
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

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June 2026



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

- The **Junaluskans Flea Market** is Jun 13 from 8a-12p. Enjoy Early Bird shopping from 7:30-8a for \$5. In addition to all of the treasures, there will also be a bake sale!
 - The Junaluskans **BBQ & Western Night**, is Jun 16 from 5:30-8p at the York Dining Commons. \$10 per person and reservations are required by 6/3.
 - The next **Junaluskans Hike** will be on Jun 24. Meet at Bethea Welcome Center at 10a to go up the Mountains-to-Sea Trail from Woodfin Cascade Overlook on the Parkway
 - **Lake Junaluska Day** is Jun 25! Come help celebrate its 113th birthday by ringing the Weatherby Bell at Stuart Auditorium at 11:30a.
 - **Summer Worship Service Series** begins Sunday, Jun 28 in the white tent by the lake with Theologian in Residence and preacher, Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana. Worship will be held each Sunday through August 2 and Theologian in Residence events will be each Monday through Wednesday.
 - **Music and Worship Arts Week** will be June 22-26. All concerts and worship services are open to the public. A schedule will be emailed via Frank Stith (the Junaluskans email service) closer to the start of that event.
 - **Fourth of July Events** start Jul 2! For event listing go to <https://lakejunaluska.com/signature-events/independence-day-celebrations/>
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2026 JUNALUSKANS FLEA MARKET IS JUN 13!

Tell your neighbors, relatives, and friends about the annual Junaluskan Flea Market! It's a wonderful opportunity to shop for treasures, enjoy delicious homemade baked goods, reconnect with friends, and experience the warm hospitality we share at Lake Junaluska.

On Saturday, you'll find a wide variety of items including furniture, books, home décor, electronics, ladies' boutique items, toys & games, sporting goods, tools, arts & crafts, plants, kitchen and bath items, Junaluska Gems, and more.

Whether you're furnishing a first apartment, outfitting a camper or cabin, or simply searching for a great bargain, you're sure to find something special.

For more information, contact Judy or Ed LaFontaine at 828-456-8308.

GOT DONATIONS?

Bring your donations Fri, Jun 12 to the Weldon Gym from 9a-1p. If you need someone to come to your home on Friday to pick up your items please email Todd Stewart at rts0375@gmail.com to arrange a pick-up time for that morning.

GOT BAKED GOODS?

Please be planning what you can contribute to the Bake Sale at the Lake Junaluska Flea Market. Everyone appreciates the brownies, cookies, breads, pies, cakes, and other homemade treats you provide to sell to the public and help raise funds for the Junaluskans! We will also be offering sausage and ham biscuits for sale on Jun 13. You may bring your baked items on Jun 12 or very early on Jun 13. As much as possible, please have your items packaged and ready for sale when you bring them. Thank you for your generous donations!

For those working at the Flea Market on Jun 12, lunch will be available at the Bake Sale tent from 12-1p and include a sandwich, chips, and a drink, courtesy of the Junaluskans.

For more information, contact Sondra Shepherd at 405-990-5752.



READY TO TEST YOUR LJ TRIVIA?

Looking for a fun night out with great food, lots of laughs, and a little friendly competition? Then don't miss the **Junaluskans BBQ & Western Night** on Jun 16! 🤠🔥 We're serving up a delicious barbecue dinner prepared by the chefs at Lake Junaluska, and members are invited to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. It's the perfect chance to relax, connect, and enjoy a casual summer evening together.

After dinner, the real fun begins with **team trivia**! Whether you're a trivia pro or just in it for the laughs, this low-pressure, high-fun game is guaranteed to keep the energy up and the smiles coming. Grab a few friends or meet some new ones as teams compete for bragging rights!

We'll gather at York Dining Commons at 5:30p, and since it's Western Night, feel free to break out your boots, denim, flannel, or cowboy hat and join the fun.

Cost is just \$10 per person, which includes the barbecue and drinks.

Please submit payment at the Jun 3 meeting.

Come hungry, bring your competitive spirit, and get ready for a night of food, fun, and fellowship!

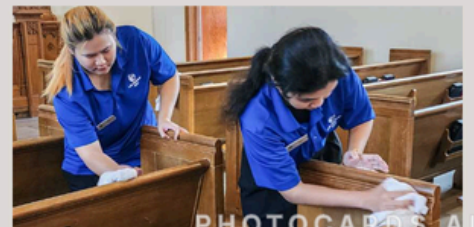


Thank you for coming together for our annual **Beautification Day**. Our

guests, staff and greater community are blessed by all you have done and how you regularly give of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness on this holy ground. Our buildings and

grounds are better prepared to welcome all who come this season because of you!

Many thanks, Betsy Schuessler, Executive Assistant to Mike Huber and Volunteer Coordinator



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Hymn Sing in the Biblical Garden

It was a beautiful spring evening for a hymn sing in the Biblical Garden, a setting that made the occasion even more special. Sarah Tippett shared a fascinating and informative presentation about the garden, highlighting its history, purpose, and significance. Countless hours of dedication and care have gone into creating this beautiful sanctuary. Sarah and Pat Dunnewind have served as the garden's primary caretakers, and their efforts are evident in every corner. The Biblical Garden is truly a place of peace, reflection, and inspiration.

Following the presentation, Marq Ryan led the hymn sing with accompaniment by Hilda Ryan on the keyboard. Marq enriched the evening by sharing interesting stories and background information about several of the hymns. The heartfelt singing of those in attendance created a spirit of joy and fellowship. It was an uplifting and memorable evening enjoyed by all who participated.

Don't miss your chance to sign up for a **Junaluskans Fellowship Group**! These small groups are a wonderful way to build friendships, share meals, and connect with fellow members. Groups stay together for two years and meet September through May, with attendance as your schedule allows.

Sign-up forms are available online via the QR code and at Junaluskans meetings. You may request to be placed with a friend and note any special needs. We are also looking for a few additional group leaders to help keep groups small and welcoming. For more information, contact Susan Folds at susan.folds@yahoo.com.

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Caring & Sharing
Cynthia Lindberg
caringandsharing@lakejunaluska.com

Art O'Neil's mother, Julia O'Neil, 88, a long time resident of Lake Junaluska and active member in our community, passed on May 11.

Lake Junaluska Day is Jun 25 and we are celebrating 113 years! We invite all those who love this special place to join us and to make an impact in three powerful ways:

- Pray for the mission and ministry of Lake Junaluska.
- Share why you love Lake Junaluska on Facebook and Instagram.
- Give so that all who visit Lake Junaluska can experience renewal.

We also invite you to gather at the Weatherby Bell at 11:30a on Jun 25. We will celebrate together and ring the bell 113 times!

Floating lanterns will be released on the lake the evening of July 1 at approximately 9:15 p.m. Each lantern carries a name in remembrance or in honor of a loved one.

The lanterns will be released from the Cherokee IV and will be visible from the lakeshore. Lanterns can be purchased for \$40 each. To learn more about the event or to dedicate a lantern visit lakejunaluska.com/lanterns.



PILOTS FOR CHRIST

Pilots for Christ North Carolina is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) chapter of Pilots For Christ International, which is a volunteer organization that provides free air and ground transportation to individuals or families in need. This can be for medical treatment, crisis situations, Missionary trips, and more.

If you have a medical condition that requires multiple trips to a treatment facility that is in or out of state, we can help alleviate the need for long hours in a car. If you have a compromised immune system, we can help you avoid commercial flights that expose you to thousands of travelers.

Using small general aviation aircraft, we can get you to your appointment quickly, when the weather permits. When the weather does not permit flight, our ground based "Auto Pilots" can help drive you to your appointment.

To learn more about Pilots for Christ and find out how we might serve you, visit our website: pilotsforchristnc.org. You can also send us an email at: pilotsforchristnc@gmail.com, or call us at (828) 367-7450.

Heather's return flight from Raleigh





LIBRARY

SUMMER HOURS:

Mon-Sat

8a – 5p

Upcoming events:

NEWS

- 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!

June Book Club Selection: *The Lighthouse Keepers Daughter* by Hazel Gayner

From The New York Times bestselling author of *The Girl Who Came Home* comes a dual timeline historical novel inspired by true events, and the extraordinary female lighthouse keepers of the past two hundred years.



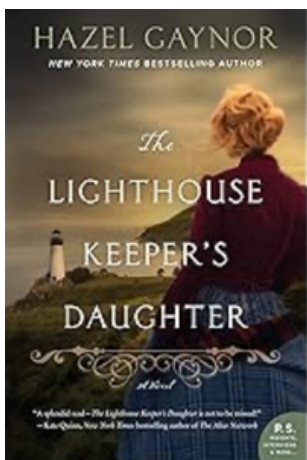
Special Library Event on Wednesday, July 1st

*Patriotic Story Hour and Crafts for young children aged 3-8 years old.

*Stop by between 2-4pm for free stories and crafts on the hour! No registration necessary.

*Children must be accompanied by an adult

*Sponsored by The Lake Junaluska Library and the Artists in Residence



New Books at the Library:

***Daughter of Egypt*, Marie Benedict**

...historical fiction author, Marie Benedict, returns with a sweeping tale of a young woman who unearths the truth about a forgotten Pharaoh—rewriting both of their legacies forever.

***The Last Mandarin*, Loise Penney and journalist Mellissa Fung**

...a mother and a daughter race against time in this all-too-real thriller that reaches from Tiananmen Square all the way to the White House.

Exciting News for Stuart Auditorium: Your Gift Can Now Go Twice as Far

I am delighted to share exciting news about the future of Stuart Auditorium and the continued restoration of this sacred place at Lake Junaluska. Recently, Lake Junaluska was awarded a \$175,000 matching grant from the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority to support important upgrades to this beloved and historic gathering place.

This grant marks another major step forward in a multi-year effort to revitalize Stuart Auditorium and strengthen its role as Haywood County's premier year-round destination for worship, conferences, concerts, and community events.

This phase of improvements includes the construction of a new climate-controlled glass breezeway and upgraded women's restrooms that will greatly enhance the comfort, accessibility, and hospitality of Stuart Auditorium for generations to come. Now is the perfect time to give. With every dollar being matched, your contribution will have twice the impact in helping restore and renew this sacred space.

To fully receive this grant, we must raise matching funds through the Sharing Our Gifts campaign. Thanks to this opportunity, every gift for Stuart Auditorium will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$175,000 — doubling the impact of your generosity!

To make a gift online, please visit lakejunaluska.com/give.

Contributions may also be mailed to:
Office of Development
759 N Lakeshore Dr.
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745
Please note "Sacred Spaces" in the memo line.

Thank you for your faithful support of Lake Junaluska and for helping create a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through the renewal of soul, mind, and body.

Yours in Christ,
Ken Howle



Before Upgrades



After Upgrades – (Rendering)

LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- All Hands and Hearts (Jun 1-30)
- Christian Pharmacists Fellowship (Jun 3-7)
- Dr Paul Lam Tai Chi Workshops (Jun 3-13)
- Intl Friendships, Inc (Jun 3-6)
- Adventure Discovery School (Jun 6-7)
- U.S. Army Fort Bragg (Jun 8-12)
- Appalachian Sitework Inc (Jun 8)
- Mountain Projects (Jun 9-10)
- WNCC United Women In Faith (Jun 10-13)
- Friends & Fiberworks (Jun 11-14)
- Oasis Shrine Center (Jun 11-14)
- Abilities Tennis (Jun 13-14)
- Entheos Audiology Cooperative (Jun 13-17)
- Aspen Hospitality Group (Jun 13-17)
- FBC of Dalton (Jun 14-20)
- Team Effort Youth Group Mission Trips #2 (Jun 14-20)
- WNCC UMC (Jun 15-22)
- Turning Point Church (Jun 15-18)
- NC Computer Instruction Assn (Jun 16-17)
- Clearway Autism Srvcs, LLC (Jun 16-19)
- Mountain Area Health Education Ctr (Jun 17)
- WNCC UMC (Jun 18-21)
- The Fellowship of Worship Artists (Jun 19-27)
- Joni & Friends (Jun 21-27)
- SOAR (Jun 21-27)
- M28 Camps (Jun 21-27)
- Team Effort Youth Group Mission Trips #2 (Jun 21-27)
- Children's Advocacy Ctrs of NC-CACNC (Jun 24-26)
- Grow Your People, LLC (Jun 28-Jul 1)
- M28 Camps (Jun 28-Jul 1)
- NA Div Romanian Advisory (Jun 29-Jul 5)



2026 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- Jun 13 - Annual Junaluskans Flea Market
- Jun 16 - BBQ Summer Social
- Jul 3 - Junaluskans Corn Hole Tournament
- Jul 4 - Various Lake Events
- Jul 21 - Sacred Spaces
- Aug 18 - Hymn Sing
- Sep 22 - Sacred Spaces
- Dec 12 - Lessons & Carols.

**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

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Welcoming the World to Lake Junaluska!



Lake Junaluska is thrilled to welcome 18 international students from Jamaica, Thailand, and the Dominican Republic! They are joining our Waitstaff, Housekeeping, Kitchen, and Recreation teams. These students, studying fields from engineering to education, have traveled far to be here. Please offer them a warm welcome and take a moment to learn about them!

If you would like to connect further by hosting a few students for a lunch or dinner in your home, please reach out to Hannah Wells, international staff coordinator at hwells@lakejunaluska.com. Let's show these students our signature Lake Junaluska hospitality as they work, learn, and explore with us this season.

Betsy Schuessler
Executive Assistant to Mike Huber, General Manager

THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE

Lake Junaluska's Summer Worship Series will resume Sun, Jun 28, with six visiting theologians serving as guest preachers throughout the summer. These services will be at 9a on consecutive Sundays from Jun 28 through Aug 2 at the Lakeside White Tent near Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska. Guest musicians will lead worship. Although seating is limited, visitors may bring their own chairs. All are welcome.

In addition, the theologians in residence will lead devotions at 8:30a Mondays and hold workshops from 10-11:30a Mon-Wed, providing opportunities in today's virtual world for meaningful, in-person conversations and experiences with leading theologians.

Pat McKim, director of Program Ministries, said this year's lineup of theologians has created a buzz. "We have a wonderful diversity of voices who will offer the Sunday morning message and share in teaching Monday through Wednesday," McKim said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in conversation that will deepen our faith and challenge us to share the gospel."

FIRST UP:

June 28-July 1: The Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana is a writer, pastor, speaker and ministry coach. She currently serves as associate pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon, Virginia. She was featured on PBS's Religion and Ethics Newsweekly for her work on Sabbath-keeping and was recognized by the Presbyterian Writers Guild with the 2015-2016 David Steele Distinguished Writer Award. She is a graduate of Rice University in Houston, Texas, and received her Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.



COMING UP:

July 5-8: The Rev. Dr. Daniel Shin
July 12-15: The Rev. Isaac Villegas
July 19-22: The Rev. Dr. Charley Reeb
July 26-29: The Rev. Dr. Otto D. Harris III
Aug. 2-5: The Rev. Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison

For more information about the Summer Worship Series or Theologian-In-Residence program, visit lakejunaluska.com/summerworship.

