
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

February 2026 ✦



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

- Monthly **Junaluskans General Meeting** at 10a in the Harrell Center Auditorium on Feb 11 ***NEW DATE***.
- **Sunday Brunch Buffets** at York Dining Commons from 11a-2p. \$20 per person.
- Taking down the **Christmas Decorations** will take place the week of Feb 2-6. If you can help, please contact Steve Crites at 813-546-7095.
- **LJ Valentine's Dinner** at the Terrace Hotel Dining Room on Feb 14 from 5:30-8p. \$42.95 per person. Get tickets at <https://lake-junaluska-online.square.site/valentines-day-meal>

2026 Junaluskans Flea Market

Saturday, June 13

Set-up day, Friday, June 12

NOW is the time to start cleaning out attics, closets, garages, and basements to collect items to donate for the Flea Market on June 13!



Signs of Promise

February carries the quiet tension between winter's lingering chill and spring's hopeful arrival. As I walk the Asbury Trail this time of year, I'm always encouraged by the first small flowers pushing through the cold ground. These early blooms remind me of lines from one of my favorite hymns, "Hymn of Promise," written by Natalie Sleeth:

"In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!"

Those words beautifully capture the mystery of God's unfolding work in creation and in our lives. Even when growth is hidden beneath the surface, there is movement, purpose and promise. Winter gives way to spring, darkness to dawn, and ultimately, life to resurrection. God is always at work, often in ways we cannot yet see.

As we look toward the transition from winter into spring at Lake Junaluska, we are also stepping into a season of promise through the Sharing Our Gifts Campaign. Like the first flowers emerging along the trail, the generosity of our community will take shape in meaningful projects that will serve guests and families for generations to come. Continued support is essential to sustain this momentum — ensuring that future projects can be fully funded and bring lasting, positive change to Lake Junaluska and all who gather here.

Among the exciting areas of focus are the revitalization of mini-golf, enhancements surrounding the Cross, and improvements to Stuart Auditorium. Each of these spaces plays a unique role in creating environments where families gather, worship is deepened, and guests experience renewal and connection. Through your faithful support, these places are being strengthened to better serve all who come seeking rest, reflection and community.

In the coming months, we will share more updates on the fundraising progress for these projects. Your continued generosity is essential to carrying these efforts across the finish line and beginning work on improvements that will create transformational experiences. Together, we are planting seeds that will grow into lasting impact, helping ensure Lake Junaluska remains a welcoming and vibrant place for generations to come.

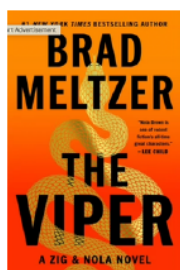
As you walk these sacred grounds, notice the subtle signs of change: new buds, longer days, warmer light. Let them serve as reminders that hope is always taking root. Thank you for being part of this season of growth and for helping us continue to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through the renewal of soul, mind and body.

Yours in Christ, Ken Howle

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

The Viper is an instant *New York Times* bestseller!

"A thrilling adventure, full of twists and turns, gripping from the first page to the last. Hugely enjoyable. The perfect book to meet Zig & Nola." — Alex Michaelides, *New York Times* bestselling author of The Silent Patient. *New York Times* bestselling author Brad Meltzer is back with his thrilling Zig and Nola series, unraveling a shocking cold case with a personal—and deadly—twist.



Doctors see more than just patients who are cured against all odds. From a rabbi who somehow knew a carpenter's infant son had a heart problem, to an NFL player's amazing survival from a rare kind of cardiac arrest, these stories bolster the belief there is a higher power at work. **The Miracles Among Us** reminds us that God's love has the capacity to surprise us even in our darkest moments. Whether you are a healthcare professional, a patient, or simply someone intrigued by the mysteries of medicine, this book provides an enlightening exploration of how miracles manifest in everyday life.

JUNALUSKANS BOOK CLUB

The Junaluska Books and Friends Book Club is back! We are currently reading *George Masa: A Life Reimagined* by Janet McCue and Paul Bonesteel. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12th, at 2:00 PM in the Harrell Center Library.

The book for our March 12th meeting has not yet been determined, so please come prepared with titles you would like to recommend.

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW WINTER HOURS:

January 2026-March 2026

8a – 4p

Come in this winter and enjoy a good ROMANCE read. We also offer a Bible Study, a Book Club, and a Cards and Game Afternoon. Remember to fill out a patron card to borrow books.

Upcoming events:

- Bible Study on Tuesdays 11a-12:15p
- Cards & Games on Tuesday afternoons beginning @ 2p
- Book Club second Thursday beginning @2p
- Jig-Saw Puzzle Swap: Bring a puzzle, take one home! Please tape Puzzle boxes closed and leave in designated spot.

Questions? Want to help? Contact Stephanie Schulz 850-445-4375



WITH GRATITUDE

Lake Junaluska is stronger because of you.

Throughout the year, Junaluskans generously give their time and talents to support our staff, care for our guests, and serve our wider community. Through these acts of service, you quietly live out your faith in ways that matter.

One meaningful way to volunteer together is our annual **Lake Cleanup Day on March 7** from 9–11a, when we're joined by 150–200 community members to care for this place we all love. We invite you to be part of it! As a reminder, all volunteers are asked to complete the annual volunteer sign-up and liability release, available here: bit.ly/LJ-volunteer-form or via the QR code below.

Thank you for being Junaluska in action—serving with heart, hands, and hope.

Betsy Schuessler
Executive Assistant to Mike Huber &
Volunteer Coordinator



SAVE THE DATE!

Dust off your boots, pull on your favorite jeans, and top it off with a cowboy hat — it's time to kick up some **country-western fun** with the Junaluskans!

Join us for a toe-tappin' BBQ dinner on Tuesday, **June 16** at the York Dining Commons, where good friends, great food, and plenty of laughs are on the menu. Bring your appetite and your country spirit — friends and family are welcome too!

More details will mosey on in over the coming months, so stay tuned!

WELCOME PACKETS

Do you have new neighbors or know of someone who has recently moved to Lake Junaluska? Stephanie Schultz has welcome packets for new residents. They are available at the library and provide new residents with all the information they need to feel part of this wonderful community. Giving a packet to a new resident is a lovely way to welcome them to Lake Junaluska.

LJAPOO Biannual Meeting

The Lake Junaluska Assembly Property Owners Organization (LJAPOO) will host a community meeting on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 10 AM in Gains Auditorium. The meeting is open to the public and is a great opportunity to enjoy coffee, fellowship, and hear updates about what's happening around Lake Junaluska, including community projects, reports, and future plans. Some portions of the meeting, including certain votes and reports, are specifically relevant to LJAPOO members, but all are welcome to attend and learn more about the community. Those who want additional details, including the full agenda and documents, can find more information here: <https://lakejunaluskacommunity.org/lake-junaluska-assembly-property-owners-organization-inc>.



GARDEN TALKS



The Corneille Native Garden has established the schedule for wildflower walks this season. We also are excited to have a new Gardener, Lucie Patten. We hope all garden visitors will welcome her!

Beginning in February, wildflower walks will take place each week through April at 1pm on Wednesdays, beginning from the entrance on Stuart Circle.

- February 25
- March 3
- March 11
- March 18
- March 25
- March 30 (Monday)
- April 8
- April 15
- April 22
- April 29.



For more information, contact CBNativeGarden@gmail.com. To learn more about the Corneille Bryan Native Garden, visit the garden's Facebook page or Lake Junaluska's gardens page.

LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- All Hands And Hearts 1-31
- Church Street UMC 6-9
- Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 6-8
- St. Luke Lutheran 6-8
- Furman University 6-7
- Boy Scout Troop 307 6-8
- Varnell Church 6-8
- Benchmark Adventure Ministries 11-13
- InTouch Marriage Retreat 12-15
- Winter Youth 13-16
- Diocese of Knoxville 13-15
- Foundation Church 13-16
- Haywood Greenway Committee 17-22
- Deborah Unmuted 19-22
- Buncombe Street Methodist 20-22
- Boy Scout Troop 205 20-22
- Rotary International 21
- US Army Fort Bragg 23-27
- New Wilderness Adventures Feb. 25- Mar. 1
- Journey Church 26-28
- Youth UMC Confirmation Feb. 27- Mar. 1
- Hal Brady Ministries Feb. 27 - Mar. 1
- Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church 27-28
- Central UMC Shelby Feb. 27- Mar. 1
- FUMC Isle of Palms 27-29
- First Presbyterian Anderson Feb. 27- Mar. 1

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

Linda Henley has released **Reflections II**, a heartfelt compilation of the meaningful Reflections she shares with the Junaluskans community. The book is now available at Gifts & Grounds, and its beautiful cover features a painting by our own talented Ashley Calhoun.

2026 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- Feb 11 - Junaluskans General Meeting
- March 7 - Lake Junaluska Clean-up Day
- April 7 - Potluck Lunch w/the NOMADs
- TBD - Beautification Day
- June 13 - Annual Junaluskans Flea Market
- June 16 - Country/Western Dance w/BBQ Summer Social
- July 3 - Junaluskans Corn Hole Tournament

- 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

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FINANCIAL REPORT

2025 - 4th Quarter

JUNALUSKANS FINANCIAL REPORT 2025					
As of December 31, 2025					
772	BUDGET	January - November	December	YTD	Balance
					AMOUNT
Bank Balance:					OVER/UNDER
					BUDGET
RECEIPTS:					
Flea Market	\$15,000.00)	\$33,425.37)		\$33,425.37)	\$18,425.37)
Member Contributions	\$10,000.00)	\$10,215.00)	\$10.00)	\$10,225.00)	\$225.00)
Miscellaneous (Balance brought forward)	\$14,300.00)	\$29,041.44)		\$29,041.44)	\$14,741.44)
TOTAL INCOME	\$39,300.00)	\$72,681.81)	\$10.00)	\$72,691.81)	\$33,391.81)
EXPENSES:					
ADMINISTRATION					
PRINTING LV&N & COPIES	\$1,800.00)	\$916.89)	\$112.05)	\$1,028.94)	(\$771.06)
FLEA MARKET EXPENSE	\$1,500.00)	\$1,829.56)		\$1,829.56)	\$329.56)
POSTAGE	\$250.00)	\$114.94)	\$188.00)	\$302.94)	\$52.94)
BANKING CHARGES	\$450.00)	\$62.97)	\$42.81)	\$105.78)	(\$344.22)
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$4,000.00)	\$2,924.36)	\$342.86)	\$3,267.22)	(\$732.78)
SERVICES & BEAUTIFICATION					
ANNUAL FUND GRANT	\$7,000.00)	\$7,000.00)		\$7,000.00)	\$0.00)
ASBURY TRAIL (FINAL BILL))	\$1,000.00)	\$80.59)		\$80.59)	\$80.59)
BIBLICAL GARDEN	\$3,000.00)	\$1,000.00)		\$1,000.00)	\$0.00)
CORNEILLE NATIVE GARDEN	\$2,000.00)	\$3,000.00)		\$3,000.00)	\$0.00)
CLEAN FISHING CAMPAIGN	\$750.00)	\$723.39)		\$723.39)	(\$1,276.61)
LAKE & BOOMS (Operation & Beautification)	\$3,000.00)	\$730.00)		\$730.00)	(\$20.00)
SEASONAL DECORATIONS	\$6,000.00)	\$2,232.75)	\$579.18)	\$2,811.93)	(\$108.07)
SWAN FEEDING PROGRAM		\$3,380.00)	\$521.40)	\$3,901.40)	(\$2,098.60)
TOTAL SERVICES & BEAUTIFICATION	\$22,750.00)	\$18,146.73)	\$1,100.58)	\$19,247.31)	(\$3,502.69)
MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP					
PRAYER MINISTRY CARING & SHARING	(\$ 350)			\$0.00)	(\$350.00)
CHORAL SOCIETY LAKE JUNALUSKA	(\$ 200)			\$0.00)	(\$200.00)
ARCHIVES EMPLOYEE	(\$ 1,000)	\$1,000.00)		\$1,000.00)	\$0.00)
ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS	(\$ 250)			\$0.00)	(\$250.00)
JUNALUSKANS DINNERS/PROGRAMS	(\$ 1,000)	\$1,000.00)		\$1,000.00)	\$0.00)
CLOTHES TO KIDS LJA STAFF	(\$ 3,000)	\$2,889.95)	\$350.64)	\$3,240.59)	\$240.59)
CHRISTMAS PARTY HAYWOOD	(\$ 2,000)	\$2,000.00)		\$2,000.00)	\$0.00)
COMMUNITY BAND INTERNET SERVICE	(\$ 500)			\$0.00)	(\$500.00)
	(\$ 500)			\$500.00)	\$0.00)
	(\$ 1,100)	\$500.00)		\$943.37)	(\$156.63)
TOTAL MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP	\$9,900.00)	\$6,251.15)	\$432.81)	\$6,683.96)	(\$1,216.04)
Miscellaneous & Special Projects	\$2,650.00)	\$29,897.06)		\$29,897.06)	\$27,247.06)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,300.00)	\$59,219.30)	\$1,876.25)	\$61,095.55)	\$21,795.55)
PROFIT/LOSS (MONTHLY INCOME LESS EXPENSES)	\$0.00)	\$13,462.51)	(\$1,866.25)	\$11,596.26)	\$11,596.26)
775					
JUNALUSKANS SPECIAL PROJECTS	Beginning Balance	INCOME	EXPENSE	YTD BALANCE	
p9096 - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS	\$6,291.07)	\$9,835.17)	\$11,000.00)	\$5,126.24)	
p9128 - JUNALUSKANS DESIGNATED GIFTS (Swans)	\$3,372.64)	\$3,545.00)	\$2,717.69)	\$4,199.95)	
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	\$200.00)		\$200.00)	\$0.00)	
p9101 - TENT FUND	\$4,490.52)	\$600.00)	\$0.00)	\$4,090.52)	
p9116 - TRAVEL COMMITTEE	\$2,115.76)			\$2,115.76)	
TOTAL	\$23,897.31)			\$23,959.79)	
772					

Dear Junaluska Residents & Friends,

Lake Junaluska is a place where hearts are refreshed and community thrives. Its mission of Christian hospitality inspires renewal of soul, mind, and body for all who visit and love this special place.

The Junaluskans are a welcoming volunteer service group that brings this mission to life through fellowship, learning, and spiritual connection. If Lake Junaluska holds a special place in your heart, you're invited to be part of the joy! Membership is open to everyone—whether you live here or simply love being here—and begins with a \$10 annual contribution per person. Additional gifts help us grow our outreach and impact.

Throughout the year, we create meaningful moments and fun connections through:

- A festive Christmas dinner
- Monthly gatherings and social events
- Inspiring vesper services
- Engaging book reviews and concerts
- Scholarships that make a difference
- Our beloved annual June Flea Market fundraiser

Come connect, serve, and celebrate the spirit of Lake Junaluska with us. There's a place for you here!

THE JUNALUSKANS MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2026
(January through December)

Name (s) _____

PLEASE PRINT

Primary Mailing Address:

P.O. Box or Street

City State and Zip Code Landline Phone #

Address in Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, or surrounding area: _____

Cell Phones: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Email Addresses: 1st _____ 2nd _____ If you are

NOT receiving the Junaluskan Emails (Frank Stith), do you wish to be added Yes _____ No _____

Leave blank if you are receiving the emails.

Enclosed Donation (\$10 minimum per person) \$ _____ Additional Gift \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.** Write "The Junaluskans" in the Memo Line.

This form and check may be mailed to The Junaluskans Treasurer, PO Box 622, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745-0622 or handed to Margaret Amick (Membership) at any Junaluskan meeting.