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Jimmy Carr's legacy

Since June 2000, Rev. Dr. Jimmy L. Carr has faithfully served as the executive director of Lake Junaluska. During this time, Lake Junaluska has undergone a transformation. After a decade of hard work and dedication at Lake Junaluska to promote diversity and inclusiveness, Carr announced his retirement, effective at the conclusion of 2010.

During his time as executive director Carr successfully spearheaded several major campaigns, including a fund-raising campaign that collected \$11 million for improvements at Lake Junaluska, the establishment of a workplace discipleship program, and renovations of several lodging and meeting facilities around campus. As a result of Carr's leadership, the Lake Junaluska staff has striven to provide a quality experience to all who visit Lake Junaluska.

"We are appreciative of Jimmy Carr and his work over the past 11 years," said Bishop Larry Goodpaster, board chairperson for Lake Junaluska Assembly. "His strong leadership has helped guide Lake Junaluska in a positive direction and his work has had a lasting impact on many lives."

When one first arrives on the Lake Junaluska campus, it's hard not to notice one of the most visible monuments to Carr's legacy. The Joseph and Shirley Bethea Welcome Center, named for the first African-American bishop elected in the Western North Carolina Conference and his wife, welcomes visitors to Lake Junaluska. Carr established the campaign to build the new welcome center and his work ensured that the new building would represent the all-inclusive philosophy of The United Methodist Church.

"It was a courageous decision and initiative that was embraced by all in the jurisdiction," commented Mr. James H. Salley, associate vice-chancellor for institutional advancement at Africa University. "Under his leadership, he was able to get that done. There is not another structure like that in Methodism anywhere. It's the first building like that on the Assembly that is named in memory of an African-American person and it's for one who greatly deserved the recognition."



Jimmy L. Carr, executive director of Lake Junaluska, will retire at the conclusion of 2010.

Prior to his appointment to the Southeastern Jurisdiction position, Carr served as associate general secretary of Deacon and Diaconal Ministries with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. He was instrumental in the development of the Order of Deacon, having participated in the study of ministry for two quadrennia on behalf of the general church prior to serving in that appointment. From 1986-1988, Rev. Carr also served on the committee that began the process for establishing Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

During his time with Africa University, Carr, along with the leadership of the Mississippi Conference, helped erect the Cross and Flame that is a prominent fixture on the university campus.

"Jimmy will be remembered for doing the right thing at the right time when it was needed," continued Salley. "He's a trailblazer and has always been on the cutting edge of humanitarian issues in church and society."

Upon retirement, Jimmy and Joy Carr will divide their retirement between Lake Junaluska and Brandon, Mississippi. Carr and his wife plan to enjoy spending more time with their children and grandchildren.

Rev. Carr is an ordained deacon in The United Methodist Church. A native of Forest, Mississippi, he was educated at Forest schools, the University of Southern Mississippi, and Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, where he was awarded the master of arts degree in Christian education. He has served as a member of the board of trustees of Rust College since 1995 and chairs the student affairs committee. He also serves as a member of the executive committee.

"I believe that the best days for Lake Junaluska are ahead. We have dealt with many transitional issues and implemented many good ministry and business practices that will carry us into the future," commented Carr. "It has been a real joy being at Lake Junaluska. I will always cherish the support and friendship of my co-workers, The United Methodist Church, and the local community."

For more information about Rev. Carr's retirement, please visit www.lakejunaluska.com/jimmy-carr.



Jimmy Carr has led several ground-breaking ceremonies during his time at Lake Junaluska. He is pictured above breaking ground at the Lake Junaluska Golf Course.



Jimmy Carr and WNC bishop Larry Goodpaster recognize Illinois Great River Conference bishop Palmer at the 2009 Council of Bishops.

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Ministries with Young People a source of inspiration ...



Youth groups from across the Southeast grow in Christ at Lake Junaluska MYP events.

"My week at Lake Junaluska was more than powerful," said Katie Brooks, who attended a SURGE 2010 Week with her youth group, Davis Street UMC in Burlington, North Carolina. "It was moving, emotional, happy, inspiring, and fun. Since this was my second year there, I thought I knew what would happen, but I was so wrong. This year, it was exactly what I needed. The staff really tried to connect with you, and the speaker, Olu (Brown) was amazing! I was focused and his speaking just inspired me ... I know more than ever [that] God loves me and has a plan all worked out for me."

Not only do MYP youth retreats touch and inspire youth, they leave an intangible mark on the young adults who help lead these events. One summer staff person, Lauren Park, accepted a call to ministry during her time at Lake Junaluska.

"I had always heard about Lake Junaluska and what a wonderful place it was," said Park. "Looking back, that doesn't do it justice. Even now as I am writing this about working there this summer, no sequence of words seems to be an adequate representation of my experience. It felt as if I literally rested in the palms of God's hands for two months, which in itself was the perfect imagery of what was yet to come."

In 2010, over 3,000 youth and their leaders grew in their commitment to Christ at Lake Junaluska MYP events. Youth participated in missions during their summer SURGE retreats and demonstrated their passion for God during their winter INFUSE retreats.

As the lights dim, hundreds of youth shuffle loudly to their seats for the opening worship service of their youth retreat at Lake Junaluska, laughter echoing throughout Shackford Hall. A band takes the stage; the vibrations of the drums can be felt throughout the room. When the first chords of the band sound, youth surge from their seats, singing along. They are joining together—some for the first time—to worship and grow at Lake Junaluska's Ministries with Young People (MYP) summer youth retreats, SURGE into Missions.

While here, youth are drawn closer to God and each other through mission experiences, small growth groups, and worship services electrified by passionate speakers and spiritually-driven bands.



MYP summer staffers Lauren Park, Lauren Childress, and Lisa Keller bond during a hike.

Multicultural Conference embraces diversity

All are invited to Lake Junaluska's 2nd Multicultural Conference, December 2-4, 2010. The theme for the conference is "Embracing Christ's Multi-Ethnic Body: Breaking Down Barriers and Building Bridges."

During this event, participants will experience life-changing times of listening and learning as they share stories of challenges, disappointments, hopes, and triumphs along the pilgrimage to make our churches the inclusive communities of love and respect God has called us to create.

"The Lake Junaluska Multicultural Conference will be a place for embracing diversity," said the Rev. Jimmy L. Carr, executive director of Lake Junaluska. "Persons will come together in a safe, life-affirming, and life-transforming environment to explore the common bond of God's love for all."

Leaders with a passion for justice, mercy, inclusiveness, and a commitment to welcoming all to the table of the Lord include Dr. Tim Tyson, award-winning author of *Blood Done Sign My Name* and senior scholar at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University; Dr. Anne Marshall, a community activist who speaks on indigenous issues, racism, and human rights violations around the world; the Rev. Dr. Mary John Dye, who began her ministry as the first cross-racial appointment in the Mississippi Conference; and many others.



Participants from the Florida Annual Conference at the 2007 Multicultural Conference.

Registration is still open for this event, and 1 CEU credit is available. To register or for more information, call 828-454-6656 or visit www.lakejunaluska.com/multicultural.

Lake Junaluska Singers Alumni Association

For more than 50 years, the Lake Junaluska Singers (LJS) have been a significant part of the ministry of Lake Junaluska. Over the course of those decades, more than 200 singers have come and gone through this distinctive musical entity identified with Lake



Dr. Melodie Galloway and Rev. Jimmy Carr welcome guests at the July 4th Lake Junaluska Singers concert.

Junaluska. The Singers are under the direction of Dr. Melodie Galloway. Dr. Galloway serves on the music faculty at UNC Asheville and is a former Lake Junaluska Singer, soloist, accompanist, and Lake Junaluska Singers manager.

In 2009, with Dr. Glenn Draper's retirement as director of the LJS, director of ministry Roger Dowdy approached several former singers to consider establishing the Lake Junaluska Singers Alumni Association. The concept received immediate affirmation and the ministry went to work to secure a diversity of current and former singers to constitute the first advisory board of the Lake Junaluska Singers Alumni Association. The LJS Alumni Association will be the primary force behind securing and increasing funding to the Music Ministry Endowment, assuring the future of the Lake Junaluska Singers. An LJS alumni gathering is scheduled for July of 2013.

The LJS association board held an organizational meeting via conference calls in early 2010 and the first board meeting was held at Lake Junaluska on August 20-21, with all 16 board members in attendance. They adopted an aggressive development goal of "11 in 11" to raise \$11,000 in 2011 for the Music Ministry Endowment Fund.

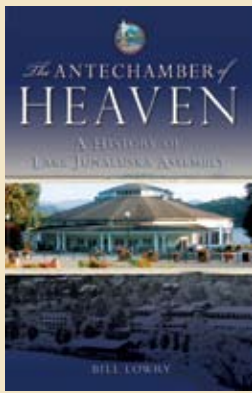
The LJS alumni have already made a significant contribution to the 2010 music program by providing funding this past May for a new Yamaha piano for the Stuart Auditorium rehearsal room—just in time for the 2010 Lake Junaluska Singers' first rehearsals of the summer season!

The LJS alumni board is headed by chairperson Lynne McNeill-Swofford (Texas) and vice-chair Daniel Varnell (Tennessee), both former Lake Junaluska Singers and currently professional musicians in their communities. Many former LJS continued their musical careers following their summers at Lake Junaluska and college graduations, and many are now outstanding professionals in music and the arts.

If your church or community would like to host the Lake Junaluska Singers in concert during the summer of 2011, call the ministry office for more information and scheduling: 828-454-6795. To read more about the Lake Junaluska Singers and the LJS Alumni Association go to: www.lakejunaluska.com/singers-alumni/

Antechamber of Heaven receives recognition

On October 23, 2010, the North Carolina Society of Historians presented Bill Lowry with an Ethel W. Twiford Religious History Book Award for his recent book, *The Antechamber of Heaven: A History of Lake Junaluska Assembly*.



The North Carolina Society of Historians was established in 1941 for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and perpetuating North Carolina's rich history. Lowry's book was recognized for the contributions he has made toward fulfilling the society's objectives.

"We are extremely proud of Bill!" exclaimed Jimmy L. Carr, executive director of Lake Junaluska. "This book is a valuable resource to historians and locals alike because it provides insight into the evolution of not only Lake Junaluska, but the surrounding area itself. We are grateful to Bill for his thorough research and dedication to create a comprehensive history of Lake Junaluska. His recognition is well deserved."

"This is a marvelous history of the Lake Junaluska Assembly that is easy to read and understand, has data chronicled by the decade, and is the result of an author who has paid meticulous attention to every detail," read the Society of Historians judges' comments. "We truly enjoyed judging this entry and feel it is most worthy of receiving an Ethel W. Twiford Religious History Book Award. It won by the unanimous decision of our five-judge panel."

The Antechamber of Heaven chronicles the many changes that have taken place throughout Lake Junaluska—and Methodism as a whole—over the many years of its existence. With over 241 pages, the book includes many pictures from 1913, the year the Lake Junaluska Assembly opened, until present day. In addition, a detailed timeline from 1899–2005 and a foreword by Jimmy L. Carr, executive director of Lake Junaluska, are included.

Copies of *The Antechamber of Heaven* are available for \$27 per copy, plus shipping and handling. To purchase online, visit www.shop.lakejunaluska.com. Copies are also available at the Lake Junaluska gift shop in the Terrace Hotel. Call 828-452-2881 for more information.

Meet the new executive director ...



Dr. John L. "Jack" Ewing, Jr. has been named the new executive director of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.

Dr. Ewing will begin his new duties on January 1, 2011, and fills the position being vacated by the retirement of Rev. Jimmy L. Carr. Ewing currently serves as the executive director of the Foundation for Evangelism, which is also based at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

"The entire board of directors is excited about the future and believes that Jack brings a passion for Lake Junaluska and a background of success that will move us forward in the future," commented Bishop Larry Goodpaster, board chairperson for Lake Junaluska Assembly.

"We are also appreciative of the work of Jimmy Carr over the past 11 years. We know that Jack will be able to build on the work Jimmy has begun."

For more information about Dr. Ewing, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/executive-director.

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10th annual Appalachian Christmas celebrates the season

For 10 years, Lake Junaluska's Appalachian Christmas has drawn crowds celebrating the upcoming holiday and Christmas season. With performances by the Lake Junaluska Singers, a Christmas craft show, and special holiday performances by musicians like Doc Watson, Carl Hurley, and the Cockman Family, Appalachian Christmas at Lake Junaluska has something to offer everyone.



Ricky Skaggs, the legendary 14-time Grammy award-winning country and bluegrass artist, will be performing Saturday, December 11, as part of the Appalachian Christmas festivities. Skaggs and his



Ricky Skaggs

family will perform a "Skaggs Family Christmas," a well-loved show that the entire family can enjoy.

Lake Junaluska's Appalachian Christmas weekend begins Friday, December 10, at 7:30 P.M., with the first of two Lake Junaluska Singers' concerts.

Led by Dr. Melodie Galloway, the Singers will perform a collection of holiday favorites as well as spiritual selections.

On Saturday, December 11, events include the Christmas craft show from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., and the second Lake Junaluska Singers' performance at 2:30 P.M. The Skaggs Family Christmas concert will conclude Appalachian Christmas at 8:00 P.M., with a special meet-and-greet opportunity at 7:00 P.M.

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



Focus on partners: the Lake Junaluska gift societies

Named for outstanding leaders in the history of Methodism, the Lake Junaluska gift societies support the ministries of Lake Junaluska by providing worship, Christian programs, and leader development that assist us in becoming a premier Christian conference and retreat center. Currently, there are over 30 members of the three societies who have made a five (5)-year financial commitment to support Lake Junaluska. Visit www.lakejunaluska.com/donate or call 866-256-1079 to make a donation.

Five-year gift societies

The Gilbert-Lambuth Society recognizes individuals, organizations, or corporations that pledge a total of \$50,000 or more within a five-year period. Diverse in culture and race, Dr. John Wesley Gilbert and Bishop Walter R. Lambuth were multi-faceted giants among late 19th/early 20th-century missionaries, scholars, and ministers. Both men exemplify the excellence that is a hallmark at Lake Junaluska. Connected to the Lake in unique ways, Gilbert spent time as summer staff, and Lambuth Inn recognizes the bishop's work in the mission field. The Gilbert Room in Lambuth Inn acknowledges the "brotherhood" between these two Methodist missionaries.

The Francis Asbury Society recognizes donors that pledge to support Lake Junaluska with total gifts of \$5,000 to \$49,999 over a five-year period. The ministries of Francis Asbury and Lake Junaluska came together at a crossroads on Richland Creek. One of the founders of American Methodism, Francis Asbury traveled along Richland Creek, where Lake Junaluska is now located. Asbury could hardly



Gifts from the Junaluska Associates made the purchase of the Lake Junaluska trolley possible.

have imagined that a century later, the very land on which he rode would become a place where servants of Christ would find rest, refreshment, and new inspiration.

Susanna Wesley Society donors pledge to support Lake Junaluska with total giving of \$2,500 to \$4,999 within a five-year period.

Susanna Wesley set an example for learning, creativity, and Christ-centered change that is as central to the mission of Lake Junaluska as it was to her own family. Susanna's commitment that children receive a Christian education is emulated at Lake Junaluska throughout the year in programs, camps, and family ministry. Susanna is also remembered fondly through the beauty of the Susanna Wesley Garden.

Members of the three societies are recognized annually through the annual report, at the donor recognition banquet, and are presented with clay medallions unique to their society containing silt from the lake.



Countless improvements around Lake Junaluska have been made thanks to generous donations.

SURGE into Missions



Davis Street UMC youth volunteered in a community garden during SURGE 2010.

Micah 6:8 - "What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God."

Whether spending time with the elderly, preparing meals for those in need, or working on outdoor projects, youth who attend SURGE into Missions at Lake Junaluska go home knowing that their contributions make a difference.

"For me, serving is a key component to who we are as Christians," commented Rev. Carolyn Poling, director of Ministries with Young People at Lake Junaluska. "It's our response to the love of God. We love because God first loved us."

During SURGE, youth made significant contributions to the local and regional communities by using their hearts, minds, and strength in service. Groups volunteered at organizations like the Open Door Soup Kitchen in Haywood County, a ministry devoted to feeding the hungry, assisting those in need, and to providing a safe, Christian environment for everyone. Youth also volunteered with many other regional and community organizations, including MANNA FoodBank in Asheville, where they sorted, cleaned, and labeled food for distribution.

"SURGE was POWERFUL! The youth had positive change to take action in their hearts and minds," exclaimed Penny Thompson, director of Youth Ministries at Davis Street UMC, North Carolina. "They were touched by the Holy Spirit and the love they have for one another in Christ. The mission work was a great experience for them to bring back to their own town."

"My hope is that our youth and their leaders will walk away from their time at Lake Junaluska feeling like they've made a difference in someone else's life, but also that they've walked humbly with God," explained Poling.

SURGE into Missions will continue to enable youth groups to grow in their commitment to God through local and regional mission experiences during the summer of 2011.

For more information about SURGE into Missions, visit www.myp.lakejunaluska.com/surge-camp.

Lake Junaluska Singers take the show on the road ...



The Lake Junaluska Singers perform regularly at worship services, including Sunday worship at Lake Junaluska.

are "bringing hope to the world through inspiring music."

If your church or community would like to host the Lake Junaluska Singers in concert during the summer of 2011, call the Ministry Office for more information and scheduling: 828-454-6795. They are available for special music services, Sunday morning worship, and a variety of other functions.

The Lake Junaluska Singers are on the move! Each summer, in addition to annual performances at Lake Junaluska, the Lake Junaluska Singers travel throughout the Southeast, performing at as many as seven different churches a week.

"I hope to have the group back many times in the future," commented Adam Ward, director of Music Ministries at Providence UMC, Charlotte, North Carolina. "The Lake Junaluska Singers are truly a gem in our jurisdiction."

No church is too small or too far away. The Lake Junaluska Singers use each performance during their tour as an opportunity to share Christ's message through music to all. As Dr. Melodie Galloway, director of the Lake Junaluska Singers, puts it: they

For more information about the Lake Junaluska Singers and for future concert dates, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/singers.

Confirmation renews commitment

Every year, youth make heartfelt commitments to their churches, pledging to be faithful in their witness, prayers, presence, gifts, and service. At Lake Junaluska Confirmation Weekend Retreats, youth are encouraged to explore the deeper meanings of that commitment with other youth, establishing lasting bonds through their shared commitment to Christ.

During their time at Lake Junaluska, youth discover the rich heritage within Methodism and the Southeastern Jurisdiction as they visit the World Methodist Museum and the SEJ Heritage Center. These interactive tours allow participants to see, hear about, and touch their history and the history of their church.

"I enjoyed the church worship, workshops, and getting closer with God," said past confirmand Mason Tomburly when asked to name his favorite part of the confirmation retreat.



Confirmands are swept up in the music and message at Confirmation worship services.

received in their unique communities. Other mini-workshops offered include prayer, worship, fitness, and diversity.

Confirmation weekends at Lake Junaluska begin March 18-20, 2011. For more information, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-1.



Confirmation speaker Rev. Olu Brown and a confirmand discuss the stole Brown places around his shoulders. The stole, adorned with scriptures important to the confirmand, is a physical reminder of his commitments.

Confirmation weekends are more than just learning experiences—they are transforming worship experiences! With new bands and new speakers each weekend like Providence, Stephen Street, Forgotten City, Don Washburn, Andy Lambert, Carolyn Poling, and Duffy Robins, there are ample opportunities for youth to experience a shared commitment to Christ with other youth at Lake Junaluska. Over 2,000 youth and youth leaders attend Confirmation at Lake Junaluska each year!

2011 Confirmation Weekends will challenge and inspire youth. New workshop tracks are being offered, including SELAH, a time of reflection where youth leaders and confirmands discuss how they will apply the teaching

Caring for Creation 2011

March 31 - April 3

Over 38 guest speakers, including:



— John Hill

- Rev. Sally Bingham, founder of Regeneration Project
- John Hill, director of Economic and Environmental Justice from the General Board of Church and Society
- Mr. Carter Ries and Ms. Olivia Ries, students and co-founders of One More Generation, dedicated to the preservation of all endangered species
- Jonathan Merritt, author of *Green Like God: Unlocking the Divine Plan for Our Planet*

Participate in informative workshops, visit a sustainable community, worship, and share green ideas with others!

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First 50 registrants will receive a FREE copy of Jonathan Merritt's book.



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Rev. Jorge Acevedo of Grace Church, Cape Coral, Florida, was one of the powerful Lake Junaluska Summer Worship Preachers in 2010.



As part of the 2010 Junior Girls golf program, Rick Constance, Lake Junaluska golf course professional, instructs Lani Woods on her swing.



NOMAD volunteer Gary Melvin helps construct window boxes that hold the air/heating units in the newly renovated Sunnyside and Mountain View lodges.



Lake Junaluska Singer Kenny Cheek serenades fellow singer Ashley Banks.



Ms. Marston Blow leads worship during the 2010 Caring for Creation conference by using a singing bowl.



Dr. Jeni Stepanek encourages all persons to discover and embrace their heartsongs at the Lake Junaluska Peace Conference.



Youth from Davis Street UMC in Burlington, North Carolina, pose at the Lake Junaluska cross during their SURGE mission experience.



In May 2009, members of the Junaluska Rejoices Cookbook Committee (pictured left to right: Mary Funderburk, Jean Johnson and Bob Jones), present Jimmy Carr and Lake Junaluska with an electronic carillon speaker for Stuart Auditorium.



Alyssa Wood from Macedonia UMC, Cary, North Carolina, carries a peace banner during the 2010 Lake Junaluska Peace Conference.



Artists from across Western North Carolina gather to capture the beauty of Lake Junaluska at the 2009 Plein Air Artist Event.



Each summer, families enjoy miniature golf at the lake.



Dr. Marian Wright Edelman encourages persons of faith to speak out for children at the 2010 Lake Junaluska Peace Conference: Peace for the World's Children.



Ministries with Young People summer staff enjoy their free time by hiking in the nearby Blue Ridge Mountains.

lasting memories at Lake Junaluska

Upcoming Events

- 12/2-4 Multicultural Conference
www.lakejunaluska.com/multicultural
- 12/5-10 Road Scholar: Christmas, Past and Present
www.lakejunaluska.com/igc
- 12/10-11 Appalachian Christmas
www.lakejunaluska.com/christmas
- 12/31 - 1/2 MYP INFUSE I - New Year's Weekend
www.myp.lakejunaluska.com
- 1/7-9 MYP INFUSE II
www.myp.lakejunaluska.com
- 1/14-17 MYP INFUSE III - MLK Weekend
www.myp.lakejunaluska.com
- 1/18-21 Cabinet Consultation
www.lakejunaluska.com/cabinet
- 1/21-23 Ski Junaluska Weekend
www.lakejunaluska.com/ski
- 1/28-30 MYP INFUSE IV
www.myp.lakejunaluska.com
- 1/28 - 2/2 Life Coach Training
www.lakejunaluska.com/igc
- 1/31 - 2/4 United Methodist Camp & Retreat
Ministries National Leaders Gathering
www.lakejunaluska.com/umcrm
- 2/4-6 MYP INFUSE V
www.myp.lakejunaluska.com
- 2/11-13 MYP INFUSE VI
www.myp.lakejunaluska.com
- 2/18-21 MYP INFUSE VII - President's Weekend
www.myp.lakejunaluska.com
- 2/24-26 Native American Leadership Retreat
www.lakejunaluska.com/native-american-retreat
- 2/25-27 Ski Junaluska Weekend
www.lakejunaluska.com/ski
- 2/28 - 3/2 Life Coach Training
www.lakejunaluska.com/igc
- 3/18-20 Ebony Youth Christian Vocation Exploration Retreat
www.lakejunaluska.com/ebony
- 3/18-20 Confirmation Retreat 1
www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-1
- 3/25-27 Confirmation Retreat 2
www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-2
- 3/31 - 4/3 Caring for Creation 2011
www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation
- 4/1-3 Confirmation Retreat 3
www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-3
- 4/4-6 African-American Clergy Leadership Retreat
www.lakejunaluska.com/african-american-clergy
- 4/4-6 Life Coach Training
www.lakejunaluska.com/igc
- 4/8-10 Confirmation Retreat 4
www.lakejunaluska.com/confirmation-4
- 4/22-24 Easter Celebrations
www.lakejunaluska.com/easter

For a full list of events, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/calendar.aspx



Groups enjoy a relaxing guided trip around Lake Junaluska.



Katie Brooks, far right, and fellow youth members spend time with the elderly as one phase of their SURGE mission experience.



The Easter Bunny encourages 5K and 10K runners at the annual Lake Junaluska Bunny Run.



Taylor Driskill, Ryan Snider, and Renea Marshall soak up the sun during devotion time at the lake dock.



Held annually on Labor Day weekend, the Smoky Mountain Folk Festival provides lively music, dancing, and family entertainment.

Youth share passion for peace in the Middle East ...

Persons of faith have gathered at the annual Lake Junaluska Peace Conference since 2008. A response to Jesus' call to peacemaking and reconciliation, the Peace Conference has been a place where persons can gather to collaborate on ways to promote peace. In 2009, 400 Hebrews, Muslims, and Christians joined together for a multi-faith celebration of peace at the Lake Junaluska Peace Conference.

While all participants discussed how to implement interfaith peace-building techniques, one individual, Sheila Michel, took the conference message back to the youth at her church. Upon returning to First United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Michel shared messages of peace from conference leaders such as Elias Chacour, archbishop of Galilee.

"I have attended all three of the Lake Junaluska Peace Conferences and have been moved to action at each one of them," said Michel. "At the 2009 Peace Conference, I was greatly influenced by Elias Chacour and his work for peace in the Mar Elias Educational Institute (MEEI) in Galilee."

As director of Small Group Ministries, she shared copies of Chacour's book, *Blood Brothers*, with a small group of 12-year-old girls. After reading the book, the girls decided they wanted to correspond with students at MEEI, a multi-faith institution for Christians, Muslims, Jews, and Druze, in hopes of establishing a long-distance relationship with them during which they could better understand their lives and the issues they face. The girls called their group "Prayer Pals."

"All faiths come together (at MEEI), both as teachers and as students, to build peace on desktops," explained Michel.

After Michel secured a translator for the girls, they were stunned to learn from the Pilgrims of Ibillin, a group that also attended the 2009 Peace Conference, that MEEI was facing dire financial difficulties. The Israeli government had stopped funding student subsidies and teachers hadn't received their full salaries since June of 2009.

"Our eyes and hearts were opened as we learned about the struggles in the land of Israel and as we learned about the faith and vision of Elias Chacour," said Abbygail Ochs, one of the 7th-grade members of Prayer Pals.

With help from Michel, members of Prayer Pals wrote letters to the Israeli minister of education; the Israeli ambassador; President Barack Obama; Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; the senators from Tennessee, Bob Corker and Lamar Alexander; Representative Zach Wamp; as well as three local newspapers and their United Methodist district superintendent.

"In the beginning, we wanted to be pen pals, but God has let us instead be peacemakers," commented Ochs. "Our concern now is that this education encourages Peace in Palestine to continue, and that those students grow up believing in humanity, justice, and peace, and that we grow up believing that alongside them."

As a result of their actions, along with the efforts of hundreds of people from across the world, the Israeli government has reinstated over \$700,000 in school funding, but as of August, 2010, teachers at MEEI are still working without full pay. The girls continue to raise awareness about the cause at church dinners, local earth fairs, and Girl Scout functions.



Abbygail Ochs, a member of Prayer Pals, writes letters for peace.



The Prayer Pals (left to right): Kerrigan Davis, Abby Colvais, Abbygail Ochs, Reed Copeland, and Allie Marascia, (not pictured) Anne Katie Lenius.

"It is a very slow process and the teachers are owed a tremendous amount of money by the government," Michel explained, "but these 13-year-old girls are on fire. They are staying on top of the issues of peace in the Middle East, particularly as they relate to children, and it all started at the Lake Junaluska Peace Conference."

2011 Ebony Youth Exploration

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center will host the 4th annual Ebony Youth Christian Vocation Exploration Retreat, March 18-20, 2011. African-American youth, grades 9-12, will have the opportunity to explore Christian vocations and God's call on their lives during this intentional spiritual formation weekend.



Leadership at the 2011 Ebony Youth Retreat includes spoken word artist Emory Anderson from Blessed with a Gift Ministries, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Other leadership to be announced.

"This is an exciting way for African-American youth to come together from across the church and learn about all of the wonderful ministries that the church has to offer and where God may be calling them to serve," said Reverend Dr. Carl Arrington, director of African-American Ministries at Lake Junaluska. "They learn that God can and is willing to use their gifts, not only as pastors, but in other areas of ministry as well. It is so inspiring for them to see that there are other African-American young people in the United Methodist Church who are on this same journey of discovering where God is leading them."

Students who attend the retreat will experience fellowship with other African-American youth of their faith. They will also discover their spiritual gifts, engage in spirit-filled worship, and take part in a mentoring relationship—all while they discover, explore, and celebrate a call to ministry.

Church leaders are encouraged to share information about the conference with youth who they feel are being called into ministry or who have expressed the desire to go into ministry. The registration fee for the conference is \$90 per person and those interested are asked to submit an application by January 8, 2011.

For additional information on the conference or registration, please visit www.lakejunaluska.com/ebony or contact Rev. Dr. Carl Arrington at 828-454-6739.

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SEJANAM honors 98-year-old elder

Two Native American women were honored as part of the 22nd annual Southeastern Jurisdictional Native American Summer Conference (SEJANAM): Ms. Jessie Mitchell, Lumbee, a lifelong resident of Robeson County, North Carolina; and Dr. Anne Marshall, Muscogee Creek, from Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Ms. Mitchell was presented gifts including a certificate of appreciation signed by Bishop Larry Goodpaster, president of the World Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church; Jimmy L. Carr, executive director of Lake Junaluska; president of SEJANAM Tracy Pender; and former SEJANAM director Darlene Jacobs.

"I could never do anything without the Lord!" exclaimed Ms. Jessie Mitchell. "This is an immense honor and I am deeply humbled." Ms. Mitchell has attended all of the 22 SEJANAM annual Native American Summer Conferences by any means possible.

She also received a resolution acknowledging her labor, work, and advocacy for social justice for other native people and non-native people; for the formation of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Agency for Native American Ministries (SEJANAM), making it the seventh agency of the jurisdiction; and for her tireless, endless, exemplary, and unselfish giving of her time, energy, and resources for the glory of God in the Southeast Jurisdiction. Additionally, she was honored with a beautiful quilt made by Ms. Bertha Locklear of Pembroke and embroidered by Ms. Gloria Chavis, also of Pembroke.

"Ms. Jessie is a wonderful woman of God and I'm thrilled that she is finally being recognized for all she has given to the church and Indian communities," said Darlene Jacobs.

"She is a great role model to learn and live by," said Daphne Strickland, newly elected vice-chair of SEJANAM.

During the same service, Dr. Anne Marshall was presented a beaded eagle feather and a prayer shawl in addition to a plaque signed by Bishop Larry Goodpaster, Jimmy Carr, Tracy Pender, and Director Darlene Jacobs.



Darlene Jacobs presents Ms. Jessie Mitchell with a ceremonial feather and handmade quilt as tokens of appreciation for her service.

"This is an awesome woman, whose shoulders we all stand on," explained Rev. Dr. Kenneth Locklear, former SEJANAM director.

Dr. Marshall was recognized as a strong, resilient Native American woman for her extraordinary leadership and remarkable commitment to The United Methodist Church and Native American ministries, and her diligent support of SEJANAM.

"She's been in Indian business of over 20 years, working for all of us. She is enthusiastic and a dynamic force to be reckoned with," added Daphne Strickland, a member of Triad UMC.

SEJANAM is the advocate for 23 Native American congregations and four other ministries on



All pastors and lay persons are welcome to attend the 10th annual Native American Leadership Retreat, which will be held at Lake Junaluska, February 24-26, 2011.

reservations in the Southeast Jurisdiction. The 10th annual Native American Leadership Retreat, "Trail of Hope: Removal to Restoration," will be held February 24-26, 2011. All pastors and lay persons of Native American churches and ministries of all denominations are welcome.

For more information, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/native-american-retreat or call 828-454-6656.



Lake Junaluska receives gifts of \$800,000

From its earliest days nearly 100 years ago, Lake Junaluska has relied on the support of persons who share its vision. Many have supported Lake Junaluska through gifts and contributions to the annual fund, as well as for capital projects as the need for those has arisen over the years.

As Lake Junaluska moves into its second century, donations to the annual fund, the different gift societies, as well as for designated capital projects, will sustain and improve our community of Christian hospitality, beauty, and ministry. Recently, the Lake Junaluska Assembly Foundation received bequests totaling nearly \$800,000 from the estates of three individuals: Flora Lee Bobbitt of Charlotte, and Jeff and Ruby Miller of Asheboro, North Carolina. These were unrestricted and undesignated gifts that these persons had planned in order to support the ongoing work of Lake Junaluska.

"Because the estate bequest gifts were unrestricted, the leadership of Lake Junaluska is able to make decisions about the most beneficial use of the revenue for Lake Junaluska's future," explained Raúl Alegría, interim director of the Lake Junaluska Foundation. "We are grateful to Flora, Jeff, and Ruby for their generosity. Their gifts will be instrumental in establishing the foundation for future projects and capital improvements at Lake Junaluska."

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