

# Lake Views and News

## March 2024



### *NOMADS at Lake Junaluska*

The NOMADS organization began in 1988 in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. United Methodists from Illinois, Iowa and Indiana were wintering in Texas. Wishing to do more in retirement, they approached local United Methodist churches and offered their services. The first year there were 24 members who completed five projects in Texas and Oklahoma. Membership grew, and by 2001, NOMADS incorporated and became an organization under the General Board of Global Ministries. NOMADS contracted a full-time program administrator and started offering summer/fall projects in addition to winter/spring projects. Currently, the NOMADS offer about 175 projects each year and have around 700 active members. NOMADS, an acronym which stands for Nomads On a Mission in Divine Service, travel in RVs for part of the year, donating over 110,000 hours of volunteer labor yearly. Their projects include working on requested services and helping recovery following major climatic disasters.

Lake Junaluska has had a long relationship with the Nomad organization and is the beneficiary of their wonderful volunteer work. They are scheduled to be at LJA March 25 through April 11 and August 19 through September 5 in 2024. The Junaluskans board has planned a potluck style salad and sandwich lunch on April 9 at the Lambuth Inn dining room and will include the NOMADS as our guests. This would give the Junaluskans the opportunity to meet and thank these generous volunteers for their years of service at LJA. Please save the date of Tuesday, April 9 at noon so you can join us for this joyous occasion.

### *Caring and Sharing*

#### **Condolences**

Elaine Cherry - death of husband Irvine  
Camille Wish – death of father Merrill B. Wish

#### **Prayer Concerns**

John Barnes - hospital then rehab after heart attack

Hilda Ryan, Caring & Sharing, [hryan.777@gmail.com](mailto:hryan.777@gmail.com)

## *Junaluskans Activities in March*

Join us for Vespers at Memorial Chapel, at **4:00pm on Tuesday, March 5**. Don Kirkindoll, Director of Music and Worship and Worship Arts at Waynesville First United Methodist Church will share his faith journey.

The Junaluskans will gather in the Harrell Center Auditorium at **10:00am on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. This month's presentation is entitled *Managing Stormwater Runoff Or, Where Did my Mulch Go?* What can property owners do to help conserve their soil cover and prevent rainwater runoff? This will be addressed by our speaker, Duane Vanhook, District Director, Haywood Soil and Water Conservation District, at the 10 am Wednesday, March 6 Junaluskans meeting in the Harrell Center auditorium. Duane will present ideas and information about stormwater and its relation to transporting litter and sediment. At the lake we see how sediment builds up and we witness mulch and gravel washed out by rain, especially heavy rains, from our yards and driveways. Understanding the force of water to transport litter and soil and what measures we can take to prevent that while encouraging water infiltration and storage will help us better manage our landscapes. Let's keep Lake Junaluska beautiful!

### *And in the future ...*

- April 9, Tuesday at noon a salad and sandwich "potluck" lunch with NOMADS as guests. At Lambuth dining room.
- April 17, Tuesday Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and LJ Beautification Day
- April 23, Tuesday Vespers 4 pm at Memorial Chapel
- May 2, Thursday National Day of Prayer
- May 21, Tuesday Hymn Sing 6:30 pm at Colonnade
- Summer Evenings at the Lake: Social and dance, jam session, Haywood County Band
- Summer celebration, July 4th raft, canoe regatta
- September 17, Tuesday Hymn Sing 6:30 at Biblical Garden
- October 8, Tuesday Vespers 4 pm at Memorial Chapel
- October 15, Tuesday Soup "potluck" lunch at York Dining Commons
- December Lessons and Carols mid-month date TBD
- December 10 Christmas dinner at Lambuth dining room

## *Words from Ken*

### *Log Successfully Removed from Gate of the Dam*

For several months, one of the gates on the dam has not been operating correctly. Lake Junaluska employees responsible for maintaining the dam first discovered that a large obstruction was apparently the cause of this issue.

The gates are approximately 3 feet wide by 5 feet tall and are controlled by a manual mechanical system that is part of the dam's original construction in the early 1910s. Initial suspicions were that the obstruction in question was a large tree or log. Those suspicions were later confirmed. Efforts to dislodge the log over the spring and summer were unsuccessful, and the decision was made to wait until the winter drawdown to remove the obstruction.



Philip King, of Crestline Global, manipulates the grapple that pulls the log out of one of three gates in the Lake Junaluska dam.

On Tuesday, February 27, professionals from our dam engineering firm, RCF Construction, Crestline Global and staff from Lake Junaluska, convened to address the situation. Thankfully, the log removal proceeded smoothly and, at this time, we do not believe there is any residual damage to the gate. This effort concludes the work scheduled for this season's drawdown, and we have begun refilling the lake. If we receive some rainfall, it should be full well before Easter.



From left, Ken Howle, executive director of Lake Junaluska Assembly; John Garner, principal Garner Engineering; Carroll Woody Jr., director of Lake Junaluska's Assembly Public Works; Brian Aldridge, Trevor Cool, Danny Trull, Mackie McKay, RCF Construction; Adam King, owner, Crestline Global; Patrick Fish and Philip King, owner, Crestline Global.

A grapple barge was used to remove the log which measured about 17 feet in length and 2-2 1/2 feet in diameter and was located approximately 10 feet underwater at the base of the dam. Once the barge and other factors were in place, the actual log removal took about 10 minutes.

Adam King and his brother Philip King own Crestline Global, a marine cleanup and recovery company located in Canton, which also builds its barges at its Canton site. The barge used on Tuesday was specially built to recover trees, houses, cars and boats. There are very few in the country, and the chance of having one next door to Lake Junaluska was very slim.

When Brian Aldridge (Lake Junaluska's Dam operator) contacted the King brothers, they jumped at the chance to remove the obstruction from the dam because of their family history with Lake Junaluska. They have enjoyed the lake for years and are grateful that it's open to the public to use and enjoy. We deeply appreciate the way in which they have given back to Lake Junaluska and Haywood County in such a meaningful way.

We are fortunate for the expertise of dam engineer John Garner, Mackie McKay, Brian Aldridge and Junior Woody who led the efforts to prevent the lake from draining this summer and worked alongside the other professionals during the entire process. Chuck Lipp has been instrumental in connecting us with additional engineering professionals to consult with on this issue.

Plans are already underway to place a "trash rack" in front of the gates to help prevent this from happening again in the future. This work and other improvements to the dam will take place over the next several years. Thank you for your prayers and support over the past several months and for helping us every day to live into our mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed by renewal of soul, mind and body.

Yours in Christ,  
Ken Howle

Join us for an Artist in Residence  
Spring Workshop

# Fairy Doors



Fairy doors are charming and whimsical additions to any home or garden. They are small decorative doors that are often placed low on a wall, tree, or in a garden. We will make hand-crafted little doors for the *Fairy Folk* in your home!

Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Wilson Center Room #6  
Class size limited to 8 \$10 supply fee  
To register: [stephanienschulz@gmail.com](mailto:stephanienschulz@gmail.com)  
Instructor: Stephanie L Schulz

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## Art in the Garden

Sponsored by Lake Junaluska AIR (Artist In Residence)

**Displaying: April 15 to May 15, 2024**

Come join in creating an art piece to be placed in one of the 16 gardens!!!

**Theme: "The Secret Garden"**

Participate as an individual, family or a neighborhood effort.

Must be weatherproof  
Understand the possibility of theft  
Encourage tasteful use of driftwood, pottery, mosaics, glass, any medium

**Put up art date: April 13-14th**

**Take down date: May 15th**

**Deadline to submit proposed art project: March 15th**

**For more ideas, questions and to register contact:**

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## *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 employee, 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. Paul Davenport and Linda Carlson have been faithful to pray over these requests for several years. The prayer ministry oversees this location as well.

The prayer team can be reached at the following email address: [lakejprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:lakejprayerline@gmail.com), or we invite anyone to drop his/her request in any of the four boxes at the locations mentioned. All requests are handled in a confidential manner.

If anyone is interested in participating in this ministry, contact Linda Carlson ([lcarlson698@gmail.com](mailto:lcarlson698@gmail.com)) or Melba Hanson ([melbahanson@icloud.com](mailto:melbahanson@icloud.com)).

## *Out and About*

### *St. Patrick's Day Concert*

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Voices in the Laurel's Adult Women's Choir, *Legacy*, for *Irish Tunes and Tea*, a concert of Irish music, on Sunday, March 17, at 4:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Waynesville. They will be accompanied by piano, and an Irish band, featuring fiddle, bodhran, and guitar. Voices in the Laurel Children's Choirs will make a special appearance, as well. Audience members will enjoy scones, tea cakes, and tea during the concert. Tickets are \$15, and may be purchased online at [www.voicesinthelaurel.org](http://www.voicesinthelaurel.org).

## *From Camille Wish*

My family has been associated with Lake Junaluska since the 1960s. We built a house in 1976 and currently own a 1929 home on Siler Circle. I worked summers up there from 1976-1979 being a waitress at Colonial Hotel for Mrs. Younginer, editing the LJ newspaper and lifeguarding. My father, Merrill B Wish, passed away on Feb 14, 2024, at the age of 95. He loved the lake so very much.

## *Our Guests in March*

Hal Brady Ministries	03/01/2024 03/03/2024
Harmony Grove UMC	03/01/2024 03/03/2024
Elizabeth Lee Methodist Church	03/01/2024 03/03/2024
Care Share Health Alliance	03/05/2024
Chapin Baptist Church	03/07/2024 03/10/2024
State Farm	03/07/2024
Volunteer NC	03/10/2024 03/12/2024
WNCC Cabinet Meeting	03/11/2024 03/14/2024
Abner Creek Baptist Church	03/15/2024 03/17/2024
North Georgia Conference UMC	03/17/2024 03/21/2024
NC United Pentecostal Women	03/19/2024 03/23/2024
Foundation for Health Leadership & Innovation	03/22/2024
South College Asheville	03/23/2024
Campbell Retreats	03/24/2024 03/29/2024