minute, as a long ball into the box connected with the head of Sophia Rall, who placed it into the back of the net for the decisive goal.

Sewanee opened the match on the front foot, earning five corners and four shots in the first 25 minutes while holding Rhodes without an attempt. The Tigers continued to dictate play in the second half, firing 11 shots to the Lynx's two. Rhodes goalkeeper Olivia Barfield made two key saves in the half, and the Lynx back line cleared two Sewanee efforts off the goal line to preserve the lead.

Sewanee concludes its season at 10-3-4.

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6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Berean Academy
6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, Women's Basketball vs. Maryville
noon, Friday, Nov. 21, Equestrian (NCEA) vs Bridge-water College

Late Goal Seals Quarterfinal Result for Sewanee

Centre struck early and added a late insurance goal as Sewanee fell to the Colonels, 2-0, in the quarterfinals of the SAA Men's Soccer Tournament on Nov. 6.

Despite a strong offensive effort that saw the Tigers outshoot Centre, 16-10, including an 8-7 advantage on goal, Sewanee was unable to find the back of the net. Stokes McConnell, Edward Kennedy, and Grayson White each tallied two shots on target, while Centre goalkeeper Martin Cortez turned away eight attempts to keep the shutout intact.

Centre opened the scoring in the 10th minute after a bouncing ball slipped through the Sewanee back line, leading to a one-on-one finish inside the near post. The Colonels nearly doubled their lead late in the first half on another breakaway chance, but the shot sailed wide.

McConnell generated Sewanee's first quality look in the opening minutes when his attempt from the penalty area was collected by Cortez. The Tigers' best chance came midway through the second half, as Noah Bjorkman volleyed a ball just wide of the post.

With Sewanee pushing numbers forward in the final minute, Centre capitalized on a counter to add a final goal.

Nathan Vanhove recorded five saves in the match for the Tigers.

Sewanee concludes an outstanding season at 12-4-4 overall and 3-2-2 in SAA play. The Tigers posted three losses to nationally ranked top-15 opponents and opened the year with a 4-0 win over then-No. 18 Johns Hopkins.

Field Hockey Tournament Run Ends in Semifinals Against Mary Washington

Shepard Ramsey scored her fourth goal in two days, but the Tigers fell to top-seeded Mary Washington in the semifinals of the CFHC Tournament on Nov. 7.

The Eagles controlled possession throughout the match, finishing with a 14-2 advantage in shots and earning 14 penalty corners. Sewanee kept Mary Washington off the board in the first quarter, as goalkeeper Miriam Hussaini collected two saves while the Tigers limited the Eagles to three shots.

Mary Washington broke through in the second, capitalizing on four penalty corners and converting twice to take a 2-0 lead at the half. The Eagles added two more quick goals early in the third, again off penalty corner opportunities.

Sewanee responded with a goal of its own off a corner, as Natalie BeVier inserted to Molly Haskell, who sent a pass into the circle that Ramsey tipped into the cage. The Eagles added one more goal late in the third to round out the scoring.

Hussaini ended the game with seven saves.

Sewanee concludes the season with a 9-9 overall record and a 2-3 mark in conference play.

Falvey Leads Seven Players in Double Figures in Opening Win

Olivia Falvey posted 22 points, Cydney Wright recorded 10 points and nine rebounds while Adison Howard handed out 12 assists, as seven Sewanee players finished in double figures in a 110-65 victory over Wesleyan College on Nov. 9, in women's basketball action at Juhan Gymnasium.

The Tigers (1-0) put together an 11-0 run late in the first quarter to take the lead for good and then took advantage of turnovers and poor shooting from the Wolves (0-1) to take control and never look back. Wesleyan connected on 6-of-14 field goals in the first quarter but then made just 5-for-32 combined in the second and third periods.

Brianna Keating-Rendon registered four of the team's 11 3-pointers in the contest and Eliza Everett grabbed a team-best 11 rebounds off the bench, six on the offensive glass. The Tigers forced 27 turnovers by Wesleyan, turning those into 39 points.

Janie Boyd netted 16 points with seven assists while Micha Lovelace made a pair of triples and posted 13 points off the bench. Keating-Rendon finished with 12 points and Hannah Cleveland added 11 points, five boards and four assists. Sewanee tallied 34 assists on 41 made field goals in the game.

Zariah Davis led the Wolves with 25 points with four 3-pointers and Briscia Tejada was the only other Wesleyan player in double figures with 11.

Both teams started quickly, with Davis hitting a 3-pointer and baskets by Tejada and Davis giving Wesleyan an 8-6 edge. Falvey and Wright collected buckets for the Tigers before a triple by Lovelace.

Maya Whitehead made two free throws and a layup for Wesleyan, but Lovelace's second three of the period tied the game at 14. Falvey's old-fashioned 3-point play gave the Tigers a 19-16 advantage and after a basket from Anderia Jackson pulled the Wolves within a point, Sewanee put together an 11-0 spurt over the next three minutes.

Falvey and Cleveland each made field goals before two baskets from Boyd and two foul shots by Howard. Alissa Sandifer ended the run with two free throws with 1.4 seconds left in the quarter, with Sewanee leading, 30-20.

Davis' free throw with 8:18 remaining in the second quarter were the only points for Wesleyan until a layup by Tejada with 1:42 to play before the half. The Tigers netted 17 consecutive points, including layups from Falvey and Boyd and the first triple of the game by Keating-Rendon.

Grace Gavin and Falvey each collected two straight baskets, pushing the lead to 50-21, before Tejada's layup ended the stretch. Wright and Boyd both made two foul shots in the final minute and Sewanee took a 56-25 advantage to intermission.

Tejada connected on a field goal at the seven-minute mark of the third quarter for the Wolves, the team's only basket until late in the period again. Wesleyan made seven free throws in a six-minute stretch.

Keating-Rendon and Gavin each posted a pair of 3-pointers in the quarter and Lovelace added seven points, including an old-fashioned 3-point play. Cleveland collected six points as well, with Sewanee holding its biggest lead of the game, 91-36, late in the period.

Sewanee Announces Change in Football Leadership

Sewanee head football coach Andy McCollum has been relieved of his duties, effective immediately.

McCollum posted an 8-22 record over three seasons with the Tigers, including a 28-0 loss this past Saturday against Centre College. Sewanee has lost 5-of-6 games since a 2-1 start and dropped all five home contests this year.

The Tigers registered a 3-7 mark in McCollum's first season—the program's most wins since 2018 — and ended a 23-game conference losing streak. Sewanee finished 2–8 in 2024.

“Coach McCollum brought a wealth of experience and a deep passion for developing young men through the game of football,” Director of Athletics John Shackelford says. “We are grateful for his leadership and the dedication he and his staff have shown to our student-athletes. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building a program that reflects Sewanee's values of excellence, integrity, and perseverance on and off the field.”

Offensive coordinator Tracy Malone will serve as interim head coach for the season finale this Saturday at Millsaps College. Malone has more than 27 years of coaching experience in Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, including 11 seasons as a high school head coach.

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Volleyball Sweeps Doubleheader

Emma Meyer reached her 2,500th career assist and Head Coach Nancy Mueller earned her 100th win at Sewanee on Nov. 7, as the Tigers swept both ends of a home doubleheader, defeating Mississippi University for Women, 3-1, and Covenant, 3-2.

Sewanee also honored seniors Nicole Radford and Meyer in a Senior Day ceremony between matches. With the two wins, the Tigers closed out their seven-match homestand on a seven-match win streak heading into conference play.

Sewanee opened the day with a strong performance against MUW, hitting .222 in the first set and using a three-point run sparked by kills from Radford and Sophia Caruso to take control. An ace and a kill from Suna Merkler, along with a series of Owl errors, helped Sewanee pull away and secure the opening frame.

The Tigers kept momentum early in the second set, with an ace from Charlotte Lee and kills from Sydney Bixby and Savannah Gann giving Sewanee a 5-1 advantage. MUW responded with an 8-3 run to swing the set in their favor, eventually claiming the second, 26-24

Sewanee regrouped in the third as Ella Reynolds opened with a kill, and the Tigers locked down defensively with back-to-back blocks from Merkler and Anna Ellison, a solo block from Mollie White, and kills from White and Gann to tie the set at 12-12. White closed the set with an ace and two kills in a 4-1 finishing run.

In the fourth, Sewanee took control with a seven-point run featuring an ace from Caruso and a Gann kill to build an 18-7 lead. Kills from White and Ellison and two aces from Keira Baldwin sealed the match.

In the nightcap, the Tigers battled to a five-set victory to secure Mueller's milestone win at Sewanee against Covenant.

White led Sewanee with 17 kills on .371 hitting, along with an ace. Gann followed with 13 kills, four aces, eight digs, and a block assist. Ellison and Merkler each added 10 kills and three block assists, while Merkler contributed five digs and two aces. Meyer recorded her 10th double-double of the season with 39 assists, 13 digs, two kills, and a block assist, while Caruso anchored the back row with 27 digs, three assists, and two aces.

Sewanee opened the match with a 9-2 run in the first set, highlighted by two kills and an ace from Gann and kills from White, Ellison, and Merkler. The Tigers carried the lead throughout, taking the opening set.

White started the second set with three straight kills and scored Sewanee's first five points. The Tigers built a 16-12 lead after a block from Radford and Merkler and an ace from Merkler, but Covenant rallied with a six-point run. Sewanee regained the lead late on kills from Ellison and Radford before the Scots closed with three straight to even the match.

The Tigers responded with a dominant third set, taking five of the first seven points and later using an 8-3 run powered by White and Gann. After Covenant pulled within one, Sewanee closed the frame on an eight-point unanswered run to go up 2-1.

Covenant forced a fifth set with a pair of mid-set runs in the fourth.

In the decisive fifth, Sewanee took control with a 10-1 surge fueled by three kills from Gann, a block from Gann and Ellison, aces from Baldwin and Merkler, and kills from Meyer, Ellison, and White. A Covenant error sealed the match and the Tigers' seventh straight victory.

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Nature Journaling Continues

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Veterans Day

I went into a public ‘ouse to get a pint o’ beer,
The publican ‘e up an’ sez, “We serve no red-coats here.”
The girls be’ind the bar they laughed an’ giggled fit to die,
I outs into the street again an’ to myself sez I:
O it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ “Tommy, go away”;
But it’s “Thank you, Mister Atkins,” when the band begins to play
The band begins to play, my boys, the band begins to play,
O it’s “Thank you, Mister Atkins,” when the band begins to play.

...

We aren’t no thin red ‘eroes, nor we aren’t no blackguards too,
But single men in barracks, most remarkable like you;
An’ if sometimes our conduct isn’t all your fancy paints,
Why, single men in barracks don’t grow into plaster saints;
While it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ Tommy, fall be’ind,”
But it’s “Please to walk in front, sir,” when there’s trouble in the wind
There’s trouble in the wind, my boys, there’s trouble in the wind,
O it’s “Please to walk in front, sir,” when there’s trouble in the wind.

You talk o’ better food for us, an’ schools, an’ fires, an’ all:
We’ll wait for extry rations if you treat us rational.
Don’t mess about the cook-room slops, but prove it to our face
The Widow’s Uniform is not the soldier-man’s disgrace.
For it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ Chuck him out, the brute!”
But it’s “Saviour of ‘is country” when the guns begin to shoot;
An’ it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ anything you please;
An’ Tommy ain’t a bloomin’ fool - you bet that Tommy sees!

--Rudyard Kipling, Tommy



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Community Calendar

Friday, Nov. 14

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. DanceWise: Mystique, Proctor Hill Theater, tickets on <eventbrite.com>
- 7:30 p.m. Viola recital, “From Latin America to Appalachia,” Mario Alejandro Torres, Viola/Vicki Collinsworth, piano, Guerry Auditorium

Saturday, Nov. 15

- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. DanceWise: Mystique, Proctor Hill Theater, tickets on <eventbrite.com>

Sunday, Nov. 16

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 3 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center
- 2 p.m. DanceWise: Mystique, Proctor Hill Theater, tickets on <eventbrite.com>
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Nov. 17

- Deliver food boxes to CAC for Thanksgiving Food Drive, 216 University Ave.**
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Sewanee Woman’s Club; lunch, 11:50 a.m.; program, Ranger Jason Reynolds, Head of the Crow State Park, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District Board, Utility Office, Sherwood Road
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

- Last day to register for Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail, <www.townofmonteagle-tn.com>**
- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. 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. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Babson Center talk, “Socrates & CEOs: How Philosophy Shaped My Wall Street Journey,” Kathryn Thompson, C’96, Naylor Auditorium, Gailor Hall

- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District, Utility Office, Sherwood Road
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

- 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
- 2 p.m. MMUMC Extra Food Distribution, until 7 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Friends of the U of S Library Tom G. Watson Memorial Event, Brad Neary, “The St. John’s Bible,” Sam Floyd Forum, Hamilton Hall, 335 Tennessee Ave.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 4:30 p.m. Lecture, “The Worlds We Build: Writing Dystopia and the Supernatural,” J. Holtham, Naylor Auditorium, Gailor Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Comic book Writing Workshop, J. Holtham, Torian Room, duPont Library

Thursday, Nov. 20

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, program, Cheryl Lankhaar/Brigid Stewart, “The Monteagle Assembly, Kinsley’s Story,” 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, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Sewanee Business Alliance, speaker Andy Baggenstoss on South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, Locals

Friday, Nov. 21

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

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- 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, MMUMC
- 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
- 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