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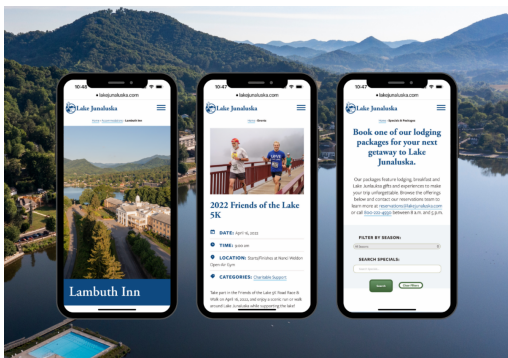
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Happy New Year from Lake Junaluska! As another year comes to a close, we reflect on the meaningful moments from 2022 that filled us with joy and gratitude. We look forward to the year ahead and welcoming you back soon to Lake Junaluska, a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.



12. Welcome Back

The easing of travel restrictions enabled Lake Junaluska to once again warmly welcome to our summer staff 25 international students from six countries - Colombia, Thailand, Mongolia, Dominican Republic, Turkey and the Czech Republic.



11. A New Website

After months of behind-the-scenes preparation and anticipation, Lake Junaluska's new website launched in early 2022. The more mobile-friendly site has welcomed more than 300,000 visitors to the Lake's digital home on the Web.



10. Sacred Vows

In 2022, nearly 40 weddings brought family and friends together at Lake Junaluska from Inspiration Point to The Colonnade for joyous celebrations and receptions. (Photo courtesy of Hartman Outdoor Photography)



9. Lifelong Learning

A new Theologians In Residence program brought nine visiting theologians to the Lake throughout the summer to lead more than 20 workshops, devotions, prayer walks and other events. Some also led worship services at the outdoor lakeside tent as part of the annual Summer Worship Series.



8. Breaking Ground

Work began on a trail to connect The Terrace Hotel with the Warren Center, creating a way for future guests to enjoy easy, scenic walks from the hotel to receptions and events at the center and adjacent Susanna Wesley Garden.



7. Table Fellowship

Families prayed, reconnected and broke bread together around tables at The Terrace Dining Room on Thanksgiving, one of the annual holiday dining events hosted each year at the Lake.



6. Grand Opening

Crepe & Custard cafe opened at Lake Junaluska in the Kern Center. With indoor and outdoor lake view seating, guests delighted in sweet and savory crepes, and rich, creamy custard.



5. New Beginnings for Old Friends

At the annual Balsam Range Art of Music Festival at Lake Junaluska, internationally acclaimed bluegrass group Balsam Range celebrated 15 years together before wishing mandolin player Darren Nicholson well as he sets off on his solo career.

4. Life Renewed



Nearly 100 participants in the C3 Youth conference held at Lake Junaluska gathered at the lakeshore as 14 teens and young adults came forward to be baptized this summer.



3. Laughter and Sharing

Nearly three dozen women shared laughter, worship and fellowship as they participated in a Journey to Joy retreat Lake Junaluska hosted in partnership with Leigh Young. Three retreats are planned for 2023.



2. All Together Again

Thousands of friends and colleagues reconnected at large conferences held in 2022 after pandemic-related postponements. Elders and deacons were ordained or commissioned, bishops were elected and consecrated and prayers were lifted up for the world.



1. Abundant Generosity

Because of the giving spirit of thousands of individuals who love Lake Junaluska, an abundance of charitable support to the Annual Fund sustained our mission throughout the year, creating thousands of meaningful moments at this sacred and holy place. Thanks be to God!

The Annual Fund makes meaningful moments possible:

- Caring for our lake, gardens, grounds, walking trails and recreational areas
- Supporting prayer services, faith gatherings and spiritual growth
- Preserving our historic buildings and sacred spaces

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Thank you for making a difference at Lake Junaluska!



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