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## MYP Missions open eyes, hearts to giving

More than simply a worship experience or a weekend retreat, Ministries with Young People (MYP) at Lake Junaluska offers mission experiences that transform the hearts and minds of those who participate.

During INFUSE retreats last winter, young people came to Lake Junaluska to experience powerful worship, grow closer in their Christian fellowship with other youth, and enjoy a little skiing. Simpsonville UMC from South Carolina, however, chose to participate in a mission experience, volunteering at Haywood Street Congregation in Asheville, NC. In fact, all youth who came this past winter contributed in some way to the Haywood Street Congregation, which was created to be a ministry to the homeless.

"The prophet Micah tells us that God wants us to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. Mission work gives us the opportunity to do all of these things," explained Rev. Carolyn Poling, director of MYP at Lake Junaluska. "In helping others, whether it's through visiting people living in a nursing home, serving a meal to the homeless, or repairing a home for someone less fortunate, we are doing what's right for others. That's ultimately what justice means for us as Christians—living out righteousness for others."

In 2010, youth at MYP SURGE summer retreats began the transition into a new kind of Lake Junaluska experience—giving the gift of their time at missions throughout Western North Carolina. They assisted people in need within the surrounding communities, spreading God's love through their actions.

"Missions change peoples' lives," observed Poling. "It transforms you from the inside out. God calls us to help others and to share the blessings that we have been given, and when we do, God uses that experience to show us just how amazing and far God's love reaches."

This mission focus will grow in 2011 during SURGE into Missions summer youth retreats at Lake Junaluska. Worship leaders this summer include This is Luke, Rev. Brad Butler, Jonathan Spangler, Rev. Stephanie Hand, Rev. Alan Mears, Rev. Lisa Yebuah, Rev. Andy Lambert, Rev. Jasmine Smothers, and Celia Whitler.

MYP at Lake Junaluska will offer both Mission Blitzes, where youth spend every day during their retreat volunteering at work sites, and regular sessions, where youth will spend one day volunteering.

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Instead of skiing during MYP INFUSE winter retreats, Simpsonville UMC volunteered at Haywood Street Congregation in Asheville, NC.

## Our Past, Present, and Future at Lake Junaluska

Lake Junaluska: these two words generate warm, wonderful feelings for thousands of people, young and old, who have spent one day, one week, or even much of their lives here. If you have ever visited Lake Junaluska, you know what I mean. It is one of the most unique places in all of God's great creation, where the beauty of the mountains, the serenity of the quiet lake, the comfort of the mild climate, and the intentional focus on connecting deeply to God come together to create transformative experiences and wonderful memories.



Jack Ewing, Lake Junaluska executive director

As we approach the end of our first century of existence, we find ourselves remembering our past and anticipating a very bright future. We fully understand that the needs of our guests have changed dramatically since our first conference in 1913. Even in the past 20 years the expectations regarding programming, lodging, and amenities have changed. The expectations for Lake Junaluska have never been so high.

As we move forward into the second century of Lake Junaluska, we will hold onto the essential elements that make this place so special. The world is changing and we know that Lake Junaluska must change as well. We will envision new ways to help people experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ.

If you have never made the journey to visit us here in the mountains of Western North Carolina, we hope 2011 will be the year of your first experience. If you have come before, we invite you back to see how we have changed, improved, and are working to meet the needs of The United Methodist Church and other organizations and individuals. Either way, we hope you will visit us this year to create some wonderful memories.

## God's Call to Care for Creation



Ellen Hassler, Janet Lilley, and Phyllis Putman explore the Corneille Bryan Native Garden at Lake Junaluska.

Since 2006, Caring for Creation at Lake Junaluska has provided training and information that attendees can put into action at their local churches, communities, and homes. With a strong focus on climate change, preservation of endangered species, energy use, and much more, Caring for Creation 2011, March 31 – April 3, offers a diversity of resources.

"Coming to Caring for Creation gave me so much information, inspiration, and awareness of the effects on God's people!" exclaimed Emily Cooper of Washington Street UMC in Columbia, SC. "I've been interested in this subject since the late '90s and I've become more concerned. In addition to the presentation by speakers such as John Hill, who was tremendous, there were people from individual churches who had ideas to share. I learned what other churches are doing and how to cope with people in our churches and communities who just don't get it."

Over the past six years Caring for Creation has grown in its focus and intensity from addressing climate issues to discussing spirituality and the environment. 2011 Caring for Creation topics include: Involving Young People in God's Call to Hope and Action, The Work of Interfaith Power and Light, Mountain Top Removal—A Continuing Disaster, and All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir (by One More Generation).

"Each year we strive to offer new, useful resources that people can incorporate into their everyday lives," commented Loy Lilley, event coordinator. "This year we're exploring container gardening; helping plant trees; touring a solar farm, biodiesel, and sustainable research demonstration sites; and much more."

Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation) for more information about leadership, workshops, and a complete schedule of events. Scholarships are available.



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# Rekindling the Flame sparks revival

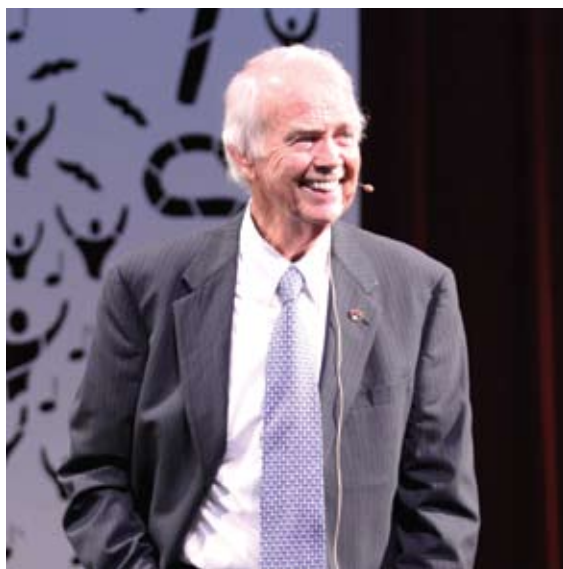
Since 1913 lay leaders have gathered at Lake Junaluska each summer for ministry and fellowship. This year, laity are invited June 30 – July 3 to Rekindling the Flame of the Laity Conference.

“We want to give laypersons and their families the opportunity to grow in the Christian faith and experience the faith of their mission to the world,” Rev. Bill Appleby stated. Appleby, along with other volunteers from across the SEJ, is helping organize the conference. “We feel the fellowship and inspiration from great preaching will inspire people to take a more active part in the church.”

Adults, college students, youth, and children are invited to join together for a weekend of fellowship through preaching, Bible study, singing, and a special project: Stop Hunger Now, where volunteers will help package meals.

With over 15 interest groups to choose from, topics include Faith Sharing Ministry with Dr. Eddie Fox; Disaster Response/UMVIM Ministry with Van Gorp and Don Bishop; Treasures of a Transformed Life with Dr. Mathison; Bridging the Gap, dealing with faith and vocation, with Bernie Brown; Revitalizing Small/Middle-Size Churches with Dr. Vic Dingus; and a Festival of Families for youth and children.

“Faith is the key to whatever we do or believe; therefore, the principle speakers on Friday and Saturday will deal with aspects of faith,” Appleby explained. “Each of the speakers will focus on different aspects of our faith journey—on personal, confessing, serving, and witnessing faith.”



**Dr. Eddie Fox is just one of the featured speakers at Rekindling the Flame.**

The Lake Junaluska Singers, under the direction of Dr. Melodie Galloway, will provide music. Dr. Glenn Draper, the Lake Junaluska director of music emeritus, will lead congregational singing.

Additional features include special sessions for campus ministers, college students, and youth and children.

**For a brochure and more information about Rekindling the Flame at Lake Junaluska, visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/rekindling-the-flame](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/rekindling-the-flame) or call 828-454-6656.**

## Lake Junaluska celebrates Easter



**Easter at Lake Junaluska unites the community as we share the story of the Resurrection.**

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center invites you to a weekend of events celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, April 22–24, 2011. Beginning with an evening service on Good Friday and ending with an outdoor sunrise service overlooking Lake Junaluska on Easter morning, participants are certain to experience these Holy Days in a meaningful way. All of the events are open to the public and to anyone who wishes to attend specific events. A special lodging package is available for those who want to stay for the weekend and take time to relax and reflect in the picturesque surroundings of the lake and mountains.



**Bishop Lawrence McCleskey preaches at the 2010 Easter sunrise service.**

This year's worship opportunities will commence with a Good Friday Tenebrae service, which will take place at 7:30 P.M. in the historic Memorial Chapel. The service will be a one-hour liturgy of Passion Story readings, hymns, and prayers. Guests are also invited to walk the labyrinth, a spiritual pathway outside the chapel, which will be lit with luminaries and torches.

Saturday evening will feature the Vigil of Easter, an interdenominational First Service of Easter, which will begin at 7:30 P.M. on the chapel lawn with a bonfire, singing, and prayers. The service will then proceed into the chapel for Biblical readings and songs, accompanied with organ and brass, that recount God's mighty acts from Creation to the Resurrection. The Easter Vigil is a community, ecumenical service and all are welcome.



by a regional brass ensemble.

The Resurrection will be celebrated on Easter morning at 7:00 A.M. with an outdoor sunrise service at the cross amphitheater overlooking Lake Junaluska. The sunrise service will include festival music, congregational singing, scripture readings, a message, and prayers. Easter music will be provided

Lake Junaluska is looking forward to the celebration of Easter this year and anticipating a meaningful experience for all. Please join us for any of this year's worship opportunities. Other events will take place over the weekend, including several opportunities for families, such as the Easter egg hunt and picnic, and the 5K/10K Bunny Run.

**Please visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/easter](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/easter) for more information.**

## Multicultural Conference enlightens, raises questions

During the 2010 Lake Junaluska Multicultural Conference, December 10–12, over 230 persons came together to explore and break down racial and ethnic barriers within our church and local communities. With speakers from all walks of life, the conference was an opportunity to learn different ideas of how to relate to people who may come from another ethnic background. Through discussion and times of sharing, participants were equipped with new skills and techniques to address racial and ethnic division within their communities and churches.



**Rev. Dr. Frank Ison, D.S. of the Greensboro District; LaNella Smith of the NC Conference; and Bishop Swanson of the Holston Conference review discussion topics at the Multicultural Conference.**

“I was impressed with the array of speakers, from Bishop Palmer to the technical presenters,” commented Don Nation of the Holston Conference. “I enjoyed the group I was with at the table during dialogue group time.

The combination of bishops to lay persons from local churches who were interested created a good dynamic and contributed to discussion about a variety of practical things going on at an intimate or local level, in addition to sharing major programs that are available to address these issues. This dialogue gave us ideas of things we can do ourselves.”

Although the conference presented attendees with perspectives on racial and ethnic diversity and how to create a welcoming, safe environment for discussion, questions were still raised as to how these techniques will be successfully implemented in the church.

“Everything we covered was vitally important and has the potential to take us into a new era for our church and communities as well,” said Rev. Carroll Carter of Chesapeake Ave. UMC in Norfolk, VA. “Some issues are still in question. One in particular is how do we, as local congregations and pastors, garner support for the changes from the conference and districts to lead the way into this critical discussion? If we don't have the necessary support, we are at a powerful disadvantage. We have the potential of making a great and needed change for God and for the church. I think we know what needs to be done, but do we have the moral course to do it? Pastors want to be effective in carrying out the mission of Christ's church, making disciples of all.”

“Anytime we have discussions around this issue of racial division, it's important to hear from people who are most obviously affected, which in our society are racial ethnic persons, and to also realize that everyone is damaged or hurt by racism regardless of their race,” explained the Rev. Dr. Carl Arrington, director of African-American Ministries at Lake Junaluska. “An important part is being able to talk about it in a place or environment that is safe and non-judgmental because we are all at a different place on our journey in addressing the issue of racial division and prejudice within ourselves. With each conference we will equip persons with not only the skills to begin productive dialogue, but hopefully they will leave with the support of a network of persons whom they've shared with during their time at Lake Junaluska.”

“I think the conference did help give persons skills to overcome barriers,” concluded Nation. “Many of the speakers, particularly Kristina Gonzalez and Eric Law, emphasized the importance of particular skills sets and their usefulness in addressing racial division. It's easier to design workshops for skill sets rather than attitude changes. This event addressed ‘how-tos,’ which was advantageous and will help us focus on moving forward.”

**Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/multicultural](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/multicultural) for more information about the 2010 Multicultural Conference. The next Multicultural Conference is scheduled for 2012 at Lake Junaluska.**

## Behind the Music: Dr. Melodie Galloway



**Dr. Melodie Galloway directs the Lake Junaluska Singers during their final performance of 2010.**

**Stephanie Drum:** What inspired you to pursue a career in the arts?

**Dr. Melodie Galloway:** I think my family. They're all very musical and I was given opportunities to sing and be in theater from a young age. We all sang in the church—my family used to do the Wednesday night program—and my mom is a music director, so all three kids (my brother, sister, and I) were very involved in music in the church.

**SD:** Your father is a retired Methodist minister.

**Galloway:** My dad just retired after 51 years—again. He's such a sweetie and he's helped out a lot of churches after retirement. Many of the churches where my dad served, mom was also the music director, so both of my parents were involved in the church. In one way or another, everyone in the family was involved.

**SD:** Music often takes a person on a spiritual journey.

**Galloway:** Music has always been an integral part of my own personal worship and faith. I think worship through music is the most powerful connection to sincere communion with God. Probably because so much of my church background was rich with music, when I'm singing or directing in a worship setting I feel closest to God.

**SD:** Who has influenced your musical career?

**Galloway:** One major influence was Bill Bridges, my uncle, who was still singing during his last stages of Parkinson's. He had an incredible influence on me. I remember him sitting on the front row with my family when I was a Junaluska Singer and he was so supportive.

**SD:** As a former Singer, what is it like for you to now be the LJS director?

**Galloway:** I sang with the LJS for three seasons and I did choreography with them for a few years after that. I really didn't ever think I'd be director and when the possibility arose, it seemed like a dream. Even though you work hard as a Singer, I think most people have no idea the work and the challenges the director faces. Being the LJS director is very humbling and is the greatest honor because I understand the task people have entrusted me with. I keep wondering if this whole year was a dream.

**SD:** Where do you see the LJS in five years?

**Galloway:** We're going to record a CD this summer, which we hope will be available in the winter of 2011, which is very exciting! In the meantime, we're exploring commissioning some musical pieces especially for the Singers. The Singers are performing in new conferences and we will continue touring in new venues in the future. The Lake Junaluska Singers are ambassadors of The United Methodist Church, not just for the Southeast, and we hope to expand our ministry outside of the SEJ.

**SD:** Any parting thoughts?

**Galloway:** This past season with the Singers was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I feel the future is bright for the Singers, Lake Junaluska, and for The United Methodist Church because of what God is doing through us all. One of the highlights of the summer was taking the Singers on tour. The incredibly warm welcome we received remains with me. It's wonderful that the Singers' legacy carries such a lasting impression with people. We are welcomed as if all of us have been involved with the Singers for the last 50 years and I know we will continue to build upon that legacy in the years to come.

Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/singers](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/singers) for more information about the Lake Junaluska Singers.

## SOULfeast: Invitations from Jesus

— by Kay Hereford Voorhees

I was skeptical when members of our congregation returned from SOULfeast several years ago claiming it was the “best family vacation ever.” As a mom, pastor, and veteran of countless retreats, conferences, and stressful family vacations, I doubted that this event was unique. I was wrong. Our July pilgrimage to SOULfeast at Lake Junaluska has since become a treasured family tradition. Not only is it fun; it helps us all grow in love with God, others, each other, and our inner selves.

SOULfeast creates space in our hearts and lives for God's movement. I'm no longer surprised that God reshapes me at my point of need when I'm there. One year when I brought deep emotional wounds with me to SOULfeast, my broken heart was restored through the keynotes, worship, and workshops. The year I came seeking to enrich our congregation's discipleship ministry, I learned ways to incorporate creative spiritual practices into a comprehensive, transformative “discipleship system.” When my faith was “flat,” Trevor Hudson's words reached into my secret soul, awakening me to a profound word from God. Every summer I arrive at the lake in a different mental and spiritual place, and five days later I arrive home again rested and renewed.

Children and youth are not an afterthought at SOULfeast. The youth ministry is so engaging that our teenager, Grace, rushes to join it the moment we arrive. After that, we only see her across the auditorium during “all-ages” times, at meals, and when she comes “home” to sleep each night. Our younger daughter, Anna, surrounded by SOULfeast's caring community, enjoys a level of independence she seldom achieves at home. She has experimented with spiritual practices ranging from quiet meditation to artwork to hula-hooping! SOULfeast gives both of our daughters room to discover their own living faith.

This year's SOULfeast promises to be another life-changing experience for families, church leaders, and individuals there on retreat. Trevor Hudson, an extraordinary pastor and author, will return from South Africa to teach and preach around the theme, “The Invitations of Jesus.” His messages will be compelling and grace-full. Please join us on July 10–14, 2011!

Visit [www.upperroom.org/soulfeast](http://www.upperroom.org/soulfeast) for more information.



**Anna, Grace, and their mother, Kay Hereford Voorhees, attend SOULfeast at Lake Junaluska regularly.**

## Clergy retreat helps organize churches for successful ministry



**Rev. Clarence Brown, 2010 leader at the African-American Clergy Leadership Retreat, discusses techniques for church revitalization.**

The 2011 African-American Clergy Leadership Retreat, “Bringing it All Together: Organizing Your Church for Successful Ministry,” April 4–6, 2011, will offer techniques and strategies for pastors to become effective administrators and organizers of the church's ministry.

The Rev. Junius B. Dotson and Michelle Whittaker will provide leadership. Rev. Dotson, senior pastor of St. Mark UMC in Wichita, Kansas, will discuss how to organize congregations into a fellowship of people who work effectively and purposefully together. In addition, Michelle Whittaker, the digital communications director for The United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, will focus upon approaches pastors can use to establish social justice ministries within their churches. She will demonstrate ways pastors can utilize social media interaction, website development, audio-visual, and other technological resources to create ministries that address social justice issues within one's community.

“Both Rev. Dotson and Ms. Whittaker will provide insightful techniques and ideas unique to African-American clergy,” the Rev. Dr. Carl Arrington, director of African-American Ministries at Lake Junaluska, commented. “This will be a time of exploring new venues to expand and organize congregations, equipping participants with the knowledge necessary to more effectively minister to their congregations.”

For more information or to register, visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-clergy](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-clergy), or call 828-454-6656.

## WCU Wesley Foundation hosts inaugural Golf Classic at Lake Junaluska



**WCU Wesley Foundation students fight hunger by packaging food at a “Stop Hunger Now” event.**

The Wesley Foundation at Western Carolina University invites you to shake off the winter chill during their inaugural Golf Classic on April 16, 2011, at the Lake Junaluska golf course.

“The Wesley Foundation at WCU has provided a place for students to fellowship since the mid-1950s,” explained Jay Hinton, the WCU Wesley Foundation campus minister. “Each year, the Wesley Foundation reaches out to hundreds of students at the WCU campus. We decided that a Golf Classic would be a fun way to raise funds to continue our ministry.”

The classic will include a shotgun start at 1:00 P.M. and will be captain's choice. The entry fee is \$200 per team of four or \$50 for an individual, who will be put on a team upon arrival. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, a gift bag, a post-tournament cookout, and chances for prizes.

The funds raised at the Golf Classic will be used to continue a variety of ministry efforts for the Wesley Foundation at WCU, including weekly Wednesday night Bible studies, Thursday night worship services, and Sunday night Bible studies.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsor levels begin at \$100 for a hole sponsor. Details about sponsorship can be found on the Wesley Foundation website ([www.wcuwesley.com](http://www.wcuwesley.com)).

“It would be amazing if there was a different United Methodist church listed at each hole,” Hinton concluded. “I hope that anyone who wants to support Wesley Foundations' work on campus will consider participating.”

For more information, contact Sue Heckert at the Cullowhee UMC office at 828-293-9215, or Jay Hinton at 828-368-4235. Registration forms can be found at [www.wcuwesley.com](http://www.wcuwesley.com) under the “News and Information” tab, or you may request for them to be mailed to you.

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Janet Manning identifies wildlife in the Corneille Bryan Native Garden to fellow Caring for Creation participants.



Rev. Carolyn Poling performs the Esther dialogue during the 2011 National Camp and Retreats meeting.



Rev. Jasmine Smothers brings the New Year's INFUSE worship service to life.



Paula McElroy, Connie Mozelewski, and Audrey Lindsay from Grace Church in the Mountains, NC, gather to hear the good news at a candlelight vigil during the 2010 Easter celebrations.



Front row, left to right: Terra Price, Cortni Teague, Abby Hoss, and Tehya Moore perform during Sunday worship in Stuart Auditorium as part of Sacred/Liturgical Dance 2010.



Rev. Carleathea Benson discusses how to use her gifts for ministry during the 2010 African-American Clergy Leadership Retreat.

# lasting memories at Lake Junaluska

## Upcoming Events

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| 3/18–20     | Ebony Youth Christian Vocation Exploration Retreat<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/ebony">www.lakejunaluska.com/ebony</a>                             | 7/3–7      | Youth in Missions<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/youth-in-missions">www.lakejunaluska.com/youth-in-missions</a>                                   |
| 3/20–25     | Road Scholar: Appalachian Literature<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>                             | 7/7–10     | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 4<br><a href="http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com">www.myp.lakejunaluska.com</a>  |
| 3/25–27     | Confirmation Retreat 2<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-2">www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-2</a>                                       | 7/10–14    | SURGE into Missions: Week 2<br><a href="http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com">www.myp.lakejunaluska.com</a>   |
| 3/31 – 4/3  | Caring for Creation<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation">www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation</a>                                | 7/10–14    | SOULfeast<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/soulfeast">www.lakejunaluska.com/soulfeast</a>   |
| 4/1–3       | Confirmation Retreat 3<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-3">www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-3</a>                                       | 7/13–15    | African-American Preaching Summit<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-preaching">www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-preaching</a> |
| 4/4–6       | African-American Clergy Leadership Retreat<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-clergy">www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-clergy</a> | 7/14–17    | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 5<br><a href="http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com">www.myp.lakejunaluska.com</a>  |
| 4/8–10      | Confirmation Retreat 4<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-4">www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-4</a>                                       | 7/17–21    | SURGE into Missions: Week 3<br><a href="http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com">www.myp.lakejunaluska.com</a>   |
| 4/10–15     | Road Scholar: Culture of the Southern Appalachians 2011<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>          | 7/24–27    | Road Scholar: Folkmoot USA 2011<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>                               |
| 4/11–14     | A Gathering of TIMS<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/gatheringoftims.aspx">www.lakejunaluska.com/gatheringoftims.aspx</a>                              | 7/25–28    | Leading the Middle Size Church 2011<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/mid-size-church">www.lakejunaluska.com/mid-size-church</a>                     |
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| 5/1–6       | Road Scholar: The Life and Times of Teddy Roosevelt<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>              | 7/31 – 8/2 | Lake Junaluska Ministry Summit<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/summit">www.lakejunaluska.com/summit</a>  |
| 6/16–19     | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 1<br><a href="http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com">www.myp.lakejunaluska.com</a>   | 7/31 – 8/3 | Road Scholar: Cherokee<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>  |
| 6/19 – 8/14 | Summer Worship Series<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/summer-worship">www.lakejunaluska.com/summer-worship</a>  | 8/5        | Lake Junaluska Singers concert<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/singers">www.lakejunaluska.com/singers</a>  |
| 6/19–23     | SURGE into Missions: Week 1<br><a href="http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com">www.myp.lakejunaluska.com</a>  | 8/7–9      | Transformational Leadership<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/transformational-leadership">www.lakejunaluska.com/transformational-leadership</a>     |
| 6/19–24     | Music and Worship Arts Week<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/mwaw">www.lakejunaluska.com/mwaw</a>  | 8/8–11     | Older Adult Conference<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/olderadult">www.lakejunaluska.com/olderadult</a>  |
| 6/23–26     | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 2<br><a href="http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com">www.myp.lakejunaluska.com</a>   | 8/14–19    | Road Scholar: Mountain Stories and Ballads 2011<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>               |
| 6/24–26     | Native American Summer Conference<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/sejanam">www.lakejunaluska.com/sejanam</a>  | 8/21–26    | Road Scholar: Southern Mountain Musical Traditions 2011<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>       |
| 6/30 – 7/3  | Rekindling the Flame of the Laity Conference<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/rekindling-the-flame">www.lakejunaluska.com/rekindling-the-flame</a>     | 8/28 – 9/2 | Road Scholar: Poet of the People 2011<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>                         |
| 6/30 – 7/3  | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 3<br><a href="http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com">www.myp.lakejunaluska.com</a>   | 9/11–14    | Road Scholar: Inside Great Smoky Mtns. National Park 2011<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar">www.lakejunaluska.com/road-scholar</a>     |
| 7/3–4       | Lake Junaluska Singers concerts<br><a href="http://www.lakejunaluska.com/singers">www.lakejunaluska.com/singers</a>  |            |   |



Bishop Larry Goodpaster commissions new pastors during the 2010 WNC Annual Conference.



The 2010 Lake Junaluska Singers celebrate the end to a successful season at the Appalachian Christmas concerts.

## African-American Women connect at conference

From Pennsylvania to New York to Florida, women drew close to God and their sisters in Christ at the first annual African-American Women's Leadership Conference at Lake Junaluska. Together, they worshipped and shared their experiences as Christians, women, and African-Americans.

"The praise and worship leaders were anointed and led us into the presence of God!" exclaimed Rev. Emma Smith of the western Pennsylvania annual conference. "It was the most awesome thing I've attended because there was a time of Pentecost and there was a sisterhood. Each of us was able to take away what we as individuals, pastors, lay leaders, or as Christians, needed at that time."

The Rev. Telley Lynette Gadson, Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Dr. Lydia Waters Hamilton, the Rev. Dr. Alfreda Lynette Wiggins, the Rev. Dr. Sherry Daniels, and Mrs. Jennifer Davis led the discussion and worship.

"I think that everyone who had a part in making sure that the entire event was a success worked extremely hard in doing so," explained Pamela Moye of Saint Matthews UMC in Greensboro, NC. "It was wonderful. I would love to make sure events like this happen on a continual basis because they open dialogue, not just in the African-American church, but also in ethnic groups and white churches."



Mrs. Jennifer Davis, WNCC director of Discipleship Ministry, encourages participants to connect with each other and establish a strong faith community.

During the conference, leaders and participants shared their experiences dealing with issues that are often difficult to address, including how to work together as women and Christians to establish solid relationships, how to address suicide, how to use technology to network with media and communication outlets, and the necessity of proper self-care.

"I would encourage every African-American woman to attend and come with an open heart, mind, and spirit and see what God will say to them at that time," continued Rev. Smith. "That's the way I'm coming. To be in the presence of something that was so awesome and to be affected by it—I want the Pentecost feeling again. In my mind, we should be attuned that whatever we're hearing, God is speaking to us all individually and we should receive it."

Spirit-filled worship, intimate connection with other participants, and thought-provoking topics created a bond among those who communed at the conference.

"We saw the Scripture of old," concluded Ms. Moye. "Hands were being laid on individuals. People were being prayed for. When you see something like that,

there is a hunger and thirst for the Holy Spirit to be manifested in your midst."

The 2011 African-American Women's Leadership Conference, "The Strong Black Woman," is September 15–17, 2011.

Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-women](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-women) for more information.

## Confirmation illuminates history, connections



Rev. Stephen Street performs and preaches during Confirmation at Lake Junaluska.

Confirmation retreats at Lake Junaluska have become a traditional rite of passage for many young people. While visiting Lake Junaluska, they have opportunities to learn about the connections within The United Methodist Church, to participate in worship with hundreds of youth who share the same passion for Christ, and to experience the beauty of the mountains.

Whether they enjoy intimate devotions during regular Confirmation weekends or sharing with hundreds of other followers of Christ during Confirmation MEGA Weekends, youth can experience and explore a deeper connection to themselves, their church, and their peers during a Confirmation retreat weekend at Lake Junaluska.

"I've brought groups to Confirmation at Lake Junaluska for five years," explained Rev. Pat Gannaway of Simpsonville UMC. "Confirmation is an experience where youth, both as individuals and collectively, learn more about who they are as Christians and what their commitment means. They are exposed to the United Methodist history in a meaningful way and it is a good time for fellowship and bonding for confirmation groups."

Confirmation groups not only share in worship and devotion, but they often establish traditions that strengthen their bonds of Christian faith.

"We have been coming for years—it's always the highlight for our confirmands," commented Jaymie Derden of State Street UMC, VA. "At one memorable Confirmation weekend, Stephen Street took the entire group to the cross, played guitar, and had an invitation for the group. Two girls from my church went with me and both of them accepted Christ that night at the cross. Now, every time we do Confirmation at Lake Junaluska, we walk to the cross after our Saturday night session. That has been a profound time for them."

Lake Junaluska Confirmation retreat weekends begin in March 2011 and continue through November.

Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation) for more information.

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## Choir Music Weekend celebrates 25th Anniversary

Since 1986, local choir singers, directors, and accompanists have gathered at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center to celebrate God's gift of music and worship together. From the time of its inception through the present, the focus of Choir Music Weekend (CMW) at Lake Junaluska has been on encouraging the small to medium-sized choir.

During the first several years of Choir Music Weekend, around 30 people participated, led by a staff of no more than four persons. In 2010, led by 10 gifted, creative United Methodist musicians, over 400 persons gathered for CMW.

Coming from across the Southeast Jurisdiction, choir members and directors gather to sing together, worship together, attend workshops and rehearsals, share food and fellowship, and enjoy the incredible beauty of the fall foliage at Lake Junaluska and the Smoky Mountains.

At the final worship service on Sunday morning, the eight anthems learned during the mass rehearsals are sung together, illustrating the theme of the weekend, which for 2011 will be "Caring for Creation." These anthems then travel home with the choirs, providing eight ready-to-sing alternatives to their directors. Directors are encouraged to bring their entire choirs.

CMW is co-sponsored by Lake Junaluska Ministry and Abingdon Press. Abingdon is a division of The United Methodist Publishing House, based in Nashville, TN. The CMW leadership team is headed by Roger Dowdy, director of Ministry and Event Development at Lake Junaluska, and Gary Alan Smith, senior music editor at Abingdon Press.

2011 will witness 25 years of the Lake Junaluska Choir Music Weekend. Plan to register early so you and your choir music friends can share the experience of Lake Junaluska and this anniversary celebration!

Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/choirmusic](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/choirmusic) for more information.



Left to right: Lake Junaluska board member Rev. Bill Gattis, choir music director Gary Alan Smith, Dr. Evelyn Laycock (founder of Choir Music Weekend), and Lake Junaluska board member Dr. James Crosse at the 2010 Choir Music Weekend.

## Summer Worship at Lake Junaluska: The World ... My Parish



Rev. Shane Bishop, the 2010 Distinguished Evangelist of The United Methodist Church, will lead Sunday worship August 7, 2011, at Lake Junaluska.

Since 1913, worship and praise have been the heart of Lake Junaluska's mission. Every Sunday during the summer, Lake Junaluska offers its annual Summer Worship Series, featuring engaging worship, liturgy, and music, led by powerful speakers and preachers. The 2011 Lake Junaluska worship series will focus on the principles of John Wesley as he said, "I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that, in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation."

With four worship services, including Holy Communion, emerging worship, morning praise prayer service, and regular morning worship, a variety of enriching services are available to everyone who visits Lake Junaluska each summer. From the Rev. From Dr. Leonard Sweet to Rev. Grace Imathiu, you will experience the heritage of Lake Junaluska in action through each service.

### 2011 Summer Worship Series

June 19	Rev. Vance Ross
June 26	Rev. Ray Buckley
July 3	Bishop Richard Wilke
July 10	Rev. Trevor Hudson
July 17	Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray
July 24	Rev. Jeremy Troxler
July 31	Michael Slaughter at 8:30 A.M. Rev. Grace Imathiu at 10:45 A.M.
August 7	Rev. Shane Bishop
August 14	Dr. Leonard Sweet

For more information, visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/summer-worship](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/summer-worship)

## Lake Junaluska Specials

Lake Junaluska is gearing up for spring and summer with special packages! Find out more about whitewater rafting, the Lake Junaluska Singers concerts, Biltmore Estate specials, Easter at Lake Junaluska, Independence Day 2011, and much more!

Scan this quick reference code with your smart phone to find out more. Don't have the software? Go to the application store on your phone and download a quick reference reader. This will enable you to scan any quick reference code with your phone.



## Social Justice and Ethnic Ministries expand

The Rev. Dr. Carl Arrington, director of African-American Ministries at Lake Junaluska, now has another important role: coordinator of Social Justice and Ethnic Ministries. Beginning January 2011, Arrington assumed his new responsibilities in addition to his current duties, which includes guiding the development of ongoing and new Lake Junaluska Ministry events that explore a wide range of social justice topics.

"Dr. Arrington's passion for ministry, his gifts and skills are respected and celebrated across the United Methodist connection," commented Rev. Roger Dowdy, director of Lake Junaluska Ministry. "I am excited that Carl will be developing emerging and new event initiatives offered by Lake Junaluska Ministry around important social justice topics, and working with ethnic leaders, staff, and resource persons to offer learning experiences which will challenge and engage United Methodists and the broader global-ethnic religious community."

As Social Justice and Ethnic Ministries coordinator, Arrington will further the coordination and development of related Ethnic Ministry events, including African-American, Native American, and Hispanic-Latino events.

"This is an exciting transitional and growth period for Lake Junaluska's Social Justice and Ethnic Ministries," explained Dr. Arrington. "We plan to address the needs of those we serve with new programming, particularly for the Hispanic-Latino community."

As coordinator, Arrington will provide support for event staff of all ethnic ministry initiatives, as well as event coordination during the transition period for SEJAAM as Lake Junaluska and the SEJANAM Council review their leadership needs and search for a new director. His support and guidance for SEJANAM, social justice, and ethnic ministry initiatives will assure that those events flourish and grow. Moving into the future, he will continue to collaborate with each area's advisory teams to address the needs of each ministry.

Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/social-justice](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/social-justice) for information about Lake Junaluska's Social Justice and Ethnic Ministries.



The Rev. Dr. Carl Arrington is the new coordinator of Social Justice and Ethnic Ministries at Lake Junaluska.

## Heartsongs and Action: Our choices make a difference for peace

Laughter, art, and music set the tone for the 2010 Lake Junaluska Peace Conference as youth, children, and adults came together September 18-21 to explore "Peace for the World's Children."

During Saturday's session, youth and children gathered to learn from Dr. Jeni Stepanek how each one of them can contribute to peace. Stepanek is a noted advocate for children's and families' needs in health and education, and a well-respected motivational speaker. Her youngest child, Mattie, was a well-known international peace activist and three-term national goodwill ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"Mattie said that a heartsong is a person's unique gift—it is our unique reason for being," said Stepanek. "Whatever it is that you need ... that's what you're called to offer to other people, and in giving, you shall receive. He suggested we share our heartsongs through hobbies, talents, passions. Heartsongs are realized as they are shared. Heartsongs are meant to be united—not forced, not in competition, not in comparison—simply offered to others and—equally as important—accepted from others."



Children create peace signs for the 2010 Lake Junaluska Peace Walk.

Participants were encouraged to express their heartsongs through art and words, designing signs for the Lake Junaluska Peace Walk, creating friendship bracelets to exchange with others, expressing their feelings through pantoum poetry, and sharing pledges for peace. Sunday afternoon, participants joined in the Peace Walk around Lake Junaluska, symbolizing efforts to work towards peace. This session bridged the youth and children's portion with the adult session of the Peace Conference that continued that evening, led by Bishop Ken Carder. Carder emphasized the notion that our gifts, choices, and actions can make a difference for our children.

On Monday afternoon, Dr. Marian Wright Edelman lifted up America's poverty-stricken children as one example why people must not just take interest in the children's future, but should take action to ensure that no child is neglected. "Where is our voice? Why are we so silent?" asked Dr. Edelman. "What is it going to take for us as people of God to stand up and to say 'Our children are going to have to come first.'? Children have only one childhood and it is right now. Millions of children in our nation require emergency attention in our recession-ravaged economy as poverty, extreme child poverty, hunger, and hopelessness have increased."

On the final morning of the conference, participants gathered at the Lake Junaluska peace pole to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. Attendees reflected on the recent headlines full of despair and violence, then prayed for and discussed the ways they could foster peace and reconciliation.

This sentiment toward action was reflected in Dr. Luther Smith's closing message: "If we are captive to being the recipients of the full vision of our children, we will never be engaged. All that we've been seeing and hearing about is not going to change just because we decided 'I think I'll do something tomorrow.' But it changes for each of us when we decide to be involved for the children day by day, moment by moment, with our joys coming day by day, moment by moment, policy by policy, relationship by relationship. There is something in us that begins to change immediately. Something is in us that drives the despair away. Something in us that becomes empowered. And as we're wanting children to be more alive, we become more alive."

The 2011 Peace Conference: Abundance, Poverty and Peace: Seeking Economic Justice for all God's Children, is scheduled November 13-15. Keynote speakers include David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World.

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