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As I attended the closing worship at this summer's Western North Carolina Annual Conference, I listened nervously as Bishop Ken Carter declared all the appointments for 2022-2023 were "fixed."

It's a traditional statement, something every bishop says before we leave Lake Junaluska. It's a declaration that the new appointment year has begun, and the list of appointments prayerfully worked out by the bishop and others is finally official.

For some pastors, hearing those words means the move for which they've been preparing themselves and their families is now imminent. They will leave Junaluska to load boxes onto U-Haul trucks, say their goodbyes, and begin ministry in a new community.

For other pastors, hearing those words means returning to a ministry appointment to begin another year of preaching the gospel, providing the sacraments, and giving thanks alongside fellow Christians for the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

It's hard to believe it's been a year since I began my ministry with Midway Church. Since I arrived in the parish in July 2021, I've worshipped God with you. I've celebrated with you. I've grieved with you. I've searched the Scriptures with you. I've prayed with you. I've dreamed of new ministry with you.

As I stood in Stuart Auditorium and listened to hear the bishop say the appointments are "fixed," I felt nervous, as I always do. But I also felt a great sense of anticipation. I am grateful to be serving with you at Midway Church, and I'm eager to continue building on our shared beginning as we enter a second year of ministry together.

#### Some news to share

There's no way to share this news without sounding like a proud husband!

The Rev. Annalee Allen, my wife of nearly 29 years, received this year's Francis Asbury Award at WNC Annual Conference.

The award recognizes people who have worked hard to contribute to United Methodist ministries in higher education. Recipients are chosen by the conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

Annalee serves as the Associate Director of Ministerial Services in Huntersville. She provides conference staff support and leadership for several programs of the Board of Ordained Ministry. She also serves as the conference staff liaison to the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

#### Thursday Night Talks

Thursday Night Talks returned this week (Thursday, June 30) as we began looking at Old Testament readings featuring some of the prophets.

We meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our meetings are informal and include prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Readings over the next few weeks will include:

July 7 – Amos 7:7-17,

July 14 – Amos 8:1-12,

July 21 -- Hosea 1:2-10,

July 28 – Hosea 11:1-11, and

August 4 – Isaiah 1:1, 10-20.

### Visiting the N.C. mountains soon?

Lake Junaluska plans a summer worship series featuring gifted preachers from western North Carolina and beyond.

Services will meet outdoors under a tent near Stuart Auditorium. Some seating will be available, but you can bring your own lawn chair to ensure you'll have a place to sit.

If you'll be visiting the N.C. mountains this summer, this preaching series could provide an opportunity for you to worship while you're away from Midway.

To learn more and see a schedule of the preachers who will speak, visit [Lake Junaluska Summer Worship Series and Theologians In Residence events \(wnccumc.org\)](https://www.wnccumc.org/summer-worship-series).

### Podcast addresses denomination's future

The Western North Carolina Conference offers a frequent podcast, "Means of Grace," which covers a variety of topics related to The United Methodist Church and its mission. A recent episode gives you the opportunity to listen to a panel discussion, recorded during WNC Annual Conference, which reflects on the topic, "Will There Be a Place for Me in the UMC?"

The podcast features a discussion between Bishop Ken Carter and several others as they contemplate the future of The United Methodist Church.

To listen, visit [Means of Grace: Will There Be a Place For Me in the UMC? A Panel Discussion From The 2022 Annual Conference \(wnccumc.org\)](https://www.wnccumc.org/means-of-grace).

And to learn more about "Means of Grace," find other episodes or even subscribe to the podcast, visit [Means of Grace \(wnccumc.org\)](https://www.wnccumc.org/means-of-grace).

Peace,  
Pastor Craig

REPORT FROM WNCC, LAKE JUNALUSKA, FOR JUNE, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: PAT LONG

Western North Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference took place at Lake Junaluska, NC from June 16-19, 2022. Midway UMC was represented by Rev. Craig Allen and Delegate Pat Long. This was the first time in two years conference was held “live” at Lake Junaluska, as has been the tradition. The previous two years because of Covid, conference was held online.

984 United Methodist Churches make up the Western North Carolina Conference.

Participants (lay and clergy) were glad to get back together for this annual “Christian Conferencing” as this has been the heart of Methodist history and tradition since 1744.

Regional Christian Conferences became the center of Methodist organization. As the church was formed in America and grew, the number of annual conferences multiplied, covering different geographical parts of the country, and later, of the world.

Daily worship services together in Stuart Auditorium focused on this year’s theme, “Connect Imagine Engage” was always spirit filled and heavenly music prepared us for the business agendas of the day.

It’s really amazing to see God connecting through so many people doing His will during conference. From the calling into ministry of new candidates, the commissioning and ordination of Deacons and Elders, the election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, the remembering of clergy and spouses who from their labors rest, recognizing the retiring clergy, congratulating ministry well done, to approving budgets, listening to committee reports, proposals and resolutions all make for His work on earth to continue during Annual Conference.

For a complete look at this year’s annual conference go to:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/ac-2022-livestream-videos>



The Midway Lunch Bunch met on the 29th of June. The food was very good and fun and fellowship was had by all. It was so good to be back together and enjoying fellowship with one another. We hope to have another one soon. We will let you know what, when, and where.



BLESSING BOX FOR JULY: We will be collecting all types of canned vegetables in July.



New address for Carolyn Warner, (Rev. Joe Warner's wife) She would love to receive cards of love and hear from you all. Wellmore of Lexington, 200 Wellmore Drive, Apt. 3203, Lexington, SC 29072.

Thank you to all who continue to beautify and care for our church property. The beautiful flowers were planted this summer at the fellowship hall.

Philippians 4:8



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022  
10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Volunteers are needed. There is so much you can do while having fun and fellowship. Come get on a roll with God at the Food Truck Party!!! We are excited and know you will enjoy the fun, Invite someone to attend.



THANK YOU

I enjoyed a wonderful day with friends and lunch at Friend and Family Day. Thank you for the gift card.

Helen Patterson

Thank you to each and everyone of you for all the support, love, and prayers! Keep those prayers and love coming. Thank you!!! Kati Pulliam and Suzi Pulliam (Kati will be enduring another surgery within the next few weeks. Keep her in your prayers also.

Kati Pulliam and Suzi Pulliam

THANK YOU Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. Also thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this time. It means so much to us to have Midway as part of our family.

Love, Judy and Todd Cook

FRIENDS AT MIDWAY UMC - Thanks so much for the way Y'all have embraced my current ministry in Haiti! I enjoyed being with you last month and look forward to working with you!

Pastor Laura, Executive Director of Soaring Unlimited of Haiti.



July 4th prayer

Dear Lord; I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their lives. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continued to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. In Jesus name We pray, Amen.. Hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July.

On Father's Day we honored our fathers. Congratulations to all who received the Lowe's Gift Cards. We appreciate and love and honor all of our fathers at Midway.



The garden has been producing an abundance. Thank you to all who continue to maintain and harvest the garden for our community.  
2 Chronicles 15:7





July 2 Doris Lentz  
 July 5 Debbie Parker  
 Mariah Meredith  
 July 9 Caitlin Armes  
 July 10 Wesley Smith  
 Dr. Carl Manuel  
 July 11 Larry Smith  
 July 12 Chris Cole  
 July 13 J. Larry Finney  
 July 14 Monte Armes, Jr.  
 Guy Williams  
 July 15 Dianne Almond  
 Lisa Reinhardt  
 July 16 Rachel Deese  
 July 20 Johnny LeQuire, Sr.  
 Rick Brown  
 July 23 Khristina Hensley  
 Joe & Debbie Parker  
 July 24 Jennifer Overcash  
 July 25 Reverend Kyle Thompson  
 Shari Osborne  
 July 28 Amy Kirk  
 Teresa Gainey  
 July 29 Wyatt Elwood  
 July 30 Richie Sinclair  
 Megan Van Wieren



July 2 Jim and Nancy Misenheimer  
 July 7 Paul and Linda Auten  
 July 8 Larry and Mary Linda Finney  
 July 12 Mickey and Carolyn Moree  
 July 23 Joe & Debbie Parker



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### CALENDAR FOR MONTH OF JULY:

07/4: Independence Day...Office closed

07/6: Serve at Opportunity House @5:30 pm

07/7: Thursday weekly bible study at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

07/11 UMW circles out to eat with spouses at Los Arcos at 6:00 p.m. in Kannapolis.

