
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

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December 2024



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO DO!

At the Lake:

- December **Junaluskans Cookies & Punch Social** at the Warren Center on Dec 4 at 10a. This is in place of the regular monthly meeting.
- **Balsam Range Art of Music Festival** at Lake Junaluska Dec 5-7
- **Holly Jolly Trolley Rides** at Lake Junaluska on Dec 13 from 4-8p
- **Lessons & Carols** at the Chapel on Dec 14 at 6:45p
- **Christmas Carriage Rides** at Lake Junaluska on Dec 15 from 4-7p

Around the County:

- **Waynesville Christmas Parade** on Dec 2 at 6p on Main Street.
 - **Canton Christmas Parade** on Dec 5 at 6p on Main Street.
 - **Kris Kringle Holiday Market** in Canton at Sorrells Park Dec 6 from 3-7p
 - 4th Annual **Winter Wonderland Market** at Smoky Mountain Event Center Dec 14 from 9a-3p
 - A **Charlie Brown Christmas Musical Extravaganza** at Hart Theatre Dec 5-15
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“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!”

This year will be especially festive at Lake Junaluska. Decorations are already in place, thanks to the dozens of Junaluskans who participated in transforming the Lake into a winter wonderland.

The Junaluskans will start the season with the traditional “cookies and punch” at the Warren Center on December 4 at 10 am. This is in lieu of the monthly general meeting. It’s time for fellowship and sharing your favorite homemade goodies. Junaluskans, family and friends are welcome.

December 10 at 5:30 is our Christmas dinner at Lambuth Inn. The deadline for reservations is December 4. This is always a delightful event. Members beautifully decorate the tables and other members provide entertainment.

December 13 from 4-8 is the Holly Jolly Trolley tour. In the Chapel, on December 14 at 6:45 Lessons and Carols which begins with a harp prelude. This is an especially meaningful program that emphasizes the genesis of Christmas. Then on December 15 from 4-7 there are carriage rides on Lakeshore Drive.

There’s something for everyone this year. We hope you will be able to participate in these joyful Christmas events!



January 2025 Meeting

Since the first Wednesday of the month falls on January 1, 2025, the meeting will be delayed until Wednesday, January 8 at 10 am. Plans are for the meeting to be in the newly restored Harrell Center auditorium.



Caring & Sharing
Hilda Ryan
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Prayer Concerns
Rex Gibbs - pneumonia
Susan Gibbs - surgery
Randy Carlson - cancer treatment

Junaluskans Questionnaire Results

Lunches/Dinners

Junaluskans want a mixture of lunches and dinners, 4 times a year. Presently we do two dinners a year, one of which is the annual Christmas dinner. We will schedule another dinner in the Spring. In addition, we have two potluck lunches yearly. One potluck lunch is soup day (Fall), the other salad and sandwiches day (Spring). So that will be the two dinners and two lunches going forward.

Vespers

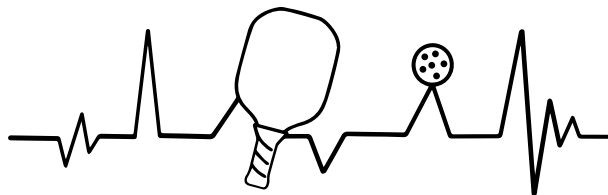
The majority of responders do not attend Vesper services. The second most frequent response wanted Vespers 4 times a year. Presently we have had 2-3 vesper services per year. The spiritual committee will address this.

Hymn Sings

People expressed a desire for hymn sings twice a year, and that's exactly what we now offer!

Book Club

The library at the Harrell Center is available for a book club except on the game day afternoons. There is a wonderful selection of books in the library. These books are available for use by all Junaluskans.



Other Activities

- **Pickleball** for seniors with lessons. The frequency varied. We will start this in February. More information will be sent out in January. "Senior pickleball" will be less running, less competitive and hopefully more fun.
- **Walk About Wednesdays** once a month. These have been fun for those participating as well as good exercise.
- **Game Days** weekly or every other week. Presently we have games weekly in the library. On Tuesday, January 7 at 2p, anyone who is interested in game days will meet in the library in the Harrell Center to determine how to proceed. There a variety of games available, including bridge, canasta, Mexican train, and Scrabble to name a few.
- **Musical Jam Sessions** 2-3 times a year. Bill Douglas will be organizing these.

Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees October Meeting Highlights

I am excited to share with you that the Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees met on October 17-18, 2024. The trustees spent time surveying the damage Lake Junaluska sustained as a result of Hurricane Helene.

Outcomes from the board meeting included receipt of the 2023 IRS Form 990 and the annual audit conducted by Forvis Mazars, election of new trustees, approval of board officers, approval of the 2025 service charge rate and receipt of reports from two task forces. Below is a summary of the actions taken at the board of trustees meeting:

IRS FORM 990

The board of trustees received the 2023 IRS Form 990 as a document of record and directed that it be filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

2023 AUDIT

The board of trustees received the 2023 audit as a document of record.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The board of trustees elected Ed LaFontaine to the class of 2025.

The board of trustees elected the following trustees in the class of 2027:

- Nathaniel Abrams (1st term)
- Cissy Taft Hicks (2nd term)
- Chuck Lipp (3rd term)
- Scott Russell (1st term)
- Reed Shirley (1st term)
- Eric Smith (1st term)
- Anne Warren (2nd term)

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

The board of trustees affirmed officers of the board:

- Melvin Spain, Chairman
- Ed LaFontaine, Vice Chairman
- David Proctor, Secretary
- Frances Jones, Treasurer

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October Trustee Meeting Highlights (continued)

ASSEMBLY PUBLIC WORKS

- The board of trustees approved a 2025 service charge rate of \$0.455/\$100. The rate is a \$.035 increase from 2024. The increase is to bring service charges more in line with the actual cost of materials.
- The board of trustees approved the creation of a capital reserves fund within the Assembly Public Works budget to be overseen by the board of trustees for unforeseen critical infrastructure expenditures.
- The board of trustees approved a loan to finance a capital lease for the purchase of a new Vac-Con jetter truck for Assembly Public Works.

LOAN

The board ratified the action taken by the Executive Committee to approve a loan of \$1M for capital improvements.

ASSOCIATES COUNCIL

The board of trustees affirmed the recommendation by the Associates Council for Anne Duncan Martin to serve as Chairperson of the Associates Council in 2025-2027.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

The board received reports from a Policy Review Task Force and a Golf Course Task Force.

The Policy Review Task Force affirmed marriage as a sacred, lifelong covenant that brings two people of faith into union with one another and into a deeper relationship with God and the religious community. Marriages in the Christian or Jewish tradition are allowed at Lake Junaluska in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes.

The Golf Course Task Force was created to develop a five- to 10-year capital plan for the golf course to further the mission of Junaluska and produce income to fulfill this mission. Those capital items include:

- Safety Net at the Maintenance Facility
- Parking Expansion
- Cart Path Paving
- Addition of Sand Traps
- Tee Leveling & Enlargement Project
- Irrigation System Main Water Line
- Cart Barn & New Maintenance Facility

Yours in Christ, Ken Howle

LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- Art of Music (Dec 5-8)
- Center for Native Health (Dec 6-7)
- Eastminster Presbyterian Church (Dec 6-8)
- Harrison Construction (Dec 7)
- North Carolina Sheriffs' Assn (Dec 9-10)
- Haywood Waterways Assoc (Dec 10)
- Legacy at Beaver Hills (Dec 12-14)
- Victory Baptist Church (Dec 12)
- Hominy Baptist Church (Dec 15)
- The Orchard Church (Dec 20-22)
- Haywood Community College (Dec 20)
- Greene Family Christmas (Dec 21)
- Love First: Haywood Emerging Faith Community (Dec 24-25)
- Alma College (Dec 27-Jan 4)
- Community Bible Church (Dec 27-Jan 3)

2024-25 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

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

- December 4 - Cookies & Punch Social 10a at the Warren Center
- December 10 - Christmas dinner at Lambuth Inn at 5:30p
- December 14 Lessons and Carols at LJ Chapel at 6:45p
- January 8 - General Meeting at 10a
- February 22 - Lake Junaluska Clean-up Day
- May 1 - Beautification Day
- June 14 - Annual Junaluskans Flea Market

**WANT MORE INFO ABOUT LJ ACTIVITIES??
CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES**

have
yourself
A MERRY
LITTLE
Christmas



- 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

Junaluskans Christmas Card

Season's Greetings! At Lake Junaluska, we cherish a long-standing tradition of spreading holiday cheer in a meaningful way. Instead of sending Christmas cards to your fellow Junaluskans, we invite you to redirect those funds (and more, if you can!) to support scholarships and assistance for Lake employees and their families.

You'll have two opportunities to contribute to this wonderful cause:

- December 4th: During the Junaluskans' monthly meeting
- December 10th: At the Junaluskans' Christmas dinner

A donation box will be set up at both events for your convenience. Please make checks payable to "LJA, Inc."

If you're unable to attend, you can still participate by mailing your donation to:

John Scott
245 Chapel Drive
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

To acknowledge your generosity, all donor names will be listed in the January issue of Lake Views and News, unless you prefer to remain anonymous.

This year, the Scholarship Committee has selected 15 deserving recipients. Your contributions will help make this program a resounding success and a meaningful part of the Christmas season.

Thank you for your support and holiday spirit!



Annual Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner will be held Tuesday, December 10, at 5:30 in the Lambuth Hotel. Special music will be a choral ensemble, led by Danny Compher, and a carol sing along. The cost is \$37.50 and reservations must be turned in by December 4. Each table decorator will serve as host for that table. *Menu is Honey Glazed Ham, Roasted Turkey w/gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Crispy Brussel Sprouts, French Green Beans, Salad, Bar, Rolls, Seasonal Desserts, Iced Tea and Water.*

Haywood Choral Society presents “Warmth and Wonder” Concert

Haywood Choral Society will present its first concert of the 2024-2025 season on Sunday, December 8 at 4p at First United Methodist Church, 566 S. Haywood Street in Waynesville, NC. There is no admission charge, however there will be an offering collected from those willing to contribute toward the future endeavors of the choral society.

The theme of the concert is “Warmth and Wonder” which includes concert repertoire from exquisite art music of both sacred and secular genres to playful and familiar tunes. Notable composers of the concert music range from Mendelssohn to Whitacre, Poulenc, and Forrest. There are seasonal favorites such as John Rutter’s *Candlelight Carol* and Rachmaninoff’s *Bogoroditse Devo* and newer music such as Sarah Quartel’s *Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind* and Ola Gjeilo’s *Tundra*. To round out the concert list, there may be some selections with a whimsical flare to brighten your holiday spirits.

The Haywood Choral Society of seventy choir members is under the direction of Don Kirkindoll who is also the Director of Music and Worship Arts for the First United Methodist Church of Waynesville and is in his second season directing the Haywood Choral Society. In addition, we are pleased to introduce Renee Allsbrook as our new pianist in this, her first season with us. Mrs. Allsbrook is the Music Director of Providence Church in Waynesville and is a musical composer/arranger with several published works.

Haywood Choral Society, formerly known as the Haywood Community Chorus, was established in 1997 as a means for community members to share their interests in performing a variety of challenging choral repertoire. Throughout the years, the chorus/choral society has offered singers, musicians and audience members the opportunity to appreciate great classical works of past and present-day composers, as well as spiritual, folk, gospel, and contemporary music.

The chorus is sponsored in part by The Junaluskans, 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.

