
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

July 2025[★]



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO DO!

- **Junaluskans Social*** at the Lambuth Inn, International Room (Jul 2 at 10a). Bring a treat to share!
- Decorated **Kayak/Canoe Flotilla** Contest at the Colonnade (Jul 3 at 9a)
- **Blue Ridge Big Band** in the Big White Tent at 7p on Jul 3 followed by **Fireworks** from the Lake Junaluska Dam at 9:15p.
- **Parade** followed by **Family Fun on the Fourth Cookout** Buffet Picnic, Whitewater Bluegrass, Family Square Dance & More at the Nanci Weldon Memorial Gym (Jul 4 at 11a)
- Reading of the Declaration of Independence and **Singing Soldiers** Concert at the White Tent (Jul 4 at 7p)
- **Floating Lanterns** on the Lake (Jul 5 at 9:15p)
- At Stuart Auditorium on Jul 5, special guest, humorist and storyteller **Bil Lepp** at 6p, **Balsam Range** takes the stage at 7p.
- The next **Junaluska Assembly Property Owners Organization** (LJPOO) Meeting will be at the Welcome Center (Jul 5 at 10a)
- **Summer Worship Service Series** continues at the White Tent (Jul 6 at 9a) with Rev. Dr. Thomas Glenn "Jack" Jackson.

*This is in place of the regular monthly meeting held at the Harrell Center.



JUNE LUAU

What a night! On June 17th, we enjoyed a lovely luau at the Warren Center. Our meal consisted of delicious pork and salmon from Lake Junaluska, various sides and desserts from our members, incredible live music, a fun DJ set, a lively hula dance, and even a sing-along—this event had it all! Thank you to everyone who came out and made it such a memorable evening!



Poncho Thanks from Betsy!

A shout-out to you, the Junaluskans, for your generosity! You recently provided ponchos for all of our international staff. This thoughtful gift has made a significant difference in helping our staff stay dry and comfortable while working and enjoying their time here in Lake Junaluska. We are so grateful for your continued support!

TRAVEL GROUP

The next Junaluskan's Travel Group trip is set for Fri, Jul 18. Travelers will meet at 9a at the Bethea Welcome Center to check in and form carpools. The first stop will be at Saluda, NC, the top point of the Saluda Grade, the rail line completed in 1878 which was the steepest climb east of the Rockies. The M. A. Pace General Store (opened in 1899) will be the primary destination in Saluda that morning along with other spots on the quaint main drag. Continuing into South Carolina, lunch will be at Strawberry Hill USA at their wonderful restaurant followed by produce shopping (especially SC peaches this time of year) at their Produce Shed – the Famous Colley Family Farm. Next is more history at the nearby Cowpens National Battlefield Park where a battle helped turn the tide in the Revolutionary War against England. On the trip back home, some may again want to stop in Saluda (it's quite near I-26) at the Historic Depot and Museum (only open from 1-4 p).

If you have questions, please contact Travel Group Coordinators George & Sondra Shepherd at 405-596-2632 or gsshepherd620@gmail.com. There are no reservations at any of the stops, so you do not need to sign up for the trip. Just show up.



LIBRARY NEWS

Visit the library in the Harrell Center next to Gifts & Grounds and check out some great, new summer books. No matter what you like, we've got it!

We are always happy to have your used books. Drop off next to the computer desk.

Please update us if you have a change of address, phone, or email?

We need a few more volunteers to fill in this summer. Text Stephanie if interested.

Summer schedule:

Bible Study on Tues 11a-12p

Game Day on Tues 2pm

Book Club on the Second Thu 2p

(Reading "Lara" by Anna Pasternak.

All are welcome!)

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



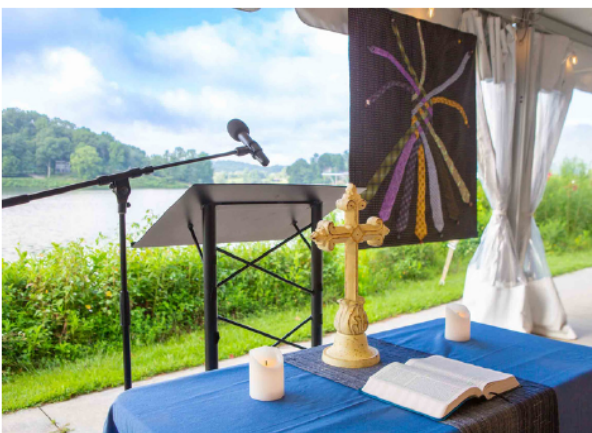
Summer Worship and Theologian in Residence Schedule

Enrich your spirit with our Summer Worship series and engaging Theologian in Residence program. Grow spiritually and in connection with guests, community, and our Theologians in Residence.

Join us each Sunday morning under the White Tent for uplifting worship led by a diverse group of esteemed speakers: Rev. Dr. Thomas Glenn "Jack" Jackson (July 6), Rev. Stephanie Hand (July 13), Rev. Rachel Billups (July 20), Bishop David Wilson (July 27), Rev. Dr. Uiyeon Kim (August 3), and Brian McLaren (August 10). Worship is also enhanced by music from regionally known musicians and altar art by our own local Artists in Residence.

Extend your learning and reflection with our Theologian in Residence sessions throughout the summer. Enjoy a relaxed devotion time on Monday mornings. Additionally, every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning, our featured theologians will lead engaging and possibly challenging workshop sessions.

For more details and to confirm devotion and workshop locations, visit lakejunaluska.com/summerworship.



Meet the Exec Board



Good morning, y'all! That's my signature greeting when I share our updated membership reports. Before stepping into this role, I served as Recording Secretary. My professional background spans administrative roles in adult, vocational, and technical education—as well as teaching high school business courses and graduate-level education classes. Fourteen years ago, I made Lake Junaluska my home, and I've loved every minute of mountain living. I'm especially grateful for the many friendships I've made through church and community activities at the lake!



Great News, Junaluskans! If you have working legs, arms and hands you qualify to be an usher for the Junaluska Summer Worship Series!

The Series began Jun 29 at 9a. and continues each Sunday through Aug 10. Volunteers will be paid in Kingdom coin - the privilege of hearing outstanding speakers and inspiring music, the joy of greeting and being greeted by other Christians and the satisfaction of knowing that you are rendering a valuable service in the Kingdom's work!

Don't delay! Email Paul Starnes at tpsjudy@gmail.com to seize this wonderful opportunity for Christian Service. Specify the Sundays you can serve. An abundance of volunteers would mean that no one would need to serve more than one or two Sundays.

Caring & Sharing
Cynthia Lindberg
caringandsharing@lakejunaluska.com

Please share your positive, joyful moments with us, which could include a special wedding anniversary, the birth of a grandchild, or any other moment of joy you'd like to share with us to be included in next month's Lake Views & News.



2025 JUNALUSKA FLEA MARKET - A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

200+ VOLUNTEERS

1K+ SHOPPERS

33K EARNED FOR
GARDENS,
ACTIVITIES, AND
PROGRAMS HERE
AT THE LAKE.

If you helped publicize by "spreading the word" about the sale, donated items, volunteered to work, or made a purchase, then you were a big part of the FLEA MARKET TEAM. We cannot say enough about the volunteers - you were so willing to do anything that needed to be done. The amount of talking, laughing and wonderful fellowship was amazing. THANK YOU ALL!!!

We'll see each other 'around the lake'.
- Judy and Ed Lafontaine

Our shoppers at the Junaluskans Flea Market were ecstatic over the baked goods you donated! We sold every piece but 2 baggies of cookies. Amazing.

Thank you so much for all of your donations. They were exceptional. If you can, please thank Bojangles for their donation of sausage biscuits to the Flea Market and Ingles for their donation of doughnuts for Set-up day!
-Sandra Scott (Bake Sale Coordinator)

Keeping the Dam Bridge Safe

The bridge over the Lake Junaluska dam holds a special place in the hearts of our community and visitors. For some, it's the nostalgic clickety-clack sound of the wooden planks. For others, it symbolizes the promise of what lies on the other side – whether that's morning walks, peaceful views, or special gatherings.

The bridge is often a common point of discussion. One lane bridges are a novelty in 2025, and so is our simple signage asking people to “be courteous” when crossing the bridge. Below is some information about how the bridge is constructed that may help explain the weight limit and protocol when crossing.

In 2018, we refurbished the bridge with charitable gifts, including many from the Junaluskans. The bridge is constructed with steel beams supported by concrete buttresses and surfaced with wood planks and steel plates. The distance between the buttresses is referred to as “span distance or span.” The bridge features 17 spans, each capable of safely supporting a vehicle weighing up to 6,000 pounds (Gross Vehicle Weight). The spans vary in length and can't be seen from the top of the bridge. This means that, technically, more than one vehicle can be on the bridge at a time, as long as each vehicle does not weigh more than 6,000 pounds GVW and no more than one vehicle is on each span at a time.

Because the bridge has only one lane, we request that drivers alternate with oncoming traffic. While the bridge can handle more than one vehicle at a time (as explained above), alternating helps assure equal use of the bridge and a more respectful experience for everyone.

Occasionally, we receive feedback that a large vehicle was spotted crossing the bridge. Although the weight limit is marked with signs, we are unsure whether the signs are being ignored or simply not noticed.

Keeping large vehicles off the bridge is one of our top priorities. Because of this, and to help people understand our protocols for the bridge, Junior Woody (Lake Junaluska's Public Works Director) is exploring updated signage to:

1. Communicate the weight limit per vehicle
2. Encourage vehicles to alternate with oncoming traffic.
3. Clarify that when there is no oncoming traffic, vehicles should maintain a distance of 60 feet or four car lengths apart.



He is also exploring an entryway that limits tall vehicles from entering the bridge.

Ultimately, if drivers follow the posted weight limit and are courteous to one another by taking turns with oncoming traffic, then the bridge is safe and protected. Thank you to everyone who has reached out with questions and concerns. Protecting our dam bridge is a shared responsibility, and with your help, we can continue to enjoy it safely for years to come.

*Yours in Christ,
Ken Howle*

LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- All Hands and Hearts (Jul 1-31)
- M28 Camps (Jul 3-15)
- Catholic Diocese of Charlotte (Jul 3-5)
- Love Mercy International (Jul 5-12)
- The Scotsman Public House (Jul 5-6)
- Studio 180 Design (Jul 9-14)
- Love Mercy International (Jul 9-13)
- Biltmore Church of Christ (Jul 11-13)
- NC Dept. of Public Instruction (Jul 14-15)
- U.S. Army Fort Bragg (Jul 14-18)
- West Ohio Conference UMC (Jul 15-20)
- Joyful Life With KJ (Jul 17-20)
- The Well in Kentucky (Jul 17-20)
- Cherokee Indian Hospital Auth. (Jul 18-25)
- Launch Global (Jul 19-25)
- Alpharetta FMC (Jul 21-25)
- Turning Point Church (Jul 22-25)
- CBMC Family Connection (Jul 24-27)
- Mizo Church (Jul 24-27)
- General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (Jul 25-Aug 1)
- Tabernacle Ctr of Deliverance (Jul 25-27)
- North Canton Elementary (Jul 25)
- Carolina Cross Connection (Jul 27-Aug 1)
- True Trauma Healing (Jul 27)
- Voyage Church (Jul 28-Aug. 1)
- Future Farmers of America (Jul 28-30)
- Stephanie Taylor Global Ministries (Jul 31-Aug 3)

Thank you, volunteers!

Whether you helped stuff participant packets for the Western NC Conference of The UMC or assisted with check-in for Music and Arts Week, your dedication made a real difference. Our groups and guests are incredibly grateful for the support from the Junaluska community. We couldn't do it without you! Keep an eye out for more volunteer opportunities coming soon.

- Betsy Schluessler

2025 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- Sacred Spaces (Aug 21)
- Junaluskan Dinner (Sep TBD)
- Hymn Sing (Oct 23)
- Chapel Cleanup (Nov 6)
- Christmas Dinner (TBD)
- Lessons & Carols (Dec 13)

Game Days are every Tuesday at 2p in the Harrell Center Library.



**WANT MORE INFO ABOUT LAKE JUNALUSKA 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