



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

- **April Junalusks' Meeting** is in the Harrell Center on Apr 2 at 10 am. Ken Howle will be the guest speaker.
  - **Junaluska Books & Friends (aka Book Club)** will be meeting on Thursday, Apr 10 at 2 pm, in the Harrell Center Library. The book to read and discuss is *The Traveler's Gift*, by Andy Andrews. All are welcome!
  - **Potluck with NOMADS** is Apr 15 at 12 pm, York Dining Commons. This will be our second annual salad and sandwich potluck lunch to thank the NOMADS for their work at Lake Junaluska. Junalusks are asked to bring a salad, sandwiches or dessert to share. Iced tea and lemonade, as well as plates, cutlery, napkins and cups will be furnished. This is a lovely opportunity for fellowship with Junalusks and the NOMADS while they are here serving the lake.
  - **Annual Plant Sale** - Shop for annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs and house plants. May 3 from 8 am - 2 pm at Nancy Weldon Gym.
  - Join us for a special **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** to celebrate you! We are grateful for all you do to support our staff, guests, and community each year. This will be held on Wednesday, Apr 30 at 8:30 am in the newly renovated Terrace Hotel Dining Room. Please RSVP by emailing [volunteers@lakejunaluska.com](mailto:volunteers@lakejunaluska.com), calling Betsy at 828-454-6708, or signing up in person at the next Junalusks' meeting or in the Administration building. We look forward to honoring you!
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# Community Lake Cleanup Day A Success!

We sincerely thank the Junaluskans for their leadership in organizing a successful Community Lake Cleanup Day. Your dedication united over 100 volunteers to protect and beautify our beloved lake. A special thanks to Steve Crites for his coordination, ensuring an effective cleanup that made a lasting impact. This year's efforts were especially crucial after Hurricane Helene's debris washed into the lake. Thanks to you, our shoreline is now cleaner, safer, and more inviting for wildlife and recreation. Your hard work strengthens our community and preserves Lake Junaluska for all.

With gratitude,

Betsy Schuessler (Executive Asst. to Mike Huber & Volunteer Coordinator)



## Junaluskans' Fellowship Groups

New to our community or looking to connect? Join a Junaluskans Fellowship Group! These small groups (8-12 people) meet monthly from September to May to share meals—at restaurants or in homes—across Waynesville, Canton, Sylva, and Dillsboro. Groups rotate every two years to foster new connections.

Current groups run through May 2026, but if you'd like to join one now, contact Susan Folds at 404-325-5961 or [susan.folds@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.folds@yahoo.com).

## Meet the Exec Board



Steve Crites is on his final term as 2nd vice president of the Junaluskans. Steve and Susie moved to Lake Junaluska July 2019 from Tampa, FL. Steve's first career was as an electronics technician in the 1980's, but then switched to software in 1990, and retiring as software developer in 2019. Steve is something of a Jack-of-all-trades, and loves travel, mixing audio for church and Lake Junaluska (where he is still employed part time), and cooking.

*Caring & Sharing*  
Cynthia Lindberg  
[ljcaringandsharing@gmail.com](mailto:ljcaringandsharing@gmail.com)

## Condolences

The Family of Jim Johnson

Please send any prayer requests and moments of joy to Cynthia at [ljcaringandsharing@gmail.com](mailto:ljcaringandsharing@gmail.com)

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# Summer Social - Luau!

Get out your flowered shirts and tops for the Junalusksans' Hawaiian Luau on Jun 17. It will be held at the York Dining Commons from 5:30 - 8 pm. Pulled pork and fish will be available. Junalusksans are asked to bring side dishes, salads or desserts to share for this potluck event. Music will be furnished by LJ's own Bert Howard. It will be an evening of good food, great fun, wonderful music and fellowship. You won't want to miss this exciting event! There will be a charge per person to cover the cost of the meat and drinks. Friends and family are also invited.

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## GARDEN TALKS

**Corneille Bryan Native Garden Program** will resume their **Wildflower Walks** on Wednesdays at 1 pm on the following dates: Apr 2, 9, 15, 23, 30.

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

There will also be a special program, **"Birds in the Garden"** by Christine Gibson on Apr 29 at 9 am in the garden.

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

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# The 2025 Junalusksans' Flea Market is COMING!

Saturday, Jun 14 from 8 am-12 pm  
Early Bird Shopping 7:30 - 8 am (\$5 fee)  
at the Nancy Weldon Gym

Set-up is Friday, Jun 13 from 9 am-2 pm  
For more information contact:  
Judy or Ed LaFontaine at [edjudy1@outlook.com](mailto:edjudy1@outlook.com)

Pass the date and time to your friends, family and neighbors.  
Wonderful bargains and great fellowship!



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## HAYWOOD CHORAL SOCIETY

The Haywood Choral Society presents its Spring concert, "Love, Be Heard!" on Sunday, Apr 27 at 4 pm in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Waynesville, 566 S. Haywood Street, Waynesville, NC. Admission is free, with an opportunity to donate toward the choir's future endeavors.

The theme, "Love, Be Heard!" was chosen to inspire hope during a time of local weather-related hardships and global unrest. The program features choral works set to beautiful poetry and song lyrics, composed by Forrest, Runestad, Kirchner, Dilworth, Barnum, and others. This concert aims to uplift and renew our audience through the power of music.

The Haywood Choral Society, under the direction of Don Kirkindoll, is joined by the talented Renee Allsbrook on piano and an instrumental quintet.

Founded in 1997 as the Haywood Community Chorus, the choir brings together singers to perform diverse choral repertoire, both sacred and secular.

The Haywood Choral Society is supported by The Junalusks, the Haywood Arts Council, the Haywood Choral Society Angels, and a Grassroots Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



## National Day of Prayer

Join us on Thursday, May 1, at 10 am at the Amphitheater below the Cross for the 5th annual National Day of Prayer event at Lake Junaluska. This gathering, held alongside others nationwide, invites us to pray for our families, churches, workplaces, education, military, government, and the arts.

This year's theme is "Pour Out to the God of HOPE and Be Filled" (Romans 15:13). The event reflects the tradition of seeking God's wisdom, as our founding fathers did, and encourages us to pray for our nation's leaders.

Seating is available on the pavement at the Cross for those unable to navigate the steps, with seat cushions provided.

Rain location: Memorial Chapel.

Coordinated by the Lake Junaluska Prayer Ministry in partnership with the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

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# Highlights from the March 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting

The Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees held its biannual meeting on March 6-7, 2025. The following are highlights from the meeting:

Gina Campbell and I provided an update on the Sharing Our Gifts Campaign, which was publicly announced on March 6th at the Annual Donor Banquet. This multi-year campaign focuses on giving to the Annual Fund, capital improvements and legacy (estate) gift commitments. The Board of Trustees established this campaign in 2022 and over the past three years, \$12.3 million has been raised, with a goal of \$14 million by 2027. More information about this exciting campaign is available at [lakejunaluska.com/give](https://lakejunaluska.com/give).

Chuck Lipp delivered the final report on the Dam Preservation and Renewal Task Force's work, emphasizing the dam's critical role in maintaining the lake's operation and supporting the community's well-being. The report stressed the importance of ongoing stewardship to ensure the long-term sustainability of both the dam and the lake.

The Board took the following actions:

- Celebrated the success of the Sharing Our Gifts Campaign and affirmed its public launch on March 6, 2025, with a goal of \$14 million.
- Approved revisions to the Hybrid Work Policy in the Human Resources Manual.
- Authorized a draw of up to \$30,000 from the Bishop Scott Allen Fund for its designated purposes.
- Allocated up to \$200,000 for emergency capital expenditures.
- Approved the use of up to \$25,000 from the Peacock Tennis Court Fund to improve two Lake Junaluska tennis courts, including the addition of pickleball lines.
- Allocated \$10,000 from unrestricted reserve funds to establish a Holston Conference scholarship fund.
- Approved the engagement of Forvis Mazars for the 2024 audit.
- Ratified the Executive and Finance Committees' approval of the 2025 Operating and Public Works budgets.

New trustees elected to the board in October 2024 include Ed LaFontaine for the Class of 2025, and Nathaniel Abrams, Scott Russell, Reed Shirley, and Eric Smith for the Class of 2027.

According to the By-Laws of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc., at least 60% of elected trustees must be property owners, with the current board consisting of 83% property owners. For more information about the Board of Trustees, visit <https://lakejunaluska.com/vision>.

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My heartfelt thanks to the Board of Trustees for their dedication, leadership and service. Their commitment to the community and our mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed by renewal of soul, mind and body is truly appreciated. In this world filled with chaos, uncertainty and division, places like Lake Junaluska serve as sanctuaries of peace, reflection and community – offering a space where people can come together in faith, fellowship and renewal. Here, the beauty of creation and the spirit of unity remind us of the hope and healing that can still be found, even in the most challenging times.

Yours in Christ, Ken Howle

# 2025 Lake Clean Up



## LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- All Hand and Hearts (Apr 1-30)
- Haywood Cty Chamber of Comm (Apr 2)
- SEJ Peace Conference (Apr 3-7)
- Redeemer Anglican Church (Apr 3-5)
- Isaac Ministries (Apr 4-6)
- Fort Mill Church of God (Apr 4-6)
- Centenary United Methodist Church (Apr 4-6)
- Lake Highland Prep School (Apr 6-11)
- US Army Fort Liberty (Apr 7-11)
- Lovetrust LLC (Apr 11-13)
- Boger City Baptist Church (Apr 11-13)
- Diamond Approach Residential Retreat (Apr 11-18)
- Victory Baptist Church (Apr 11)
- Harvest Community Church (Apr 11-13)
- Harmony Baptist Church (Apr 11-12)
- NCCCS (Apr 14-16)
- Haywood Cty Farm Bureau (Apr 14)
- Haywood Cty Senior Games (Apr 14-15)
- Proper Golfing Academy (Apr 15-17)
- Nomads Volunteer Work Team (Apr 17)
- The Orchard Church (Apr 18-21)
- Love First: Haywood Emerging Faith Community (Apr 18)
- Proper Golfing Academy (Apr 18-19)
- Addiction Professionals of NC (Apr 20-25)
- Scrapbooking Retreat (Apr 23-27)
- Trinity Missionary Baptist Church (Apr 24-26)
- Sophia Foundation (Apr 24-28)
- EGA Carolinas Region (Apr 25-27)
- Smoky Mountain Medical Society (Apr 25-26)
- Called to Peach Ministries (Apr 29-May 4)

## 2025 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- Potluck w/NOMADS (Apr 15)
- Volunteer Breakfast (Apr 30)
- Natl Day of Prayer (May 1)
- Beautification Day (May 14)
- Hymn Sing (May 15)
- Junaluskans Flea Market (Jun 14)
- Luau (Jun 17)
- Sacred Spaces (Aug 21)
- Hymn Sing (Oct 23)
- Chapel Cleanup (Nov 6)
- Lessons & Carols (Dec 13)

**Game Days** are every Tuesday at 2pm in the Harrell Center Library.

**WANT MORE INFO ABOUT LAKE  
JUNALUSKA 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)

