
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

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August 2026



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- The **August Junaluskans Meeting** will be at the Harrell Center (Aug 5 at 10a). Speaker will be Nancy East.
 - **Hymn Sing** Tue, Aug 18 at 6:30p at the top level of the Cross - you will not need to go down the big steps. Park at Lambeth and walk down with your chairs or you can drop them off and then park. We will provide hymnals as usual. There will be opportunities for you to call out your favorite hymn number and enjoy singing our cherished hymns together as well as hear a bit of the background of this signature landmark. It's an uplifting gathering! If it rains, we will meet in the Chapel.
 - **Summer Storytelling at the Fire Pit** Thu nights at 8pm through Aug 13
 - **Haywood Community Band Concert** Aug 16 at 4p in the Lakeside White Tent next to Harrell Center, under the trees.
 - **Festival of Wisdom & Grace** is Aug 17-20. Worship, workshops, recreation, entertainment and more at this festival for exploring how to flourish as we navigate transitions, live into our talents and passions, and cultivate our relationship with Christ in the second half of life.
 - **Lake Junaluska Artist in Residence Art Show** in the Harrell Center, Aug 27-29.
- A Look Ahead:**
- **Friends of the Lake 5K** - Sep 5 at 8a
 - **Sunday Brunch Buffets** at York Dining Commons return Sep 13
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TENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Tent Committee has had a busy and productive summer, assisting with tent setup for the Seventh-day Adventist, Holston, and Western North Carolina Conferences, as well as several Lake Junaluska events coordinated through Mike Huber.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our Tent Committee volunteers for their willingness to help with both setup and takedown. Your hard work behind the scenes helps make these gatherings possible and is a wonderful example of the Junaluskans' spirit of service.

Interested in lending a hand? The Tent Committee welcomes new volunteers, and it's a great way to serve the Lake Junaluska community while getting to know fellow Junaluskans. For more information, contact Steve Berwager at sberwager@aol.com



FOURTH OF JULY FUN!

The Junaluskans kicked off July with two wonderful opportunities to serve and celebrate our Lake Junaluska community. Our inaugural Cornhole Tournament was a great success, welcoming many guests for an afternoon of friendly competition. A special thank you to Jeff and his grandson and others for representing the Junaluskans on the boards, and to the many Junaluskan volunteers whose time and enthusiasm made the event possible.



We were also proud to be represented in the Lake Junaluska Fourth of July Parade by Margaret and Jan, who shared Junaluskan spirit from Margaret's beautifully decorated golf cart. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events such memorable successes!

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT OUR DAM

A huge thank you to everyone who came out for our Lake Junaluska dam tours on Jul 15 and 25! Guided by Executive Director Ken Howle and Public Works Director Junior Woody, these tours were a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors who share a deep love for preserving our lake.

Participants got a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of our dam, including how the gate valves operate (and why replacing them is becoming so urgent and critical repairs required to keep the structure sound). The tour wrapped up with a memorable walk beneath the dam and bridge, offering a perspective few ever get to see.

Preserving our dam is about more than just concrete and steel — it's about protecting Lake Junaluska so it can remain a sanctuary of Christian hospitality and renewal for generations to come. This vital work relies on community support. Please consider partnering with us to ensure a strong future for this special place.

- Give online: lakejunaluska.com/give/sharingourgifts/
- Mail a check: Lake Junaluska Assembly Inc.

Office of Development
759 N. Lakeshore Drive
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Have questions or want to learn more? Reach out to our Office of Development at (828) 454-6749. Thank you for caring for this special place!



GALVGWODIYU — IT IS SACRED

One of the things I love most about summer at Lake Junaluska is watching our grounds come alive with activity. Everywhere you look, families are walking together, children are laughing, friends are reconnecting, and guests are experiencing the beauty of God's creation. During these summer months, we are abundantly living into our mission of providing a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.

Of all the sights that capture the spirit of Lake Junaluska, my favorite is seeing the porches throughout our grounds filled with people simply spending time together. Whether it is the rocking chairs on hotel porches, families gathered on cottage verandas, or neighbors enjoying an evening conversation as the sun sets over the lake, these moments reflect something timeless. They remind me of a classic Norman Rockwell painting — simple, genuine scenes of fellowship, hospitality and community. In a world that often moves too quickly, these quiet moments remind us that some of life's greatest blessings are found in slowing down, sharing stories, and enjoying one another's company.

While Lake Junaluska is certainly a place of recreation and fellowship, it is much more than that. It is sacred ground. For generations, people have come here seeking healing, recovery, hope and renewal. Every season brings stories of lives changed, relationships restored, and faith strengthened. We are blessed to steward a place where God continues to work in remarkable ways.

The events hosted here over the past month beautifully demonstrate that calling. We were honored to welcome the statewide conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, where individuals and families gathered in support of one another on journeys of healing and recovery. We also hosted the Cherokee Hospital's Galvgwodiya gathering — a beautiful name that means "it is sacred." It captures something that so many people experience when they come to Lake Junaluska. Galvgwodiya reminds us that sacredness is found wherever God is present — on a porch overlooking the lake, in conversations between friends, during worship, around a family dinner table, on a walking trail, or beside still waters that invite quiet reflection. It is found whenever people experience grace, hospitality, compassion and the love of Christ through one another.

As I walk the grounds each day, I am grateful for everyone who helps make Lake Junaluska such a special place — our community, staff, volunteers, conference leaders, donors and the countless guests who return year after year. Together, you help create an environment where people can experience rest for their bodies, renewal for their minds, and refreshment for their souls.

My prayer is that every person who visits Lake Junaluska this summer will not simply enjoy a beautiful destination, but will encounter a sacred place — a place where God's presence is felt, lives are renewed, friendships are strengthened, and hope is restored.

Galvgwodiya. It is sacred.

*Yours in Christ,
Ken Howle*



LIBRARY

NEWS

SUMMER HOURS:

Mon-Sat

8a – 5p

Upcoming events:

- Bible Study on Tues at 11a-12:15p
- Cards & Games on 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tues at 2p
- Book Club 2nd Thu beginning at 2p

Don't forget to drop off your **used books** anytime the library is open—just leave them by the computer desk. Thank you!

Have questions or want to help? We're looking for a few new **volunteers** for the busy summer season, especially on Saturdays. Contact Stephanie Schulz at 850-445-4375.

Do you have a **new neighbor**? Are you new to the Lake? We now have Welcome Neighbor Folders available at the library. Stop by and pick one up and give it to your new neighbors!

Book Club NEWS

Please note that the Book Club is taking a one-month break from our regular meeting schedule. As a result, our August selection has been moved to September.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Sep 10, at 2p, when we'll discuss The Incumbent by Brian McGrory.



2026 AIR 4th Annual Art Gallery Show

Aug 27-29
10a-4p
Harrell Center



AIR will be honoring long time residents and artists at Lake Junaluska Ashley Calhoun and Libby Martinson. Oil and acrylic paintings, stained glass, silk and more. Come celebrate creativity at Lake Junaluska

LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- St Eugene Catholic Church (Aug 5-6)
- Biltmore Church of Christ (Aug 7-9)
- The Salvation Army (Aug 7-16)
- Utah Mountain HOA (Aug 15)
- Haywood Community Band (Aug 16)
- Southeastern Free Will Baptist College (Aug 19-22)
- Sound FX Clogging (Aug 21-23)
- Concord Baptist Church (Aug 21-23)
- New River Church (Aug 21-22)
- Joel Snider Ministries (Aug 24-27)
- Write Wild Co. (Aug 31-Sep 6)
- Legacy Philanthropy Works - Resourceful Communities (Aug 31-Sep 2)

2026 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

*(General meetings are always
the first Wednesday of the
month at 10a)*

- Aug 18 - Hymn Sing
- Sep 22 - Sacred Spaces
- October 13 - Soup Potluck
(Tentative)
- Dec 12 - Lessons & Carols
- Dec 15 - Junaluskans'
Christmas Dinner

**WANT MORE INFO ABOUT LAKE
JUNALUSKA ACTIVITIES??
CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES**



The **Friends of the Lake 5K** is coming up on Sat, Sep 5 at 8a. We would love to have you join us by running, walking or cheering on the participants as they make their way around the course. All participants and volunteers who sign up by Aug 20 will receive a "Love the Lake" t-shirt.

All profits from this event go to the annual maintenance and improvement of the recreation areas at Lake Junaluska, which annually costs over \$375,000. Funds raised through the Friends of the Lake 5K help us continue to be a beloved place where the community can enjoy the walking trail, gardens and breathtaking vistas.

If you would like more information about the race or how you can volunteer, please contact Melissa Aldridge at (828) 454-6680 or maldridge@lakejunaluska.com.

Thank you for helping us make this a wonderful event!

- Bethea Welcome Center
- Terrace Hotel Front Desk
- Lambuth Inn Front Desk
- Gifts and Grounds
- Assembly Public Works
- Junaluska Weekly (can be picked up at any of the locations listed above and also online at <https://bit.ly/LJweekly>)
- www.lakejunaluska.com/Calendar
- Junaluska Assembly Community Council Minutes and Lake Views & News can be found at lakejunaluskacommunity.com



Smokey Mountain Ukulele Retreat at Lake Junaluska

*sponsored by
the AIR (artists in residence) committee
and an IGC (Intentional Growth Center) grant*

A fun getaway where you can kick back and play your ukulele,
make some new friends
with the award-winning teaching artist Stu Fuchs. A magical,
inspiring and soulful music experience. All levels welcome!

Questions? Haidee Wilson - haideeewilson@gmail.com

Pat McKim - pmckim@lakejunaluska.com

Stu Fuchs - ukulelezen.com



FINANCIAL REPORT

2026 - 2nd Quarter

JUNALUSKANS FINANCIAL REPORT 2026	2026				
June 30, 2026					
772	BUDGET	JANUARY - MAY	JUNE	YTD	Balance
					AMOUNT
Bank Balance:					OVER/UNDER
					BUDGET
RECEIPTS:					
Flea Market	17,000.00		36,983.24	\$36,983.24	\$19,983.24)
Member Contributions	10,000.00	7,780.85	450.00	\$8,230.85	(\$1,769.15)
Miscellaneous (Balance brought forward)	13,000.00	11,596.26		\$11,596.26	(\$1,403.74)
Interest		43.31		\$43.31	
TOTAL INCOME	40,000.00	19,420.42	37,433.24	\$56,853.66	\$16,853.66)
EXPENSES:					
ADMINISTRATION					
PRINTING LV&N & COPIES	1,800.00	386.00	200.10	\$586.10	(\$1,213.90)
FLEA MARKET EXPENSE	1,500.00	309.79	1,518.78	\$1,828.57	\$328.57)
POSTAGE	300.00	106.80		\$106.80	(\$193.20)
BANKING CHARGES	450.00		173.71	\$173.71	(\$276.29)
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	4,050.00	802.59	1,892.59	\$2,695.18	(\$1,354.82)
SERVICES & BEAUTIFICATION					
ANNUAL FUND GRANT	7,000.00			\$0.00	(\$7,000.00)
BIBLICAL GARDEN	1,000.00			\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
CORNEILLE NATIVE GARDEN	1,000.00			\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
CLEAN FISHING CAMPAIGN	1,200.00	29.99		\$29.99	(\$1,170.01)
LAKE & BOOMS (Operation & Beautification)	750.00	864.45		\$864.45	\$114.45)
SEASONAL DECORATIONS	3,000.00			\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)
SWAN FEEDING PROGRAM	2,500.00	1,117.10		\$1,117.10	(\$1,382.90)
TOTAL SERVICES & BEAUTIFICATION	16,450.00	2,011.54	0.00	\$2,011.54	(\$14,438.46)
MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP					
PRAYER MINISTRY	350.00	161.68		\$161.68	(\$188.32)
CARING & SHARING	200.00			\$0.00	(\$200.00)
CHORAL SOCIETY	2,000.00			\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
LAKE JUNALUSKA ARCHIVES	250.00			\$0.00	(\$250.00)
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS	1,000.00			\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
JUNALUSKANS DINNERS/PROGRAMS	3,000.00	878.21	(88.88)	\$789.33	(\$2,210.67)
CLOTHES TO KIDS	1,000.00			\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
LJA STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY	500.00			\$0.00	(\$500.00)
HAYWOOD COMMUNITY BAND	1,000.00			\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
INTERNET SERVICE	1,200.00	352.10	123.07	\$475.17	(\$724.83)
TOTAL MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP	10,500.00	1,391.99	34.19	\$1,426.18	(\$9,073.82)
Miscellaneous & Special Projects	9,000.00		67.07	\$67.07	(\$8,932.93)
					\$0.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,000.00	4,206.12	1,993.85	\$6,199.97	(\$33,800.03)
					\$0.00)
PROFIT/LOSS (MONTHLY INCOME LESS EXPENSES)	0.00	15,214.30	35,439.39	\$50,653.69	\$50,653.69)
775					
JUNALUSKANS SPECIAL PROJECTS	Beginning Balance	INCOME	EXPENSE	YTD BALANCE	
p9096 - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS	\$5,126.24)	\$1,356.40)	\$0.00)	\$6,482.64)	
p9128 - JUNALUSKANS DESIGNATED GIFTS (Swans)	\$4,199.95)	\$2,520.00)	\$5,413.72)	\$1,306.23)	
p9099 - JUNALUSKANS DIRECTORY FUND	\$613.41)			\$613.41)	
p9103 - VESPERS FUND	\$3,684.02)			\$3,684.02)	
p9108 - SEASONAL DECORATIONS MEMORIAL	\$1,216.39)			\$1,216.39)	
p9110 - MISC SALES	\$2,973.50)			\$2,973.50)	
p9130 - FOOD MINISTRY	\$0.00)			\$0.00)	
p9101 - TENT FUND	\$4,030.52)	\$300.00)	\$0.00)	\$4,330.52)	
p9116 - TRAVEL COMMITTEE	\$2,115.76)			\$2,115.76)	
TOTAL	\$23,959.79)			\$22,722.47)	
772					