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A mission worthy of this place

What an exciting start to 2011 we have had at Lake Junaluska! There is an air of optimism and anticipation that is providing energy to staff, residents, and visitors alike. We are living into the belief that the future of Lake Junaluska is indeed very bright.

The board of directors of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc., has recently approved a new mission statement: the mission of Lake Junaluska is to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body. "I am very excited to have a mission that is clear, succinct, and worthy of this incredible place. This mission will guide us far into the future," declared Lake Junaluska executive director Jack Ewing.

The core of the mission begins with the words "a place." Many institutions and organizations are far less tied to place than we are here at Lake Junaluska. Our greatest asset and all that we do is tied to this "holy ground." God provided us with the gift of these beautiful mountains, our founders provided us with the gift of the lake (through the building of the dam), and we have the responsibility of taking care of these gifts and adding value to the beauty and function of this place. We would have no reason to exist if it were not for this place we call Lake Junaluska.

"Christian hospitality" describes the way we want to treat everyone who comes onto these grounds. Many persons employed in the lodging and food business are committed to providing excellent hospitality; the best strive to treat customers with extreme courtesy and kindness and to attend to their every need. While we have done this well at times, we will get much better at it. The adjective "Christian" not only describes how, but clarifies why we provide hospitality. We don't treat our guests with kindness and courtesy and attend to their every need just so they will come back; we do it because that is what Jesus taught us to do.

What is it that will occur to people who venture onto these grounds? What is the desired outcome of visiting, living at, or working in this place? It is that "lives will be transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body." As an organization of The United Methodist Church and as followers of Jesus Christ, we are encouraged to help people experience the transforming love of God through Jesus Christ. There are many ways this transformation can happen here at Lake Junaluska. Sometimes it will occur because of intentional programming, including worship, youth events, and conferences. Sometimes transformation will occur because of the radical Christian hospitality that is experienced, because of the way we care for, serve, and love our guests. Sometimes transformation will occur when experiencing the presence of God while sitting at Inspiration Point, walking through the Corneille Bryan Native Garden, or running around the lake in the early morning mist. "It has always been—and I hope always will be—a place of transformation," said Ewing.

Come to Lake Junaluska to experience transformation—for the first time or the 100th time!

Lake Junaluska Singers tour the Southeast

Since 1954, the Lake Junaluska Singers have served as musical ambassadors for Lake Junaluska and The United Methodist Church. With a concert repertoire including classical choral music, hymn arrangements, spirituals, and musical comedy, this 16-voice professional ensemble presents seasonal concerts at Lake Junaluska. In addition, the group tours across the country and around the world, sharing God's love through inspiring music.

"The Lake Junaluska Singers are available for performances at churches, conferences, and other special events," said Dr. Melodie Galloway, director of the Lake Junaluska Singers. "We hope that persons experience the transforming power of music during the 2011 concert season, whether they attend a concert at Lake Junaluska or a concert during our summer tour."

If your church or group is interested in hosting the Lake Junaluska Singers, please contact Dr. Melodie Galloway at mgalloway@lakejunaluska.com for more information. The Lake Junaluska Singers' concert schedule and tour schedule are available at www.lakejunaluska.com/singers.



Jack Ewing, Lake Junaluska executive director, believes "the future of Lake Junaluska is indeed very bright."

Ministry Summit addresses future of church ministry

The contemporary context presents challenges and opportunities for ministry that are vastly different from even a few years ago. Caught between the church of the past and the new church that is emerging, pastoral leaders can learn clues to the future from pioneering practitioners and thinkers Michael Slaughter and Lovett Weems at the 2011 Lake Junaluska Ministry Summit, "Leading in a New Day."



Lovett Weems, pictured above, and Michael Slaughter (not pictured) will examine challenges and opportunities for ministry at the 2011 Lake Junaluska Ministry Summit.

Slaughter and Weems will address the challenges and opportunities ministers must face, such as moving from inwardly-focused to outwardly-focused missional ministry; navigating rapid changes in the makeup of the United States population; bridging generational gaps and addressing tensions, particularly around worship and leadership; and re-engaging the communities where churches are located.

Slaughter's ministry at Ginghamburg Church in Ohio is helping churches navigate uncertain times by becoming missional forces locally and globally. Weems is distinguished professor of church leadership and director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He spent his years in local church ministry in Mississippi emphasizing both evangelism and social concerns.

"There is no future for The United Methodist Church in the U.S. unless we can demonstrate that we can reach more people, younger people, and more diverse people," explained Dr. Weems. "Despite the difficulty of reaching younger people, the young today bring an idealism and sense of service that match well with mission-focused churches. We need to move from a 'save the church' mentality to a 'save the world' way of thinking."

The Ministry Summit will examine financial and membership challenges facing the church, as well as how churches are struggling to meet the needs of one generation while trying to adapt to meet the needs of emerging generations. Participants will also receive insights into opportunities to expand and enhance their ministries' focus and mission.

"Between now and 2018 (when death rates will begin to rise and continue to do so until 2050), the church desperately needs to regain its historic passion for reaching people for Christ and begin to show results that will give energy and momentum heading into years that will test the church in ways not seen since the early days of American Methodism," Weems concluded.

For more information and to register for the 2011 Lake Junaluska Ministry Summit, July 31 - August 2, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/summit or call 828-454-6656.



The Lake Junaluska Singers perform seasonally at Lake Junaluska and tour churches during the summer.

July 4th, a family celebration at Lake Junaluska

Each summer, Lake Junaluska hosts its annual Independence Day celebrations with fireworks, a barbecue, a parade, and the Lake Junaluska Singers in concert. For some, these celebrations have turned into a family affair.

Rev. Woody Adams, retired, of the Tennessee Annual Conference, celebrates this holiday with his wife and family each year at their home near Memorial Chapel.

"To me, July 4th is a highlight because it is a time when you get back together with people you've known," explained Adams. "The Fourth of July in 1953 was my first date with Lucy, my wife, and the rest is history. We've been married almost 56 years come June 10, all because of Lake Junaluska. If my parents and her parents hadn't loved coming up here when we were little, we wouldn't have known anything about Lake Junaluska."

Adams said the fireworks weren't always set off below the dam. "We lived down from the chapel, and back in the '50s the fireworks were set off at the swimming pool. People would come and sit on our front yard. Eventually, the crowd became so great that they moved the fireworks to the dam. You would have thought it was a natural disaster when they moved."

"So many people participate and bring their families together for the activities at Lake Junaluska on the Fourth," continued Adams. "You don't have a parade anywhere else where you're pulling your kids in a wagon and you're throwing candy. It's simple and homey. You started the day with the parade and you looked forward to hearing the Lake Junaluska Singers, and then you'd rush out and get your place for the fireworks."

For Adams and many others, July 4th at Lake Junaluska is an opportunity to reunite with their families. "Lucy and I courted up here (at Lake Junaluska) and married in the chapel. Our three boys worked up here in the summer and met their wives here just like we did," said Adams. "The Fourth of July gradually became a family-reunion thing. Our children started having kids, and they would all go up to the Lambuth for the parades and bring their kids down in the wagons, and we'd rush down to sit in our lawn chairs and watch them come by. You have great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, and their children all in one place."

The 2011 Independence Day celebrations will take place Monday, July 4, with the annual parade, a balloon artist, inflatable rides, a barbecue lunch, the Lake Junaluska Singers concert, and a spectacular fireworks finale.

For more information, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/july4th.

George McGovern to speak at Peace Conference

The fourth annual Lake Junaluska Peace Conference, "Poverty, Abundance, and Peace: Seeking Economic Justice for All God's Children," on November 13-15, 2011, will illuminate some of the systemic causes of poverty and economic disparity to help participants better understand these issues and to be equipped as change agents to work to alleviate poverty for a more just and peaceful world.

Speakers for this year's conference include Senator George McGovern; Dr. David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World; and Bishop Nkula Ntambo of the Katanga Conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Senator McGovern is a longtime proponent of peace and justice for all people. He served many years as a representative and senator from South Dakota and was a candidate for the presidency of the United States in 1972. He is a former director of the Food for Peace Program and was awarded the National Peacemaker Award in 2009. Dr. Beckmann is one of the foremost advocates for hungry and poor people. He has served as president of Bread for the World since 1991. He founded and serves as president of the Alliance to End Hunger, which engages diverse U.S. institutions—Muslim and Jewish groups, corporations, unions, and universities—in building the political will to end hunger.

Bishop Ntambo recently was awarded the Peacemaker Award from the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding. As leader of the United Methodists in the Katanga region, he has reached out to people of different faiths to work together to build a sustainable economy for the people of that area and has helped to broker peace among the different factions. He brings much hands-on experience in peacemaking and working for economic justice to the conference.

"Dr. Beckmann, Senator McGovern, and Bishop Ntambo each bring a long history of effective involvement in issues related to peace, poverty, and hunger," explained Garland Young and Wannamaker Hardin, chair and vice-chair of the Peace Conference. "They will help us explore ways to be more effective in our witness and involvement in seeking peace and justice for all. The interfaith approach to peace will continue to be an emphasis of this conference, with Muslim, Jewish, and Christian leaders taking part."

In keeping with the commitment of the Peace Conference to interfaith peacemaking, an interfaith panel featuring Jewish, Muslim, and Christian scholars will explore the topic, "Our Sacred Texts Speak to Us in Regard to Peace, Justice, and Economics."

For more information on the conference and to register, go to www.lakejunaluska.com/peace.

Volunteers lend Lake Junaluska's beauty a helping hand

— by Caroline Klapper, special from Mountaineer Publishing, Inc., Waynesville, NC



Betsy Hardin, a Lake Junaluska resident, plants flowers during Lake Junaluska's Beautification Day, April 5.

The beauty of Lake Junaluska attracts thousands to its shores every year to enjoy the recreation opportunities there or to visit the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. On Tuesday, April 5 this year, the lake got a facelift during the first-ever Lake Junaluska Beautification Day.

About 150 people, including Lake Junaluska staff, residents, and members of the community, showed up to participate in Beautification Day. From planting flowers to cleaning out gutters, volunteers worked from 8 A.M. on into the afternoon to give Lake Junaluska a thorough spring cleaning.

"The vision was to have a single day where we had 100 or more people who would come together and beautify and add value to the beauty of the place," said Jack Ewing, Lake Junaluska Assembly's executive director.

With about 1,200 acres of land to maintain, Ewing thought a beautification day would be a great way to clean up around the lake and complete several projects that would enhance the area's appearance. Since the lake is open to the public for recreational use, Ewing wanted to get the wider community involved in the day.

"It's great to be in partnership with the residents and community," he said as he worked on planting new shrubs along an embankment near the south entrance. "It's an amazing sense of accomplishment at the end of the day to stand back and say, 'Wow.'"

On the other side of the lake, resident Phyllis Capponi worked diligently along the Rose Walk, spreading fresh pine straw in the beds.

She said she wanted to take part in the beautification day because she wants to keep the lake looking beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

"Lake Junaluska is such a wonderful place to live," she said. "It's a community effort, and everyone works together so well. It's all about our love of God in this beautiful place. We just want to keep beautiful what God has given us."

In addition to the regular landscaping tasks, volunteers worked on several projects, including adding plantings to shorelines to prevent erosion and improving access to Fulbright Park, a small picnic area located just off U.S. 19 near the main gate to the campus on North Lakeshore Drive.

Buddy Young, director of residential services, said Fulbright Park was probably the biggest project of the day. It included adding new plantings and flowers, and creating more parking to allow for easier access to the picnic area.

By the end of the day, all the projects were completed, with the exception of laying down concrete for a new sidewalk, which was delayed by rainy weather.

"All in all, we accomplished everything we wanted," said Ken Howle, director of communications.

"I think we feel great about it," Young said of the day. "Part of what we wanted to do was get the residents and staff to work together. We had some really good fellowship here."

Chief Junaluska award honors dedication

In 1968, the Junaluska Associates, a support group dedicated to enhancing and promoting the programs and outreach of Lake Junaluska, was established by persons from across the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

In 1977, the Associates honored Bishop Paul Hardin, the first recipient of the Chief Junaluska Award, for significant contributions and service to Lake Junaluska. Since then, 43 persons have been recognized as Chief Junaluska for their dedication to Lake Junaluska during the Associates' annual business meeting, Associates Weekend.

"The passion and commitment the Associates have for Lake Junaluska is an inspiration," said Jack Ewing, Lake Junaluska executive director. "We are deeply appreciative of the dedication of every Associate, and the Chief Junaluska Award is a meaningful way the Associates recognize the dedication of individuals who support Lake Junaluska."

In 2010, the Associates honored James W. and Frances Cobb Hart as Chief Junaluska for their longstanding service to Lake Junaluska. James accepted the award before family and friends, Frances having died in 2008.

The Hart and Cobb families first came to Lake Junaluska

in the 1930s, and both James and Frances grew up and worked during many summers at the lake.

"In 1950, Frances was elected Junaluska Queen and she and James were engaged that same weekend," wrote Bill King in the Junaluska Associates' newsletter. "After serving appointments in the Holston Conference, James retired to Junaluska to become director of services, then special assistant to the director, and, finally, official greeter for the many conferences and visitors to the grounds."

Frances managed the taping office in Stuart Auditorium before becoming director of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History and the SEJ Heritage Center from 1987 to 1992. She revitalized the historical commission and moved the archives from the Liner warehouse to new quarters in the expanded Harrell Center. The major

transfer of archives was with the assistance of James.

"Few individuals have contributed to the well-being of the (Lake Junaluska) Assembly over such a long period and in such a variety of ways," concluded King.

"The organization has raised 3.2 million dollars in 43



James Hart, Chief Junaluska 2010, receives congratulations from fellow Junaluska Associate Sara Queen Brown.

Youth in Missions offers outreach

Youth in Missions (YIM) strives to offer youth and young adults 12-24 years of age an opportunity to explore mission and outreach in new and exciting ways. This conference is a ministry of the Southeastern Jurisdiction that helps youth and young adults realize that mission is a way of life, not just a once-a-year trip. People who are currently serving in mission and outreach either locally or internationally will share about their lives and their ministries. The conference will also include the City of Opportunity, which features one-on-one time with organizations in mission and outreach as a discovery opportunity for youth and young adults.

YIM has been impacting young lives for over 25 years. Rev. Lisa Yebuah has been involved in this ministry since 1994, when she was a youth in leadership in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Now, nearly 16 years later and serving as an UMC associate pastor, she still finds herself drawn to this ministry.

"YIM is one of the few opportunities for youth that I have seen that offers a transformative model in a retreat setting," explained Yebuah. "Hence, I am grateful for the intentionality and faithful witness of YIM."

The Design Team, which plans and organizes this conference, is made up of youth and young adults from the Southeastern Jurisdiction who feel called to serve in mission.

"Youth must be given 'space' to be the kind of people God would want them to be," continued Yebuah. "As a mission conference with camp experiences and hands-on mission opportunities, YIM does just that."

Youth in Missions will begin the evening of Sunday, July 3, and end the morning of Thursday, July 7.

For additional information, please contact Kris Konsowicz at kkonsowicz@collervilleumc.org or visit www.lakejunaluska.com/youth-in-missions.



Eddie Willis and the Narrow Path performed at the 2010 Youth in Missions.

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years, primarily for beautification purposes at Lake Junaluska," explained Dr. Ernie Porter, the Junaluska Associates president. "Anyone, group, or church that wants to support Lake Junaluska is invited to join at any level."

There are four membership levels: Annual Members (\$100), Life Members (\$1000), Founder Members (\$1913), and Centennial Members (\$2013). Life, Founder, and Centennial memberships are one-time payments, and all funds from these are placed in the endowment. The endowment earnings fund most of the projects that the Associates have provided for Lake Junaluska.

Restoration of the amphitheater, the reconstruction of the Rose Walk, paving and improving the walking trails, and the purchase of the trams and trolley are all due to the generosity of the Junaluska Associates. The Associates also funded the construction of the Turbeville pedestrian bridge, give yearly support to the Junaluska Singers, and provide scholarships for first-time visitors to Lake Junaluska. Current projects of the Associates include the establishment of a Biblical garden at the Bethea Welcome Center and the rebuilding and resurfacing of the shuffleboard courts near the playground.

The Junaluska Associates are preparing for their annual Associates Weekend, August 5-7, 2011. The weekend will feature the Junaluska Singers in concert, a memorial service for past Associates, a golf tournament, the annual banquet and award presentation for Chief Junaluska, and much more.

For more information on the Junaluska Associates or to join, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/associates.

Leonard Sweet conducts summer seminars

Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet will wrap up the 2011 Lake Junaluska Summer Worship Series on August 14, following a week of seminars, workshops, and worship services at Lake Junaluska.

Sweet has been a featured speaker at the National Camp and Retreat meeting in 2011.

He is a United Methodist elder, an E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew Theological School, and a chief contributor to *Sermons.com*. Sweet is also the author of numerous books and articles, including *NUDGE: Awakening Each Other to the God Who's Already There*.

During "Sweet Week" at Lake Junaluska, he will be the featured speaker for Wisdom and Grace (www.lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace). Following Wisdom and Grace, Sweet will present an evangelism leadership event, Nudge Evangelism, August 11-12, centered on his most recent book, *NUDGE*.

Sweet will also be a featured speaker at the Western North Carolina Gathering of the Laity and conclude his week at the Sunday summer worship 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. Jeremy Troxler
July 24	Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray
July 31	Rev. Grace Imathiu
August 7	Rev. Shane Bishop
August 14	Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet

Visit www.lakejunaluska.com/summer-worship for more information.

Experience fellowship, create lasting memories at Lake Junaluska



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The mission of Lake Junaluska is to be a place of

Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body.



Lake Junaluska visitors and residents enjoy the changing seasons at Lake Junaluska while walking around the 2.6-mile walking path, which includes the Turbeville Footbridge.



The Lake Junaluska labyrinth at Memorial Chapel is a serene area for people to reflect and meditate.



Celia Whittler will join us again in 2011 as a featured speaker at Lake Junaluska's youth summer camp, SURGE into Missions.



Families will enjoy a beautiful July 4th at Lake Junaluska. Face painting, a parade, a barbecue lunch, Lake Junaluska Singers concerts, and fireworks make for a complete celebration of Independence Day.



The 2011 Native American Summer Conference will feature unique worship and spiritual growth opportunities for all ages.



Upcoming Events

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| 6/16-19 | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 1 | 8/28 - 9/2 | Road Scholar: Poet of the People 2011 |
| 6/19-23 | SURGE into Missions: Week 1 | 8/30 - 9/1 | Alban: Nurturing the Spirit - Balancing the Demands of Pastoral Ministry |
| 6/19-24 | Music and Worship Arts Week | 9/2-3 | Smoky Mountain Folk Festival |
| 6/19 - 8/14 | Summer Worship Series | 9/11-14 | Road Scholar: Inside Great Smoky Mountains National Park 2011 |
| 6/23-26 | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 2 | 9/15-17 | African-American Women's Leadership Conference: The Strong Black Woman |
| 6/24-26 | Native American Summer Conference | 9/25-30 | Road Scholar: Civil War - The Common Soldier 2011 |
| 6/30 - 7/3 | Rekindling the Flame of the Laity Conference | 9/29 - 10/1 | Stewardship in the African-American Church |
| 6/30 - 7/3 | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 3 | 9/30 - 10/1 | Chautauqua Weekend J. Claude Evans Memorial Lecture Series |
| 7/3-4 | Lake Junaluska Singers concerts | 10/2-7 | Road Scholar: Life in the Great Smoky Mountains 2011 |
| 7/3-4 | Independence Day Celebration | 10/7-9 | Native American Women's Conference |
| 7/3-7 | Youth in Missions | 10/11-13 | Alban: Living Traditionally in a New Age - The Technical Impact |
| 7/7-10 | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 4 | 10/14-15 | Lake Junaluska Singers concerts |
| 7/10-14 | SURGE into Missions: Week 2 | 10/18-21 | Fall Fling 2011 |
| 7/10-14 | SOULFeast | 10/21-23 | Choir Music Weekend |
| 7/13-15 | African-American Preaching Summit | 10/23-25 | Lake Junaluska Diaconate Gathering |
| 7/14-17 | SURGE into Missions: Weekend 5 | 10/30 - 11/4 | Road Scholar: Mountain Stories and Ballads 2011 |
| 7/17-21 | SURGE into Missions: Week 3 | 11/4-6 | Confirmation Retreat 5 |
| 7/24-27 | Road Scholar: Folkmoot USA 2011 | 11/7-9 | Experiencing the World of the Bible I |
| 7/25-28 | Leading the Middle Size Church 2011 | 11/9-11 | Experiencing the World of the Bible II |
| 7/27-31 | Sacred / Liturgical Dance | 11/10-12 | African-American Music and Worship Explo |
| 7/31 - 8/2 | Lake Junaluska Ministry Summit | 11/13-15 | Lake Junaluska Peace Conference |
| 7/31 - 8/3 | Road Scholar: Cherokee 2011 | 11/29 - 12/2 | Christmas at Lambuth 2011 |
| 8/4-7 | ALLERS Academy | 12/2-4 | Native American Social Justice Conference |
| 8/5 | Lake Junaluska Singers concert | 12/9-10 | Lake Junaluska Singers concerts |
| 8/5-7 | Junaluska Associates Weekend | 12/9-11 | Appalachian Christmas |
| 8/7-9 | Transformational Leadership | 12/16-18 | SEJ Student Movement Retreat |
| 8/8-11 | Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference | 12/29-31 | INFUSE Youth Winter Retreat |
| 8/11-12 | Leadership Seminar with Rev. Leonard Sweet | | |
| 8/14-19 | Road Scholar: Mountain Stories and Ballads 2011 | | |
| 8/21-26 | Road Scholar: Southern Mountain Musical Traditions 2011 | | |

For more information about an event, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/calendar.aspx.



Kristina Rogers dances as part of Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska, which takes place annually in the summer.



Leonard Sweet's leadership seminar in August is just one of the many opportunities persons will have to learn from Sweet. Sweet will be presenting and preaching at Lake Junaluska the entire week of August 8-14.



Pat Stewart of North Carolina and Rose Williams of South Carolina enjoyed spirit-filled worship at the 2010 African-American Women's Leadership Conference.



Joe Sam Queen takes part in the festivities during the Smoky Mountain Folk Festival. Join us this year, September 2-3, for lively music, dancing, and fun for all.



Lake Junaluska Singers Kenny Cheek and Alyssa Scott perform at the annual Appalachian Christmas at Lake Junaluska. In 2011, the Lake Junaluska Singers will perform with award-winner David Holt.



Lake Junaluska INFUSE youth ski retreats incorporate worship and praise. Pictured above is Chad Mattson of the band Unspoken, who performed for over 800 INFUSE participants in Stuart Auditorium.

David Holt to perform at Appalachian Christmas



David Holt will perform Christmas selections with the Lake Junaluska Singers.

Celebrate the Christmas season during Lake Junaluska's 11th annual Appalachian Christmas, December 9-11, 2011. The Lake Junaluska Singers, led by Dr. Melodie Galloway, will kick off the weekend with holiday favorites on Friday, December 9, in Stuart Auditorium.

The festivities continue Saturday, December 10, with the Christmas craft show in the Harrell Center auditorium. At 2:00 P.M., the Lake Junaluska Singers will perform in Stuart Auditorium with Voices in the Laurel, the award-winning children's choir. That evening, the Lake Junaluska Singers will perform select holiday songs with David Holt, four-time Grammy Award winner and Southern Appalachian musician, at 8 P.M. in Stuart Auditorium.

Appalachian Christmas weekend concludes with a free worship service at 9 A.M. in the Terrace Hotel auditorium on Sunday, December 11.

For a schedule of events and more information, please visit www.lakejunaluska.com/christmas or call 800-222-4930. Lodging packages are available.

Native American dedication ceremony scheduled

The dedication ceremony of the Simeon Cummings-Tom Queen Native American Room in the Bethea Welcome Center is scheduled for 4 P.M. on Saturday, June 25, 2011.

The Cummings-Queen Native American Room will be furnished with art and crafts representative of Native American people in the Southeast, and honors Rev. Simeon Cummings and memorializes Tom Queen, two Native American leaders who made a tremendous difference to SEJANAM (the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association for Native American Ministries) and Native American Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

"SEJANAM is a unique treasure in The United Methodist Church, and particularly the Southeast," commented Rev. Roger Dowdy, director of ministries at Lake Junaluska. "SEJANAM is a vital spiritual, communication, and advocacy network for Native Americans across the United States."

Cummings and Queen were highly involved in their local churches and respective Annual Conferences. Rev. Cummings was the first director of SEJANAM, the first Native American assistant to the cabinet of the North Carolina Annual Conference, and the first Native American elected delegate to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. Queen was elected the first chairman of the board of directors for SEJANAM, served as the first mission director for Cherokee UMC, and served on both the Commission on Religion and Race, and the General Council on Ministry.



The dedication ceremony will take place during the 2011 Native American Summer Conference.

For a complete schedule of the conference or for more information about the dedication ceremony, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/sejanam.



Catherine Nelson, SEJANAM interim director, plays the Native American flute, which has a unique musical scale, at the 2009 Native American Summer Conference.

Making the most of your time at Lake Junaluska

Bethea Welcome Center



Located at the main gate at the North Lakeshore entrance, the Bethea Welcome Center serves as a multipurpose building that welcomes and provides information for visitors. It also functions as the center for lodging and event registration. The Haywood Chamber of Commerce visitor center, which provides maps and pamphlets about the area's local activities and attractions, is located within the Bethea Welcome Center.

Hours of operation:
Open daily 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

For more information, call 800-222-4930 or e-mail info@lakejunaluska.com.

World Methodist Museum

The World Methodist Museum houses the largest collection of Methodist history, artifacts, and memorabilia in the world. Each season, the museum creates an exhibit that focuses on prominent figures in Methodism's history. Adults and children alike will enjoy visiting the museum. Admission is free. The World Methodist Museum is located at 545 North Lakeshore Drive beside the Terrace Hotel.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 828-456-9432, ext. 4, or visit www.lakejunaluska.com/world-methodist-museum.

Golf Course

Located directly across from the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center's grounds is an 18-hole golf course. Enjoy the lush greens of the Junaluska Golf Course, which spans 5,034 yards and has a par of 68.



For rates and to schedule tee times, call 828-456-5777 or visit www.lakejunaluska.com/golf-course.

Mini-Golf

People of all ages will enjoy the mini-golf course. Located near the aquatic center and tennis courts, mini-golf is open daily from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Cost: free.

For more information, please call 828-452-2881.

The Foundation for Evangelism

Located at the main entrance of Lake Junaluska, The Foundation for Evangelism welcomes you to learn about its mission of providing funds to develop leaders with a passion for evangelism and about its founder, Dr. Harry Denman.

For more information, call 828-454-6800 or visit www.FoundationForEvangelism.org.

Trolley or Boat Tour



Escape the heat during the summer by embarking on a guided tour of Lake Junaluska's grounds. Tours of the grounds by trolley or boat are available for a fee for groups when prearranged. Enjoy a relaxing ride around the lake on the Cherokee IV, which provides a guided trip every day at 7 P.M. during summer. The boat dock is located at the Harrell Center. Cost: \$2 per person for guests and \$4 per person for non-guests to enjoy the trolley or boat tour.

For more information, call 828-452-2881.

Pool, Canoes, and Kayaks

The Lake Junaluska Aquatic Center, a convenient and family-friendly facility, is open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day each year.

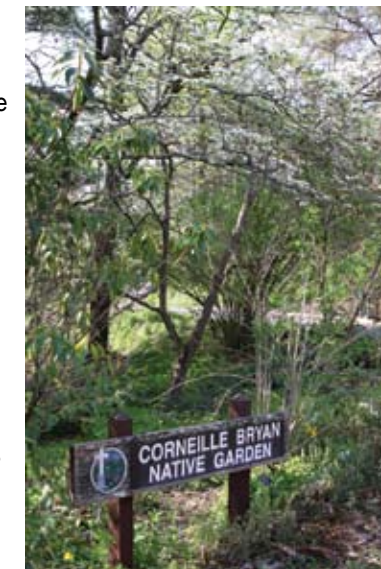
Hours of operation:
Monday – Saturday: 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Sunday: 1:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Cost:
Pool: \$6 per person (free for lodging guests)
Boat rentals: \$5 for 30 minutes
Shuffleboard: free
Tennis: free

For more information, please call 828-452-2881.

Corneille Bryan Native Garden

Nestled within Stuart Circle, the Corneille Bryan Native Garden is a serene escape for nature lovers. It contains over 500 species of native plants. Each season of the year provides visitors opportunities to see plants in bloom for that season. Early spring is an exciting time as the garden is waking up from its winter rest, but each season is special for the variety of blooms to be seen. The garden was created in memory of Corneille Downer Bryan, the wife of Bishop Monk Bryan.



Walking Trail



Lake Junaluska features a scenic 2.6-mile walking trail that winds around the lake and conference center's grounds. The trail features the Rose Walk, fishing areas, and several resting points where visitors may stop and enjoy a time of meditation and relaxation. The trail crosses over the dam and the Turbeville Footbridge, which allows visitors to complete their walk around the lake.

A printable walking guide is available at www.lakejunaluska.com/laketrail.

Lake Junaluska Gift Shop

The Lake Junaluska Gift Shop is located in the Terrace Hotel. Silt pottery, olive wood items, T-shirts, CDs, books, and more are available.

For more information, call 828-452-2881, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/gift-shop, or e-mail giftshop@lakejunaluska.com.

SEJ Heritage Center and Museum



Located at the lower level of the Harrell Center, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Heritage Center and Museum features exhibits depicting the history of Lake Junaluska, as well as the history of The United Methodist Church, emphasizing the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Admission is free.

Visit www.lakejunaluska.com/heritage-center or call 828-452-2881, ext. 781, for more information.

Cokesbury Bookstore

The Cokesbury Bookstore is located on the upper level of the Harrell Center. Cokesbury offers a variety of devotional materials, gifts, and more.

For more information, call 828-456-8746.

Lake Junaluska Library

Also located on the upper level of the Harrell Center, the Junaluska Library contains a wide variety of literature that all will enjoy.

For more information, call 828-454-6763.

Exciting Day Trips

Lake Junaluska is conveniently located within an hour's drive of many of Western North Carolina's prime attractions. These include: Biltmore Estate, whitewater rafting at several locations, a scenic railroad, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

Rare species found in Corneille Bryan Native Garden



Janet Manning, director of horticulture for the Corneille Bryan Native Garden, points out different species of wild plants.

When driving the streets of Lake Junaluska, many visitors may not realize a sanctuary of plant wildlife lies hidden at the far end of Stuart Circle, which is located directly across from the Colonnade. With over 500 species of plants, the Corneille Bryan Native Garden is an area where nature lovers can explore wildlife from across Western North Carolina and Southern Appalachia.

"The Corneille Bryan Native Garden is a quiet space," said Linda McFarland, chair of the board for the native garden. "When you're there, you hear birds and the creek that runs through the garden. These sounds are gentle reminders that you're in a sacred space."

Named in honor of the late Corneille Downer Bryan, artist, nature lover and wife of Bishop Monk Bryan, the garden is a designated area for hundreds of different plant species to be preserved. Maxilla Evans also helped establish the garden by donating her lifetime collection of wildflowers to the area, while the Tuscola Garden Club members' dream for a place on the Lake Junaluska grounds to preserve native trees, shrubs, and flowers was realized with the garden's establishment.

"Janet Lilley, a Lake Junaluska resident; Dr. J. Dan Pittillo, a retired professor of botany at Western Carolina University; and I wrote *Seasons in a Wildflower Refuge* in 2003 to celebrate the women who were instrumental in founding the native garden," explained McFarland. "Our mission is to provide a place of refuge, education, and conservation for Southern Appalachian native plants. The garden is unique because it is an area where you can come and see a lot of different plants without driving all over Western North Carolina."

Donations from private properties, along with plant rescue operations, have contributed to the growing number of species in the garden. Dr. Pittillo assisted in the garden's overall design and Janet Manning, the native garden's director of horticulture, maintains the area's natural beauty with the help of an intern and volunteers. Manning has given tours of the garden for the Native Plant Symposium at Western Carolina University for the past several summers.

"With such a great variety of species to maintain, Janet Manning does an excellent job maintaining the garden and incorporating volunteers with preservation," said McFarland.

Established to call attention to the unique plant life in the Southern Appalachians and to promote its preservation, the Corneille Bryan Native Garden is a place of respite and renewal for all.

"The garden is different every day and every season," concluded McFarland.

Corneille Bryan Native Garden trail guides are available at the garden and in many of Lake Junaluska's main facilities, such as the Bethea Welcome Center.

World Methodist Museum celebrates history



The World Methodist Museum houses the largest collection of Methodist history, artifacts, and memorabilia in the world.

History comes alive for those who visit the World Methodist Museum at Lake Junaluska. In 2011, the World Methodist Museum will highlight the 275th anniversary of John and Charles Wesley's arrival in America. The museum is a ministry of the World Methodist Council.

"The World Methodist Museum is a treasure of people in the Methodist/Wesleyan tradition," said Dr. George H. Freeman, general secretary of the World Methodist Council. "We pray that visitors to the museum will be acquainted with the heritage of the Wesleyan movement, but more importantly, we pray that people will be more aware of their own relationship to God through Jesus Christ."

The World Methodist Museum, erected in 1956, was the gift of American Methodism to the World Methodist Council and was originally the home of the World Methodist Council and also the Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church. After the Commission on Archives and History moved, the space was designated as the World Methodist Museum to tell the story of the Wesleyan movement while providing insight into our spiritual tradition in the context of the larger Christian Church. The World Methodist Council's international headquarters building is now located adjacent to the museum.

For more information, visit www.worldmethodistcouncil.org.