

July 13, 2023

Dear Soapstone UMC Family,

Throughout June and July, our life together is mostly about watching, waiting, and resting. We've been taking in Wednesday-night movies as part of our Faith in Film series, savoring the reading of books for various bible studies and discussions, joining over food-laden tables in brunch church and enjoying fellowship at Durham Bulls games, Breakaway camp, upcoming VBS and wherever else we can find it.

In these hot and often dry days of summer, I'm reminded of the Mercy Me song: "*Word of God speak. Would You pour down like rain? Washing my eyes to see your majesty. To be still and know that You're in this place. Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God speak.*"

Praying that God is speaking to you and renewing you in the stillness of summer.

Thank you for supporting Soapstone with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

- Total income to date is \$420,952; Our total expenses are \$387,332.
- Giving from pledging church members is on pace with 49% of 2023 pledges and \$80,122 non-pledged received to date.

You can learn more about the many ministries your generosity makes possible by reading our most recent [Celebrations email!](#)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have questions about ways to give, please contact [Katie Cable](#), our Finance Secretary.

Grace and Peace,
Ann Jones
Chair, Finance Committee

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Lead Pastor