

TRINITY TIMES

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4 PM Sunday, July 3
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Asheville Jazz Orchestra

Benefit concert for Asheville Jazz Council
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Veterans Services of the Carolinas.)

TRINITY TABLE COMMUNITY DINNER

Trinity's Table, two meal's this month!

The first one will take place on **Wed., Jul. 6**, with set-up at **5:30PM**, suppertime at **6PM**. Rev Nancy will share slides and stories from her pilgrimage on the Camino and visits to Ephesus and Laodecia. Come at **5PM** and experience **Baking With the Bible**. ALL Trinity families are invited to join Dustin in a bible lesson and baking of bread which will be offered to our Trinity Table! We will have the ingredients for 4 separate loaves of "Kitchen Sink Flatbread" - so there will be plenty of opportunity for fellowship, formation, and baking.

The second meal will take place on **Sun., Jul. 31** right after the morning worship service. So bring a dish and stay for lunch after church. Both meals will be a potluck, so bring your best covered dish, homemade cookies, and store bought goodies! These meals are free and open to our neighbors and friends. August meal will take place on **Sun. Aug. 28** following worship.

WORSHIP

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES INFO **PARABLES & MIRACLES**

1. July 3: The Widow & the Unjust Judge - Luke 18: 1-8 & Holy Communion
2. July 10: The Mustard Seed - Luke 13: 18-19
3. July 17: Jesus, A Paralyzed Man, and His Friends - Mark 2: 1-12
4. July 24: Ten Healed of Leprosy - Luke 17:11-19
5. July 31: 5TH SUNDAY - YOUTH SUNDAY - sharing about youth trip and VBS
6. August 7: The Man with the Withering Hand - Mark 3: 1-6 & Holy Communion
7. August 14: Per-severance - Hebrews 11:29-12:2
8. August 21: Keeping Sabbath - Isaiah 58:9b-14
9. August 28: Back to School Sunday

It's not too late to submit your favorite bible stories/ verses/ characters for the Fall Series, which is planned for Sept 4 - Oct 23. Here is the Google Form link to submit your responses:

<https://forms.gle/ygy4QSkqhtBFMGXt5>.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES INVOLVED IN WORSHIP

There is always room for the voices of our Trinity Families in Worship! I will be preaching the last Sunday of each month and would love for those services to reflect Family Ministries and Mission. This can look like praying a prayer, reading liturgy, reading scripture, singing a song, and even preaching a sermon! Every gift that you and/or your child possess is welcomed in Sunday morning worship! Our church is better when all of our voices are together in worship!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MISSION

JULY RED WAGON

We will school supplies for **Asheville Peak Academy**: Mead primary journals, Ticonderoga pencils, colored cardstock, white cardstock, black Sharpies, white out, glue sticks, dry erase markers, Zip lock bags (snack, quart, gallon, two gallon), sticky notes (Post-its), Crayola crayons (bulk packs), Crayola markers (bulk packs),

Command hooks, watercolor paints, Play-Doh, Elmer's liquid glue, Glitter, wiggly eyes, yarn, index cards (white & colored; lined & unlined), single hole punch, masking tape, duct tape.

AUGUST RED WAGON

We will collect school supplies for **Hall Fletcher Elementary School**: hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, disinfectant wipes / antibacterial wipes, Kleenex tissues, book bag (big enough to hold binder), supply box/bag, ruler, ½ inch heavy duty 3-ring binder with plastic cover, 1 pack of notebook colored tab dividers, Mead primary journals, composition notebooks (red, blue, green, or black), three-subject notebook, 5 plastic folders with pockets and prongs (blue, yellow, green, red, black, purple, orange), index cards (small), pack of wide-ruled lined paper, pencil box or pouch, Ticonderoga pencils, set of colored pencils, pencil top erasers, pencil sharpener with a cover, box of Crayons, Crayola markers, 1 pack of Expo markers, Dry Erase markers (fine point), highlighters, Flair pens, glue sticks, scissors, Ziploc bags (sandwich size & gallon size), earbuds or headphones.

ON GOING RED WAGON

We also continue to collect items for those in need: PopTarts, cracker packs - cheese or peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, Vienna sausages, ready to eat tuna, granola bars, boxes, cereal, instant grits.

MINNIE JONES FREE MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC

The Minnie Jones Free Mobile Health Clinic will be at Trinity on **Thu., Jul. 21** from **9AM to 3:30PM**, in the Balm Grove Parking Lot. All are invited to schedule an appointment through calling our Church Office or simply showing up that day. Medical Services provided include general medical exams, school physicals, sports physicals, immunizations, pediatric medical exams. Dental services include exams, cleanings, pediatric dental exams & cleanings. Please help spread the word for this wonderful offering. We hope to have food trucks on site for lunch following VBS that day as well!

EMMA UMC / MANNA FOOD

We are continuing our support at the Emma UMC site for Manna Food Distribution which usually takes place on the first Monday of the month: Boxing begins **1-2:30PM** and distribution into families' vehicles is from **2:30-5PM** @ Emma UMC. Any offering of time is appreciated.

Mon., Jul. 11 - Second week!

Mon., Aug. 1

Mon., Sep. 12 - Second week!

Mon., Oct. 3

Mon., Nov. 7

Mon., Dec. 5

More info, connect with Dustin Mailman.

BEAR CLOSET @ ST. PAUL'S UMC

If you enjoy organizing and helping young families, we have a wonderful ministry opportunity for you! St. Paul's UMC is in need of volunteers for the BEAR Closet ministry (Babies, Equipment, And Resources). Volunteers meet at St. Paul's every Thursday morning from 9-11 AM to help organize, clean donations, sort and bundle clothes, and put together orders for our guests. If you are interested, please join us on Thursday mornings. For more information, call the St. Paul's church office on Wednesday mornings at 828-252-6512.

DISCIPLESHIP & FORMATION

ADULTS (AKA "BIG KIDS")

MARY MANN/FAITH CLASS

Sanctuary level, across hallway from Sanctuary entrance on the 2nd/ main level. This class continues to use the book *Fearless Dialogues*, by Dr. By Gregory C. Ellison II of Emory University. From the book: "A space was [is] needed for hard heartfelt conversations that could transform a power kept of emotion into a creative medium for change." You're most welcome to join, taking this next step and joining this brave space of conversation and growing in grace with God and our neighbor, which is right in alignment with what Bishop Carter spoke to at the Annual Conference this year.

This class will take a break at the completion of this book on July 10. Then, in August, an adult Sunday School class (Faith and Mary Mann...and anyone who'd like to join!) focusing on John's book of the Revelation. Study - Sunday mornings, 9:45AM, Joint study with Faith & Mary Mann Class, beginning **Aug 7**.

KOINONIA CLASS

First floor across from Fellowship Hall entrance, led by Mrs. Charlotte Clodfelter. They are currently studying the Book of Acts.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (AKA LITTLE KIDS)

During worship Children's Church is underway! We have a list of second adults, but we would love to hear if there is anyone in particular that you would love to see involved with children's church in this way.

PSALM MORNING DEVOTIONS

Tuesday morning devotions and time with the pastors at Izzy's Coffeehouse - **7:45AM**.

BOOK GROUP - JULY & AUGUST

As we try to get back into the rhythm of meeting, we are watching a few movies for summer. In June we watched the lovely 1963 movie, *Lilies of the Field*, which we highly recommend! On **Wed., Jul 13** we

will watch a movie about the contemporary Christian Music industry called *The Jesus Music*, beginning at **11AM**. It runs close to 2 hours, so bring a bag lunch or snacks. Discussion will follow on **Wed., Jul. 20, 11AM**, all in the library.

Wed., Aug. 17 will be yet another movie, TBDetermined (send Nancy any recommendations), so stay tuned to the weekly bulletin or call the office for updates. And we promise, we're working to return to our roots and choose a book for the September gathering! Join the fun!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are so excited to be offering Vacation Bible School **July 18 - 22 from 9AM-12PM**. We are welcoming children ages 3 years old (and potty trained) through 5th grade. Our registration for children and volunteers is still open and can be found at bit.ly/TUMCVBS2022. Please share with family, friends and neighbors.



How can I help? We are still in need of adult and youth volunteers to act as crew leaders guiding kids to stations, kitchen helpers to prepare and serve snacks each day, and help with registration on day one. You do not need to attend every day or the whole 3 hours to volunteer. Are you available July 17 after church service? We will be decorating classrooms and the fellowship hall and could use as many hands as possible. We will also have a donation list in the coming weeks for food and craft items. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Dustin or Anna Broome (albroom04@gmail.com or 817-888-5083).

CAMP TEKOA YOUTH MISSION WEEK

Our youth will be spending the week enjoying camp activities such as ziplining, hiking, swimming in the lake, and roasting smores; while also joining in mission with community members in Casar, NC. We will be pressure washing houses, building ramps for wheelchair accessibility, distributing food, and much, much more! Through all of the fun and service we will also be growing in our faith, exploring what it means to faithfully be in Christian service in the world that we live in.

FROM YOUR STAFF PARISH

EDUCATION BUILDING:

Our UMC Blue Ridge District of WNC Annual Conference is moving their offices, and it is with both gratitude and heavy hearts that we bid them goodbye. The District Superintendent and district staff have occupied the top floor of our Education Building for many years, and they have been excellent neighbors.

However, over much of the past year, our Trustees have been negotiating with PEAK Academy regarding their request to expand into our entire education building, and with the cooperation of the District, that request is being fulfilled. PEAK will be able to serve a K-3rd grade population next year, and the District will be moving to new offices in Abernethy UMC on Patton Avenue. Those of you who attended the information session back in March heard the statement sent by Mark Ralls, District Superintendent, expressing his support for the decision to allow PEAK to expand into the area occupied by the District, understanding that working with community organizations such as PEAK is an important part of Trinity's mission. As we hated to lose the District as neighbors, they were offered other space within our main church building, with the offer of a rent-free first year in order to customize their space; but after consideration of that, they chose to move to the space at Abernathy. If you see the District Staff moving out, please bid them goodbye and know that they will be just down the road.

WHERE ARE OUR STAFF?

Since the reorganizing process from last Fall, offices have moved and you may be wondering where each of our Staff is located, as well as when and how best to reach them. Sunday mornings when they are preparing for Worship is not a good time to catch them to talk business, so we want to be sure you know the best way to contact each of them. Our pastors are often out of the office tending to pastoral care and mission responsibilities, so please check with them first via phone or email, rather than dropping in and risk missing them. Lee also has access to their digital calendars and will have a good idea of times to schedule with them.

Nancy's office is now on the third floor, in the space formerly occupied by the Faith Class. Dustin has recently moved next to the Library (Darryl Dayson's old office) in order to have AC. This is next to Nancy's former office, which is now occupied by the Faith Class. Nancy's move was to help locate an adult Sunday School class near the children's area. Lee continues to be in the Church Office, which is in its same place on the main floor. He is available in the office Monday through Thursdays, 10 AM—2 PM, and you can reach him by calling the main church number, ext. 100.

WHAT IS UP WITH THE PHONES?

Our antiquated phone system is no longer storing voicemail messages, and a search for an affordable solution is under way. In the meantime, Lee will take messages during office hours, and pass them on or call Nancy and Dustin to an office phone.

Pastor Nancy can be reached on her mobile number, 336-341-7612 and Pastor Dustin can be reached on his,

772-214-4116. They both may be reached via the Google voice number, 828-490-7419, which is always available for emergencies to reach the on-call pastor, as well as to leave messages outside of office hours.

WHO ARE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS?

Co-Chairs Melanie Robertson and Caroline Levi, Annual Conference Delegate Laurie Bujdoso, Lay Leader Vernon Robinson, At-large Members Eric Sands, and Mike Pruet. Please contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to Trinity staff or our members. Or, always, please feel free to speak directly to members of our staff with your concerns.

TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

TLC HIGHLIGHTS

- Our 2022 approved Budget is available on the hall table and available to email upon request. Thank you for your commitment through your estimate of giving cards!
- TLC voted to secure the services of Covenant Accounting Management to assist with streamlining our financial chart of accounts and procedures, with a goal of hopefully moving to a July - June fiscal year, in alignment with pastoral appointments.
- Our parsonage renters have moved out and it is under contract for a new renter. Trustees Chair Mark Locklear is working with our rental agency to secure the new lease.
- The new lease with Avl Peak Academy has been finalized, to begin July 1, with rental of the 3rd floor.
- The District Office is relocating just down the road, at Abernethy UMC, one of our fellow Missional Network churches.
- The Strategic Planning Team will meet in August and September.
- TLC approved that we will have a Fall Festival (with Trunk or Treat, Pumpkins Silent Auctions, Pumpkin Pie contests, and much more!) in place of selling pumpkins for multiple weeks.
- Average worship attendance for TUMC thus far for 2022 is 44!
- A Church/ Charge Conference was held June 19 to approve our associate pastor's compensation.
- We will be forming a team/ committee to help plan for Trinity's 175th Anniversary Celebration. Please contact Laszlo or Rev. Nancy if you'd like to help.

UPCOMING TLC MEETING

Tues, Jul. 12, 6PM. If you have an item for consideration on the agenda, please send it to Laszlo Bujdoso or Nancy Walton **one week prior to meetings.**

PASSAGES & CELEBRATIONS

PASSINGS

The members of Trinity United Methodist Church send our sympathy to the family of:



GLENN HOWARD MAY (13 Jan 1931 - 12 Jun 2022)

Glenn Howard May, 91, husband of Carolyn H. May, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2022, at his home.

Glenn was born in Asheville, NC on January 13, 1931 to Mabel and John May. He attended Asheville City Schools and graduated from Lee Edwards High School in 1948. Glenn received his BA and MBA degrees from UNC Chapel Hill. He then served two years in the US Army.

He married Carolyn Irene Haden January 22, 1956. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Lynn May Wilson, Anne May Cogburn (Steve), and Robert Howard May (Suzanne). He leaves five grandchildren, who were the joy of his life: Kathryn Anne Wilson, Rachel Lynn Wilson Frye (Aaron), John Michael Cagle (Leanna), Carolyn Anne Cagle and Carolina Grace May.

He worked in accounting for American Enka Corporation and then Kinco Corporation, from which he retired in 1993.

Glenn was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Boy Scout Troop 3. He received the North Star Award from the Boy Scouts in 2018. He received his 50 year pin with the Masons in 2003, and was a Master Mason with the West Asheville Lodge.

He worked with Aston Park Hospital during its years of change, the Enka Lake Club and the West Asheville History Group.

He was active in ham radio and enjoyed the many contacts and friends he made with that group.

After retirement, he and Carolyn spent ten happy years traveling in the Airstream trailer they owned. They traveled the US, Mexico, Canada and wherever they could take a trailer.

Glenn loved his family, his church, his friends, his dog, Boo, his horses, working at Daniel Boone Scout Camp, and corny jokes.

There could never have been a more beloved and faithful husband, father, grandfather and friend.

A memorial service was held at Trinity United Methodist Church on June 25 at 4PM. The family greeted friends in the sanctuary from 2:30PM until the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or The Daniel Boone Council, BSA.

JENNINGS JACKSON "JACK" HALL (22 Apr 1929 - 14 Jun 2022)

Jennings Jackson "Jack" Hall, 93, of Asheville, NC ascended to heaven surrounded by loved ones on June 14th, 2022, after a difficult, but pain free, battle with leukemia and dementia.



Jack was born on April 22nd, 1929, to Joseph Lane Hall and Violet Roberta Brown Hall in the family home in Asheville, NC. After graduating from Lee H. Edwards High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950, serving his country with distinction in cryptology.

After serving four years, Jack was honorably discharged in 1954 after extensive traveling, and returned home to the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of his birth, where he began employment at the Imperial and Plaza movie theaters. Later, always the entrepreneur, Jack learned the optical trade from Warren Fluharty, Sr. and worked for many years as the primary optician for Earl Sunderhaus, M.D., and Joseph Schandler, O.D. Many children from the 1970s through the 1990s in Asheville wore glasses fitted by our dad.

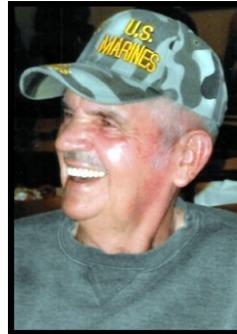
In 1959, Jack fell in love and married his high school sweetheart, Catherine Angules Sentz, and had two children, William Lane Hall, December 25th, 1968, and Linda Roberta Hall, October 23rd, 1973.

Jack was a force of nature, determined to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, he often reminisced about to the end of his days. During his marriage, Jack would introduce his wife and children to the beauty surrounding them in Western North Carolina and the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, particularly hiking near Linville Falls and Craggy Gardens. Jack would plan vacations often to Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head, SC and other beautiful places filled with excitement. In 1986, Jack divorced Catherine but always remained her close friend till she died in 2003.

Jack's love of nature and beautiful women introduced him to Aileen Mangum in 1990. They fell in love and never parted. Aileen was with Jack through the great times and through his decline until the very end. She will forever be part of our family, as will her daughter Lindsay Silvers.

Anyone who knew Jack knew that he was a loving but strict father, and he developed a drinking problem that eventually overtook his son William as well. After years of alcoholism, Jack reached sobriety in 2015 with his son following him in 2017. Jack was predeceased by his mother, Violet, his father Joseph, and his brother Henry, as well as many beautiful and loving brothers and sisters-in-law from his former wife's family. He is survived by his son William "Will", and engaged partner Scott Lanning; his daughter, Linda Hall Roberts, and husband Lee Crawford; his sweet grandchild Angules "Angel" Sikorski, Linda's daughter; sister-in-law Barbara Walker Hall (Henry), and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations should be directed to any Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter, The John F. Keever Solace Center, Asheville, NC, or to the Dementia Society of America. It was Jack's wish to be cremated and the family will scatter his cremains privately as instructed. If possible, a service of remembrance or celebration of life, with military honors, will be announced on this website later.



BOYD FRANK LYDA
(8 Apr 1933 – 14 May 2022)

Asheville, NC. Boyd is the father of **Cheryl Swiger, Jerry Lyda** and former member, Darryl Lyda. Online condolences can be made at Groce Funeral Home. Cards may be sent to: Cheryl Swiger, 749 Jenkins Valley Rd, Alexander, NC 28701; Jerry Lyda, 48 Timberwood Dr, Asheville, NC 28806. Darryl Lyda, 6001 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29575.



JOHN PAT LOCKLEAR
(18 Jun 1939 – 11 Jun 2022)

Pembroke, NC. John is the father of **Mark Locklear**. Online condolences can be made at Thompson Funeral Home in Pembroke, NC. Cards may be sent to: Mark Locklear, 314 Justice Ridge Rd, Candler, NC 28715-9576.

THANKSGIVINGS

- All who've helped with Trinity's Table.
- Mark Locklear for finalizing our lease arrangements with both PEAK Academy and our new parsonage lease management team.
- Laurie and Laszlo Bujdoso for representing TUMC as our lay delegate and alternate at Annual Conference June 16-18.
- Nolan Anthony for playing gathering music prior to worship beginning!
- Matt Leggat, Maxine Schrader and Mike Pruett for helping with sound during worship.
- Anna Broome for helping organize VBS!
- Everyone who donated green beans for June's Red Wagon.

THANK YOU

Carolyn May and family wish to express their appreciation for the cards, calls, offers of help and prayers. They are thankful for their church family.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Since the dedication and the name plate sign has been installed, the Memorial Garden is now ready. The church office has a form available to order the name plate for the loved one. The fee of \$150 has been guaranteed through now and June 2022. Please contact the church office for more information and to obtain the form.

LOOKING AHEAD!

See the Concert Announcement on the back featuring Patricia Sands and more!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

SATURDAY MORNING CONFERENCE PLENARY BUSINESS SESSION

In emotional remarks to an audience of WNC clergy and lay delegates, Bishop Ken Carter called on United Methodists to remain committed to the denomination as it faces division over the issue of homosexuality.

Bishop Carter, presiding over his first Annual Conference, urged listeners to adopt a counter-cultural mindset that commits the Church to the urgent work of dismantling racism and injustice.

“You are never going to find a church where everyone is in 100 percent agreement with you,” Bishop Carter told the assembly in Stuart Auditorium. “You will never find a pure form of church – that’s not what holiness is. My hope is that as imperfect as our local church is, you will stay, lean into the differences, listen and learn to love God and other people more. I believe that is actually the journey to holiness.”

The Church, he said, should take a lead role in advocating for solutions to urgent national challenges such as racial injustice and gun violence. Bishop Carter noted that his 10 years as bishop in the Florida United Methodist Conference included the Trayvon Martin shooting in Sanford, a mass shooting that left 49 people dead at a gay nightclub in Orlando, and a shooting at a high school in Parkland that resulted in 17 fatalities.

The UMC, he said, should find ways to integrate doctrines that are ancient with realities that are in the present. “Our Church will do this, because that’s what a living faith is,” he said.

This is a difficult time for the denomination. After decades of rancorous debate over the ordination and marriage of LGBTQ United Methodists, traditionalist groups in May announced plans for a new denomination called the Global Methodist Church.

“If you are here,” Bishop Carter told the audience in Stuart Auditorium, “we’re asking you to remain.”

The morning business session stretched for 2 hours as speakers presented procedural matters and laid out Conference priorities. Ten ordinands, deacons and elders took the stage to answer the Historic Questions that have been asked of Methodist preachers since the time of John Wesley. Rev. Lynda Ferguson, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, celebrated the 32 new local pastors to the WNC Conference.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONFERENCE PLENARY BUSINESS SESSION

At 2PM on Saturday, as the last delegates entered and scanned Stuart Auditorium for any open seat, Bishop Carter welcomed everyone back, and the organ once again came alive with a familiar and welcomed hymn. The words resounded as people from every section sang in unison of a shared hope, built not on sinking sand, but the Rock that connects us all, Jesus Christ.

The theme of hope was carried forward as Bob Shepherd from the Blue Ridge District shared by video why he chose to #BeUMC, and Catherine Gantt filled the pulpit with the joy of her work in the Smoky Mountain District, bearing witness and reminding everyone that God is still in the miracle business.

Scattered throughout the stories of hope, decisions were made by the body of delegates to live into that hope. Rev. Amy Coles presented Resolutions for Closure for Elkwood (Asheville), Giles Chapel, Helton, Hodgkin Memorial, Nebo, and Rockford Street, proclaiming that their “light lives on” in each baptism, each Sunday School lesson, and each community member once served. Each resolution passed, and Rev. Coles offered a Litany of Thanks to celebrate the good work of each congregation.

Next, Conference Chancellor Greg Huffman presented 18 congregations for disaffiliation on behalf of the conference board of trustees. Huffman reiterated that each congregation had completed due diligence, and were in compliance with Par. 2553 of the 2016 Book of Discipline. The disaffiliations of Bellview, Bethlehem (Cherryville), Burnett’s Chapel, Carson’s Chapel, Cornatzer, Grassy Creek, Gray’s Chapel, Lafayette Street, Ledford’s Chapel, Lineberry, Maple Springs, Martin’s Creek, Mary’s Grove, Midway, Nesbitt’s Chapel, New Union, Pleasant Grove (Denton), and West Marion were approved by the delegation, and Bishop Carter offered a blessing releasing each congregation, pledging to never disparage anyone for their choice, and asking for the same in return. He then invited anyone in any disaffiliated congregation who wished to remain United Methodist to participate in an initiative aiming to help with reconnection and restoration.

In continuing the theme of hope, Rev. Rob Hutchinson presented a collaborative video which set the tone for the remainder of the afternoon by proclaiming, “God is making something new!” He spoke on vitality and recounted how vital congregations were essential and necessary to the communities that surround them. Presenters spoke about new forms of Fresh Expressions, Transformation Journey experiences, and participation in Both/And cohorts. Additionally, video stories of church plants and anchored ministries were shared.

Business resumed as Petition 17 was brought to the floor and ruled out of order due primarily to a pending declaration by the Judicial Council on a ruling which could affect the validity of the proposed pathway to disaffiliation. Out of respect, Bishop Carter allowed Jennifer Linebery to speak on behalf of the petition.

In further business, Petition 18 was presented, which was met (after debate) with an approved revision which held disaffiliating congregations responsible for clergy compensation and benefits. This petition was ultimately voted down, though there was some debate from the floor.

After a short break, Petition 19 was withdrawn, and another #BeUMC story was shared, this one by the Rev. Sam Moore, who shared his personal story of hope, and

spoke of the work his ancestors had done to bring the United Methodist Church to where it is today. Mark Hicks, Founding Director of Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries of NC, then introduced that organization's new branding, mission, and vision under the name Cross and Key Prison Ministries and offered a report of their good work in prisons throughout WNC communities. Next, Rev. Rob Hutchinson introduced Jason Moore via livestream who shared about the Both/And initiative with the hope that congregations conference-wide would embrace opportunities for deeper connection through online community. He offered tips for online engagement and invited congregations to apply for the next Both/And cohort.

To close the session, Barby Bowser awarded the recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award which aims to award persons who consistently introduce others to the Good News of Jesus Christ in their ministry settings, to Brittany Bethel for her outstanding work with students and Carolina Cross Connection.

Saturday evening brought the licensing, commissioning & ordination service of 57 people, of which our own Dustin Mailman was commissioned as a Provisional Member and his spouse, Katlyn Zulinke-Mailman, was licensed as a Local Pastor!



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Closing Worship with Bishop Carter

The congregation filled up Stuart Auditorium for one final worship service of the 2022 Western NC Annual Conference at 10AM on Sun., June 19.

Bishop Carter opened his sermon with a note about today being Juneteenth. He encouraged the congregation to learn more about the struggle for freedom and emancipation in our country and our world. "As followers of Jesus who came to set the captives free, we can all be a part of this," he said.

Bishop Carter's message was a personal reflection on the theme of Annual Conference: **Connect, Imagine, Engage.**

Connect: How we connect to God's purpose in our lives.

As a junior in high school, his parents' marriage came to an end. He and his family attended church every Sunday and sat in the same spot every week. Their family had deep roots in this church. When his parents separated, some members of the church felt that the Carter family should find a different church which left a young Bishop Carter feeling left out. At the recommendation of a school teacher, they decided to try Epworth UMC in GA. This church helped Bishop Carter to feel included. That is how he became a United Methodist and felt connected to the Church and to Jesus. His wife, Pam, jokes that the Bishop

"...was not born a Methodist, but got there as quickly as he could." Everyone has a story of connection. "Are we going to include someone or not?" He posed this question as a conclusion to his story on Connection.

Imagine: God is at work in us.

While in college, East Highland UMC in Columbus, GA called and asked if Bishop Carter would be the Youth Pastor at this church. He "had zero experience doing this kind of work," he joked. The youth group was the center of these kids' social lives. With the leadership and mentorship of Bishop Carter as their youth pastor, between 12-15 youth became baptized and then members of East Highland UMC. "That helped me to imagine a different life for myself," he said. He was studying biology and enjoyed it but more and more of his heart was with the Church and youth. "You may think your church is not significant. In every church, there is something at stake. God is doing something. God is connecting people. God is giving people something to imagine," he concluded.

Engage: The Lay People have taught him how to engage.

He started this section with a realization that the Lay People of his previous churches were the ones pushing him to be engaged, not the other way around. "The laity are immersed in the world and we as clergy's job is to support that and walk with them," The Bishop stated.

"Holiness is being made perfect in love in this life. It's not running from each other but running toward each other. What does holiness mean? What does righteousness mean? If we get that wrong a lot of people are harmed. If we get that right, then God is able to work through us. In a very fearful time, in a very polarized time, God is still speaking to us."

The Annual Conference offering (to which Trinity contributed in honor of all the men of Trinity) will be divided evenly between two important ministries: 1) improvements of the historic Lake Junaluska George R. Stuart Auditorium, and 2) grant funding that will be distributed among small, rural, and churches of color in the Western NC Conference that are ready and willing to explore how digital resources can impact their worship, discipleship, hospitality, and leadership.

The Bishop then laid hands on the shoulders of each District Superintendent, praying for them, the Clergy and Lay People that serve in the Conference.

Bishop Carter officially fixed the 2022-2023 appointments to the local churches, appointments beyond the local church, and appointments to extension ministries.

Thank you to the Davidson UMC Youth Handbell Choir led by Rev. Dr. Kevin Turner for sharing their beautiful talents of music with the congregation!

Trinity received recognition from the WNC Annual Conference for giving 100% of our apportionment covenant in 2021! Thank you for making this possible.



*We exist to share the love of God now and forever.
We strive to be generous and
courageous team members.
We will work together to build community
by providing brave spaces and opportunities
to gather, engage and serve.*

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Concierto de la Tarde

A Summer Afternoon Concert

Featuring:

Sandy Riccardi, Soprano
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Eric Ericke, Piano and Organ
Andy Jurik, Classical Guitar
Richard Riccardi, Piano

Music Selections:

English Art Songs by Ricky Ian Gordon
Argentinian Art Songs by Carlos Guastavino
Classical Guitar Sonata by Manuel Ponce
Organ Solo by Jehan Alain
Piano Solo
Musical Theatre Solos by Dorsey & Madera, Flanders & Swann, Heisler &
Goldrich, Riccardi & Riccardi
Musical Theatre Duets by Frankel, Kander & Ebb

Sunday, August 14, 2022 3:00 p.m.

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Free Admission - Donations for Charity accepted