
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS
December 2025 ✦



A MOMENT OF PEACE BY THE WATER AS WE CELEBRATE THE SEASON

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

- December **Junaluskans Cookies & Punch Social** on Dec 3 at the Harrell Center Auditorium at 10a. This takes the place of our regular, monthly meeting.
- **Sunday Brunch Buffets** at York Dining Commons from 11a-2p. \$20 per person.
- **Balsam Range** Art of Music Festival at Lake Junaluska Dec 5-6.
- The **Holly Jolly Trolley** is now SOLD OUT! But they are still in need of volunteers. Contact Betsy by email at bschuessler@lakejunaluska.com or at the office by phone at 828-454-6708 if interested!
- **Holiday Craft Market** & Family Activities on Dec 13 from 9a-3p at The Harrell Center.
- Festival of **Lessons & Carols** at Memorial Chapel on Dec 13 at 6:45p.

Around the Area

- **Waynesville Christmas Parade** - Dec 1 at 6p
- **Canton Christmas Parade** on Dec 4 at 6p
- **Kris Kringle Holiday Market** in Canton at Sorrells Park Dec 5 from 3-7p.
- **Haywood Choral Society's** "Sing We Now of Christmas" Concert on Dec 7 at 4p at First United Methodist Church Waynesville.



WITH APPRECIATION FOR A JOB BEAUTIFULLY DONE

A heartfelt thank you to the Junalusks who came out on November 6 to give Memorial Chapel and the Room of Memory a true deep clean. Your sweeping, dusting, polishing, vacuuming, and cobweb-removal created fresh, welcoming spaces for prayer, personal worship, and reflection. Your work also helps prepare these sacred spaces for our Lessons and Carols gathering on December 13. We are grateful for the care and love you continually pour into this community.

-Betsy Schuessler (Volunteer Coordinator/Exec Asst to Mike Huber)



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE LAKE JUNALUSKA LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS!

Come warm up with a great read this winter! We've added lots of new books and magazines to our shelves—and if you have grandchildren visiting, we also have a wonderful selection of children's books to enjoy.

Join us for Bible Study, Book Club, or our Cards & Games afternoons.

And be sure to note our new WINTER HOURS:

January–March 2026

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Please remember to fill out a patron card when borrowing books.

Used book donations are always appreciated!

Bible Study on Tuesdays from 11a-12:15p

Cards & Games on Tuesday afternoons at 2p

Book Club on the second Thursday at 2p (no meeting in Dec)

Questions? Want to volunteer?

Contact Stephanie Schulz 850-445-4375 or stephanienschulz@gmail.com



LAKE JUNALUSKA'S 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

As we look ahead to another meaningful year at Lake Junaluska, I am deeply grateful for the Junaluskans and all who volunteer their time, talents and hospitality to make this place special. Your gifts of service and financial support strengthen our mission and foster the spirit of community that makes Lake Junaluska truly extraordinary. Thank you for all the ways you help create a welcoming environment for guests and residents alike.

I'm excited to share a few of the upcoming events and opportunities for connection, worship, learning and service in 2026. I hope you will mark your calendars and join us in creating memories at these upcoming gatherings:

- Lake Clean-up Day - March 7
- Beautification Day - May 13
- Summer Worship Series & Theologians In Residence - June 28-August 5
- Festival of Wisdom and Grace - August 17-21
- Choir Music Weekend - October 16-18

In addition to the above Lake Junaluska events, we are excited that all the large annual conferences will return in 2026. Additionally, more than 200 events or conferences have already been booked for next year. Below is a brief preview of these events that represent a wide variety of denominational connections:

- Winter Ski Groups (Churches and Scout Troops) - January and February
- US Army Chaplain Retreats - Jan, Feb, March, and April
- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority - February
- Lake Junaluska Conference Peace Conference - March
- Addiction Professionals of NC Statewide Conference - April
- Called to Peace Ministries - May
- International Friendships - June (Faith-based organization that mentors college students who are new to the U.S.)
- Launch Global Staff Retreat - July
- Bleeding Disorders Foundation - August
- Sound FX Clogging Event - August
- Society of American Travel Writers - October
- Air and Waste Management Assoc - November

2026 is going to be an exciting year! Your volunteer service and financial support of the Lake Junaluska Annual Fund are essential in making all this possible. We invite you to consider making a gift to the Lake Junaluska Annual Fund. Your tax-deductible contribution may be made securely online at lakejunaluska.com/give or by sending a check to Lake Junaluska Development Office, 579 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Junaluska, NC 28745.

Thank you for all you do to help Lake Junaluska fulfill its mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through the renewal of soul, mind and body. We are truly grateful to you.

Yours in Christ, Ken Howle



Annual Christmas Dinner

The Junaluskans Christmas Dinner will be held at the Terrace Hotel dining room on Tuesday, December 16 at 5:30p. The cost is \$37 per person (tax and tip included). Reservations must be prepaid by December 8 at the Bethea Welcome Center by check or credit card. Bring check or cash to the December 3 Junaluskans meeting and see Frank Dunnewind.

Haywood Choral Society
presents

Sing We Now of Christmas



Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 4 PM
First United Methodist Church
566 S Haywood St, Waynesville, NC 28786

Dr. Isaiah Feken, Interim Director
Renée Allsbrook, Pianist

Concert is free and open to the public with an offering collected.
For more information, haywoodchoralsociety.org

Sponsored by the Haywood Arts Council, The Junaluskans, and Haywood Choral Society Angels.
The Haywood Choral Society is sponsored in part by a grassroots grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.
An agency funded by the state of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts.



A quick update from Genie Ashe,
General Manager of **Crepe & Custard** at Lake Junaluska:
We're excited to share our new
hours starting November 28! You
can now visit us Sunday-
Thursday from 9a-5p and
Friday-Saturday from 9a-6p. We
look forward to seeing you soon!



LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- All Hands And Hearts (Dec 1-31)
- Haywood County (Dec 2)
- Saunook Fire Department (Dec 2)
- Shining Rock Academy (Dec 4)
- APAC-Atlantic, Inc. (Dec 5- 6)
- First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville (Dec 6)
- Caldwell Rock Yard & Firewood, LLC (Dec 9)
- Haywood Waterways Association (Dec 10)
- Victory Baptist Church (Dec 12)
- Music Tutors of WNC (Dec 18)
- The Orchard Church (Dec 19-22)
- Haywood Community College (Dec 19)
- Fishers of Men Ministries Int. (Dec 21-24)
- Love First: Haywood Emerging Faith Community (Dec 24-25)
- Walking With God Church (Dec 25-27)

2025 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- Holly Jolly Trolley (Dec 12 & 14)
- Lessons & Carols (Dec 13)
- Christmas Dinner (Dec 16)

2026 Dates

- First 2026 General Meeting (Jan 7)
- Lake Junaluska Clean-Up Day (Mar 7)
- Flea Market (Jun 13)



**WANT MORE INFO
ABOUT LJ ACTIVITIES??
CHECK OUT THESE
RESOURCES**



- 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

