



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

- **May Junaluskans' Meeting** is in the Harrell Center on May 7 at 10 am. Jody Bradley Lipscomb will give a presentation on Cherokee stories. Born and raised in Cherokee, Jody is well known for her storytelling and her amazing paintings of the Cherokee. With Cherokee as our neighbor and their famous leader as our name sake, it will be amazing to learn more about the culture.
- **Junaluska Books & Friends (aka Book Club)** will be meeting on Thursday, May 8 at 2 pm, in the Harrell Center Library. The book to read and discuss is *The Exiles*, by Christina Baker Kline. All are welcome!
- **Beautification Day** is May 14 at 9 am.
- **Hymn Sing** May 15 at 6:30 pm in the Biblical Garden.
- **2025 Junaluskan Flea Market** – Come treasure hunting on Saturday, **June 14**, and discover great deals on electronics, furniture, linens, books, bath items, home décor, ladies' boutique items, toys and games, sports equipment, tools, arts and crafts, plants, kitchenware, Junaluska Gems, and baked goods. It's the perfect place to furnish a first apartment, camper, or cabin—or simply find something you love at a great price! For more information, contact Judy or Ed LaFontaine at 828-456-8308.

**Nancy Weldon Gym**

**8 am - 12 pm**

**Early Bird Shopping (\$5) 7:30-8 am**

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Beautification Day will be Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 9am. This is a great opportunity for Junaluskans to work side by side with the Lake Junaluska staff for general cleanup of the grounds, facilities and gardens. There will be multiple projects around the grounds, facilities, and gardens. We will begin sign-ups for projects at the next Junaluskans meeting on May 7 and an email will also go out from Frank Stith closer to the event date. Hope you can join us!

Betsy Schuessler (Executive Asst. to Mike Huber & Volunteer Coordinator)

## Meet the Exec Board



Jeff Mickle and his wife, Rev. Deborah Austin, moved to Lake Junaluska full-time in 2021 after retiring as United Methodist pastors from the Virginia Conference. Jeff served churches including Belmont UMC in Richmond and St. Stephen's UMC in Alexandria. He's originally from Johnstown, PA; Deborah is from western North Carolina. They have two sons, in Seattle and Atlanta, and two grandsons in Atlanta. Jeff serves on the LJAPOO board, helps with swans, leads a fellowship group, hosts the Junaluska (Duke) Crazies, and is beginning his first year as secretary for The Junaluskans.

**Have a new neighbor?** We have a great info folder about the Lake Junaluska community and ways to get involved through The Junaluskans. I'd be happy to drop one off for you to share—or visit them myself.

Contact Stephanie Schulz at [stephanielschulz@gmail.com](mailto:stephanielschulz@gmail.com) or 850-445-4375.

*Caring & Sharing*  
Cynthia Lindberg  
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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.

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# 2025 Junaluskans Flea Market is Happening on June 14th!

## Time to Clean Out and Donate!

Now's the perfect time to clean out your closets, basements, garages, and attics for items to donate to the upcoming flea market!

## Donation Drop-Off:

Bring your donations on Friday, June 13, to the Weldon Gym between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

## Need a Pick-Up?

If you need assistance with transporting items, volunteers are available to pick up donations that Friday morning. Please email Jack Ewing at [jlewingjr@gmail.com](mailto:jlewingjr@gmail.com) or Todd Stewart at [rts0375@gmail.com](mailto:rts0375@gmail.com) to arrange a pick-up time.



## Flea Market Team

Co-Chairs:

Ed & Judy LaFontaine

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✉ [edjudyl@outlook.com](mailto:edjudyl@outlook.com)

## Departments & Coordinators

- Arts & Crafts: *Wanda Kenney*
- Bath: *Jan Nesbitt*
- Baked Goods: *Sandra Scott*
- Books: *Sandy Knight*
- Boutique: *Grace Gattis & Jan Lipp*
- Electrical: *Rick Irons*
- Furniture: *Ted Singletary*
- Toys/Games: *Donna Gaither*
- Holiday Items: *Nancy Hood*
- Home Decorations: *Sharon Johnson*
- Junaluska Gems: *Hardy & Sarah Tippet*
- Kitchen: *Margaret Ervin*
- Linens: *Susan Folds*
- Luggage & Pets: *Nancy Thomason & Lanier Bayliss*
- Plants: *Jan Lemasters*
- Sports: *Diane & Mike Pass*
- Tools: *John Johnson*



# Bake Sale

## Help Make Our Bake Sale a Sweet Success at the Lake Junaluska Flea Market

We're gearing up for another great bake sale and need your help! Everyone loves the delicious treats you bring—cakes, pies, breads, cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls, cheesecakes, and more.

### Best sellers:

Small loaves, pound cakes (great with strawberries!), cookies, and bar cookies.

### Drop-off times:

- Friday, June 13 – 9 AM to 2 PM
- Saturday, June 14 – Early morning

### Packaging & Pricing:

Please package and price items if possible.

Sample pricing:

- Cookies (bag of several): \$2
- 1 large or 2 medium brownies: \$2
- Pies: \$10–\$12



Label specialty items like gluten-free or dairy-free.

Questions or want to help? Call Sandra Scott at 270-300-6617. Thanks for your support!

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***"I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord."***

And when does the Spirit not say to sing? It is, however, best when the Spirit says to sing with a gathering. Your chance to sing with a group out under the great outdoor heavens is coming. The Junaluskans are hosting an end of spring **Hymn Sing** in the Biblical Gardens beside the Welcome Center on May 15. Bring a chair - hymnals will be provided. The singing begins at 6:30 pm. The Spirit will be in our midst and a good time will be had singing our songs of faith.

*Glory  
To  
God*

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# Travel Group Recap

On April 23, the Junaluska Travel Group journeyed to the southwestern corner of the state to visit Brasstown and tour the John C. Campbell Folk School. The group of twenty-two enjoyed a delicious lunch in the adjacent Dining Hall, sharing the space with adult students immersed in a wide variety of hands-on learning experiences—continuing a tradition that has thrived for over 100 years.

*The next Travel Group adventure is just a few weeks away—keep an eye on your email for details about the upcoming date and destination!*



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## Lake Junaluska Library News for MAY

**M** – May 8 - Book Club “The Exiles” by Christina Baker Kline @2pm

**A** – Always looking for new volunteers and subs. Text Stephanie Schulz for more info.

**Y** – Your used book donations are always welcome. Text Stephanie if you need help at 850-445-4375.

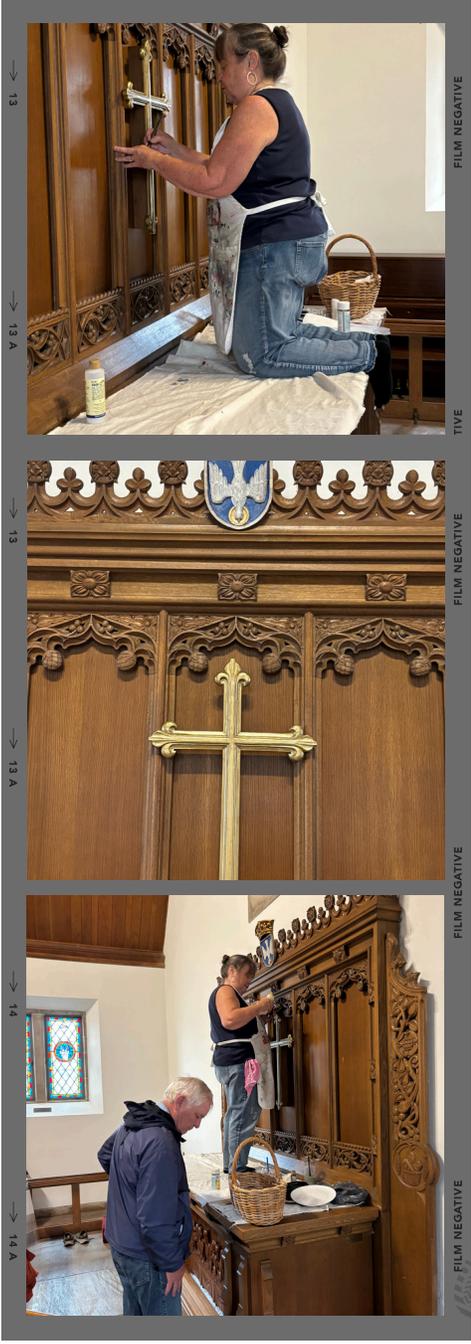
**New Books** by your favorite authors: Marie Benedict, Louise Penny, Jacqueline Winspear, Terri Blackstone, David Baldacci, and many more!





## Hiking Group Recap

Four Junaluskans kicked off the 2025 hiking season on Friday, April 28, with a scenic trek from the Waterrock Knob parking lot. The group hiked a couple of miles, enjoying a wildflower-filled route featuring trout lilies, hobblebush (a type of viburnum), and bluets. Along the way, they took in stunning views and encountered a variety of trail types. This was the first Junaluskan hike of the year, with several more planned in the coming months. Stay tuned!



## Restoration at Work

Jody Bradley Lipscomb, artist in residence, recently repainted the cross and shield on the back wall of the altar table in the Memorial Chapel, restoring the artwork to its former glory. She is pictured here with her husband, Gene Lipscomb.





# Teeing Up Together: How Mini Golf Builds Faith, Family, and Community at Lake Junaluska

Since 2006, the mini golf course near the Lake Junaluska pool has been more than just a place for putts and playful competition—it's been a space where multigenerational memories are made. Families from across the country and right here at home have laughed, bonded, and shared life's simple joys while navigating whimsical holes and cheering each other on. I love seeing how this location has uniquely strengthened families through conversations, reconnections, and good old-fashioned fun.

In today's fast-paced, tech-driven world, genuine, face-to-face interaction can be rare. Yet something special happens when grandparents, parents, and kids step onto the green together. A shared experience like mini golf offers more than fun—it creates space for storytelling, encouragement, and teaching moments grounded in faith and love. These moments echo the mission of Lake Junaluska itself: a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body.

As we look to the future, it was exciting to announce the **Sharing Our Gifts** campaign last month. This fundraising campaign includes plans to replace the current mini-golf course, which, after 19 years, has reached the end of its lifespan. With your support, a new Lake Junaluska-themed course will be constructed that reflects the beauty and history of this sacred place and will continue to serve as a cherished gathering space for families, friends, and visitors of all ages. I am pleased to share that over \$200,000 has already been given to the project, to raise over \$300,000 and begin construction by 2027.

We invite you to participate in this meaningful transformation. By contributing to the Sharing Our Gifts campaign, you'll help preserve and enhance a beloved tradition—one that connects generations, builds lasting memories, and nurtures the spiritual heart of our community. Learn more about the Sharing our Gifts Campaign at [www.lakejunaluska.com/sharingourgifts](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/sharingourgifts).

Thank you, Junaluskans, for your ongoing support of this special place.

Yours in Christ, Ken Howle

*faith, family, fun*



## LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- National Day of Prayer (May 1)
- All Hands and Hearts (May 1 - 31)
- Cumming UMC (May 2-4)
- Suncoast Pickleball (May 3-9)
- Tuscola ROTC (May 3)
- Dialogue House Associates (May 4-9)
- Vibration Institute (Piedmont Chapter) (May 7-9)
- Peacepipe Coalition (May 8-11)
- Baptist Children's Home (May 9-10)
- Misty Creek Community Church (May 9-11)
- Canton Middle School (May 9)
- Legacy Dance Center (May 14-17)
- Artist in Residence Show - Haidee Wilson (May 15-16)
- Newmar's Owners Group (May 14)
- Herbal Education Services (May 15-19)
- Chosen City Church (May 15-17)
- Steele Creek Church of Charlotte (May 16-18)
- Belmont FUMC (May 16-18)
- Shining Rock Academy (May 17)
- Carolina Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists (May 18-Jun 2)
- Ruhani Satsang - Divine Science of the Soul (May 18-23)
- Pursuit Church (May 21-24)
- Calvary Chapel - Columbia (May 22-24)
- Haywood Greenway Committee (May 27)
- Holston Conference UMC (May 31-Jun 4)

## 2025 Junaluska Events - Save the dates!

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

- Beautification Day (May 14)
- Hymn Sing (May 15)
- Junaluska Flea Market (Jun 14)
- Luau (Jun 17)
- Sacred Spaces (Aug 21)
- Hymn Sing (Oct 23)
- Chapel Cleanup (Nov 6)
- Lessons & Carols (Dec 13)

**Game Days** are every Tuesday at 2pm 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](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/Calendar)
- Junaluska Assembly Community Council Minutes and Lake Views & News can be found at [lakejunaluskacommunity.com](http://lakejunaluskacommunity.com)



# AROUND THE LAKE

## Discover the Artistry of Haidee at Lake Junaluska

Lake Junaluska invites you to a special solo art show featuring Haidee, a talented member of the **Artists in Residence** program. Immerse yourself in her captivating canvases with Chinese brushwork, pen and ink architectural drawings, watercolor and oils, and other mixed forms on May 15th and 16th in the Harrell Center, Room 202.

Haidee's selection into the juried Artists in Residence program highlights her artistic merit. This dedicated group enriches our community through various initiatives, including their annual Art Show (August 27-30), a one-day Art Market (October 18), and the beloved oversized Christmas cards that grace Lake Junaluska each December.

Her solo exhibition offers a unique opportunity to appreciate the talent nurtured within our vibrant arts community. Join us in celebrating Haidee and the inspiring work of the Lake Junaluska Artists in Residence. We look forward to welcoming you to this enriching artistic experience!



Andrew Jones, of Climate Interactive ([www.climateinteractive.org](http://www.climateinteractive.org)), a prize winning climate organization, will speak on May 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Terrace Auditorium, sponsored by **Environmental Action Community** ([www.eacwnc.org](http://www.eacwnc.org)). He will be speaking on, "Can We Reduce Climate Warming?" and will engage the audience in discovering highly productive solutions to reducing carbon emissions and greenhouse gases. Come join to participate and learn - you may be surprised!

Join us for an **Open House** at the Haywood Welcome Center on Thursday, May 8, from 3–6 PM as part of National Travel & Tourism Week! Stop by 91 N. Lakeshore Drive to enjoy snacks, raffles, goodie bags, meet our team, and catch up on the latest tourism updates.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

2025 - 1st Quarter

JUNALUSKANS FINANCIAL REPORT 2025		2025				
As of March 31, 2025						
<b>772</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>January - February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Bank Balance:</b>					<b>OVER/UNDER</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>						
Flea Market	\$15,000.00)	\$165.00)		\$165.00)		(\$14,835.00)
Member Contributions	\$10,000.00)	\$6,345.00)	\$1,210.00)	\$7,555.00)		(\$2,445.00)
Miscellaneous (Balance brought forward)	\$14,300.00)	\$29,041.44)		\$29,041.44)		\$14,741.44)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$39,300.00)</b>	<b>\$35,551.44)</b>	<b>\$1,210.00)</b>	<b>\$36,761.44)</b>		<b>(\$2,538.56)</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>						
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
PRINTING LV&N & COPIES	\$1,800.00)	\$146.60)	\$45.00)	\$191.60)		(\$1,608.40)
FLEA MARKET EXPENSE	\$1,500.00)	\$241.70)		\$241.70)		(\$1,258.30)
POSTAGE	\$250.00)	\$106.80)		\$106.80)		(\$143.20)
BANKING CHARGES	\$450.00)			\$0.00)		(\$450.00)
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$4,000.00)</b>	<b>\$495.10)</b>	<b>\$45.00)</b>	<b>\$540.10)</b>		<b>(\$3,459.90)</b>
<b>SERVICES &amp; BEAUTIFICATION</b>						
ANNUAL FUND GRANT	\$7,000.00)			\$0.00)		(\$7,000.00)
ASBURY TRAIL (FINAL BILL))	\$1,000.00)	\$80.59)		\$80.59)		\$80.59)
BIBLICAL GARDEN	\$3,000.00)			\$0.00)		(\$1,000.00)
CORNEILLE NATIVE GARDEN	\$2,000.00)			\$0.00)		(\$3,000.00)
CLEAN FISHING CAMPAIGN	\$750.00)			\$0.00)		(\$2,000.00)
LAKE & BOOMS (Operation & Beautification)	\$3,000.00)	\$730.00)		\$730.00)		(\$20.00)
SEASONAL DECORATIONS	\$6,000.00)	\$345.86)		\$345.86)		(\$2,654.14)
SWAN FEEDING PROGRAM		\$870.70)		\$870.70)		(\$5,129.30)
<b>TOTAL SERVICES &amp; BEAUTIFICATION</b>	<b>\$22,750.00)</b>	<b>\$2,027.15)</b>	<b>\$0.00)</b>	<b>\$2,027.15)</b>		<b>(\$20,722.85)</b>
<b>MINISTRIES &amp; FELLOWSHIP</b>						
PRAYER MINISTRY	(\$ 350)			\$0.00)		(\$350.00)
CARING & SHARING	(\$ 200)			\$0.00)		(\$200.00)
CHORAL SOCIETY	(\$ 1,000)			\$0.00)		(\$1,000.00)
LAKE JUNALUSKA ARCHIVES	(\$ 250)			\$0.00)		(\$250.00)
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS	(\$ 1,000)			\$0.00)		(\$1,000.00)
JUNALUSKANS DINNERS/PROGRAMS	(\$ 3,000)	\$236.22)	\$67.80)	\$304.02)		(\$2,695.98)
CLOTHES TO KIDS	(\$ 2,000)			\$0.00)		(\$2,000.00)
LJA STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY	(\$ 500)			\$0.00)		(\$500.00)
HAYWOOD COMMUNITY BAND	(\$ 500)			\$0.00)		(\$500.00)
INTERNET SERVICE	(\$ 1,100)	\$138.37)	\$84.55)	\$222.92)		(\$877.08)
<b>TOTAL MINISTRIES &amp; FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>\$9,900.00)</b>	<b>\$374.59)</b>	<b>\$152.35)</b>	<b>\$526.94)</b>		<b>(\$9,373.06)</b>
<b>Miscellaneous &amp; Special Projects</b>	<b>\$2,650.00)</b>			\$0.00)		(\$2,650.00)
				\$0.00)		\$0.00)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$39,300.00)</b>	<b>\$2,896.84)</b>	<b>\$197.35)</b>	<b>\$3,094.19)</b>		<b>(\$36,205.81)</b>
						\$0.00)
<b>PROFIT/LOSS (MONTHLY INCOME LESS EXPENSES)</b>	<b>\$0.00)</b>	<b>\$32,654.60)</b>	<b>\$1,012.65)</b>	<b>\$33,667.25)</b>		<b>\$33,667.25)</b>
<b>775</b>						
<b>JUNALUSKANS SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>YTD BALANCE</b>		
p9096 - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE	\$6,291.07)			\$6,291.07)		
p9128 - JUNALUSKANS DESIGNATED GIFTS (Swans)	\$3,372.64)	\$475.00)		\$3,847.64)		
p9099 - JUNALUSKANS DIRECTORY FUND	\$613.41)			\$613.41)		
p9103 - VESPER 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)		
p9101 - TENT FUND	\$3,430.52)			\$3,430.52)		
p9116 - TRAVEL COMMITTEE	\$2,115.76)			\$2,115.76)		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,897.31)</b>			<b>\$24,372.31)</b>		
<b>772</b>						