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# Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

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March 2025



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

- **March Junaluskans' Meeting** is in the Warren Center on Mar 5 at 10 am.
  - **Lake Cleanup** is on Saturday, Mar 15 at 9 am (meet at Stuart Auditorium).
  - **Walkabout Wednesday** is Mar 19 at 10 am (weather permitting). Meet at the Chapel by the Spiritual Labyrinth.
  - **Game Days** are on Tuesdays at 2 pm in the Harrell Center Library.
  - **Junaluska Books & Friends (aka Book Club)** will be meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 2 pm, in the Harrell Center Library. The book to read and discuss is *Briar Club*, by Kate Quinn. All are welcome!
  - **Sunday Brunch** at Lake Junaluska is quickly becoming a favorite gathering spot for those who live at the lake and surrounding area. Held at York Dining Commons from 11 am to 2 pm, the buffet offers a spread of classic favorites, fresh salads, and homemade desserts, all enjoyed with a view of the water. It's the perfect chance to catch up with neighbors, relax in the beauty of the lake, and savor a leisurely meal in good company. Whether it's part of your weekend routine or an occasional treat, brunch at the lake always feels like home.
  - **Annual Plant Sale** - Shop for annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs and house plants. May 3 from 8 am - 2 pm at Nancy Weldon Gym.
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## Learn More About the Lake Junaluska Dam

The highly informative Chuck Lipp and Junior Woody will be the speakers at the March Junaluskans' meeting. They will be bringing us up to date regarding the dam. The dam is an extremely important part of Lake Junaluska and the surrounding community. As chair of the dam committee, Chuck brings a wealth of expertise to the committee. As Junaluskans, we are grateful for the many hours Chuck and Woody give to the upkeep of the dam. The meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th at 10 am in the Warren Center.

### Sacred Spaces Program

To better inform the Junaluskans about the wonderful sacred spaces and items at Lake Junaluska, the worship committee has launched the Sacred Spaces Programs. Several times a year a sacred space or item will be featured at a program. The first program will be about the newly restored baptismal font in the Chapel. It will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 13. Our speaker will be David Hansen. The hope of the committee is that by learning of these sacred spaces and items, your life at the Lake will be enriched.

### Meet the Exec Board

Gary Phillips is beginning his first term as the first vice president of the Junaluskans, a role he didn't expect. Having lived here for only three years, he still feels like a newcomer—or as folks in Charleston, SC, say, a "Comeyah" rather than a "Beenyah." He spent most of his adult life in South Carolina after growing up in Kentucky. A retired U.M. clergy, he always saw Lake Junaluska as a retreat. After being a homeowner for 10 years, he and his wife decided to permanently embrace life here. He says, "Finally living here allows us to breathe clean air and stand upright."



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### Condolences

Rev. Jim Hart

Rev. Ray Finklea

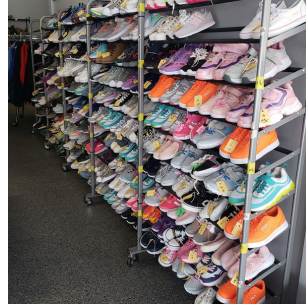
Jane Ewing (mother of Jack Ewing)

Robert Clauser (son of Ron Clauser)

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# Good News From Clothes to Kids

Clothes To Kids reopened on Monday, March 3! Thanks to you and many others, we have rebuilt and restocked. We already have 3 full weeks of appointments for kids in need of school clothes!



## GARDEN TALKS



**Corneille Bryan Native Garden Program** will resume their **Wildflower Walks** on Wednesdays at 1 pm on the following dates: March 26, 28, April 2, 9, 15, 23, 30.

For all events, meet at the lower garden entrance on Stuart Circle.

There will also be a special program, **“Birds in the Garden”** by Christine Gibson on April 29 at 9 am in the garden.

For more information, contact [CBNativeGarden@gmail.com](mailto:CBNativeGarden@gmail.com). To learn more about the Corneille Bryan Native Garden, visit the garden’s Facebook page or Lake Junaluska’s gardens page.

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# The Peace Conference

This summer, we will celebrate Lake Junaluska's 112th year. Throughout our rich history, we have created many traditions. From tranquil cruises aboard the Cherokee and youth groups hiking to the cross, to dazzling fireworks over the lake, inspiring Easter sunrise services, and thought-provoking conferences in Stuart Auditorium, these moments have shaped our shared experience.

Also among these cherished traditions is our commitment to dreaming big and working together to turn those dreams into reality. Many of our beloved landmarks, such as the Memorial Chapel, the Rose Walk, the Corneille Bryan Native Garden and, most recently, the Warren Center, have sprung from these collective aspirations.

The same spirit of collaboration also gave rise to another important piece of our history. In 2006, Lake Junaluska resident Wright Spears, a 95-year-old advocate for peace, envisioned a gathering where people from diverse backgrounds could come together to foster dialogue, understanding and reconciliation. From this vision and support from community members, the Peace Conference was born in 2008 with Lake Junaluska serving as the ideal setting for meaningful conversations and bridge-building.

Spears, deeply committed to peaceful collaboration across cultural and ideological divides, believed that open conversation could heal divisions and promote lasting peace. His goal was to create an inclusive conference where participants could share experiences, explore complex global issues and work together to find common ground. Through the Peace Conference, Spears sought to leave a lasting legacy of unity, compassion and collective action toward a more peaceful world.

Now, the dream continues. Thanks to the leadership and dedication of Bishop Ken Carter and other committed organizers, the 11th Peace Conference will be held at Lake Junaluska April 4-6. This year's theme is Breaking Down the Dividing Walls, which recognizes that although people are surrounded by escalating divisions and violence, it is not their differences that divide them, but their hostility toward others.

We invite you to be a part of this important tradition. Registration is now open and we encourage you to secure your spot early. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.wnccumc.org/peace-conference-2025>.

As we celebrate the revival of the Peace Conference, we are reminded of the power of dreaming together and working in unity to bring those dreams to life. Just as Wright Spears did in 2008, we must continue to envision a better future and take action to make it a reality. Let us continue to work together to ensure that Lake Junaluska remains true to its mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.

Yours in Christ, Ken Howle

## LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- North Georgia Conf UMC (Mar 2-6)
- South Georgia Conf UMC (Mar 2-7)
- WNCC UMC (Mar 3-7)
- First Baptist Greenville (Mar 7-9)
- Palmetto Baptist Church (Mar 7-8)
- Carolina Cross Connection (Mar 9-14)
- Calvary Chapel Gwinnett (Mar 14-16)
- Harmony Grove UMC (Mar 14-16)
- Christ Fellowship Cherrydale (Mar 14-16)
- Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation (Mar 14-16)
- Gateway Church of Kingsport (Mar 16-19)
- APAC-Atlanta, Inc. (Mar 16-17)
- NC Dept of Public Inst (Mar 16-17)
- New Covenant Church (Mar 17-18)
- First Baptist Church Laurens (Mar 19-21)
- Luther Seminary (Mar 19-22)
- Care Share Health Alliance (Mar 20)
- Catholic Diocese of Charlotte (Mar 21-23)
- SCAIHS (Mar 21-23)
- LJP Women's Retreat (Mar 21-23)
- Calvary Baptist Church (Mar 21-23)
- Midway UMC (Mar 21-23)
- Emmanuel Baptist Church (Mar 21-22)
- Melrose Law (Mar 21)
- EN FUMC Mocksville (Mar 21-23)
- Techtrans Intl (Mar 21-23)
- US Army Fort Liberty (Mar 24-28)
- Cross Point Community Church (Mar 27-30)
- Deb's Cats N Quilts Designs (Mar 27-31)
- MT Moriah Baptist Church (Mar 27-29)
- St Francis UMC (Mar 28-30)
- Church at the Mill (Mar 28-30)
- Baptist Children's Homes (Mar 28-30)
- World Worship Church (Mar 28-30)
- Community of Christ (Mar 28-30)
- Iglesia de Dios Nueva Vida (Mar 28-30)
- Lake Institute on Faith & Giving (Mar 31 - Apr 2)
- Evangelical Environmental Network (Mar 31 - Apr 4)

## 2025 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- Sacred Spaces (Mar 13)
- Lake Cleanup Day (Mar 15)
- Spring Social (Apr 15)
- Volunteer Breakfast (Apr 30)
- Natl Day of Prayer (May 1)
- Beautification Day (May 14)
- Hymn Sing (May 15)
- Junaluskans Flea Market (Jun 14)
- Summer Social (Jun 17)
- Sacred Spaces (Aug 28)
- Hymn Sing (Oct 23)
- Chapel Cleanup (Nov 6)
- Lessons & Carols (Dec 13)

**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](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/Calendar)
- Junaluska Assembly Community Council Minutes and Lake Views & News can be found at [lakejunaluskacommunity.com](http://lakejunaluskacommunity.com)



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