

Lake Views and News

September 2023

Words from Ken

Worship at Lake Junaluska



For the past 110 years, worship services have been among our most important traditions. They are one of the many things that bring us together at Lake Junaluska. I always love seeing people put aside their differences and focus on being together in worship. You probably agree that there would likely be fewer issues in the world if we spent more time worshipping together.

Worship takes place throughout the year in almost every location on the grounds, from the stage of Stuart Auditorium during the WNC Annual Conference to the foot of the cross when youth gather for jubilant celebrations heard throughout the grounds. Three aspects of worship at Lake Junaluska that make us unique are our outdoor worship locations, the diversity of denominations or churches that use these grounds, and the amazing volunteers within our community who make the Summer Worship Series possible.

We have a variety of outdoor spaces that are perfect for worship at Lake Junaluska. Our 16 gardens are favored spots for intimate worship amid God's creation. The Stuart Spring area is a great example of this, with its tall trees providing shade on the hottest of summer days and cool mountain water bubbling out of the ground. The Amphitheater, Inspiration Point and the lakeside tent are also popular locations with amazing vistas.

We have seen the return of our large denominational conferences this year, including the Church of the Brethren who will be here September 1-9. While these conferences have been smaller than before 2020, we have attracted many new churches or groups to use our facilities. This summer, we also saw events become more ecumenical. This was very apparent during the M28 youth events, which included United Methodist and Global Methodist churches praising God together.

Our Summer Worship Series this year brought many of the leading voices from around the country. The series was organized and led by a group of volunteers, including Dan Martin and KC Armstrong, Margaret Amick, Bishop Ken Carter and Pam Carter, Paul Davenport, Bill and Grace Gattis, Sandy Giles, Nancy and Rush Hood, Gene and Jody Lipscomb, Dan Martin, Jimmy Pennel, Pat Poag, Pat and Sylvia Russel, Linda and Walter Smith, Ashley Crowder Stanley, Paul and Judy Starnes, Joe Taft, and Sarah and Hardy Tippet. These volunteers were supported by several staff members, including Mike Huber, Betsy Schuessler, Margo Turman and Woody White. Each Sunday provided a powerful message and, throughout the following

weeks, we had a chance to know these leading theologians through interactive sessions that engaged the mind and stretched the soul.

I am excited to share that many of the speakers for 2024 have already been selected based on nominations and suggestions from the community.

June 30-July 5	Rev. Riley Short
July 7-12	Rev. Jasmine Smothers
July 14-19	Rev. James Harnish
July 21-26	Rev. Alma Tinoco Ruiz
July 28-Aug. 2	Rev. Dr. Michael Adam Beck
Aug. 4-9	Rev. Dr. Sandra Richter
Aug. 11-16	Rev. Jack Shitama

More information about summer worship can be found at lakejunaluska.com/summerworship.

Thank you for helping us be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body. Your support makes a difference to all who visit or live at this sacred place.

Yours in Christ,
Ken Howle

Caring and Sharing

Condolences

Mac Howie - death of wife

Prayer Concerns

Lynda Varner - heart catheterization

Randy Carlson - surgery

Mont Duncan - stroke

Neal Tomlinson - cancer/hospice

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The Transformational Power of Charitable Giving

Growing up in church in the 1980s, our Sunday School teachers used to incentivize the memorization of scripture— a gold star on a chart that hung proudly in the Sunday School room, a piece or two of candy to eat during “big church” or maybe a bookmark to place in our Bibles. They would break down the Bible passages into easy-to-remember phrases: “Love one another”

(1 John 3:23), “You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14), and “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

I worked hard to earn the gold stars and I still have one of those bookmarks in my Bible to remind me of my home church. But now when I read scripture as an adult, I marvel at how I know a snippet of a verse but may have never paid much attention to the rest of the passage. Take 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 for example:

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

Working in the Office of Development, I have the privilege of seeing this passage lived out each day here at Lake Junaluska. Gifts are given in support of the Lake’s mission and ministry with a cheerful heart by charitable supporters because they have recognized the abundance of God’s goodness in their lives, and they want to share that abundance with others. I am grateful for the tender stories that you share with us— stories of how you met your spouse here, how you felt called to ministry while on a retreat, how you reconciled with a loved one after many hours of rocking on a front porch, and how you feel God’s reassuring presence in the sunrise or sunset. You give not for your own benefit; rather, you give because you want others to encounter the goodness of God.

In an article earlier this year, I mentioned that there are 3 vital components of a healthy fundraising program for nonprofit ministries: Annual Giving, Planned Giving and Major Giving. And, I shared that we are blessed to have cheerful givers faithfully supporting all three areas. Another name for Major Giving is *Transformational Giving* because they are gifts that can truly transform a place or space.

You may have noticed the impact of transformational giving lately as you’ve walked the grounds— a new paved walkway between the Terrace Hotel and the Warren Center with a stone vista point overlooking the lake, a new stone raised bed along the Rose Walk, new screens and projectors in Stuart Auditorium and a refurbished back wall inside of Stuart. Each of these projects have been made possible through the cheerful giving of charitable supporters who love this place and want to share that love with others. The gifts not only transform the grounds, they also transform the experiences had by those who visit— providing opportunities for renewal of soul, mind and body year round.

Thanks be to God for cheerful givers!

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Coming Up!
Our Guests in September

1-9	Church of the Brethren National Older Adult Conference
1-3	Korean Community Church
7-10	WNCC United Women
8-10	Faith Mamas
8-10	Spring Hill UMC
9	Living Water
11-14	Duke University Retreat
15-17	Gwinnett Romanian Baptist Church
16	Western Regional Recovery Rally
19-24	Curtis Quilting Retreat
20-30	United World Missions Retreat
20	Manna Foodbank
21-24	Church of God Couples Retreat
22-24	Harmony Grove UMC Leadership
22-24	Miss America Clogging Pageant
24-28	Children's Advocacy
25-28	Orthodox Church in America
25-28	NC Dept. of Public Information
9/28-10/1	Healing Winds
28-30	Emmanuel Christian Seminary
9/29-10/1	Ocala West UMC
9/29-10/1	First Baptist of Matthews Women's Retreat

Fall Perennial Sale

The Second Annual fall bare root perennial plant sale will take place on **September 9th** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will have a large variety of perennials available. If you have questions, please email Melissa Tinsley Landscaping Manager mtinsley@lakejunaluska.com.

Haywood Choral Society Presents Spring Concert



The Haywood Choral Society, directed by Don Kirkindoll, will perform its rescheduled spring concert on **Sunday September 10th 7:00 PM** at Waynesville First United Methodist Church in Waynesville. This is the first time the 60-member choral group will perform with Mr. Kirkindoll, who accepted the position of director in late February.

This season's concert, "What Dreams May Come," will explore dreams of the unknown future, of peace and freedom, of love, and hope of new life through the music of classical and modern composers including Ralph Vaughn Williams, Johannes Brahms, Eric Whitacre, Eriks Esenvalds, Elaine Hagenberg, and Dan Forrest, among others.

Director Don Kirkindoll has directed music programs/ministries and choirs of all ages in churches, schools, and community organizations for the last twenty-five years. An experienced vocalist, Kirkindoll has performed in concerts from the White House to Europe and South Africa, as well as extensively throughout the southeastern United States. In August 2022, he became the Director of Music and Worship Arts for the First United Methodist Church of Waynesville, NC. Haywood Choral Society is excited and honored to have Don as their new director.

Founded in 1997 with a goal to help preserve an appreciation for the great classical music of the past, as well as the present, the Haywood Choral Society, originally named the Haywood Community Chorus, is sponsored in part by The Junalusks, the Haywood Arts Council, and its Chorus Angels. Haywood County is blessed by the presence of many marvelous musicians. Each HCS performance reminds us of the musical talent hidden away in our beautiful corner of the world. Everyone should mark their calendars because this performance will be a must-see concert! Admission is free; donations are welcomed. Visit <https://haywoodchoralsociety.org>; Follow us on Facebook.

Learn about Hemlock Protection and Restoration

On **Wednesday, September 13** from 10 to 11:30 a.m., join the Hemlock Restoration Initiative for a walk around the Corneille Bryan Native Garden in Lake Junaluska to learn about the efforts to protect hemlocks from Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA). Discussions will cover hemlock trees in Western North Carolina ecosystems and how HWA is threatening them. This informational walk will give participants 'on the ground' experience with identifying North Carolina's two native hemlocks, assessing tree health and deciding how best to manage hemlocks on their own properties. They will also discuss what governments and conservation organizations are doing to restore hemlocks to long term health in NC, highlight an integrated

strategy for hemlock conservation, and let folks know how they can get involved in native hemlock conservation.

Meet at the top of the garden off County Rd. Please sign up before the event by contacting the HRI office at 828-252-4783 or info@savehemlocksnc.org. Learn more about the Corneille Bryan Native Garden on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CorneilleBryanNativeGarden>.

Art Show

Lake Junaluska Artists in Residence will host a three-day, members only Art Show at the Harrell Center. The Art Show starts on **Thursday, September 14 from 10:00-5:00 and runs through Saturday, September 16th**. Artists from around the lake will display two pieces of their work. Acrylic, oils, watercolors, textiles, glass, etc. will be featured. This is the first type of this event held at the lake by the Artists in Residence and we hope you will attend and help us make it successful.



Artists in Residence (AIR) Present Nashville Artist John Salaway

Lake Junaluska Artists in Residence (AIR) are proud to present John Salaway **September 19th-21st**. **John will perform at the Junaluska dinner scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30 PM in the Terrace dining room.** Tickets for dinner are \$27.00 each. Call Frank Dunnewind at 334-488-0667 or email him at frankdunnewind474@gmail.com to make reservations. A short reception will be held for John in the Terrace lobby beginning at 4:30PM prior to dinner.



As a part of the grant given by the Lake Junaluska Intentional Growth Center to the Artists in Residence program, John will hold two song-writing workshops: **John Salaway Basic Song Writing Workshop** Wednesday, September 20th 6:30 to 8:30 PM Wilson Complex room 7. Admission is free, registration required in advance at lakejunaluska.com/AIR. John will discuss the song writing process and work with the group to compose an original song.

John Salaway Advanced Song Writing Workshop Thursday, September 21st 2:00-4:00PM Wilson Complex room 7. Admission is free, registration required in advance at

lakejunaluska.com/AIR. John will discuss advanced song writing and work with small groups and individuals in break-out sessions.

John Salaway in Concert Thursday, September 21st 7:00PM at the Lake Junaluska Chapel.

Admission is free: There will be a free will offering to benefit the Lake Junaluska Artist in Residence program.

Joyful Junaluskans ... game days continue

Please know that you are welcome to come **any Tuesday from 2–4 PM** for games at the Harrell Center library. We play bridge, canasta, backgammon, Rummykub®, or other games you might enjoy. Feel free to bring a favorite of yours. We continue to have lots of fun exercising our minds and having great social time with friends.



For more information, contact
Debbie Stanton at 828-550-7935.
Joy for the journey!



Save the Date in October for ...

Junaluskans Vesper Service

The Fall vesper service is scheduled for **Tuesday evening, October 10**. The service will begin promptly following the 4:00 chimes. This will be a service of Word and Table. This is a change from the usual Sunday evening service offered in the past. However, in consideration of the many and varied church-related schedules, and the success of the recent hymn singing, it was felt that this was the best day and time to bring us all together for a moment of quiet and worship.

This service will continue the tradition of hearing the stories of faith from our fellow saints. This service we will hear from Bishop Charlene Kammerer. Bishop Kammerer, an ordained United Methodist minister, was elected to the episcopacy in 1996 and assigned to the Western North Carolina Conference. She served there until 2004, when she was assigned to the Virginia Conference. She retired in 2012 to Lake Junaluska where she and her husband, Leigh, live as full-time residents.

Let the community gather for this time of celebration of the good gifts of a Holy God.

Junaluskans Soup Cook Off

Here is a fun and tasty event you won't want to miss! On **Tuesday, October 17** the Junaluskans are having a soup cook off in lieu of our monthly meal. Junaluskans are asked to prepare their favorite soup and bring it in a crock pot to the York Dining Common at 11:30 am on October 17. At noon, Junaluskans and friends will congregate at the York Dining Commons and have the opportunity to taste and vote on the soup they like best. There is no cost for this event. Just the opportunity to enjoy delicious soup, bread and dessert provided by members on a lovely autumn day. A sign-up for soups, breads and desserts will be distributed at the October general meeting or you can contact Jan Lemasters at lemastersjanice@gmail.com.

Out and About

Heavenly Music in the Biblical Garden

On the evening of August 15, 59 Junaluskans and friends joined voices in singing hymns in the stunning Biblical Garden next to the Welcome Center. Accompanied by Hilda Ryan on a keyboard and led by her husband, Marq Ryan, beautiful music selected from the Methodist hymnal, filled the exquisite evening air.



Sarah Tippett, who has lovingly sculpted the Biblical Garden since 2010, was filled with tears of joy as participants began to arrive. "This is a dream come true", she confided to me. I was moved to tears too. As voices raised to praise God in song, one couldn't help but be moved. I only wish all Junaluskans could have been there.

The evening ended with many enthusiastic requests for future hymn sings, which the Junaluskans will provide.

Greetings

Don & Mary Jordan of Kilgore Road and Roswell, Georgia send their greetings to everyone at the Lake. Mary has just experienced spinal surgery this summer and is coming along slowly but getting better. Don still teaches Sunday School and speaks in Independent retirement homes often. We still love the Lake.