

Lake Views and News

January 2024



*Happy New Year!
Wishing you all a healthy, happy 2024.*

The Junaluskans board has planned some exciting activities for the year ahead. The Spiritual Committee has planned several Vespers and hymn sings. We will have volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Our first will be a Chapel cleanup day in January. The date will be announced at the January 3rd meeting.

Various musical and fun activities will be held during Summer Evenings at the Lake. Game days are available in the library every Tuesday afternoon starting January 9 at 2 pm. All are welcome. Games include bridge, canasta, and Mexican train to name a few. Game day is a great way to spend a wintery day in the cozy Junaluska library and a wonderful way to make new friends.

We will have lunch/dinner get togethers quarterly and fellowship groups will meet monthly. Back by popular demand will be soup cook off day in the Fall. New this year in the Spring will be sandwich and salad day. More information on these events will be shared at the Junaluskans meetings.

If you have any activities you'd like the Junaluskans to consider, please let us know. Please feel free to contact me at my email listed below. Some of our most popular activities, like Lessons and Carols and our Spring dance, were suggested by members.

Finally, we will continue having speakers at our monthly meetings. If there is a specific topic you would like addressed or a speaker you'd like to hear, please let us know.

Dr. Jan Lemasters
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Caring and Sharing

Randy Carlson – Chemotherapy and surgery

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

Words from Ken

The Olmstead Brothers Were Right!

In November 1910, Bishop James Atkins (one of the founders of Lake Junaluska) received a report from the Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects firm. The report was from the sons of famed landscape architect Fredrick Law Olmsted, who designed Central Park and the Biltmore Estate. They had recently visited the future site of Lake Junaluska and had met with the engineer planning the construction of the Lake Junaluska Dam. The report is lengthy, with many suggestions for the planned assembly grounds. Below is an excerpt from their letter:

“We examined with great interest and satisfaction the picturesque and well-located lands which have been secured for the Assembly Grounds.....We feel that the lake is very essential to give the place a distinctive character and reputation such as will serve as a more powerful advertisement than almost anything else that could be done with a liberal expenditure of money.... A lake with beautiful landscape surroundings situated in the high mountains would inevitably be recognized as a rare and extremely attractive feature.”

During the time this letter was written, the founders of Lake Junaluska were struggling with the cost of constructing the dam that forms Lake Junaluska. They were debating delaying the construction of the dam until later. The Olmsted's report made a compelling case for the dam and lake!

Over the past 110 years, their vision has been accurate. The lake and the beautifully landscaped common area are part of almost every experience on these sacred grounds. Seeing people walking, sitting on benches, or gathering with friends along the lakeshore is exciting. The open area around the lake also creates amazing vista points where the wonder of God's creation can easily be observed.

This winter, we will be taking steps to ensure the preservation of the lake through three significant projects. We will remove sediment from the west end of the lake, perform maintenance on the control gates that regulate the level of the lake, and conduct an engineering study on the part of the dam that extends to the south in front of the Lakemont Condominiums. On December 27th, we began lowering the lake to enable this work in January. Weather permitting, the lake should be low enough for work to begin by late January.

The level of the lake will be lower than it has been in recent years because of the work on the control gates. This means that the small dam, known as a cofferdam, will be visible just west of the dam. This smaller dam is designed to hold back the water while work is conducted on the primary dam.

The engineering study of the section of the dam near Lakemont Condominiums will include the use of ground-penetrating radar to determine the material used for the core of this section of the dam. Based on the outcomes of this study, a maintenance plan for this section of the dam will be created. This report will be an integral part of the comprehensive long-range plan for the dam being created by a special task force led by Chuck Lipp.

This work is being funded through charitable giving and funds appropriated in the NC State budget for these projects. To learn more about these projects and for updates on our progress, please visit lakejunaluska.com/drawdown

We are thankful for the advice and vision from the Olmsteds many years ago. They were right; the lake and the beautiful landscape surroundings are among our best physical features and an integral part of our being a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body.

Ken Howle

The Scholarship Committee thanks you!

These folks have donated to the Junalusks' Scholarship and Assistance Fund through the 2023 CHRISTMAS CARD. If your name has been left out, please contact Don Rankin: 828-246-1924 (call or text)

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Christmas Decoration Takedown

Hard to believe that Christmas is over and we are beginning a new year! Thanks to all the many volunteers who helped to make Christmas festive for visitors and residents alike. There were many positive comments received during the time that the decorations have been up.

Takedown will occur the week of January 8 – 12, depending upon the weather. We need to make sure everything is dry before packing up and storing it away for next year. We don't want to get mold in those containers. Also, if you are packing up bows, please put them away carefully so that they do not get crumpled up and will look good again next year. We replaced many bows this year, so if they are packed properly, they can be reused and we will not have to make as many new ones for next year. You will be contacted by the person in charge of your area. Randy and I have to return to Vanderbilt for more treatment but can be reached by phone – 828-400-0020.

Randy and I will be stepping down as coordinators of the Christmas decorating next year. It has been an honor for us to serve in this role for the past 3 years. If you have an interest in assuming this responsibility, you can contact us or our Junaluskan president Jan LeMasters. Randy has it incredibly organized and we have lists of all the suppliers. It is a position made easier by all the volunteers who step forward year after year. We are so blessed to live in a place where people are so caring and willing to share of their time, talent, and treasures.

Again, many thanks to all of you amazing volunteers. Wishing you a happy and healthy 2024.

*The Artists in Residence will be offering
4 free classes in January*

January 9 - "Ugly Art" with Jody Lipscomb
January 17 - "The Art of the Jam" with Mark Schulz
January 23 - "Through the Year with a Phenology Wheel" with Stephanie Schulz
January 30 - "Journaling" with Haidee Wilson

Location of all sessions is in Wilson Building, Room #1
See the following flyers for more information!

The Ugly Art class is now full.

The Fine (and not so fine) Art of Jamming with String Instruments.

To jam is to improvise music without extensive preparation or predefined arrangements
Oxford English Dictionary

Join us for a great time learning the unwritten rules of the "jam", tools of the trade, and play some music together. All string instruments and level of play are welcome. Free event.

Class size limited to 10
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
To register: pastorschulz@gmail.com
Instructor: Mark Schulz



*Through the Year with a **Phenology Wheel***

*An art class for ALL ages and skill levels!

*Phenology is the study of cyclic and seasonal
natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate, plant, and animal life-*
Oxford English Dictionary

A phenology wheel is simply a visual representation of what is happening month by month, in the natural and spiritual world around you. It provides a way to creatively journal through the year. It doesn't take up much time and it is perfect to do solo or with friends and family. Join us for a fun and free afternoon creating your own phenology wheel!

Class size limited to 8
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
To register: stephanienschulz@gmail.com
Instructor: Stephanie L Schulz

Travel Journal Sketching Class

Come explore how to journal
Using sketching techniques, pens, and watercolor.
Wonderful keepsake of memories in a travel book for your next adventure



NOTRE DAME PARIS, FRANCE

Tuesday, January 30th
1-4pm

Art Class for all levels
Limited space of 8

Art materials provided

To register: haideewilson@gmail.com or call 828-506-5625

Instructor: Haidee Wilson

** January 2024 Art Series brought to you by the Lake Junaluska Artists in Residence.
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Out and About in December



On the evening of December 12th, 150 festively dressed Junaluskans gathered at Lambuth Inn for a Christmas dinner. The inn and the dining tables were lovingly adorned in their Christmas finery. After much fellowship and a delicious meal, all were entertained with music and song by

Hilda Ryan, Lauralee Bailey, Jim Correlle and Mark Schulz. Guests were also treated to the premiere performance of the George Kenney singers. It was a lovely evening!

Thanks to all who attended, helped decorate and entertained. We are so blessed to live in such a vibrant community! We look forward to more fellowship opportunities in 2024!





On the evening of December 18, we gathered in the Terrace Hotel lobby to enjoy hot cider and a Christmas carol sing-along. Thanks to Mark Schulz and Bill and Jo Ann Nagle for leading us and sharing their gift of music!



Our Hours at Crepe & Custard for the winter are 8am - 4pm, 7 days a week. Please don't forget to let us know that you are a Junaluskan or a Junaluska resident for your 15% discount. Thank you all for your continued support!

Genie, Crepe & Custard GM

Greetings Junaluska Residents and Friends of Lake Junaluska:

The mission of Lake Junaluska is a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through the renewal of soul, mind, and body. **The Junaluskans**, a volunteer service organization, is committed to caring out this mission by providing monthly activities for personal enjoyment, fellowship, education, and spiritual enrichment.

Everyone who lives at Lake Junaluska or loves Lake Junaluska is encouraged to become part of **The Junaluskans** by contributing each year a minimum of \$10 per person (not household). Donations, in addition to this minimum, will enable **The Junaluskans** to accomplish much more. Remember, we are a non-profit tax-exempt organization; and *you do not have to live at the lake or own property at the Lake to be a member*. Junaluskans provide numerous opportunities for service to the Conference Center.

The Junaluskans have a monthly luncheon or dinner meeting, including outstanding entertainment, January-May, September-November on the third Tuesday of the month, with a special Christmas dinner in December. We also sponsor vesper services, book reviews, monthly fellowship groups, spring and fall chorus concerts, Clothes to Kids, college scholarships, and our annual Flea Market in June, which is our major fund raiser. We invite you to join **The Junaluskans** by completing the form below. We had 700 memberships in 2023. Let's surpass that number in 2024!

THANK YOU,
Margaret Amick, Membership

**THE JUNALUSKANS MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2024
(January through December)**

Name (s)

PLEASE PRINT
Primary Mailing Address:

P.O. Box, Street,

City State and Zip Code Phone

Address in Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, or surrounding area: _____

Cell Phones: 1st _____
2nd _____

Email Addresses: 1st _____
2nd _____

If you are **NOT** receiving the Junaluskan Email Service (Frank Stith), do you wish to be added
Yes _____ No _____

Enclosed Donation (\$10 minimum per person) \$ _____ Additional Gift \$ _____ Total
\$ _____

Make checks payable to **Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.** In Memo Line, write The Junaluskans.
This form and check may be mailed to The Junaluskan Treasurer, PO Box 622, Lake Junaluska, NC
28745-0622
Or handed to Margaret Amick (Membership) at any Junaluskan meeting.