

Feast of Tabernacles 2026: Lake Junaluska, NC



		Holy Day	Day 2	Day 3	Family Day	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Holy Day
	9/25 Friday	9/26 Saturday	9/27 Sunday	9/28 Monday	9/29 Tuesday	9/30 Wednesday	10/1 Thursday	10/2 Friday	10/3 Saturday
Morning Activities	Arrival & Setup 8am-3:30pm	1st Day Holy Day Service 10am-12pm	<u>Youth Ed.</u> 9-10am (22&24) <u>Y.A. Hospitality</u> 9-10am (26) <u>Singles Hospitality</u> 9-10am (21)	<u>Teen Hospitality</u> 9-10am (21) <u>Ladies Bible Disc.</u> 9-10am (26) 3rd Day Service 10am-12pm	4th Day Service 10am-12pm (paper airplane contest)	5th Day Service 10am-12pm	<u>Youth Ed.</u> 9-10am (22&24) <u>Y.A. Hospitality</u> 9-10am (26) <u>Singles Hospitality</u> 9-10am (21) 6th Day Service 10am-12pm <u>Horseback Riding</u> 3:30pm	<u>Teen Hospitality</u> 9-10am (21) 7th Day Service 10am-12pm	8th Day Holy Day Service 10am-12pm
Afternoon Activities	Choir Practice 2-4pm <u>Dept Heads Meeting</u> 3:30-4:15pm	<u>Teen Study</u> 3-4pm (22) <u>YA Study</u> 3-4pm (26)	2nd Day Service 10am-12pm (Children's Choir Rehearsal after service)	<u>Teen Activity</u> 2-4pm <u>YA Activity</u> 2-4pm	<u>Family Day Activity</u> (Park) 2-5pm	<u>Senior Luncheon</u> 12-1:30pm (YDC) <u>Bible Study</u> 2-3pm			8th Day Holy Day Service 2:30-4:30pm
Evening Activities	Opening Service 7:30-8:30pm <u>Meet & Greet</u> 8:30-10pm	<u>YA/Singles Mixer</u> 7-10pm (Firepit)		<u>Singles Activity</u> 1-8pm		<u>Singles Activity</u> 1-7pm <u>Karaoke Dance</u> 7:30-9:30pm		<u>Hymn Sing</u> 7:30-8:30pm	
Sunset	7:34pm	7:22pm	7:21pm	7:19pm	7:18pm	7:16pm	7:15pm	7:14pm	7:12pm

****There may be additional activities planned by individuals that aren't on the official schedule. Pay attention to local announcements and the Information Table for more info.****

****Singles Activities: There are additional singles activities not listed on the official schedule. Some are listed below but please check the Singles Activity Table in the lobby, or contact Ken Tessier (413-325-5160).****

Schedule Details

Opening Night: Friday, September 25th

- 8am-3:30pm – **Arrival & Setup:** Only those involved with setup should arrive this early.
- 2-4pm – **Choir Practice** (Shackford Auditorium)
- 3:30-4:15pm – **Department Heads Meeting:** All department heads should meet at Shackford Hall at 3:30pm for a brief meeting.
- 7:30-8:30pm – **Opening Night Service** (Shackford Auditorium)
- 8:30-10pm – **Meet & Greet:** Everyone is invited to stay and fellowship after services. Make sure to grab a Feast Goodie Bag on your way out.

1st Day – Holy Day: Saturday, September 26th

- 10am-12pm – **Holy Day Service** (offering taken up)
- 3-4pm – **Teen Bible Study** (Shackford 22): The teen Bible study will be given by Carl Koester, an elder who serves in the Salem, OR congregation.
- 3-4pm – **Young Adult Bible Study** (Shackford 26): The young adult Bible study will be given by Matthew Miller, a deacon who serves in the Salem, OR congregation.

- 7-10pm - **Young Adults & Singles Mixer** (drop in anytime): Marshmallows & Mocktails at the Shackford Firepit east of Shackford Hall. Come join other young adults, singles, and other Feast-goers for fellowship, s'mores, and mocktails. Bring a light jacket/sweater, and maybe a camping chair or picnic blanket. If you are interested in this activity please contact Jason Nitzberg for information (JasonNitzberg@gmail.com).

2nd Day: Sunday, September 27th

- 9-10am – **Youth Education** (Shackford 22 & 24): Parents should sign their children in at 8:45am. Classes should finish before the start of services.
- 9-10am - **Young Adults Hospitality** (Shackford 26): Come enjoy some snacks with other young adults before services.
- 9-10am – **Singles Hospitality** (Shackford 21): Singles of all ages, come enjoy some snacks with other singles before services.
- 10am-12pm – **Service** (*Children's Choir Rehearsal after service*)
- 1-3pm – **Singles Activity**: Lake & Lunch Sunday Stroll. Contact Ken Tessier for details (KTessier@efcorcoran.com or 413-325-5160).

3rd Day: Monday, September 28th

- 9-10am – **Teen Hospitality** (Shackford 21): Come enjoy some snacks with other teens before services.
- 9-10am – **Ladies Bible Discussion** (Shackford 26): The Bible discussion will be led by Kami Flavin and Meaghan McKee. Light refreshments will be provided.
- 10-12pm – **Service**

- 2-4pm – **Teen Activity** (arrive 15 minutes early): Winchester Creek Farm Tour & Social. Join us for a fun afternoon at the Winchester Creek Farm in Waynesville, NC! Located on a 20-acre family-owned farm surrounded by majestic Smoky Mountains, this outing will feature a guided farm tour to meet adorable alpacas, llamas, miniature horses, cows, donkeys, goats, sheep and pigs. If you missed the sign-up and payment, please reach out to Dave Permar (Dave_PerMar@ucg.org) as soon as possible.
- 2-4pm – **Young Adult Activity**: Contact Rosjensee Shelton for details (Rosjensee.S@gmail.com).
- 1-8pm – **Singles Activity**: Heights, Sights, & Bites (Mt. Mitchell). Contact Ken Tessier for details (KTessier@efcorcoran.com or 413-325-5160).

4th Day – Family Day: Tuesday, September 29th

- 10am-12pm – **Service**
 - **Paper Airplane Contest**: Shortly after services we will have a paper airplane contest. Come prepared to fly your best paper airplane from the balcony.
- 2-5pm (maybe 7pm?) – **Family Day Activity** (Lake Junaluska Park): Everyone is welcome for food, fellowship and fun at the Lake Junaluska Park. The park is located just east of Shackford Hall.
 - **Sign-Up**: Sign-up for family day is still open and encouraged so we can get an accurate count: <https://ucg.regfox.com/fot-2026-lake-junaluska-activity-sign-up->
 - **Payment**: The cost of the meal is \$24 per person. If you missed the chance to pay online you can still pay in person at the Feast. We want everyone to be able to join regardless of their ability to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, please sign up under “Families Helping Families” so we can get an accurate count.
 - **Menu**: A meal will be served starting at 3pm.

- The menu will include: salad bar, marinated chicken, hamburgers, baked beans, corn casserole, mixed veggies, assorted desserts, water, tea and lemonade.
- **Wristbands for Outfitters:** A wristband will be required for all who would like to rent out equipment from the outfitters. Everyone is welcome to get a wristband on Family Day. This equipment is for tennis, pickleball, shuffleboard, cornhole, volleyball, basketball. The *Outfitters will possibly stay open until 7pm if people would like to continue enjoying the fun.*
 - **Donation for Wristbands:** We're asking for \$10 suggested donations (to the "Families Helping Families" fund) to offset the cost of the wristbands. Donations will be collected at the information desk before and after services.
- **Boat Rentals (additional cost):** There are several boat rental options **not** included with the wrist band activities. These can be paid for at the Boat Outfitters at the park.
 - Boat Rentals: \$15 per person for one hour
 - Swan Paddle Boat Rentals: \$30 per boat (4 people in a paddle boat)
 - There may be other boat rental options as well (canoe, kayak, paddleboard).

5th Day – Senior Luncheon: Wednesday, September 30th

- 10am-12pm – **Service**
- 12-1:30pm – **Senior Luncheon** (York Dining Commons): All senior citizens ages 65+ and their mates or escorts are invited to join us for a luncheon (elders and their wives are also invited) at the York Dining Commons.
 - **Sign-Up:** Sign-up for the luncheon is still open and encouraged so we can get an accurate count: <https://ucg.regfox.com/fot-2026-lake-junaluska-activity-sign-up->

- **Payment:** If you missed the chance to pay online you can still pay in person at the Feast. We want all seniors to be able to join us regardless of their ability to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, please sign up under “Families Helping Families” so we can get an accurate count.
- **Menu:** The menu will include: meatballs in marinara, grilled chicken, red sauce, alfredo sauce, grilled zucchini/squash, balsamic brussels sprouts, garlic butter poppers, a full salad bar, dessert (cheesecakes and cannolis), water, iced tea and lemonade.
- 2-3pm – **Bible Study** (Shackford Auditorium): The Bible study will be presented by Ben Light...
- 3-7pm – **Singles Activity:** Take My Breath Away (Smokies & Gatlinburg). Contact Ken Tessier for details (KTessier@efcorcoran.com or 413-325-5160).
- 7:30-9:30pm – **Karaoke Dance** (Shackford Auditorium): Everyone is welcome to sing karaoke, dance, and enjoy fellowshiping at the Karaoke Dance. Light refreshments will be provided.

6th Day: Thursday, October 1st

- 9-10am – **Youth Education** (Shackford 22 & 24): Parents should sign their children in at 8:45am. Classes should finish before the start of services.
- 9-10am - **Young Adults Hospitality** (Shackford 26): Come enjoy some snacks with other young adults before services.
- 9-10am – **Singles Hospitality** (Shackford 21): Singles of all ages, come enjoy some snacks with other singles before services.
- 10am-12pm – **Service**
- 3:30pm - **Horseback Riding** (Smokemont Riding Stables): This is a limited space activity that required sign-up ahead of time. Contact Rosjensee Shelton (rosjensee.s@gmail.com) for details. If you already signed up you should have already heard from Rosjensee regarding times and dates that may have changed.

- If you would like to go horseback riding on your own or with your own group you can find details here: <https://smokemontridingstable.com/>
- **Singles Activity:** Explore the Biltmore. Contact Ken Tessier for details (KTessier@efcorcoran.com or 413-325-5160).

7th Day: Friday, October 2nd

- 9-10am – **Teen Hospitality** (Shackford 21): Come enjoy some snacks with other teens before services.
- 10am-12pm – **Service**
- 7:30-8:30pm – **Hymn Sing** (Shackford Auditorium): Everyone is invited to Shackford Auditorium for a hymn sing as the Holy Day begins.

8th Day – Holy Day: Saturday, October 3rd

- 10am-12pm – **AM Holy Day Service** (offering taken up)
- **Lunch Plans:** If there's enough interest people might be able to sign up for lunch at the York Dining Hall. If this is the case people would need to pre-register and pre-pay for meals using the same link as before: [United Church of God Meal Preorders](#)
- 2:30-4:30pm – **PM Holy Day Service**

Parking:

- **Limited Parking:** Parking at Shackford Hall is extremely limited, but there are other parking lots we can use. Those who are staying nearby **and are able to walk** to the hall, walking is encouraged. Drivers can drop passengers off at the hall and then go park.
- **Parking Shuttle:** Lake Junaluska does have a parking shuttle that will be available to shuttle people from parking lots to and from Shackford Hall before and after services, as well as for larger events and activities. (A more detailed schedule for the parking shuttle will be available soon)
- **Special Needs:** Those with special parking needs should contact Ken Tessier (413-325-5160).

Anointing & Counseling Schedule: (Shackford 13)

An elder will be on duty in Shackford room 13 45 minutes before services and 30 minutes after services for anointing and counseling. If you need anointing or counseling other times, this is the list of elders who will be on duty each day as well as their numbers:

Date	Name	Phone
Friday – 9/25	Jim Wilkins	205-399-2918
Saturday – 9/26	Martin Braun	704-975-3073
Sunday – 9/27	Ben Light	503-949-2504
Monday – 9/28	Mike Arnold	217-369-3530
Tuesday – 9/29	Jim Wilkins	205-399-2918
Wednesday – 9/30	Martin Braun	704-975-3073
Thursday – 10/1	Mike Arnold	217-369-3530
Friday – 10/2	Mike Phelps	513-256-7628
Saturday – 10/3	Dan Miller	330-204-6970

****If you can't reach the elder on duty for anointing find an elder you know.****