

Welcome

Kate Metts
Director, Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center

Opening Prayer

Rev. Belton Joyner
Board Member, NC UM Camp & Retreat Ministries

Recognition of Special Guests

Dail Ballard
Executive Director, NC UM Camp & Retreat Ministries

Scripture Reading
Hebrews 3:1-6

Catherine Sugg
Grandchild of Jim and Jane Sugg

1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, "bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Versus 1 and 2

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee; God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth & heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Family Remarks

Brinkley Sugg

Building Dedication

Rev. Caitlin Delamar
Faith Formation Coordinator, Camp Don Lee

In Christ's name, the cornerstone of God's church, and by the Holy Spirit, who has blessed and moved at Don Lee for 75 years, we dedicate this building. Please join me after each statement in saying "we dedicate this building."

Leader: For relief from the elements and rest from a day's adventure.

All: We dedicate this building.

Leader: For sleeping, for bathing, for late night vespers, and whispers of soon-to-be lifelong friends.

All: We dedicate this building.

Leader: For the first time camper, the 10th time camper, after feeling God's presence in a new and special way.

All: We dedicate this building.

Leader: For the school child from Raleigh or Wilmington or beyond who has never experienced the love and beauty of camp before.

All: We dedicate this building.

Leader: For the youth group, church group, or secular group that will undoubtedly be touched by God's presence and Spirit in this place.

All: We dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this cabin as a space for prayer, renewal, play, and rest. May God bless this building and all those who set foot into it. May God's Spirit move through those who stay in this cabin, clean this cabin, and call this cabin home for a day, a week, or most of the summer. May Christ Jesus, the cornerstone of the church, live and dwell in this place amongst those who visit for decades to come. Amen.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Versus 3 and 4

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jon Strother
Sound District Superintendent, NCCUMC Conference

Music Leaders

Emma Fornes
Sydney Coll
Sky Elledge

More About Jim and Jane Sugg

Jim Sugg was born on July 4, 1931, in Snow Hill, NC. His family moved several times during the Great Depression and finally settled in New Bern in the Beech Grove community. After high school, Jim graduated from Louisburg College and High Point College. He then entered the US Marine Corps and was sent to Korea during the Korean conflict. After an honorable discharge, he came back to North Carolina to attend law school at Wake Forest University. He passed away in 2018.



Jane Brinkley was born May 23, 1932, in Thomasville, NC. She always spoke fondly of her hometown and grew up with many friends who stayed in touch throughout their lifetimes. After high school, Jane graduated from Greensboro College with a degree in education. She passed away in 2012.

In 1957, Jim and Jane met on a blind date when he was a law student and Jane was a special education teacher in Winston Salem. They married in 1958 and made their home for the next 54 years in New Bern where they were strong community members. Jim served in the NC House of



Representatives and was very active in the Democratic Party. He also served as the attorney for Craven County and Pamlico County governments for many years. They were both very active in the New Bern Historical Society and at Tryon Palace. They had four sons and three grandchildren of whom they were very proud.

Jim and Jane were cradle Methodists and made sure church was an important part of their family life. They both grew up in Methodist churches (Jim at Beech Grove in New Bern and Jane at Memorial in Thomasville) and were both very active members at Garber United Methodist Church in New Bern from its inception. They were supportive of camping ministry and Jim had the privilege of serving on the board of directors at Camp Don Lee during the 1980s.

Jim and Jane Sugg Family Cabin *Dedication Ceremony*

Saturday, October 21, 2023
Noon

Camp Don Lee
75th Anniversary Celebration

