
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

November 2024



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

- **November Junalusksans' Meeting** at the Terrace Hotel Auditorium on Nov 6 at 10:00 am. Guest speaker is Dr. John Wells, Director of Advancement at Lake Junaluska. Dr. Wells joined the administration in August of this year. He has the wonderful ability to make you feel like old friends after first meeting him. We will also elect officers for the 2025-2026 term.
- **Christmas Decorating** starts Nov 11.
- **Walkabout Wednesday** is Nov 20 at 10:00 am (weather permitting). Meet at the Chapel by the Spiritual Labyrinth.
- **Turkey Trot** on Nov 28 at 9:00 am at Nancy Weldon Memorial Gym.

Welcome, Neighbors!

Do you have a new neighbor? We have a wonderful folder of information about our Lake Junaluska community and the many ways to become involved through The Junalusksans. I would be happy to drop off a folder for you to give out or to call and visit them myself. Contact Stephanie Schulz at stephanienschulz@gmail.com or call 850-445-4375.

≡ Welcome ≡

Thank YOU, Junaluskans!

On behalf of the Junaluskans' board and members, our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who helped (and continue to help) clean up after Helene. Because not all staff could return immediately following the storm, Junaluskans stepped in to assist wherever needed.

The day after the storm a group of Junaluskans were scraping thick mud off the foot bridge and cleaning up the walking trail. Members cleaned tables and mopped floors daily at the York Dining Commons to make it nice for first responders. Others put up messages of thanks and encouragement at York and prayed with first responders. Melba Hanson prayed over each chair and Linda Carlson comforted responders who came to help with heavy hearts.

At the hotels, Junaluskans assisted in changing bedding, helping clean rooms and hallways and cleaning outdoor balconies chairs and windows. They also helped unload trucks that were bringing food to the hotels. Daily, members bagged lunches for first responders, as many as 400 lunches on some days! Several ladies spread joy while packing lunches or folding laundry by singing hymns!

Todd Stewart lead a team of men who worked for days removing debris from around the lake, recreation areas, the walking path and buildings. They cut up fallen trees. They power washed Weldon gym. Lynette Stewart single-handedly washed the remaining mud off the foot bridge.

Jim Pearson and John Johnson lead teams in removing debris from the lake itself. Junaluskans and county residents who offered to help, worked in kayaks and canoes pulling tires (209 and counting) and other debris from the lake. These teams are still working. This was especially difficult and dangerous work. They are doing a wonderful job!

Teams of Junaluskans and others help clean Clothes to Kids. The store was flooded, so drywall and carpeting had to be removed. Many people washed wet and muddy clothes. Many items, like shoes, were too damaged to be saved.

There were many neighbors helping neighbors throughout Lake Junaluska immediately following the storm. For those without electricity, neighbors shared their generators. Others offered hot showers, a place to cook food and recharge cell phones.

We deeply appreciate all that Junaluskans did to restore Lake Junaluska to the beautiful and peaceful retreat it is. All the volunteers and neighbors lived up to our mission of "being a place of Christian hospitality".

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEVASTATION FROM HURRICANE HELENE TO THE **CLOTHES TO KIDS** SHOP IN CLYDE. WE SUSTAINED FOUR FEET OF WATER! THE WEEK AFTER, WE HANDED OUT 100'S OF BAGS OF WET CLOTHES TO BE WASHED AND STORED. THE HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY WAS OVERWHELMING! WE WILL REBUILD AND AGAIN GIVE SCHOOL CLOTHES TO STUDENTS IN NEED! - SYLVIA RUSSELL



It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Now that the leaves are falling, it's time to begin decorating the Lake for Christmas. The Christmas decorations have always been a special treat for visitors and for those of us who are blessed to call this place home. For those of you who worked in previous years, we hope that you will be helping again. For those who haven't, we would like to invite you to join us one morning in early November to put up a variety of decorations. It will take approximately 1-3 hours with an assigned team to make the Lake look festive. We plan on putting up the decorations during the week of November 11-15, weather permitting. They will be taken down in early January. For those who haven't done this before, it is a fun time and great opportunity to meet some of your Lake J neighbors. We also are blessed to have Haywood County residents participate. All volunteers are welcome! You will be put on a team with an experienced leader. If you have questions or ideas on how to make the decorations even better call, text or email me at:



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Prayer Concerns

Diane Pass - spine surgery

Condolences

Family of Charlotte Mosley

Family of Sue Keck

Family of Marian Badgley

Family of Jody Lipscomb's nephew

Caring & Sharing
Hilda Ryan
hryan.777@gmail.com

Most Grateful

Thank you for your dedication over the past month as we have worked together to restore our beloved community following Hurricane Helene's rampage through this area. Over the past month, we have hosted hundreds of emergency, recovery, and law enforcement workers who have come to our region to assist in this time of need.

Many of the people we hosted have commented on the beauty of the grounds and the friendly spirit they have experienced. From the community members who led prayers, to those who prepared meals and helped clean up the grounds, the impact of the Junalusks is clear in every detail. Below is a guest comment that summarizes the feelings so many have shared:

"The dedication of your staff and volunteers during such a trying time as Hurricane Helene was humbling. While standing outside next to the cross, trying to find a cell phone signal, I looked up and saw the beauty of Lake Junaluska. It was right after Hurricane Helene, and it struck me that even in the midst of chaos, God is present."

Every day, we continue to see progress as we recover from the storm. The demolition and cleaning of the Harrell Center, Stuart Auditorium and York Apartment, all of which had flood damage, have been completed. We are now receiving estimates for rebuilding and will have further updates on the timing of this work soon. The public restrooms on the upper level of Harrell Center and Gifts and Grounds have reopened.

In mid-November or early December, we plan to lower the lake by approximately five feet to inspect the shoreline along the Rose Walk and develop plans to repair the three landslides. We will also inspect the spillway on the dam at this time and hope that the drawdown will be brief and not disruptive to the beauty of Lake Junaluska.

The Town of Waynesville sewer line that crosses Richland Creek near the golf course was damaged during the storm. Luckily, there was a blockage in the line that diverted the flow from coming into the lake. Thanks to the rapid response of contractors working for the Town of Waynesville, repairs are almost complete, and a catastrophe has been avoided.

Looking ahead, we are welcoming group events and leisure guests back to the grounds, and reservations are coming in for Thanksgiving lodging and our Thanksgiving buffet. Christmas decorations are being prepared, and we look forward to a busy Advent season filled with worship services, community fellowship and holiday festivities.

Thank you for being amazing people and ensuring that each day we live into our mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.

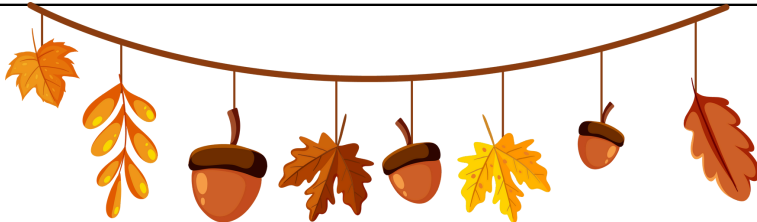
Yours in Christ, Ken Howle



*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*

LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- Catholic Diocese of Charlotte (Nov 1-3)
- Poplar Springs Baptist Church (Nov 1-3)
- Seacost Church (Nov 1-2)
- The Woolie Bees (Nov 5-8)
- WNC Workers Center (Nov 8-10)
- Isaiah 117 House (Nov 12-15)
- General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (Nov 13-17)
- Camp Craft (Nov 13-17)
- Luther Seminary (Nov 13-16)
- Rehoboth Temple of Praise (Nov 14-17)
- First Baptist Church Laurens (Nov 18-20)
- US Army Fort Liberty (Nov 18-22)
- Clover High School (Nov 23-25)
- Sunrise Rotary of Waynesville (Nov 27-28)



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



2024 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- November 11 - Christmas
Decorating Begins
- December 4 - Christmas
Social with Cookies & Punch
(10am)
- December 10 - Christmas
dinner at Lambuth Inn
(5:30pm)
- December 14 - Lessons and
Carols at LJ Chapel (6:30pm)

**2025 Event Calendar
coming soon!**

- 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)

THE SWANS OF FALL

Nesting season, the raising of eight cygnets, and goodbyes have been shared between parents, cygnets, siblings, and volunteers, as six of the cygnets have gone to their new homes. It is only through the grace of God in caring for them and guiding and strengthening us that we were able to raise eight cygnets.

Some have asked “why” we have not kept all eight cygnets. Our lake cannot sustain 18 swans, and we do not have the volunteers to care for them. They all went to good homes, so again they and we are blessed.

Questions have been asked multiple times about if and how the swans and cygnets got through the storm. They all survived well, traumatized for sure, but their instincts led them to where they could sustain the winds and endure the heavy rains. It was an anxious night; we were out at first light to check on each one.

As we move deeper into fall and with winter looming ahead, the vegetation in the lake starts to dwindle. Our feeding volunteer teams have resumed their daily feeding of the swans and will continue through April and then taper off in May.

We continue to need additional volunteer help in various areas of caring for the swans, including daily feedings. If you would be interested, please contact me at jgdingus@charter.net



Jackie Dingus
LJ Swan Keeper



LIBRARY NEWS

This is a **GREAT** time of year to take advantage of the **LIBRARY**, the **LEAVES**, and the **LAKEVIEW**. We have dozens of new mysteries and including a beautiful new Cherokee picture book.

Got some free time? If you have an afternoon free once a week or once a month, we could use your volunteer help to check in books, straighten shelves or just be a smiling face for a visitor.

Got extra books? Is your pile of books or magazines looking a bit scary? Donate to the library TODAY!

Hours: 9-5 pm
Book Drop Box in hallway

Contacts:

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Stephanie Schulz
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Artist in Residence

The Artists in Residence program enjoyed another successful Art Gallery Show and Mini Art Market with nearly 500 visitors and 13 participating artists! We thank the Lake for hosting this event and look forward to many more shows!

Upcoming Events:

December 2024 - Large Christmas card display. Place TBD.

January – February 2025 Select group of studio art classes taught by our AIR members.

March 27-30 Stu Fuchs Ukulele Immersion Retreat right here at Lake Junaluska.

Contact <http://bit.ly/UZNorthCarolina>

*If you are an artist living here at LJ and would like to be on the email list, participate in events, teach a class, or help out in any way contact Haidee Wilson
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Proposed 2025-2026 JUNALUSKANS' BOARD

President - Jan Lemasters

First Vice-President - Gary Phillips

Second Vice-President - Steve Crites

Recording Secretary - Jeff Mickle

Treasurer - Frank Dunnewind

Membership Secretary - Margaret Amick

Voting for the board will be at the November General Membership meeting on Nov 6, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2024 - 3rd Quarter

JUNALUSKANS FINANCIAL REPORT 2024	2024					
As of September 30, 2024						
772	BUDGET	January - August	September	YTD	Balance	
					AMOUNT	
Bank Balance:					OVER/UNDER	
					BUDGET	
RECEIPTS:						
Flea Market	\$15,000.00	\$32,878.45		\$32,878.45	\$17,878.45	
Member Contributions	\$10,000.00	\$10,130.00	\$501.00	\$10,631.00	\$631.00	
Miscellaneous (Balance brought forward)	\$5,300.00	\$24,701.45		\$24,701.45	\$19,401.45	
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,300.00	\$67,709.90	\$501.00	\$68,210.90	\$37,910.90	
EXPENSES:						
ADMINISTRATION						
PRINTING LV&N & COPIES	\$1,800.00	\$854.86	\$67.10	\$921.96	(\$878.04)	
FLEA MARKET EXPENSE	\$1,500.00	\$1,377.92		\$1,377.92	(\$122.08)	
POSTAGE	\$250.00	\$168.56		\$168.56	(\$81.44)	
BANKING CHARGES	\$450.00	\$145.75		\$145.75	(\$304.25)	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$4,000.00	\$2,547.09	\$67.10	\$2,614.19	(\$1,385.81)	
SERVICES & BEAUTIFICATION						
ASBURY TRAIL GARDENS, ROSEWALK	\$2,000.00	\$1,585.05	\$355.50	\$1,940.55	(\$59.45)	
INSPIRATION POINT BIBLICAL GARDEN	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00	\$0.00	
CORNEILLE NATIVE GARDEN LAKE & BOOMS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
(Operation & Maintenance) FULBRIGHT PARK	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
SEASONAL DECORATIONS SWAN FEEDING PROGRAM	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
	\$750.00	\$624.89		\$624.89	(\$125.11)	
	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00	
	\$3,000.00	\$799.37		\$1,205.80	\$0.00	
	\$2,250.00	\$1,883.18	\$406.43	\$2,497.34	(\$1,794.20)	
		\$12,892.49	\$614.16	\$14,268.58	\$247.34	
TOTAL SERVICES & BEAUTIFICATION	\$16,000.00	\$16,892.49	\$1,376.09	\$18,268.58	(\$1,731.42)	
MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP						
PRAYER MINISTRY	\$350	167.84		\$167.84	(\$182.16)	
CARING & SHARING	\$200			\$0.00	(\$200.00)	
CHORAL SOCIETY	\$1,000	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
LAKE JUNALUSKA ARCHIVES	\$250	\$200.98		\$200.98	(\$49.02)	
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$1,000	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
JUNALUSKANS DINNERS/PROGRAMS	\$2,500	\$2,225.37	\$97.50	\$2,322.87	(\$177.13)	
CLOTHES TO KIDS	\$1,000	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
LJA STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY	\$500			\$0.00	(\$500.00)	
HAYWOOD COMMUNITY BAND	\$500	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00	
INTERNET SERVICE	\$800	\$430.26		\$430.26	(\$369.74)	
TOTAL MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP	\$8,100.00	\$6,524.45	\$97.50	\$6,621.95	(\$1,478.05)	
Miscellaneous & Special Projects	\$2,200.00	\$11,369.73		\$11,369.73	\$9,169.73	
					\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,300.00	\$33,333.76	\$1,540.69	\$34,874.45	\$4,574.45	
					\$0.00	
PROFIT/LOSS (MONTHLY INCOME LESS EXPENSES)	\$0.00	\$34,376.14	(\$1,039.69)	\$33,336.45	\$33,336.45	
775						
JUNALUSKANS SPECIAL PROJECTS	Beginning Balance	INCOME	EXPENSE	YTD BALANCE		
p9095 - CHORAL SOCIETY FUND	\$6,606.18	\$14,433.00	\$10,585.93	\$10,453.25		
p9096 - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE	\$9,967.37	\$2,486.04	\$9,750.00	\$2,703.41		
p9128 - JUNALUSKANS DESIGNATED GIFTS (Swans)	\$1,844.55	\$1,680.00	\$1,878.98	\$1,645.57		
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	\$2,953.50			\$2,953.50		
p9130 - FOOD MINISTRY	\$1,693.97		\$1,693.97	\$0.00		
p9101 - TENT FUND	\$1,918.52	\$1,512.00		\$3,430.52		
p9116 - TRAVEL COMMITTEE	\$2,115.76			\$2,115.76		
TOTAL	\$32,613.67			\$28,815.83		
772						

We want to know! (A Junaluskans' Questionnaire)

As a new terms starts for the Junaluskans' officers, we would like your input on future social and spiritual activities. Please complete this questionnaire and bring to our next monthly meeting on November 6th.

The number of meals we have together has been reduced primarily because of cost. Which do you prefer?

_____ I prefer lunches (cost approximately \$25 per person)

_____ I prefer dinners (Cost approximately \$30 person)

_____ I prefer a mixture of lunches and dinners

Please check how often would you like to have meals together as a group (purchased individually). (Currently, we have dinners twice a year.)

_____ Once a month

_____ Every two months

_____ 4 times a year

_____ Twice a year is ideal

I would enjoy attending Vespers Services:

_____ Twice a year

_____ 4 times a year

_____ More than 4 times a years, please specify _____

I would enjoy attending Hymn Sings:

_____ Twice a year

_____ 3 times a year

_____ 4 times a year

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I would participate if Junaluskans offered:

_____ Pickleball for seniors (slower paced than regular pickleball) including free lessons

_____ Walk About Wednesdays (I.e. walking as a group around Lake Junaluska)

If so, how frequently? _____

_____ Game days (canasta, bridge and other games) in the library

If so, how frequently? _____

_____ Musical jam sessions held 2-3 times a year

I would participate if Junaluskans had a talent contest once a year?

_____ Yes

_____ No

I'd like Junaluskans to offer this activity: (please specify) _____

Thanks for your response. Junaluskans is *your* organization and should reflect the things you would like to do.

Blessings,
Jan Lemasters

thank you