

# Soapstone Notes

To receive our e-news, contact the church office at 919-846-2212/office@soapstoneumc.org.



## Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday** — March 28, 7 pm, Room 200, Jesus issues a new commandment, a *mandatum novum*): Love one another.” This service commemorates the Last Supper with preaching, hymns, Holy Communion, and prayer stations.

**Good Friday** — March 29, 7 pm, Sanctuary In this Service of Tenebrae, “Darkness,” we remember Jesus’ suffering and death.

**Easter Sunday** — March 31, Three services with Holy Communion. We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is risen, indeed! 6:30 am Sunrise Service, amphitheater near Old Creedmoor Road entrance 8:30 am and 11 am, Sanctuary Services 9:45 am Egg Hunt for Children ages pre-k – grade 5, in backfield.



**Family Night at the Movies Tonight** — Families are invited to see *Kung Fu Panda 4*, tonight. Meet Mr. Danny at 5 pm in the lobby at Six Forks Cinemas, 9500 Forum Drive, to purchase your 5:15 pm movie ticket.

**Kids Rock & UMYF** — We will not have Kids Rock or UMYF tonight or on Easter.

**Two Liter Bottles Needed** — Please donate empty two liter bottles in the box outside the church office for the women’s retreat by March 31.

**Easter Sunday Resurrection Cross** — All are invited to add flowers to the Resurrection Cross. Cut flowers will be provided or you are welcome to bring flowers from your own garden to add to the cross as you enter the Sanctuary on Easter morning.

**Strawberry Festival Vendors Needed** — We need local vendors to come and show off their creations with our community at our 2024 Strawberry Festival, May 4, 11 am—2 pm. Please share and sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

**Costa Rica Summer Mission Trip** — Adults and youth come and serve as a volunteer in Los Chiles, Costa Rica to help those in need of access to clean water, June 29– July 6, 2024. Register at soapstoneumc.org/signups by May 17.

**College Exam Packs** — Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups to donate items to fill exam pack for our College Students. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside the church office through March 31.

**Youth Mission Week, Summer 2024** — Youth who have completed grades 6 –12, join our Carolina Rebuilding team in Plymouth August 12 –16, making low-income homes dry, safe and secure. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

**Dismantling Racism Discussion in March** — Read and join us Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 pm, on Zoom, discussing “*Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race*” by Luke A. Powery. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

**UMM Breakfast in April** — Men of Soapstone, you and the kids are invited to a breakfast on Saturday, April 6 at 8 am. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

**Connection Class** — This three-session class provides information on the United Methodist Church, the mission and ministries of Soapstone UMC, and the membership process. April 7, 14, & 21, 9:45 am, Room 114. Register at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

**Spring BBQ Sale** — Friday, April 12. Lunch tubs of BBQ from 11 am—1 pm, and dinner plates & tubs from 4 – 7 pm. Volunteers are needed with setup, cooking, meal prep, and clean up. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

**Small Group Leader Training** — Join a Small Group Leadership Training event April 21, 12:30 pm, Room 200. Whether you’re already leading a group or interested in starting one, connect with experienced leaders through lectures and panel discussions. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups. Questions, contact Carol Ames, clyon126@gmail.com or Rev. Dr. Jon Tschanz.

## Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

All Zoom & Microsoft Teams links can be found at [soapstoneumc.org/calendar](https://soapstoneumc.org/calendar)

### Sunday, March 24

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
2:30 pm Disciple 4 on Zoom  
5:00 pm No Kids Rock or UMYF  
5:00 pm Family Movie Night out at Six Forks Cinemas, 9500 Forum Drive

### Monday, March 25

9:30 am Lectionary Study in 202  
4:30 pm Disciple 4 in 101/103  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts at the Chapel  
7:00 pm Soul Tenders online

### Tuesday, March 26

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group in 114  
9:30 am MOPs in 108/110  
1:15 pm Pilates in 200

### Wednesday, March 27

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study in 200  
7:00 pm Dismantling Racism Discussion on Zoom  
7:00 pm Choir Practice in 119

### Thursday, March 28

9:45 am Pilates in the Narthex  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service in 200  
7:45 pm Praise Team Practice in the Sanctuary

### Friday, March 29

7:00 pm Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

**Saturday, March 30**, No Church Events



## Pastors, Staff, and those serving today

Lead Pastor: Rev. Mitzi Johnson, [mjohnson@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:mjohnson@soapstoneumc.org)  
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Scripture Readers: Julie Scroggs at 8:30 am and Gwen Cox at 11:00 am



**March 24, 2024**

**Cantata: “From Silence to Song”**

Palm Sunday commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week.

When we incorporate the story leading to and including the crucifixion, we add the name Passion

Sunday. Today, we tell this story through a cantata of remembrance, reflection, and resurrection:

*“From Silence to Song”.*



## Worship - Learn - Fellowship - Serve

We are a “Lighthouse Congregation” committed to living fully into our identity as a United Methodist Christian community that practices habits of hospitality and encircles all whom we encounter with Christ’s love.

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8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

Entrance with Palms		
Chiming the Trinity	Andrea Turner	
Welcome	Rev. Mitzi Johnson	
Prelude		
* Proclamation of the Entrance to Jerusalem	Mark 11:1-11	
* The People's Response	Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!	
* Children’s Procession	All Glory, Laud and Honor (vs 1-3) Children will parade with palms.	UMH, 280
Opening Prayer	Danny Peck	
Children’s Moment	Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.	
Hymn	All Glory, Laud and Honor (vs 4-5)	UMH, 280
Proclamation of the Passion		
Prayer for Illumination	Julie Scroggs, 8:30 Gwen Cox, 11:00	
Scripture Reading	Philippians 2:5-11	
* Litany with Confession	Creator God, you take sides with life against death. Holy Messiah, entering on the back of a donkey, you carry with you the expectations of the centuries. You are the shoot of Jesse, descendant of David, offspring of Moabite Ruth gleaning in alien corn. You are the master carpenter, compassionate healer, the one we're waiting for. Christ of vinegar and gall, free us from fear and death. Show us the lengths to which God’s love will go. Save us from our self-doubt. Forgive us when we fail to comfort the empty, feed the hungry, and give hope to those in distress. Through your costly love bring us to a deeper understanding of the meaning of your suffering. Holy Spirit, as we grapple with your struggle and ours, waiting for the stone to roll away, grant us your blessing and mercy. Amen.	
* Words of Assurance	The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.	

<b>* Passing of the Peace</b>		
The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>		
<i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>		
<b>Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings</b>		
<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>		
<b>Offertory</b>		
<b>* Doxology</b>	UMH, 94	
<b>* Prayer</b>		
 <b><i>Proclamation in Song</i></b>		
<i>“From Silence to Song”</i>		
by Joseph Martin		
Cantata Choir and Orchestra		
<b>A Quiet Gathering</b>	Orchestral Prelude	
<b>Somewhere in the Silence</b>	Tom Huffstetler and Lisa Magno, duet	
<b>Prepare Your Hearts</b>		
<b>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling</b>	John Hutchison, soloist	
<b>Just Beyond the Palms</b>		
<b>In the Stillness of This Moment</b>		
<b>Silent was the Night</b>		
<b>The Lamb is Silent Now</b>		
<b>The Silence Speaks</b>		
<b>Set Free Your Alleluia!</b>		
 <b><i>Sending Forth</i></b>		
<b>* Dismissal with Blessing</b>		
<b>* Postlude</b>	Cantata Orchestra	
<i>The palms on the altar are given to the glory of God for Palm Sunday.</i>		
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 * Please stand as you are able.		

Cantata Orchestra & Choir

Flute	Leah Jackson	French Horn	Nathan Weaver
Flute	Caroline Johndrow	Violin 1	Lillian Thomas
Clarinet	Nicholas Reid	Violin 2	Christopher Azamar Osorio
Clarinet	Erin Friday	Viola	Esther Pointer
Trumpet	Wright Lowery	Cello	Alex Earl
Trumpet	Larry Jones	Percussion	Victoria Nelson
Trombone	Lily Scarlett	Piano	Hunter Browning

Soprano	Alto	Bass
Lisa Albritton	Carol Ames	Ken Boone
Sandra Brann	Kate Boykin	Francis Cianfrocca
Jeanne Dibbert	Susan Dubois	Lawrence Gettier
Rhonda Fullam	Kelly Hodges	John Hutchison
Becky Graebe	Jeanne Holly	Don Keller
Leanna Kendall	Paula Hostetter	Steve Kramling
Ellie Maines	Tracey Lowery	Jackson Moore
Lisa Magno	Cathy Knowles	Rod Morris
Amy Maynard	Emily McMillan	
Vicki Morris	Carol Van Buskirk	
Anh Nguyen		
Joan Roobol	Tenors	
Laurie Rose	Tom Cox	
Julie Simpson	Tom Huffstetler	
Cindy Stone	Gary Maynard	
Vicky St Clair	Craig Miller	
Victoria Voight	Tim Sauls	
Linda Wood	Don Warsing	
Julia Woodward		

Narrator: Dr. Greg Van Buskirk

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Our prayer circle for the week: Karen Lancaster, Helen McIntyre, Dick Chase, Judy Fletcher, Salyer Family, Chip & Lori Hendrickson, Joe & Patsy Booth, Darrel & Shirley Johnson, General Conference.

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Guests: Thank you for joining us. If you are visiting with us today for the first time text the word “**Welcome**” to 919-689-4300, scan the QR Code, or fill out the attendance pad with your name and phone #’s so that we may welcome you by text and email. Please stop by the welcome cart for a gift and information.

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**We love children:** All children are welcome in Sanctuary worship no matter how wiggly. Please uphold our Safe Sanctuary policy by accompanying your child any time they are in the building. Our staffed nursery is available in Room 116 for children 5 and under.

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**Sensory Friendly:** Children’s activity notebooks, sensory bags, & listening devices are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. Our Sensory Room (109) provides a soothing place to sit with an overwhelmed child and to access the service via livestream.

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**Listening Devices:** Devices for the hearing impaired are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

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**After-Hours Pastoral Care Line:** If you have an urgent need for pastoral care when the church office is closed, please call 919-256-8336 and leave a message for the pastor or staff person on call.