

Lake Views and News

February 2024

Catching Up and Looking Ahead



On Thursday, January 25th, twenty Junaluskans worked diligently to clean the Chapel. Ceiling beams and stain glass windows were dusted. All pews and altar woodwork were washed with Murphy's oil soap. Base heaters and floors were dusted and vacuumed. The closet and storages rooms were cleaned thoroughly. We started at 10:00 am and work was completed by 11:30. Thanks to all who participated.

2024 Schedule of Junaluskan Events

- ✓ General meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. The February meeting will take place on **February 7th**.
- ✓ February Vesper service – Tuesday evening late in month – Date TBD
- ✓ April 17 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- ✓ April vesper service – Tuesday evening - Date TBD
- ✓ May 2 – National Day of Prayer
- ✓ May 21 – Salad and sandwich lunch at York Dining Commons
- ✓ Summer Evenings at the Lake – Jam session, hymn sing, Haywood County Band summer celebration, July 4th regatta
- ✓ September hymn sing – Date TBD
- ✓ October 15 – Soup lunch
- ✓ October/November vesper service mid-month – Date TBD
- ✓ December Lessons and Carols mid-month – Date TBD
- ✓ December 10 – Christmas dinner at Lambuth

Dr. Jan Lemasters

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Caring and Sharing

Condolences

Donna Surrett - death of husband
Jeannette Shaver - death of sister

Prayer Concerns

Randy Carlson-surgery and chemo
Jim Hart - Hospital and rehab
Pete Taylor - eye surgery

Hilda Ryan, Caring & Sharing, hryan.777@gmail.com

Save the Date

**Lake Junaluska Assembly Property Owners Organization
General Winter Meeting Notice
Saturday February 17, 2024, at 10 AM
Lake Junaluska Welcome Center
Gaines Auditorium**

A Hybrid-In Person/Zoom event

Come enjoy coffee and fellowship with your neighbors and hear reports from Assembly Director Ken Howle and the executive staff concerning the state of Lake Junaluska. APW Director Carroll Woody, (AKA Junior) will report on current and future work projects within the Lake Junaluska community.

The meeting is open to the Public and membership in LJAPOO, INC. is open to all Assembly Property Owners.

The minutes for the July 2023 meeting will be up for approval and can be reviewed prior to the meeting on the APW webpage, LakeJunaluskacommunity.org

Dues are \$20/calendar year can be paid at the General Meeting or mailed to:
LJAPOO, Inc., Box 1175, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745
Contact George Kenny, Treasurer (941-915-9434), if you have any questions about dues.
**THE ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED TUESDAY FEB 13th
VIA LAKE JUNALUSKA EMAIL**

Lake Junaluska's Most Envidable Asset

Over the past six years, I have met and connected with leaders of conference centers and communities throughout the United States. I always love talking with them about my favorite subject, Lake Junaluska. Sometimes these conversations can feel a little like teenage boys talking about cars or grandparents talking about their grandchildren. We like to think that "ours" is the best, and no one is better than us. In these discussions, certain aspects of Lake Junaluska consistently stand out as enviable to others. Our lake is much larger than most. The ease of access is also another way Lake Junaluska stands out. We are a day's drive from half of the population of the United States and have an excellent road leading right to our entrance. However, what consistently sparks the greatest envy among other leaders is the distinctive and deeply engaged group of volunteers that support the Lake Junaluska mission.

According to Benjamin Franklin, "our society thrives when citizens come together in a spirit of cooperation to accomplish great things through service to others. Citizens who volunteer, collaborate and trust each other are part of the solution to strengthen communities across this country, which makes for a better America." This certainly has been the case at Lake Junaluska. Our greatest accomplishments have been achieved when the community and the conference center work together.



In the summer of 2023, as part of the Lake Junaluska strategic vision (lakejunaluska.com/vision), a task force was organized to identify opportunities where volunteers can participate in the fulfillment of the Lake Junaluska mission. The task force consisted of Victor Dingus, chairman; Jan Lemasters, President of the Junaluskans; Melba Hanson; Judy LaFontaine and Jeff Mickle.

The group affirmed the importance of volunteers in fulfilling the Lake Junaluska mission and outlined a series of steps to ensure ongoing volunteer engagement and involvement. This report of the task force will be shared with the board of trustees at its March meeting. I am excited by the excellent work of this group and the outcomes that will come from this effort.

On April 17, I hope you can join me in celebrating the deep dedication of volunteers at our annual volunteer breakfast. Following the breakfast, we will hold our annual Beautification Day where staff and volunteers join forces to work on projects to prepare the grounds for the busy season ahead.

Your dedication, commitment and volunteer service makes an impact to all who live at or visit Lake Junaluska. Because of you, every day we live into our mission of being a place Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,
Ken Howle

A Heart Full of Gratitude & Hope

I was listening to a spiritual formation podcast the other day and the minister leading the conversation suggested that it's a good practice to begin and end each day with a spirit of gratitude and a spirit of hope. Serving in the Development Office has taught me that the same is true for the beginnings and endings of each fundraising year. We end each year with gratitude and begin each new year with hope.

As we look back at 2023, we have much to be thankful for. We began 2023 with an ambitious goal to raise \$500,000 to the Lake Junaluska Annual Fund. We then finished the year with \$599,128, exceeding our Annual Fund goal for the fifth year in a row! Each dollar given to the Lake Junaluska Annual Fund was used to carry out the mission of Lake Junaluska in 2023– from preserving the gardens to funding spiritual formation experiences, from supporting youth ministry to sustaining Summer Worship and the Summer Activities program. Those charitable dollars through the Annual Fund provided the fuel for ministry that took place throughout last year.

We were able to provide Christian hospitality year-round last year because of generous charitable supporters like you– thank you! One of the beautiful things about the Annual Fund is that it's a way for many people to contribute and make a huge difference collectively. In addition to exceeding our fundraising goal, we also hit a new record of the number of donors who give to the Annual Fund. In 2023, 1,378 households gave to the Lake Junaluska Annual Fund– a new record for us! We are grateful for such a broad base of sustaining support.

*Thank
You*

As we begin this new year, we do so with hope. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the spirit of generosity that permeates throughout the Lake Junaluska community, and our hearts are filled with hope as we anticipate how God will use our collective resources to nourish the souls, minds and bodies of all who visit this sacred place in 2024.

With gratitude and hope,
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Our Guests in February

- 1 Smoky Mountain Ladies Stained Glass Class
- 1 First Baptist Church Sevierville, TN
- 2-3 Davidson College
- 2-4 Salem UMC
- 2-3 Duke Endowment
- 2-4 Troop 205 Cumming
- 2-4 Church Street UMC
- 9-10 First Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat, Anderson, S.C.
- 9 Muddy Sneakers
- 9-11 Dekalb Christian Home Educators
- 9-11 Troop 101 Atlanta
- 16-18 Chester Freedom Ministries Marriage Retreat
- 16-18 Tuckston UMC
- 17-19 Troop 7364
- 22-24 Center City Church
- 23-25 Buncombe Street Methodist
- 28-29 USA Farm Labor Strategic Planning Meeting

Junaluksans Financial Report - December 2023

INTERNET SERVICE	\$400.00	\$781.26		\$781.26	\$381.26
Total Ministries & Fellowship	\$9,200.00	\$8,219.62	\$836.30	\$9,055.92	(\$144.08)
Miscellaneous & Special Projects	\$1,500.00	\$1,586.62		\$1,586.62	\$86.62
					\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$29,450.00	\$25,619.97	\$1,417.67	\$27,037.64	(\$2,412.36)
					\$0.00
PROFIT/LOSS (MONTHLY INCOME LESS EXPENSES)	\$0.00	\$26,059.12	(\$1,357.67)	\$24,701.45	\$24,701.45
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JUNALUSKANS SPECIAL PROJECTS	Beginning Balance	INCOME	EXPENSE	YTD BALANCE	
p9095 - CHORAL SOCIETY FUND	\$5,830.67	\$17,160.00	\$16,384.49	\$6,606.18	
p9096 - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE	\$13,020.41	\$5,889.56	\$9,000.00	\$9,909.97	
p9128 - JUNALUSKANS DESIGNATED GIFTS (Swans)	\$2,313.99	\$3,138.07	\$3,607.51	\$1,844.55	
p9099 - JUNALUSKANS DIRECTORY FUND	\$613.41			\$613.41	
p9131 - ATHLETIC FIELD	\$2,503.93	\$154.18	\$2,658.11	\$0.00	
p9103 - VESPERS FUND	\$3,684.02			\$3,684.02	
p9108 - SEASONAL DECORATIONS MEMORIAL	\$1,166.39	\$50.00		\$1,216.39	
p9110 - MISC SALES	\$2,873.50	\$80.00		\$2,953.50	
p9130 - FOOD MINISTRY	\$2,937.76	\$3,038.45	\$4,282.24	\$1,693.97	
p9101 - TENT FUND	\$838.52	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	\$1,918.52	
p9116 - TRAVEL COMMITTEE	\$2,115.76			\$2,115.76	
p9133 - ARTIST IN RESIDENCE	\$1,186.50		\$1,186.50	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$39,084.86	\$30,590.26	\$37,118.85	\$32,556.27	
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12/31/2023					