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Lake Junaluska is a conference and retreat center in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Lake Junaluska first opened its doors in 1913 to serve The United Methodist Church. We welcome corporate and nonprofit groups, families, weddings, reunions, leisure guests and church groups of all denominations. We also host concerts and ministry events throughout the year. To plan your Lake Junaluska getaway, visit lakejunaluska.com.
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Whether you come to Lake Junaluska for a business retreat, vacation or youth event, you can’t deny that there is something special about this place. It extends beyond the beauty of the lake, the comfort of the hotel rooms, the views from the rocking chairs or the friendliness of the staff. It’s the feeling you get when you’re here—a feeling that comes from having truly transformative experiences.

This issue of Discover Magazine is dedicated to the soul, mind and body experiences that happen every day at Lake Junaluska. We start with a Top 10 list, which includes things you can do at the lake and in the surrounding area to enhance your physical, spiritual and intellectual well-being. A staff profile will introduce you to Rose, one of our employees who serves nourishing food to thousands of guests every year in The Terrace dining room. A photo essay will show you some of Lake Junaluska’s most peaceful settings for reflection and meditation.

We hope that during your time at Lake Junaluska, you build in moments to relax, walk and worship. Discover the Lake Junaluska experiences that restore your soul, mind and body.

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In 2016, Lake Junaluska was thrilled to welcome a distinguished visitor of international repute: former First Lady Laura Bush. Mrs. Bush and a group of her childhood friends make annual visits to national parks and this year they chose the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. While at Lake Junaluska, the group lodged at The Terrace hotel, explored the 2.3-mile lakeside walking trail and enjoyed area leisure activities.

Lake Junaluska Director of Advancement Ken Howle briefly encountered Mrs. Bush and her friends as they sat overlooking the lake one evening before dinner.

“Just like other Lake Junaluska guests, they were relaxing by the lake, reliving the day’s adventures,” said Howle. “You could sense their camaraderie and enjoyment of each other’s company.”

Mrs. Bush’s visit took place 72 years after Eleanor Roosevelt, the nation’s longest-serving first lady, spent two days at Lake Junaluska with the Missionary Conference of the Methodist Church in July 1944.

“Throughout its 103-year history, Lake Junaluska has had the privilege of hosting many dignitaries, but we’re really thrilled that at least two first ladies have come and stayed at Lake Junaluska,” said Lake Junaluska Executive Director Jack Ewing. “That Laura Bush has chosen us is gratifying and goes a long way to affirming the progress we have made in providing an exceptional experience to our guests.”

While private in nature, Mrs. Bush’s visit to Lake Junaluska stirred community interest and excitement that was reminiscent of Mrs. Roosevelt’s long-ago visit. Just as the local press followed Mrs. Roosevelt’s daily activities, local and social media sources reported sightings of Mrs. Bush and her companions at a Waynesville restaurant—with a Secret Service detail in tow—and on a guided hike.

Lake Junaluska, in turn, appears to have made quite an impression on the first ladies. Upon Mrs. Bush’s departure, Ewing and Chief Operating Officer Rob Huckaby spoke with one of her companions who complimented the group’s stay and expressed a shared desire to return.

In her nationally syndicated newspaper column “My Day” from July 29, 1944, Mrs. Roosevelt paid tribute to Lake Junaluska: “Anyone familiar with that country knows that it is very beautiful and the climate delightful, but it is the atmosphere of the whole colony which pleased me.”

Other distinguished visitors to Lake Junaluska have included Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter and Billy Graham. For more information on accounts of historic visitors, check out the SEJ Heritage Center, located in the Harrell Center.
The aroma of coffee hits you as you step into Junaluska Gifts & Grounds. Customers dot the space, drifting from display to display in search of the perfect gift or souvenir. In the corner, a book club meeting commences over steaming mugs on soft leather couches.

When Cokesbury Bookstore decided to move their operations from brick-and-mortar stores to a strictly online business in 2012, this freed up space in the Harrell Center—prime real estate in the center of Lake Junaluska’s grounds. The idea for a coffee shop was suggested and approved, launching what was formerly known as the Bookstore & Café. In recent years, the old model of bookstore and café has transformed due to shifting customer interests.

“We would be remiss not to transition with the changes in demand,” said Anna King, director of retail sales. “We felt it was time to select a new name that would be more fitting to our current retail setting.”

Thus, Junaluska Gifts & Grounds was born. King has been the impetus for a number of changes since she started managing the shop in 2015. The store has received a new name, new products and a complete reorganization of merchandise, resulting in a more unique customer experience.

“Lake Junaluska-branded items, gift items to take back home, or you can just sit there and relax—it has something for everybody,” said frequent customer Snookie Brown, a part-time resident. “Every time we have a guest in town, we always make sure they come by the store.”

King said Fair Trade items are popular, as are Made in America and North Carolina products. King is also introducing new branded items that have ties to Lake Junaluska, like swan merchandise, labyrinth-inspired products and silt pottery from the lake itself.

“I hope to give our guests a greater variety of products to take home with them as a memory of their visit to the lake,” said King. “We want people to leave Lake Junaluska feeling like they’ve had a unique shopping experience—that they’ve found things at our store they couldn’t find anywhere else.”

Amidst the new gifts, the store has also expanded its café experience.

SHOP, SIP & SOCIALIZE
LAKE JUNALUSKA’S COFFEE AND GIFT SHOP WELCOMES NEW NAME AND NEW PRODUCTS

INTRODUCING CHRISTMAS MEMORIES AT LAMBUTH INN

Carry the joy of Christmas with you all year round. A visit to the historic Lambuth Inn isn’t complete without a stop at Christmas Memories, the new faith-based Christmas shop located across from the front desk. You don’t have to wait until Christmas to stock up on ornaments, snow globes, angels and nativities, so step inside for a bit of Christmas cheer any time of the year.

Visit lakejunaluska.com/christmasmemories for more information and call 828-454-6777 for open hours.

Visit Junaluska Gifts & Grounds, located in the Harrell Center. Call 828-454-6777 or see hours at lakejunaluska.com/gifts-grounds.

Specialty smoothies and unique coffee options are now available seasonally. New tables and umbrellas have encouraged people to use Lake Junaluska as a place to meet, recreate or relax.
After nearly a decade of working at Lake Junaluska, Rose Johnson has become a lodestone to which people return year after year for conversation, a kind word and a smile. In her role as dining room supervisor at The Terrace, she helps serve food, sets up for meals and works at special events for groups.

Every day, Johnson makes an indelible mark on guests and colleagues alike with her humor, ready smile and genuine eagerness to help—no questions asked. Seeing patrons walk away with a smile, she said, helps make her day a good one.

“Making guests happy is the most enjoyable part of our job,” Johnson said. “We will do anything we can to make the guest’s stay happy and I honestly strive for that.”

In part, that feeling of belonging is what keeps people coming back to Lake Junaluska and it’s clear that details really matter—especially when it comes to food service. Little things like remembering someone’s name, what beverage they like or stopping by their table to drop off an extra sugar packet can go a long way to making people feel important.

“We have so many great employees who work as part of the food service team,” said Derrick Robinson, the food service manager at Lake Junaluska. “Rose’s extreme attention to detail is what makes her exceptional.”

It is clear that Johnson’s commitment to Lake Junaluska goes deeper than the job itself. She applied for the wait staff position because she wanted to be around good people at a good place.

The mission statement of Lake Junaluska is to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body, and Johnson said she has experienced renewal at Lake Junaluska on numerous occasions.

“When I am troubled or bothered, just looking out our window to the Cross on the hill truly gives me a feeling of peace and reminds me to have faith,” Johnson said.

“Rose’s goal is to make each event as memorable as possible.”

— Derrick Robinson, food service manager
1 TAIZÉ SERVICE  
*at Lake Junaluska*
Join a contemplative service of prayer and song in Memorial Chapel on Monday evenings throughout the summer. The casual atmosphere encourages participants to slow down with simple repetitive chants, scripture, candlelight and silence. For more information about Taizé and other summer worship services, see page 22.

2 EASTER CELEBRATION  
*at Lake Junaluska*
Weekend activities include a powerful sunrise service in the amphitheater below the Lake Junaluska Cross on Easter morning. For more information about Easter at Lake Junaluska, visit lakejunaluska.com/easter.

3 LIVE MUSIC  
*at Lake Junaluska*
Lake Junaluska offers a variety of live music throughout the year, from bluegrass to choral music. Check out our special concerts during the Independence Day Celebrations and Appalachian Christmas, and restore your soul by listening to powerful music. For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/concerts.
4 AREA MUSEUMS at Lake Junaluska and within 30 minutes
Expand your mind with a bit of local history. There are two museums located at Lake Junaluska: the SEJ Heritage Center and the World Methodist Museum. Both offer free entry. In the wider community, families may enjoy a visit to the Wheels Through Time Museum in Maggie Valley, the Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts in Waynesville or the Thomas Wolfe Memorial in Asheville. For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/museums.

5 LIBRARY at Lake Junaluska
Located on the main level of the Harrell Center, the Lake Junaluska Library is home to nearly 10,000 books. The library’s collection includes both fiction and non-fiction reads, with a special emphasis on theology, self-help, history, travel and children’s books. The library is open year round to visitors. For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/library.

6 MAGGIE VALLEY PUZZLE ROOMS
8 minutes from Lake Junaluska
Escape rooms are spreading across the country and our neighbor, Maggie Valley, has brought the escape room craze close to home. Get closed in a room with family or friends where you’ll be given an imaginary scenario to help motivate you to solve a series of clues, puzzles and codes. For more information, visit maggievalleypuzzlerooms.com.
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Body

7 DINING
at Lake Junaluska and local restaurants
Nourish your body with delicious food. Lake Junaluska offers buffet-style meals in its three dining rooms in The Terrace, Lambuth Inn and Jones Dining Hall. Nearby, there is no shortage of food options in Maggie Valley and Waynesville. See a profile about one of our dining employees on page 7, or pick up a local dining guide from the Bethea Welcome Center.

8 HIKING THE PARKWAY
Closest entrance, 16 minutes from Lake Junaluska
The Blue Ridge Parkway is one of the best ways to see gorgeous mountain views and access popular hikes. Some of the most beautiful destinations around Lake Junaluska include Waterrock Knob, Richland-Balsam Peak, the Haywood-Jackson overlook and trail, and Mount Pisgah. Trails vary in difficulty, but no matter what route you take, you’ll be rewarded for your workout with stunning views.

9 KAYAKS, CANOES AND PADDLEBOARDS
at Lake Junaluska
Paddling sports rely on strength and endurance, especially in the lats, biceps, core muscles and shoulder joints. Spending an afternoon gliding along the lake can be a great way to work out. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, Lake Junaluska rents kayaks, canoes and paddleboards from Lake Junaluska Boat Rentals near the pool. For more information, see lakejunaluska.com/pool.

10 MASSAGE BY THE LAKE
at Lake Junaluska
Is there anything more restorative and relaxing than a day at the spa? Massage by the Lake came to the Lake Junaluska property in January 2016 and provides a soothing atmosphere where renewal of the body is all but guaranteed. Massages range from 30 to 90 minutes and the licensed massage therapists offer reflexology, hot stone treatments, Swedish massage, medical massage and deep tissue massage. For more information or to make a reservation, call 828-550-7767.
FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH
YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR ALL SEASONS

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS
Bring your youth group to Lake Junaluska for high-energy worship, guest preachers, mission components and a focus on giving. Events are led by a team of college students, guest speakers and worship bands. Afternoons are free for groups to plan additional service projects, rafting trips or zipline adventures, and to enjoy the swimming pool or boats at Lake Junaluska. Learn more at lakejunaluska.com/summeryouth.

“I like growing in my faith and learning more about my Maker. The fellowship and people around me have made me stronger in my faith.”
— Emily Morris, who attended a summer youth event in 2016 with her youth group from Andrews, South Carolina

SKI LAKE JUNALUSKA
Worship and ski at a Ski Lake Junaluska winter youth event. Join us for a program weekend, which includes speakers and music, or plan your own program using our discounted ski packages. We’ll take care of the details and provide delicious meals, comfortable lodging and optional ski days so you can focus on time with your group. Find out more at lakejunaluska.com/ski.
Working for a nonprofit is not easy. Expectations are high. Hours are long. Organizations are understaffed. You can feel pulled in a million different directions.

That’s why Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina didn’t want to hold its annual conference in any typical destination. They searched for a location where employees could experience renewal. That place was Lake Junaluska.

“You don’t have to do more than look out across the lake to see that this is a restorative landscape,” said Greg Kirkpatrick, the executive director and president of Habitat for Humanity of N.C. “There’s a built-in restorative character to this place.”

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— Greg Kirkpatrick, Habitat for Humanity of N.C.

In addition to relaxation and ‘Sabbath’ time for its employees, Habitat for Humanity provided training, fellowship and networking opportunities over the course of three days.

“I think everyone here is caught up in the intensity of working for an organization with a strong mission,” said Carley Ruff, the associate director of state and local relations with Habitat for Humanity International. “Nonprofit employees don’t focus enough on our own needs. This conference provides training, but does it in a way that is super relaxing and rejuvenating.”

The attendees stayed, ate and participated in workshops at The Terrace. Topics included fundraising, construction, home repair, branding, leadership development and policy. Kirkpatrick said Lake Junaluska went above and beyond to meet the group’s needs.

“I’d be hard-pressed to find a complaint,” he said. “The meeting space is great, the sound is great. The technical staff clearly know what they are doing, and they’re very responsive when we need something. The servers are attentive and the food is good. There’s no question that we’ll come back.”

Conference attendees walked away with new ideas, key resources, best practices in the industry and a network of colleagues they can call when they have questions or concerns. But most of all, they walked away with a sense of renewal.

“I hope people take away some sense of being restored and renewed, and strengthened in their work and in the mission of the organization,” Kirkpatrick said.

Above: During the Habitat for Humanity of N.C. annual conference, attendees met in recently renovated meeting rooms in The Terrace.

Opposite page upper: The Terrace dining room provided buffet-style meals to guests during the conference.

Opposite page lower: The conference utilized space for exhibitions in The Terrace.
GROUP EVENTS MADE EASY

Lake Junaluska offers a wide range of lodging accommodations, meeting spaces, dining options and amenities to suit your group’s business and leisure needs. Talk to us about hosting your next meeting, conference, retreat, wedding, training event or reunion at Lake Junaluska.

GROUP SALES OFFICE:

800-222-4930, ext. 3
groupsales@lakejunaluska.com

MEETING FACILITIES:

Stuart Auditorium: Accommodates 2,000 people in permanent theater-style seating.

Shackford Hall: 3,375 square feet in the main auditorium with stage; nine breakout rooms.

Harrell Center: 4,307 square feet in the auditorium; four breakout rooms.

Terrace Auditorium: 2,640 square feet; six breakout rooms.

Lambuth International: 1,557 square feet; seven breakout rooms.

Memorial Chapel: Accommodates 200 people in pew seating.

Kern Center: 2,379 square feet; accommodates up to 200 people in theater-style seating.

LEISURE FACILITIES & AMENITIES:

» 18-hole golf course
» 200-acre lake
» 2.3-mile lakeside walking trail and Rose Walk
» Canoes, kayaks, paddleboats and paddleboards
» Fitness center
» Outdoor pool
Lodging »

WHERE TO STAY

LAKE JUNALUSKA OFFERS A HOST OF LODGING OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE

THE TERRACE

The Terrace underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation, transforming it into a contemporary hotel with the same stunning lake views. The Terrace is located in the heart of campus, near Stuart Auditorium and the Rose Walk. Book your stay at 800-222-4930 or lakejunaluska.com/terrace.

HISTORIC LAMBUTH INN

Charming and historic, the Lambuth Inn is a popular destination for guests looking for the quaint feel of a bed-and-breakfast. Built in 1921, the Lambuth Inn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It offers panoramic views of Lake Junaluska, the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Great Smoky Mountains. Book your stay at 800-222-4930 or lakejunaluska.com/lambuth.

LAKE JUNALUSKA CAMPGROUND

Lake Junaluska Campground offers RV and tent sites, rustic cabins, apartments and a meeting lodge. The campground includes full hookups, pull-through sites for RVs of all sizes and pet-friendly campsites, picnic tables, and fire rings. Book your stay at 800-222-4930 or lakejunaluska.com/campground.
LAKE JUNALUSKA VACATION RENTALS

You can rent privately owned houses, apartments and cottages through Lake Junaluska. Get a house overlooking the lake for your whole family, or book your weekend getaway with the girls. Lake Junaluska vacation rentals are furnished with a stove, refrigerator, cooking and eating utensils, TV and bedding. Book your stay at 800-222-4930 or lakejunaluska.com/rentals.

LAKE JUNALUSKA APARTMENTS

The Lake Junaluska Apartments provide a comfortable, convenient and economical solution for families or youth groups. All units are equipped with heating, air conditioning and television, and most have efficiency kitchenettes. Room capacity ranges from four to 12 people per apartment. Book your stay at 800-222-4930 or lakejunaluska.com/apartments.

LAKESIDE LODGE

With 25 motel-style sleeping rooms, the Lakeside Lodge is conveniently located close to the Aquatic Center. The lodge features a large lobby. Book your stay at 800-222-4930 or lakejunaluska.com/lakeside-lodge.

MOUNTAINVIEW LODGE AND SUNNYSIDE LODGE

These dormitory-style lodgings are also a nice budget option for hostel hoppers or youth groups. Mountainview has 40 rooms, while Sunnyside has 38. The rooms can accommodate four to six people. Book your stay at 800-222-4930 or lakejunaluska.com/mountainview-sunnyside.
forever teammates
A FRIENDSHIP FOUNDED ON FAITH AND FLAG FOOTBALL LEADS TO LOVE AND A THIRD-GENERATION WEDDING
Fred and Bekah Odom’s love story kicked off on the sports field. Fred, a sophomore marketing major at the University of North Georgia, had just played a game of flag football. As he excused himself from a co-recreational team practice that followed, the captain introduced him to new recruit Bekah Adams, a freshman exercise science major.

“As soon as I saw Bekah, I knew there was something special about her,” said Fred, who stayed on for practice.

Bekah was equally intrigued by Fred, a peer she knew only by reputation.

“Mutual friends spoke about his faith, the way he treats other people, and the fact that he is always joyful,” she said. The teammates built a close friendship that soon blossomed into a romantic relationship.

Fred’s graduation was a game changer for the couple. He took a sales position in Austin, Texas, while Bekah remained in school in Georgia. The challenges of long-distance living spurred Fred to make a game plan.

“I was ready to ask the girl of my dreams to be my reality for the rest of my life,” he said.

Lake Junaluska was the perfect setting for Fred’s plan because of the Adams family’s ties to their “sacred place.” Bekah’s paternal grandparents, Woody and Lucy, were longtime residents, while her parents, Scott and Kathy, took their family to the lake with Scott’s youth group during his years as a youth director. The two couples had married in Memorial Chapel at Lake Junaluska in 1955 and 1984, respectively.

On a visit to Lake Junaluska, Fred invited Scott to walk around the lake. During their walk he asked and received permission for Bekah’s hand in marriage.

“It was one of the most amazing moments of my life,” said Fred. “Right there by the lake, Bekah’s dad said a special prayer for us.” That moment and many others led Fred and Bekah to decide to marry at Lake Junaluska in her family’s literal footsteps.

Scott and Kathy assisted Fred with a surprise proposal for Bekah at the Lake Junaluska Cross. With Bekah’s “yes,” the couple began to plan their wedding. Bekah’s maid of honor, the couple’s wedding planner and the Lake Junaluska wedding sales manager took care of every detail.

“We had a team behind us,” Bekah said.

During the spring wedding weekend, guests lodged at The Terrace and in on-site vacation rental homes. Fred and Bekah’s rehearsal dinner was held on the front porch of a local inn, overlooking the lake. Family and friends gathered to share stories and encouragement for the days to come.

Following in the legacy of her parents and grandparents, Bekah and Fred were married in Memorial Chapel.

They said they count on Lake Junaluska being part of their future. “It’s the place we’re going to go for anniversaries and family events,” Bekah said.

“And when we have children, it’s where they’re going to get married. No question,” Fred said.

To discover more about weddings at Lake Junaluska, visit lakejunaluska.com/weddings.
Sherri Shumate’s three sons had been talking about the Family Olympics all morning. They were not entirely sure what was in store, having never participated in the family competition held during the Independence Day Celebrations at Lake Junaluska, but they were excited to meet other families at Lake Junaluska for the holiday weekend. In just a few hours, the family would make laughter-filled memories as they played corn hole, strove to win rubber chicken baseball, got soaked in a water balloon toss and raced to the finish line during the final competition, the relay race.

Having grown up coming to the lake with her father, a Methodist minister, Sherri wanted to share the experience of Lake Junaluska with her children. Her family loved coming to Lake Junaluska and eagerly anticipated the chance to play hide-and-seek in the Corneille Bryan Garden, fish and explore the lake, and enjoy the cold mountain air from their tents at the campground.

“Everywhere I go here, I have a story about when I was little,” Sherri said. “We live in an area of New Jersey that neither my husband nor I are from. As a child, I moved around all the time, but Lake Junaluska was always a part of our life and coming here feels like sharing a piece of home with my kids.”

Bill and Irene Gattis, Lake Junaluska homeowners and seasonal visitors, also sought opportunities to connect with others at Lake Junaluska. This inspired them and other Lake Junaluska supporters to make financial gifts to help launch the Summer Activities Program, a new initiative in 2016, which included the Family Olympics.

“Bill and I have lived at the lake for years, and we thought the Summer Activities Program would be a wonderful way to engage a new generation of children and adults in the events at Lake Junaluska. We also hoped the program would help residents and visitors alike to have a greater sense of community,” said Irene.

In addition to special events during Independence Day, the Summer Activities Program offered weekly bonfires, yoga by the lake, craft events, sunset devotionals and a host of other activities carefully selected to provide opportunities for recreation and renewal to all.

“The events offered as part of the Summer Activities Program provide people the chance to not only share their stories and connect with others, it also helps them make new memories they will cherish,” said Bill. “We felt that creating a sense of community helps people fall more in love with Lake Junaluska, and we hope this love will continue to ensure support for the sustainable future.”

Over the course of eight weeks, more than 64 events gathered 778 people for times of fellowship. The activities fostered a sense of community, an opportunity that Sherri Shumate and many others appreciated.

“I am grateful there are still places like Lake Junaluska in the world,” said Sherri. “Where we live, it takes a while to get to know people. When we come to Lake Junaluska, people speak with us and our children. I love that way of life.”

The Lake Junaluska Summer Activities Program was made possible in part by charitable giving.

To make a gift to the Lake Junaluska Annual Fund, go online to lakejunaluska.com/support, call 828-454-6680, or mail donations to the Office of Development, PO Box 67, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745.
Playing Through Life

LAKE JUNALUSKA GOLFERS GAIN FROM THE GAME’S BOUNTIFUL BENEFITS

The Lake Junaluska Golf Course has welcomed generations of golfers since it opened in 1919. Golf Course Manager Rick Constance of Waynesville first played on the course when he was 12. His father, a teacher and lifelong golfer, introduced him to the game.

“Probably the most important lesson in golf is that you practice self-discipline as far as the rules and your scores, so it’s up to you to do the right thing,” said Constance, who has worked in the golf industry for more than 35 years.

Brevard College freshman and golfer Ashley Holland took up the sport after getting sidelined by an ACL injury while playing high school soccer. The Canton native joined The Lake Junaluska Girls Junior Golf Association (LJGJGA) four years ago and now assists Constance, the program’s founder.

“Golf has given me a stronger mentality and greater integrity,” said Holland, the recent recipient of an LJGJGA scholarship sponsored by local donors. She said she plans to pursue a career in golf course management.

Maggie Valley resident Travis Thompson and his wife introduced their daughters to golf at an early age. Taylor, 11, and Maddie, 7, participate in the LJGJGA’s weekly “Play Day” throughout the summer, where they practice and socialize in small groups without pressure or competition.

“Golf teaches them that nothing just comes or is handed to you,” said Thompson, who has golfed since his early teens. “They’ve learned that anything you do well takes lots of practice.”

Waynesville sisters Abi Francis, 11, and Brooklyn Spomer, 6, are fellow LJGJGA members. They said they count honesty and responsibility among the many qualities they have developed through golf.

Constance believes the golf course environment is beneficial for people of all ages. At Lake Junaluska, the alcohol-free policy contributes to a family-friendly atmosphere. Walking is allowed at any time, which not only benefits golfers’ physical health, but also increases their enjoyment of the mountain vistas.

“People can’t help but feel inspired by the natural beauty when they play here,” said Constance.

COURSE NOTES

- Open daily year-round
- 5,034-yard par 68
- Advanced tee times, memberships and PGA instruction
- Twilight and senior combos
- Special rates for military service personnel, college students, juniors and seniors
- Wireless Internet access available in café area
- Clubhouse meeting room available for reservation
- Tournament and fundraising event opportunities

To discover more, visit lakejunaluska.com/golf.
To learn more about the LJGJGA and scholarship support, contact Rick Constance at rconstance@lakejunaluska.com.
SOUL MIND BODY

DISCOVER SOME OF THE EXPERIENCES THAT HELP LAKE JUNALUSKA LIVE UP TO ITS MISSION STATEMENT
or more than a century, thousands of people have gathered to worship God at the “living waters” of Lake Junaluska. For many, Lake Junaluska is a place of spiritual enrichment, a place where souls are renewed. It’s a “thin place” where, according to Susan Slye Giles, dean of Memorial Chapel, it is easier to encounter God and know you’re in His presence. Heaven and earth, the Celtic saying goes, are only three feet apart, but in thin places that distance is even shorter.

HOMECOMING & TRADITION

Summer worship in Stuart Auditorium has been a tradition since Lake Junaluska first held services for summer residents more than a hundred years ago. Today, during the Summer Worship Series, the Sunday morning congregations average 400 people.

According to Giles, the Summer Worship Series is a homecoming for many of the congregants. The traditional service features internationally known guest preachers alongside musicians, singers and liturgists. Giles works with preachers to weave music, song, liturgy and prayer into their sermons.

“Worship is the time we set aside to focus on God—not just to be fed, but also to give back,” said Giles.

The Summer Worship Series also offers Holy Communion on Sunday evenings and a Taizé Service in Memorial Chapel on Monday evenings. Modeled after the ecumenical Taizé community of France, Taizé services offer contemplative prayer and song, scripture, candlelight and silence.
Feature Story

A BRIEF HISTORY OF STUART AUDITORIUM

Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska’s first building, was completed in 1913. Originally known as the Auditorium, it was an open-air structure with a dirt floor covered in sawdust when services were first held. While it was initially intended to be used only during the summer, the Auditorium was eventually enclosed. In 1929 it was renamed in honor of Lake Junaluska co-founder Rev. George R. Stuart.

Notable public speakers at Stuart Auditorium have included First Lady of the United States Eleanor Roosevelt, evangelist Dr. Billy Graham and minister Dr. William E. Sangster. In addition to distinguished speakers, worship services and special events, Stuart Auditorium hosts musical performances. The venue has the capacity to hold approximately 2,000 people.

CONFERENCE & CELEBRATION

Lake Junaluska is home to the Western North Carolina and Holston United Methodist Annual Conferences, as well as the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Powerful worship is a hallmark of those events. The worship services include a variety of preachers, themes, and worship and musical styles. The conference attendees can fill Stuart Auditorium to capacity.

“There’s nothing like 2,000 singing, worshiping Methodists,” said Rev. Amy Coles, who has 25 years of ministry in the WNC Conference. “We also believe that the communion of saints—those who came before us—worship with us, too. So there is a sense of sacredness when you worship in Stuart.”

Self-described “preacher’s kid” Rebekah Shuford Ralph, who is now a United Methodist pastor herself, remembers a particularly powerful worship experience at WNC Annual Conference following a hot afternoon.

Attendees were gathered in Stuart Auditorium, singing an old hymn, when “suddenly the rain came, the thunder boomed, the lightning crashed, and the whole congregation heard the presence of God in that moment,” she said. “It was incredible.”

EDUCATION & REJUVENATION

Each year, approximately 900 worship leaders and performers from across the United States gather at Lake Junaluska for the annual Music & Worship Arts Week (MWAW). The national event focuses on arts, worship, education and renewal, and has been held at the lake since the 1970s.

The attendees gather each morning for worship in Stuart Auditorium and then immerse themselves in ensemble and workshop sessions.

According to David L. Bone, executive director of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, which sponsors MWAW, Lake Junaluska is where the event’s attendees find renewal and healing for their work and ministry at home. No stranger to the Lake’s renewing effect, Bone worshiped in Stuart Auditorium as a child and later received his call into ministry at Lake Junaluska.

“For the people who are coming to any event at Lake Junaluska, there’s an expectation of restoration,” he said.
A group of 60-, 70- and 80-somethings are practicing the art of laughter yoga. The concept is based on the belief that voluntary laughter provides the same physiological and psychological benefits as spontaneous laughter. As the group completes the exercises, forced laughter soon becomes real—and contagious.

“Laughter does wonders for the human body,” said Dennis Stalvey, who led the session.

He’s a United Methodist pastor who served most recently as a chaplain at a retirement community called Magnolia Manor.

Stalvey began the session by highlighting Søren Kierkegaard’s connection of religion with humor. He used personal examples to show how challenging situations can be improved by laughter and how laughter can relieve tension, anxiety and stress.

The session was part of the Festival of Wisdom and Grace, a conference by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Older Adults. It’s one of the many opportunities at Lake Junaluska where you are invited to take place in mind-renewing lectures, discussions and experiences.
RENEWAL OF MIND

Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Retreat with J. Philip Newell
June 30 – July 2
John Philip Newell is a poet, peacemaker and scholar from Edinburgh who has written more than 15 books and is a leading expert on Celtic spirituality. The weekend will include four sessions with John Philip, Taizé worship and creative workshops.
lakejunaluska.com/events/clergy_leadership/jphilip/

Festival of Wisdom and Grace
August 7–10
This year’s theme, “Living with Grace,” will carry throughout the weekend of worship, workshops, professional training and fellowship relating to the second half of life. Designed for individuals, couples, small groups or church leaders.
lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace

Interfaith Peace Conference
November 16–19
Affirming the community of Abrahamic faiths, the Interfaith Peace Conference works with Christians, Jews, Muslims and other religious traditions to advance the work of reconciliation and peace.
lakejunaluska.com/peace

Road Scholars
Several dates throughout the year
Experience in-depth and behind-the-scenes learning opportunities throughout the year.
roadscholar.org

THOUGHT-PROVOKING SPEAKERS

Visitors are often astounded by the speakers who come to Lake Junaluska for conferences and lectures. In 2016, the Festival of Wisdom and Grace featured Dr. Tony Campolo, who spoke at the 2016 Democratic National Convention and was a spiritual advisor to former President Bill Clinton. Renowned Bible scholar Mickey Efrid led participants through Bible study.

“I’m here to try to learn. The speakers are the real draw—they’re knowledgeable and make things easy to understand,” said Susan Northcut, an attendee from Tampa, Florida.

The diverse teaching styles kept the audience engaged throughout the four-day conference. Whether the workshops were firmly grounded in academic theory or focused instead on the personal journey of aging, each participant left with new knowledge and a hunger to learn more.

ENTICING WORKSHOPS

Workshop topics at the 2016 Festival of Wisdom and Grace included Retirement as Reinvention; Soaring in Mind, Body and Spirit; Best Practices in Older Adult Ministry; and Spiritual Resiliency. Workshops are always an important component of the Festival of Wisdom & Grace. In 2016, each speaker provided tools to match ability and interests so attendees could find a fulfilling purpose for the second part of their lives.

“It isn’t about what you do, it’s more about enjoying whatever you do,” said Dr. William Randolph, director of Aging and Older Adult Ministries at the Discipleship Ministries. His workshop focused on ways older adults could plan for retirement.

“A great relationship with God always begins in discovering who you are and then sharing that with others,” Randolph said. “All love begins with self-love.”

For this age group—and all age groups—it would seem that simply having a positive outlook can be a source of transformative power. The main takeaway from the weekend conference was that learning to adapt is a vital part of aging and that doing it successfully largely begins with the mind.

To learn more about Lake Junaluska’s lectures and other events, visit lakejunaluska.com/events.
It’s an autumn morning at Lake Junaluska, and the fog is still lingering in the valley. Even this early, dozens of people are jogging, running and walking along the Lake Junaluska Walking Trail.

At 2.3 miles (or 3.8 miles for the full perimeter), the walking trail is a hallmark of Lake Junaluska and one of the most popular privately owned recreation areas in Western North Carolina.

Every year, it provides thousands of people the opportunity to recreate and experience restoration.

“I can’t tell you how many times I’ve walked around this lake and felt the spaciousness of God’s love,” said Larry Goodpaster, a former bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church. “You just sort of soak it in. There are more times than I can begin to count when my life—when my spirit—has been transformed and reshaped by that spaciousness.”

**THE PRODUCT OF GIFTS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Guests have walked along the shores of Lake Junaluska since 1913, but the full walking trail wasn’t completed until the 1990s. Its history is entwined with the generous gifts and volunteers who made it possible.

One of the oldest sections of the walking trail is the historic Francis Asbury Trail. This secluded wooded path below Lambuth Inn was constructed around 1930. It’s named for Bishop Francis Asbury, one of the pioneering American Methodist ministers who passed through the area in 1810 to spread John Wesley’s message of Methodism.

Another notable section is the Turbeville Footbridge. From the earliest days of Lake Junaluska’s history, there had been speculation about the feasibility
of building a footbridge across the portion of the lake known as “the narrows.” The project was fulfilled in 1988 thanks to a donation from Paul and Willie Mae Turbeville, who brought a youth group to Lake Junaluska from Florida every summer. The bridge connects the south shore of the lake to the parking lot by the pool, enabling you to complete the 2.3-mile loop.

Another gift from Bill and Joetta Rhinehart made the completion of the 2.3-mile walking trail possible. They had become aware of problems with walkers trying to share the road with cars. With their donation and help from the Lake Junaluska Associates, the full path was completed in 1992. The 3.8-mile trail was completed in the mid-2000s, thanks to the Associates and NC DOT putting in a sidewalk along Highway 19-23.

A giving circle called the Friends of the Lake Circle continues to raise funds for maintenance, landscaping and recreation, which costs more than $250,000 annually.

**A MULTI-USE PATH**

The walking trail provides more than just an opportunity to walk. Danielle Brumfield, who attends the Salvation Army Bible Conference at Lake Junaluska with her family, said she walks, runs, has conversations with her husband, plays with her kids, reads, meditates and does yoga on the trail.

“There’s something about the energy in the air when you’re there,” Brumfield said. “I know not everyone goes to Lake Junaluska for a religious experience, but it does give off a ‘holy ground’ vibe like you’re walking into church, but church is nature.”

Other visitors use the Lake Junaluska Walking Trail to train—whether for a 5K or a marathon. Jennifer Jacobson, a local from Haywood County, said she uses Lake Junaluska for her triathlon training. “Whether I am running the trails around the lake, going for an early morning swim in the peaceful waters or beginning a bicycle ride, I am thankful to have such a beautiful and safe backdrop for many of my workouts,” Jacobson said. “Lake Junaluska is a treasure to have in my backyard and I am blessed by its beauty, peace and safety.”

“Peace, serenity, self-reflection, gratitude—it makes you appreciate everything in life when you see that beauty.”

— Danielle Brumfield, Marietta, Georgia

**RENEWAL OF BODY**

**Friends of the Lake 5K Road Race & Walk**
April 15
Each Easter Saturday, Lake Junaluska hosts a 5K to raise funds for the maintenance and improvement of the walking trail and other recreation opportunities at Lake Junaluska. The race is open to everyone.
lakejunaluska.com/run

**Family Olympics**
July 3
Get soaked in a water balloon toss, win rubber chicken baseball and play corn hole at this family-friendly event open to all ages. The event is part of our Independence Day Celebrations.
lakejunaluska.com/july4th

**Blue Ridge Breakaway**
August 19
An annual cycling event through country lanes, scenic byways and the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. For riders of all skill levels.
lakejunaluska.com/breakaway

**Ski Lake Junaluska**
December-March
Lake Junaluska makes planning your ski weekend simple. We take care of all the details while you enjoy time with your family or group. Our ski packages include lodging, meals, lift tickets, equipment and lessons.
lakejunaluska.com/ski-groups

Find out more information about the Lake Junaluska Walking Trail by visiting lakejunaluska.com/laketrail.
In Meditation
UNIQUE SETTINGS FOR REST AND RENEWAL

At Lake Junaluska, there is no shortage of peaceful places where you can take time for reflection. Whether you stroll along the wildflower walk surrounded by a swirl of color or sit under a gazebo beside the blue lake, here you will find tranquility and peace. Step off the path and explore some of the places of meditation at Lake Junaluska.
In 1945, President Harry Truman wrote a letter to Dr. Elmer T. Clark, commending the erection of a Memorial Chapel and Room of Remembrance at Lake Junaluska. Its purpose was to honor the Methodist youth from the southern states who served in the armed forces during World War II. Today, Memorial Chapel is used for weddings, baptisms and worship services. When not being used for an event, it is an ideal location to pray, meditate or sit and relax. PHOTO BY ED KELLEY
A labyrinth is a complex, circuitous path that leads from a beginning point to a center. Labyrinths have been used historically and in mythology as a metaphor for life and its myriad complications and detours. The spiritual metaphor is one of self-discovery, in which the person traversing the labyrinth walks a meandering but purposeful path to their spiritual center and then takes that self-knowledge out into the world again.

The labyrinth at Lake Junaluska, located just east of Memorial Chapel, was created in 2000 by Joy Carr, former director of ministry, as a place of meditation and prayer.
Denman International Prayer Room

This small room was built as part of Lambuth Inn and became the Denman International Prayer Room in 1968. During that time, Lambuth Inn served as the headquarters for the International Prayer Fellowship, a group started in Korea by Helen Kim to mend the bonds between races and foster world brotherhood. The decor is oriental, with Christian symbols on the vaulted ceiling, an altar with a Celtic cross to represent world Christianity, and other internationally inspired furnishings.

Gazebo

On the far side of the lake, away from the main hub and shaded by trees, sits a picturesque gazebo. A little stream runs next to the gazebo and there are beautiful views of the dam and Lambuth Inn across the lake. These things make the gazebo the perfect place for a rest stop as you take a contemplative stroll along the walking path.

In fact, the 3.8-mile walking trail has many such idyllic resting places. Today, the gazebo and other places surrounding the lake are maintained through gifts to the Annual Fund and the Hardin-Russell Endowment.

Inspiration Point

Inspiration Point is located adjacent to the Lambuth Inn and overlooks the Lake Junaluska Cross. Inspiration Point has unparalleled lake, mountain and sky views, along with beautifully landscaped multi-tiered gardens that are in full bloom from early spring through fall. The gardens feature more than 30 different species of plants, including natives and hybrids.

The area now known as Inspiration Point was once the site of a rustic gazebo built in the 1920s alongside Lambuth Inn. The area was revitalized in the early 2000s with the help of George Whitaker and Hattie Polk. It is often used as a location for weddings.
Columbarium & Room of Memory

The Columbarium and Room of Memory are connected to Memorial Chapel by a series of open-air archways. The Room of Memory was originally intended as a home for the Book of Memory, which holds the names of 90,000 World War II service members contributed by churches from around the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church. In 2012, the Room of Memory was redesigned to serve as the Columbarium and the Book of Memory was moved to the SEJ Heritage Center so it could be better preserved. The Columbarium and Garden of Memory are sacred spaces for those wanting to make Lake Junaluska a final resting place for themselves or loved ones. The Garden of Memory (sometimes known as a scatter garden) lies adjacent to the Room of Memory as a place to inter ashes in the earth.
Wildflower Walk

This scenic stretch along the walking trail became a part of Lake Junaluska two years ago. The Wildflower Walk begins in front of the parking lot near Memorial Chapel and continues until it intersects with the Butterfly Garden. The fertile tract is home to more than 40 varieties of wildflowers, including black-eyed Susans, evening primrose and cosmos.

The site also provides milkweed, nectar sources and shelter needed to sustain monarch butterflies as they migrate through North America. This makes the Wildflower Walk an official monarch waystation and attracts butterflies of all kinds during peak blooming season, from the last frost of spring to the first frost of fall.
2017 EVENTS

A LOOK AT THE YEAR AHEAD
February

7 Transitional/Intentional Interim Ministry
PHASE I: FEBRUARY 7–10, MAY 2–5, AUGUST 15–18
An interim minister is an experienced, mature United Methodist pastor trained for the specialized ministry of the interim period. Learn tools and techniques designed for this unique ministry. lakejunaluska.com/interim.aspx

March

3 IGC Confirmation Retreat Weekends
MARCH 3–5, 10–12, 17–19, 24–26, MARCH 31 – APRIL 2; APRIL 21–23; NOVEMBER 10–12
The focus of these action-packed, interactive weekends is to augment the curriculum taught in the local church, focusing on providing tools that will help youth keep their promise when they are confirmed in the church. lakejunaluska.com/confirmation

3 Confirm 2017
MARCH 3–5, 10–12, 17–19, 24–26; APRIL 21–23, 28–30; MAY 5–7
Weekend events for young confirmands of The United Methodist Church. Sponsored by the Foundation for Christian Formation and the Department of Religion at Pfeiffer University. fcfcconfirm.net

21 Effective Business Practices Applied to Church Administration
MARCH 21–24; APRIL 4–7; MAY 1–4
Learn sound business practices to provide a firm foundation for God’s work and growth in the local church. lakejunaluska.com/events/clergy_leadership/effective_business_practices

28 South Carolina United Methodist Women Spiritual Growth Retreat
APRIL 28–29
Come to Lake Junaluska to hear Rev. Pattie Gordon from Aiken, S.C., explore the theme of “One in Charity.” umcsc.org/home/ministries/advocacy/united-methodist-women

30 Southeast Church Network
APRIL 30 – MAY 3
Network with other SEJ church business administrators for support, sharing of knowledge, and other tools for spiritual and personal growth. www.sejumacba.org

April

15 Lake Junaluska Easter Celebration
APRIL 15–16
Weekend activities include the Lake Junaluska Friends of the Lake 5K, Easter egg hunts and a sunrise service at the amphitheater below the Cross. Rain location: Memorial Chapel. lakejunaluska.com/easter

30 Road Scholar Program
APRIL 30 – MAY 5
“The Culture of Appalachia: The Scots, Scots-Irish and the Cherokee” Program #21338 roadscholar.org
May

7 Road Scholar Program
MAY 7–12
“Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An American Treasure” Program #20552
roadscholar.org

19 Holston United Methodist Women Spiritual Enrichment
MAY 19–20, 20–21
Enrich your spirit and grow in faith and understanding through prayer, scripture, reflection and Christian fellowship.
holstonumw.org

28 Carolina Conference Camp Meeting
MAY 28 – JUNE 3
Seventh-day Adventist members from around the Carolinas join together for a week of seminars and activities designed to bring spiritual and physical renewal.
carolinasda.org/camp-meeting

Meet the New Interim Director of the Lake Junaluska Singers

Mary Wannamaker Huff began as the interim director of the Lake Junaluska Singers in January 2017. Huff lives in New York City with her husband and two sons, but also owns a home at Lake Junaluska.

“I can’t remember a time I didn’t come to Lake Junaluska,” said Huff. “I went to every single Lake Junaluska activity with my grandmother during the summer, from women’s fashion shows to bridge games, to Folkmoot and to Singers’ concerts.”

Huff graduated from Furman University in 1999 and received a Master of Music degree in 2001 from Yale University. She furthered her post-graduate studies in music education at Westminster Choir College, specializing in the training of children’s choirs.

She is the founding director of the New York City Children’s Chorus and associate director of music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. Her choirs have performed in Carnegie Hall, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and Radio City Music Hall, as well as for national broadcasts. Huff also plays the organ for liturgies, accompanies and conducts the church choir and Saint Andrew Chorale, and manages the church concert series.

As Huff assumes her duties as interim director, Kathy Geyer McNeil joins her as the associate director of the Lake Junaluska Singers. McNeil received a Bachelor of Music in Education and Master of Music in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey.

Find out more information about Lake Junaluska Singers concerts at lakejunaluska.com/singers.
June

4 Road Scholar Program
JUNE 4–9
“Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An American Treasure” Program #20552
roadscholar.org

11 Holston Annual Conference
JUNE 11–14
Leaders of member churches of the Holston Conference will meet at Lake Junaluska.
holston.org/about/annual-conference

16 WNCC United Methodist Women Spiritual Growth Retreat
JUNE 16–17
A time to pray, listen, reflect, study and share fellowship with women from across the conference.
wnccumw.org

18 Road Scholar Program
JUNE 18–23
“The Women of Appalachia: Traditions, Stories and Song” Program #22829
roadscholar.org

22 Western North Carolina Annual Conference
JUNE 22–25
Clergy and laity from the Western North Carolina Conference will gather for worship, learning, business and fellowship.
wnccumc.org

25 Music & Worship Arts Week
JUNE 25–30
A multi-generational educational event composed of arts, praise and renewal. Designed for those who want to sing, dance or act all week, as well as for those who lead these ministries in local congregations.
musicartsweek2017.wordpress.com

30 Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Retreat with J. Philip Newell
JUNE 30 – JULY 2
John Philip Newell is a poet, peacemaker and scholar from Edinburgh who has written more than 15 books and is a leading expert on Celtic spirituality. The weekend will include four sessions with John Philip, Taizé worship and creative workshops.
firstlightproductions.org

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Each event offers morning and evening sessions with high-energy worship, guest preachers, mission components and a focus on giving! Learn more at lakejunaluska.com/summeryouth.

SUMMER YOUTH DATES:
- June 11–14
- June 15–18
- June 18–21
- June 22–25
- June 25–28
- June 29 – July 2
**SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES**

Join us for spirited traditional worship services featuring the Lake Junaluska Singers on Sunday mornings and contemplative Taizé services of prayer and song on Monday evenings.

**July**

2 **Independence Day Celebrations**
   **JULY 2–4**
   The celebrations include concerts by the award-winning bluegrass group Balsam Range and the Lake Junaluska Singers, fireworks and other family activities.
   lakejunaluska.com/july4th

2 **Balsam Range in Concert**
   **JULY 2**
   The award-winning bluegrass group Balsam Range takes the stage as part of the Lake Junaluska Independence Day Celebrations.
   lakejunaluska.com/july4th

2 **M28 Youth Camps**
   **JULY 2–6, 6–9, 10–14**
   Designed to help leaders and students grow deep relationships with Christ. Worship and teaching sessions make a difference to every attendee.
   M28camps.com

4 **The Lake Junaluska Singers in Concert**
   **JULY 4**
   The Lake Junaluska Singers perform in Stuart Auditorium.
   lakejunaluska.com/singers

9 **Road Scholar Program**
   **JULY 9–14**
   “Making Memories: A Blue Ridge & Smoky Mountain Expedition with Your Grandchild” Program #21361
   roadscholar.org

21 **Road Scholar Program**
   **JULY 21–24**
   “Folkmoot USA: North Carolina’s International Folk Festival” Program #15162
   roadscholar.org

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/summer-worship.
26 Immerse South Carolina Youth Conference
JULY 26–30
A summer experience designed for Christian teenagers who have a desire to grow deeper in their faith and to strengthen their relationship with Christ. The four-day retreat uses powerful worship, spiritual conversations and Christian fellowship to encourage our relationship with God and each other. scmyp.org/immerse/

28 Native American Summer Conference
JULY 28–30
The SEJANAM Summer Conference weekend includes speakers, Bible study and workshops. lakejunaluska.com/sejanam

30 Road Scholar Program
JULY 30 – AUGUST 2
“Cherokee Culture in the Great Smoky Mountains: Oral Traditions & Performing Arts” Program #16415 roadscholar.org

August

4 The Lake Junaluska Singers in Concert
AUGUST 4
The Lake Junaluska Singers perform in Stuart Auditorium. lakejunaluska.com/singers

4 Junaluska Associates Weekend
AUGUST 4–6
The Lake Junaluska Associates is an organization of individuals from across the jurisdiction and beyond who love Lake Junaluska and want to serve in partnership with Lake Junaluska Assembly. Join the Associates for a fun weekend of entertainment, food, fellowship and inspiration. lakejunaluska.com/associates

7 Festival of Wisdom & Grace
AUGUST 7–10
This year’s theme, “Living with Grace,” will carry throughout the weekend of worship, workshops, professional training and fellowship relating to the second half of life. Designed for individuals, couples, small groups or church leaders. lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace

8 Transitional/Intentional Interim Ministry
PHASE III: AUGUST 8–11, NOVEMBER 7–9, FEBRUARY 20–22 2018
An interim minister is an experienced, mature United Methodist pastor trained for the specialized ministry of the interim period. Learn tools and techniques designed for this unique ministry. lakejunaluska.com/interim.aspx

13 Salvation Army Bible Conference
AUGUST 13–20
A spiritual highlight of the USA Southern Territory each year is the Territorial Bible Conference conducted for The Salvation Army officers, soldiers, friends and their families. Great Bible teachers from various denominations lead conference delegates through a week of renewal and spiritual refreshment. events.sauss.net/home.aspx

5 An Evening with Nat Chandler and Sarah Pfisterer
AUGUST 5
Enjoy an evening of music in Stuart Auditorium with two Broadway singers. lakejunaluska.com/associates
19 **Blue Ridge Breakaway**
AUGUST 19
An adrenaline-pumping bicycling event that winds through country lanes, scenic byways and the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. For riders of all skill levels. Lodging packages available. lakejunaluska.com/breakaway

20 **Road Scholar Program**
AUGUST 20-25
“The Song, History & Culture of the Celts, Scots and Appalachians” Program #21340 
roadscholar.org

## September

1 **Smoky Mountain Folk Festival**
SEPTEMBER 1-2
The 47th annual Smoky Mountain Folk Festival offers two nights of the finest traditional music and dance of the Southern Appalachian region. lakejunaluska.com/sm-folk-festival

10 **Road Scholar Program**
SEPTEMBER 10-15
“The Culture of Appalachia: The Scots, Scots-Irish and the Cherokee” Program #21338 
roadscholar.org

17 **Road Scholar Program**
SEPTEMBER 17-22
“Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An American Treasure” Program #20552 
roadscholar.org

29 **WNCC UMW 44th Annual Celebration**
SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 1
Celebrating 148 years in mission. Come join the celebration! wnccumc.org

## October

8 **Road Scholar Program**
OCTOBER 8-13
“The Song, History & Culture of the Celts, Scots and Appalachians” Program #21340 
roadscholar.org

9 **Road Scholar Program**
OCTOBER 9-13
“The Great Smoky Mountains through the Photographer’s Lens” Program #22927 
roadscholar.org

17 **Fall Fling**
OCTOBER 17-20
Enjoy the beauty of Lake Junaluska during peak leaf season. Features devotions, mini-workshops and ample free time. lakejunaluska.com/fall-fling

20 **Choir Music Weekend**
OCTOBER 20-22
Designed for small and medium-sized adult choirs, the weekend includes worship and specialized workshops. Groups will learn eight new anthems to take back to their home churches and revel in the beauty of fall at Lake Junaluska. lakejunaluska.com/choirmusic

22 **Road Scholar Program**
OCTOBER 22-27
“The Women of Appalachia: Traditions, Stories and Song” Program #22829 
roadscholar.org

## November

13 **Experiencing the World of the Bible – Miracle Stories in the Bible**
NOVEMBER 13-15
Join renowned Biblical historian, archaeologist and scholar Dr. James Fleming as he explains Scripture as it related in Biblical times and its continued relevance today. lakejunaluska.com/experiencing-bible
15 Experiencing the World of the Bible II – Recent Discoveries Around Bethlehem
NOVEMBER 15–17
Join renowned Biblical historian, archaeologist and scholar Dr. James Fleming as he explains Scripture as it related in Biblical times and its continued relevance today.
lakejunaluska.com/experiencing-bible

16 Interfaith Peace Conference
NOVEMBER 16–19
Theme: “Working for Peace: Searching for Civility in a Time of Polarization.” This conference works with Jews, Christians and Muslims to advance the work of reconciliation and peace.
lakejunaluska.com/peace

23 Thanksgiving at Lake Junaluska
NOVEMBER 23–25
Start a new tradition and savor an exquisite Thanksgiving meal with family and friends. Add a Biltmore Estate ticket or visit other local area attractions.
lakejunaluska.com/thanksgiving

26 Road Scholar Program
NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 1
“The Culture of Appalachia: The Scots, Scots-Irish and the Cherokee” Program #21338oadscholar.org

7 Appalachian Christmas
DECEMBER 7–10
Awaken the spirit of Christmas through festive live music, hearty meals and local artistry. Festivities include Handel’s Messiah, featuring the Lake Junaluska Singers, and the Appalachian Christmas Craft Show, which showcases the work of dozens of local artisans.
lakejunaluska.com/christmas

1 Balsam Range Art of Music Festival
DECEMBER 1–2
Join the award-winning bluegrass group Balsam Range as they perform alongside friends for a two-day festival featuring some of the top bluegrass and acoustic musicians in the nation.
lakejunaluska.com/balsamrange

8 The Lake Junaluska Singers in Concert
DECEMBER 8 & 9
The Lake Junaluska Singers perform in Stuart Auditorium.
lakejunaluska.com/singers

29 Ski Lake Junaluska
DECEMBER 29 – JANUARY 1
A youth ski retreat that includes worship, housing, food and skiing.
lakejunaluska.com/ski
2017 »

Special Events & Packages

BILTMORE ESTATE PACKAGES
YEAR-ROUND
The Biltmore Estate, America’s largest home, is just 30 minutes from Lake Junaluska. The estate boasts an abundance of festivities and activities for every season.
lakejunaluska.com/biltmore

SMOKY MOUNTAIN FOLK FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 1–2
The 47th annual Smoky Mountain Folk Festival offers two nights of the finest traditional music and dance of the Southern Appalachian region.
lakejunaluska.com/sm-folk-festival

FALL FOLIAGE GETAWAY
SEPTEMBER 3 – NOVEMBER 30
Experience the majesty of the changing autumn leaves. Located conveniently close to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains, Lake Junaluska is the perfect escape during fall. This discounted package is available Sunday–Thursday nights. Some blackout dates apply.
lakejunaluska.com/fall

WHITEWATER RAFTING AND ZIPLINE ADVENTURES
MARCH – OCTOBER
Lake Junaluska partners with local outfitters to offer all-inclusive rafting and ziplining experiences. We have streamlined each step of the process so you can relax and have a great time with your group.
lakejunaluska.com/adventure

LAKE JUNALUSKA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS
JULY 2–4
The celebrations include concerts by Balsam Range and the Lake Junaluska Singers, fireworks, a parade and other family activities.
lakejunaluska.com/july4th

THANKSGIVING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA
NOVEMBER 23–25
Start a new tradition: savor an exquisite Thanksgiving meal with family as we take care of the details. Add a Biltmore Estate ticket or cut down your own Christmas tree to make your trip truly unforgettable.
lakejunaluska.com/thanksgiving

BALSAM RANGE ART OF MUSIC FESTIVAL
DECEMBER 1–2
This festival features some of the top bluegrass and acoustic musicians in the nation. You won’t want to miss this unforgettable weekend of workshops and once-in-a-lifetime concerts.
lakejunaluska.com/balsamrange

SKI PACKAGES
DECEMBER – MARCH
Groups of all sizes can enjoy a brilliant ski getaway while hitting the slopes at Cataloochee or Wolf Ridge ski areas. Our packages include lodging at Lake Junaluska, meals, ski lift tickets, boots, skis and a lesson.
lakejunaluska.com/ski-groups

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS AT LAKE JUNALUSKA
DECEMBER 7–10
Celebrate an Appalachian Christmas with a group of loved ones and enjoy a weekend of music and crafts. Performances include the Lake Junaluska Singers Christmas Concert, Handel’s Messiah and the Cockman Family.
lakejunaluska.com/christmas

PHOTOS BY LAKE JUNALUSKA STAFF
In this undated photo J.B. Ivey (1864–1958), a summer resident of Lake Junaluska, delights the crowd with magic tricks at the children’s birthday party he hosted every year. A devout Methodist and son of a Methodist preacher, Ivey founded the Charlotte, North Carolina-based department store chain J.B. Ivey & Company. He had the store windows’ curtains drawn on Sundays so that passersby would not be tempted by material matters on the Lord’s Day.

Ivey was a staunch supporter of Lake Junaluska. He served as a member of the first Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees and devoted time and energy to helping the children’s ministry flourish. He created a children’s play area that was originally located near the east side of Stuart Auditorium and now lies adjacent to the Wilson Children’s Complex. Ivey regularly visited the play area and spent time with the children, telling them stories. Following his death, the play area was named the J.B. Ivey Playground.

An avid traveler, Ivey also enjoyed cultivating and growing flowers, dahlias in particular. In “My Memoirs,” published by Piedmont Press in 1940, Ivey recalled the attention bestowed on his garden at Lake Junaluska: “People came from great distances to see my dahlias. The Asheville paper sent out a reporter who wrote up my garden and dubbed me “The King of Dahlias.”
Discover Lake Junaluska

Lake Junaluska is a conference and retreat center in the mountains of Western North Carolina. With a unique location 30 miles from Asheville and between two of the most popular national parks in the country, Lake Junaluska is your gateway to the best outdoor activities and attractions in the Southeast. We welcome corporate and nonprofit groups, families, weddings, reunions, leisure guests and church groups of all denominations.

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