
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

September 2024



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

- **Travel Group Trip** to Fontana Dam & other sites on Sep 6. Leaving from Bethea Welcome Center at 10a.
- **Fall Plant Sale** is Sep 7 from 8a-12p at the Nancy Weldon Open-Air Gym
- **Hymn Sing** at the Biblical Gardens on Tuesday, Sep 17 at 6:30p. The Biblical Gardens are an amazing oasis here at Lake Junaluska. Sarah Tippett and Pat Dunnewind are the dedicated caretakers of this beautiful garden. Bring a chair (and maybe sunglasses). Hymnals will be furnished. This is a marvelous time of fellowship and blending our voices in a joyful noise of praise.
- **Don't forget about all the recreational opportunities at Lake Junaluska:**
 - Walking/Running
 - Shuffleboard/Cornhole/Bocce Ball
 - Kayakg/Paddle Board/Canoe
 - Golf/Miniature Golf
 - Tennis/Pickleball
 - Volleyball
 - Playground for the kiddos
 - Rocking from the porch at the Harrell Center with a cup of Joe from Gifts & Grounds



TRAVEL GROUP

Sept 6th



On Friday, September 6, the **Junaluska's Travel Group** will journey to the **Nantahala Outdoor Center, Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center, Fontana Dam** and Visitor's Center (highest dam east of the Rockies) and the Fontana Marina. Expect great water views of the Nantahala River and Lake Fontana and learn the history of the dam's construction and of the nearby area.

The early lunch choice for many will be the Big Wesser Riverside Pub (sandwiches and salads with outdoor seating). The other option is NOC's excellent River's End Restaurant (full menu) or a picnic you bring. Before lunch you might enjoy the outfitters store which not only features camping and water sports items but also interesting gifts. And the bridge you walk across the river on is the Appalachian Trail!

The Visitors Center at the Dam tells the history of its construction and details engineering features of the dam with videos and displays. Docents are retired TVA employees. Those that are interested can reserve a spot on the Historic Lake Tour from the Marina at 4p for \$40 but you should call NOW for reservations: 828-498-2017.

We'll all visit the Marina for a close-up view of the lake and ways to enjoy it. Some may choose an early supper at the Fontana Village Resort's restaurants, at the snack bar at the Marina or at one of the many restaurants in Bryson City on the way back home (which would mean four lane roads after dark).

The group will meet at the Bethea Welcome Center at 10a to form carpools if you wish and depart soon after. For more information, contact Travel Group Coordinators George and Sondra Shepherd: shepherdgeorge@att.net or 405-596-2632 but you don't have to make a reservation with us.

Caring & Sharing
Hilda Ryan
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Condolances

Family of Jacob Martinson
who passed away in August

We Want YOU!

There are exciting opportunities for those that want to serve as an **officer of the Junaluskans**. The following positions are open for 2025-2026: first vice president, secretary, caring and sharing, chair of the spiritual committee and chair of fellowship groups. Feel free to contact Jackie Dingus at jgdingus@charter.net to learn more about these positions. Serving as an officer is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy Junaluskans on a new level and participate in guiding this joyful community.



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<https://bit.ly/UZNorthCarolina>

Volunteers needed

Your local preschool is in need of some support from the Lake Junaluska community. Shining Rock Junior Academy is looking for board members. SRJA is right across the street from the lake and serves ages 2-6 in our community. If interested in serving on the board, please reach out to Phoebe Seiler at pseiler@uncc.edu."

GARDEN TALKS

Check out the Corneille Bryan Native Garden Programs for the rest of 2024:

- Sep 20 - Treatment for Healthy Hemlocks, Hemlock Restoration Initiative (10-11:30a)
- Sep 26 - Tree ID with Kay Kirkman (1p)
- Oct 16 - Plant Propagation with Janet Manning and Melissa Tinsley (1p)
- Oct 25 - Mammals in our Habitats with Tess Fernandes (1p)

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

For more information, contact CBNativeGarden@gmail.com. To learn more about the Corneille Bryan Native Garden, visit the garden's Facebook page or Lake Junaluska's gardens page.

New Pickleball Courts Coming Soon

In a world that values frantic busyness, Lake Junaluska stands apart. During the strategic visioning process, one of the things we heard from you was the need to uphold and strengthen the Lake Junaluska tradition of implementing innovative shared experiences for both individuals and families that celebrate faith, recreation, the arts and education. (lakejunaluska.com/vision)

Our recreation area is one of the important ways we live into this aspiration, by providing a safe gathering space for families, friends and visitors to play together. This area has recently seen improvements in the form of new shuffleboard, bocce ball and cornhole areas and a new walking path. Thanks to a generous \$290,000 grant from Haywood County, the next phase of enhancements will be the construction of six state-of-the-art pickleball courts and the renovation of existing restrooms.

Construction for this project is scheduled to start on Tuesday, Sep 3 and should take approximately 12 weeks to complete. The new courts will be located where the upper two tennis courts are currently located, immediately adjacent to Memory Lane and beside the shuffleboard court area. The completion date could be delayed due to weather and temperature. During the initial phase of construction, the fence will be removed and temporary fencing will be placed around the construction area.

We do not anticipate any road closures and only temporary impacts to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The lower tennis courts, rear pickleball courts, and parking lot will remain open during construction.

The proposed timeline for the project is:

- **Week 1** (September 3): Upper front courts closed; demolition of fencing begins.
- **Week 2**: Concrete curbing construction underway, with necessary cure time.
- **Week 3**: Existing cracks filled; installation of a 4" gravel base compacted.
- **Week 4**: Asphalt scheduled for installation; expect heavy equipment and asphalt odors during this phase.
- **Weeks 5-7**: Asphalt curing before painting; new fence and net posts installation. Area closed to the public, including geese.
- **Weeks 8-9**: Weather permitting, paint coats applied.
- **Weeks 10-11**: Final fencing and construction completed.
- **Week 12**: Grand Opening (Tentative)

The addition of these courts not only enhances recreational opportunities for residents and visitors but also helps us fulfill 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

Lake Junaluska Prayer Ministry

The Lake Junaluska Prayer Ministry officially began in October 2020 in response to the Covid-19 lockdown. Linda Carlson saw the need to come alongside the Lake Junaluska Conference Center Administration, its staff, and employees to pray for them during a time of uncertainty. With the help of Tammy McDowell, former Program Director, and Melba Hanson, prayer boxes were placed in the Terrace Hotel lobby, outside the library in the Harrell Center, and in Memorial Chapel. Immediately, prayer requests came in from Lake Junaluska staff, employees, and the community. Since that time, hundreds of prayer requests have been submitted and prayed over. As a testament to God's faithfulness, the prayer team has received many thank you emails for answered prayers and encouragement the ministry has brought.

In addition to the prayer boxes mentioned, another prayer box is in the International Room of Prayer at Lambuth Inn. Under the direction of Paul Davenport, other volunteers have been faithful to pray over these requests for several years. The prayer ministry oversees this location as well.

The prayer team invites anyone with prayer requests to drop a request card in any of the four prayer boxes at the locations mentioned. All requests will be handled in a confidential manner.

If anyone is interested in participating in this ministry, please contact:

Linda Carlson (lcarlson698@gmail.com), 912-596-3799

Melba Hanson at (melbahanson@icloud.com), 919-412-9545.



LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- WNCC United Women in Faith (Sep 5-8)
- Kings Park Intl Church (Sep 6-8)
- Members of Alcoholics Anonymous (Sep 6-8)
- Davidson UMC (Sep 6-8)
- Curtis Quilting Retreat (Sep 10-15)
- North Carolina Sheriffs' Assn (Sep 10-11)
- NCSBI (Sep 12-13)
- America's Clogging Hall of Fame (Sep 13-15)
- First UMC Gastonia (Sep 13-15)
- Faith Mamas (Sep 13-15)
- Nonprofit Pathways Retreat (Sep 13)
- Utica Baptist Church (Sep 13-15)
- UMMAs (Sep 16-20)
- Dunwoody UMC (Sep 16-19)
- SEJ Historical Society (Sep 17-19)
- Shepherd's Centers of American (Sep 17-20)
- NCCCS (Sep 17-20)
- NCIMHA (Sep 18-19)
- Retreat & Refresh Stroke Camps (Sep 19-22)
- SEJ Commission on Archives & History (Sep 19-20)
- Gwinnett Romanian Baptist Church (Sep 20-22)
- Women in Ministry (Sep 20-22)
- Town of Waynesville (Sep 20-21)
- Children's Advocacy Centers of NC (Sep 22-26)
- Healing Winds (Sep 25-29)
- Emmanuel Christian Seminary (Sep 26-28)
- National Divine Church (Sep 27-29)
- Brookstone Church West Campus (Sep 28)
- NCAPE (NCA of Prop & Evidence) (Sep 29-Oct 2)

2024 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- September 17 - Hymn Sing
6:30p at Biblical Garden
- October 8 - Vespers 4p at LJ
Chapel
- October 15 - Soup "potluck"
lunch at York Dining
Commons
- December 10 - Christmas
dinner at Lambuth Inn
- December 14 - Lessons and
Carols at LJ Chapel

WANT MORE INFO ABOUT LJ 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)