

# Lake Views and News

## April 2024



### *Caring and Sharing*

Diana Foederer - in hospital for pneumonia, now home  
Randy Carlson - surgery and new treatment, now home

Hilda Ryan, Caring & Sharing, [hryan.777@gmail.com](mailto:hryan.777@gmail.com)

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### *Coming up in April...*

**Junaluskans monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Harrell Center Auditorium.

#### **Salad and Sandwich Lunch on April 9**

The Junaluskans are having the first annual (?) Salad and Sandwich lunch at Lambuth Inn dining room at noon on April 9. There will be a signup at the next Junaluskans meeting on Wednesday, April 3. We will need salads, sandwiches and, of course, desserts. Beverages will be furnished. We have invited the NOMADS to be our guests. It will be wonderful opportunity to meet these generous people who give of their time to work at LJ twice a year. See you there!

#### **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and LJ Beautification Day on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Stay tuned for more details!

#### **Hike to See Wildflowers April 19**

Junaluskans Hikers will repeat a popular hike from last year on Friday, June 19. The group will enjoy a moderate section of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail from Soco Gap towards Cherokee. Meeting time is 9:00 am at Bethea Welcome Center. For more info, contact Hike Leader George Shepherd at [shepherdgeorge@att.net](mailto:shepherdgeorge@att.net) or 405-596-2632.

#### **Vespers Tuesday, April 23 at 4 pm**

You are invited to what is sure to be a special Vespers. Margaret McCleskey will be the speaker. Margaret is a gifted public speaker, who is uplifting and will, no doubt, have you laughing. She used to be the MC at the Junaluska Woman's Club fashion shows. She made the event extremely enjoyable.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about the life of a very delightful Christian lady. So mark your calendar and we will see you April 23, in the Chapel!

*and beyond...*

#### **Save these dates:**

- May 2, Thursday – National Day of Prayer (More information follows)

- May 8, Wednesday – Travel group to North Georgia (More information follows)
- May 21, Tuesday – Hymn Sing 6:30 pm at Colonnade
- June 5, Wednesday – Spring Social Beach Party Dance
- Summer Evenings at the Lake: Social and dance, jam session, Haywood County Band
- Summer celebration, July 4th raft, canoe regatta
- September 17, Tuesday – Hymn Sing 6:30 at Biblical Garden
- October 15, Tuesday – Soup “potluck” lunch at York Dining Commons
- October 8, Tuesday – Vespers 4 pm at LJ Chapel
- December 10, Tuesday – Christmas dinner at Lambuth dining room
- December 14, Saturday – Lessons and Carols

## *The National Day of Prayer 2024*



The National Day of Prayer event will be held this year on Thursday, May 2nd at 10am at the Amphitheater below the Cross. This will be the 4th year the event will be held at Lake Junaluska. It will be held in conjunction with multiple other NDP events held annually on the first Thursday of May throughout the community, state, and nation. There will be a diverse group of individuals coming together to pray for our families, churches, workplaces, education, military, government, and the arts. The theme this year is “Lift Up the Word, Light Up The World” from 2 Samuel 29:22-31.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation. Our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when making important decisions in the formation of our country. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God to seek His wisdom and guidance for our leaders.

We have all witnessed the recent breakdown of the family, the increase in violence, and the division within our country. We invite you to join together with us in prayer on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am for this important event.

Seating will be available on the level pavement at the Cross for those unable to navigate the steps of the amphitheater. Seat cushions will also be provided. In case of rain, this event will be held in the Chapel.

The Lake Junaluska prayer ministry is sponsoring this program.



## *Travel Group to North Georgia May 8<sup>th</sup>*

The first Junaluskans Travel adventure of 2024 is set for Wednesday, May 8. The group will assemble at 8:30 am at Bethea Welcome Center to form carpools, then drive south a little over an hour to Talullah Gorge State Park. The park has a modern Interpretive Center with movie, many displays, shop, etc. Those who wish may walk the moderate half mile paved trail to view one of the falls.

After a lunch stop, the day will continue at the Foxfire Museum a short drive farther south on US 23. The outdoor/indoor museum features over 20 log structures that celebrate and illustrate Southern Appalachian culture.

Sign up at the May Junaluskan's meeting or with George & Sondra Shepherd, Travel Group Coordinators at [shepherdgeorge@att.net](mailto:shepherdgeorge@att.net) or 405-596-2632 (works for texts). Also contact Shepherds for more details.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**2024 Junaluska Flea Market  
Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Nanci Weldon Gym  
8:00-11:30am

Early Bird shopping  
7:30-8:00am (\$5 fee)

Set-up day will be Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 2:00pm)

Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about how wonderful the Flea Market is and what great bargains can be found there. It is always a fun, exciting time! For more information contact Judy or Ed LaFontaine 828-456-8308

*Lake Junaluska Artists in Residence present*

**Art in the Gardens  
“The Secret Garden”**

**April 15 - May 15  
Lake Junaluska**

The event will feature works by Lake Junaluska community members displayed in several of the 16 gardens nestled throughout the grounds. Paintings, environmental art, mobiles, sculptures, glass art, etc. will all be exhibited.

To learn where art will be displayed, as well as the contact information for each participating artist, guests can pick up an Art in the Gardens guide at Bethea Welcome Center, 91 N. Lakeshore Drive, the Library at Harrell Center or email [Tuotiria@gmail.com](mailto:Tuotiria@gmail.com). For more information about the gardens and places of meditation at Lake Junaluska, visit <https://lakejunaluska.com/activities/gardens/>.





## *Words from Ken*

### **Highlights from the March 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees held its biannual meeting on March 7-8, 2024. Following are highlights from the meeting:

The board heard a presentation from HotelDesign Group about a proposed refresh to the Terrace Hotel guest rooms and ground-level entrance. The board of trustees approved a loan of up to \$750,000 for improvements and recommended the staff present plans for a renovation of the Terrace Dining room to the executive committee of the board by July 1, 2024.

Chuck Lipp provided an update on the work completed by the Dam Preservation and Renewal Task Force. He emphasized the importance of maintaining the dam, noting it as the Assembly's biggest financial asset. Chuck highlighted the unique challenges of maintaining and managing a dam and also discussed the current state of the dam, emphasizing the need for continuous improvement, including using ground-penetrating radar on the embankment for a better understanding of the dam's structure.

He also discussed the application for a FEMA grant to fund the repair and improvement of the original dam. The grant, if approved, would require a 35% match, with the remaining \$1.7 million to be funded by FEMA.

The board was also updated regarding sediment removal, hourly employee compensation, and the possibility of developing a senior living facility at Lake Junaluska as outlined in the strategic vision. [lakejunaluska.com/vision](http://lakejunaluska.com/vision)

Jan Lemasters provided a report from the Volunteer Engagement Task Force. The task force focused on Aspiration 5, Goal 4 of the strategic vision: to identify opportunities where volunteers can participate in the fulfillment of the Lake Junaluska mission and, based on those needs, develop a plan to recruit volunteers and volunteer leaders to increase overall participation in volunteering at Lake Junaluska and to track overall volunteerism annually, recognize and celebrate milestones.

Pat McKim was introduced to the board as the director of program ministries. Pat most recently served as director of discipleship for St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory. Her long history with Lake Junaluska began when she was eight years old and her family moved to Lake Junaluska to be near her grandparents who lived on Littleton Road.

The board announced the formation of a task force to develop a five-10 year strategic plan for the golf course. The task force will present its report to the board at its October meeting.

### **Actions taken by the Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees during the March meeting:**

The board of trustees ratified the actions taken by the executive committee to approve the 2024 operating and Assembly Public Works budgets.

The board of trustees approved the designation of two estate gifts for the preservation of the lake and dam and the preservation of sacred spaces. These gifts totaled \$29,000 and \$29,353.57.

The board of trustees approved the services of Forvis to conduct the 2023 audit.

The board of trustees ratified the actions taken by the executive committee to approve the potential receipt of a grant for recreation area improvements.

Thank you for all you do to help us live into our mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.

Yours in Christ,

Ken Howle

## *Farewell from Rebecca*

Dear Friends,

As many of you heard at the March Junaluska meeting, our family recently relocated to the town of Wake Forest because God's timing is often surprising and much different than our own. My husband is now serving as a senior pastor in a new ministry setting and our family has spent the past several months in a season of transition.

My last day serving as Director of Advancement was Friday, March 22. I am now in the process of transitioning to a ministry position at Campbell University Divinity School, closer to our new home. Alas, there is no beautiful lake nor towering mountains at this new ministry setting, but my car (and my heart!) still knows the way back to Lake Junaluska.

I wanted to share a personal note of gratitude for your friendship and faithful support. Thank you for all the ways you have said 'yes' to Lake Junaluska's mission and ministry. Through sharing your financial resources and your gifts of time, you have strengthened and continue to strengthen the Lake's collective work.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve on staff these past five years. I have learned so much from both my colleagues and the dedicated community at Lake Junaluska— you all are forever a part of my story and my ministry journey. If you ever find yourself in the Raleigh area, send me a text and we'll grab coffee. Here are my updated contact details:

Cell: 828.226.0754 (same number)

Email: [rebeccamathis@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccamathis@gmail.com)

Lake Junaluska has much to look forward to in the coming weeks, months and years. Each time I think of Lake Junaluska and the faithfulness of generous supporters, I cannot help but sing phrases from this beloved hymn, *What Gift Can We Bring*, found in the United Methodist Hymnal:

*Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.*

*Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever,  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.*

What a joy to get to know you all these past few years. May God continue to bless you on your journey!

With gratitude and hope,  
Rebecca Mathis

## WANT TO MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS?

The Junaluskans Fellowship groups are an opportunity to meet new people in our community. A group usually consists of about 8-12 people. Groups meet once a month from Sept.- May to share a meal together. There are groups for lunch and dinner and the activities are varied. Some eat in homes, others in restaurants. Some groups change things up from month to month. Groups are together for two years, then we switch it all up and meet new folks within a new group!

It's time for one of those big switch-ups! If you think you might be interested in being part of a group, you can find an interest form in the Lake Junaluska library next to Gifts and Grounds or pick one up at the Junaluskans meeting. You can also have one emailed to you. Just contact Grace Gattis at [joyfulggg@aol.com](mailto:joyfulggg@aol.com) or call/text her at 912-247-0942. She can arrange to get a form for you and answer any questions you may have. Please mail your completed forms to Susan Folds, 10 Champion Ct., Waynesville, N.C., 28786 or turn them in to her at the meeting. You may also email them to Grace Gattis. Please return them by the June 5<sup>th</sup> Junaluskans meeting. Groups will be put together and will begin in September. You will be notified by your group leader as to the date and time of your first gathering. We hope to have you join us!

**NOTE: The current Fellowship Group signup form is on the last page of this newsletter!**

### *Our Guests in April*

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| North Carolina Arts Council        | 4/1/2024-4/3/2024   |
| Haywood County Farm Bureau         | 4/1/2024            |
| Haywood County Chamber of Commerce | 4/3/2024            |
| East TN State University           | 4/3/2024            |
| Risen Assembly                     | 4/4/2024-4/6/2024   |
| A Breath of Fresh Air              | 4/4/2024-4/6/2024   |
| One Church                         | 4/5/2024-4/7/2024   |
| Soapstone UMC                      | 4/5/2024-4/7/2024   |
| Garden Club of NC District 1       | 4/7/2024-4/8/2024   |
| Global Methodist Young Clergy      | 4/8/2024-4/10/2024  |
| Dogwood Health Trust               | 4/10/2024           |
| Sophia Foundation                  | 4/11/2024-4/15/2024 |
| Kevin Denver Class Reunion         | 4/11/2024-4/13/2024 |
| Transformation Church              | 4/12/2024-4/14/2024 |
| Joy Christian Fellowship           | 4/12/2024-4/14/2024 |
| Lovetrust LLC                      | 4/12/2024-4/14/2024 |
| Newspring Church                   | 4/13/2024-4/14/2024 |
| Lake Institute on Faith & Giving   | 4/14/2024-4/17/2024 |
| Church of God-East Central Region  | 4/17/2024-4/20/2024 |
| Graceview Church                   | 4/18/2024-4/20/2024 |
| Trinity Missionary Baptist Church  | 4/18/2024-4/20/2024 |
| Healing and Deliverance Training   | 4/19/2024-4/21/2024 |
| Addiction Professionals of NC      | 4/23/2024-4/26/2024 |
| Freedom Academy                    | 4/23/2024-4/25/2024 |
| Smoky Mountain District WNCC       | 4/25/2024           |
| Calvary Chapel Gwinnett            | 4/26/2024-4/28/2024 |
| St Francis UMC                     | 4/26/2024-4/28/2024 |
| Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church  | 4/26/2024-4/28/2024 |
| EGA Carolinas Region               | 4/26/2024-4/28/2024 |
| Smoky Mountain Medical Society     | 4/27/2024           |
| Women of the Word                  | 4/27/2024           |
| Tuscola ROTC                       | 4/27/2024           |
| NC Dept. of Public Instruction     | 4/29/2024-5/1/2024  |
| Called to Peace Ministries         | 4/30/2024-5/6/2024  |

## Junaluskans Fellowship Groups

September 2024 - May 2026

Fellowship Groups are a wonderful way to meet new friends and share a meal together. Groups are together for a two-year period. You attend as you are able. If you would like to be part of a group, please complete this form. If you would like your name linked with another person's name for transportation, etc. please indicate that. Also, please let us know of any special needs you may have, like the availability of wheelchair access. Fellowship Groups typically meet September- May. We would love to have you join us.

We are eager to add some additional leaders to keep our groups small. It's not a difficult job and it makes a big difference in the quality of your group experience. Please consider that when you fill out your form. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

I (We) wish to be in a Fellowship Group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the type of group(s) you would prefer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant (Lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant (Lunch outside Waynesville)

\_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant (Dinner)

\_\_\_\_\_ Covered Dish 8-10 per group. Group may decide to eat out on occasion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your own way. The group decides monthly the when and where of the meal. These groups may include more adventurous activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ladies (Lunch) meets in restaurants or homes, depending on the group's preference.

Are there any days of the week that you are not available? \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) will help by serving as leader of our group \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Tell me more

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Notes and requests:

Please tell any new residents about the groups and invite them to join. Contact Grace Gattis at [joyfulggg@aol.com](mailto:joyfulggg@aol.com) or 912-247-0942, if you need a form emailed or have questions.

**Please return this form to Susan Folds, 10 Champion Ct., Waynesville, N.C. 28786 or email it to Grace Gattis. [joyfulggg@aol.com](mailto:joyfulggg@aol.com).**

**If you are not a current Junaluskan, you may join at any Junaluskans meeting or contact Margaret Amick-mgamick@aol.com**