

Soapstone Notes

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

Costa Rica Summer Mission Trip — Adults and youth serve as a volunteer in Los Chiles, Costa Rica to help those in need of access to clean water, June 29– July 6. The first 5 to register only \$1,600 per person, at soapstoneumc.org/signups by May 17.

Kids Rock & UMYF — Children ages 4 through grade 5 and Youth grades 6-12 gather Sunday evenings, 5-6:30, to have fun, fellowship, and enjoy activities.

Extra Musicians Needed — Do you play the drums or guitar? Praise Team is in search of instrumentalists who can fill in when our regular folks are out. Contact Andrea if you are interested.

Monday Morning Lectionary Class — Join our pastors for prayer and discussion, on the scriptures related to the upcoming week's worship and sermon as we go deeper with the text and learn from one another. Room 202, 9:30-11.

Tween's Lock-In — 4th & 5th graders are invited for a time of fun and fellowship while spending the night at SUMC Friday, April 19. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Small Group Information Event Open to All — Calling all current and aspiring leaders and group members to an information event on April 21 at 12:30 pm in Room 200. Hear from experienced leaders through lectures and panel discussions. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups. Questions, contact Carol Ames, clyon126@gmail.com.

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.

New to Soapstone in the Last Year? — Join us as our guests for Sunday Newcomer brunch, informal conversation, and an opportunity to make new friends. Staff and others will be on hand to answer questions and help you get connected. April 28, 9:45-10:45, Room 200. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Newcomer Brunch Helpers and Food Contributors — We are thrilled to welcome so many new faces to Soapstone! Help us welcome them by bringing food, or setting up and cleaning up. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Produce Boxes — Beginning May 21, we will become a distribution site for produce boxes from Spring Forest CSA, a UMC farm that supports missional causes. To subscribe, go to soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Strawberry Festival — Our Strawberry Festival is May 4, 11 am—2 pm. Can't make it that day? Consider donating a gift card to our gift card tree or baked goods. Sign up to volunteer or donate items at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Register for Youth Breakaway — This is for youth grades 6-12 grade sponsored by our Conference Youth Ministry at NC Wesleyan College June 26– July 1. Register at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Car Wash Fundraiser — Support Cub Scout Pack 399 and swing by their carwash fundraiser in the Norwood parking lot. May 11, 11 am—3 pm. (Rain date May 18)

Children's Musical — Join us Sunday, May 12, at 9 am for a special Mother's Day breakfast. Following breakfast, we will have *one* worship service at 10 am to hear "The Greatest Hymn on Earth". Our children have worked hard this spring and are looking forward to sharing this message with you!

Carolina Rebuilding — Volunteer with our Carolina Rebuilding Ministry Team in Eastern NC any or all of May 13-17. Email Greg Cain, gcain3190@gmail.com to sign up.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

All Zoom & Microsoft Teams links can be found at soapstoneumc.org/calendar

Sunday, April 14

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 am Connections Class in 114
- 12:15 pm Children's Council in 108/110
- 2:30 pm Disciple 4 on Zoom
- 4:00 pm Set In Stone in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Kids Rock & UMYF
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee in 108/110

Monday, April 15

- 4:30 pm Disciple 4 in 101/103
- 6:15 pm Youth Handbells in 117
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts at the Chapel
- 7:00 pm Soul Tenders in 108/110

Tuesday, April 16

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group in 114
- 1:15 pm Pilates in 200
- 3:30 pm MOPs Playdate at Strickland Road Park
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm Papillon Park HOA in 200
- 7:15 pm Church Council in 108/110

Wednesday, April 17

- 9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study in 200
- 10:00 am MOPs Playdate at Pleasant Grove UMC Playground
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice in 117
- 7:00 pm WOW Book Club on Zoom
- 7:30 pm MOPs Night Out at ZincHouse

Thursday, April 18

- 9:45 am Pilates in 200
- 6:30 pm Adult Handbells in 117
- 7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study in 101/103
- 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 19

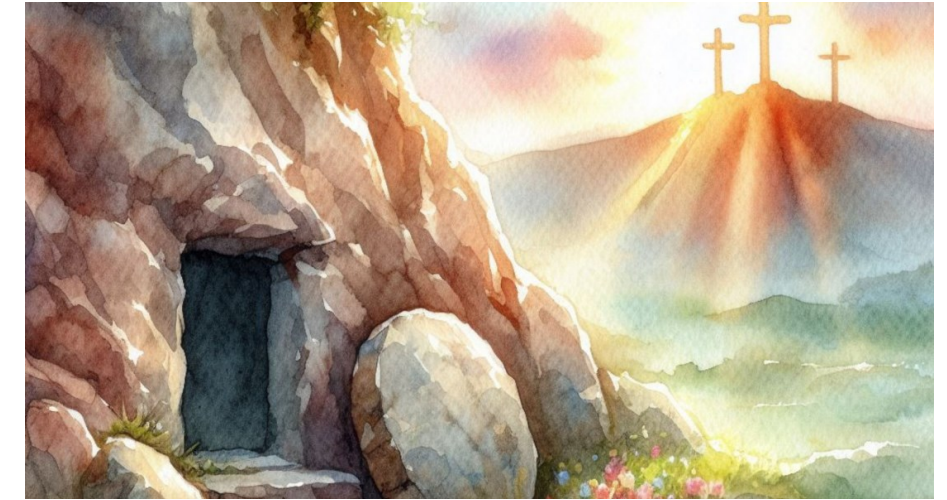
- 12:00 pm WOW Book Club at Manchester's
- 7:00 pm Tweens Lock-In

Saturday, April 20

- 12:00 pm Intrepid Hikers End of Season Luncheon

Pastors, Staff, and those serving today

Lead Pastor: Rev. Mitzi Johnson, mjohnson@soapstoneumc.org
Pastor of Visitation: Rev. George Freeman, gfreeman@soapstoneumc.org
Pastor of Discipleship & Missions: Rev. Dr. Jon Tschanz, jtschanz@soapstoneumc.org
Director of Family Ministries: Danny Peck, dpeck@soapstoneumc.org
Director of Music: Andrea Turner, aturner@soapstoneumc.org
Director of Preschool: Jessica Slessman, jslessman@soapstoneumc.org
Nursery Coordinator: Rebecca Mitchell, nursery@soapstoneumc.org
Communications Coordinator/ Financial Secretary:
Katie Cable, kcable@soapstoneumc.org
Administrative Assistant: Deana Castagna, dcastagna@soapstoneumc.org
Scripture Readers: Julie Scroggs at 8:30 am and Jeanne Moore at 11:00 am



April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter

Easter is more than a day.
It's a season of 50 days, a "week of weeks,"
ending with Pentecost, the day we celebrate
the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the
Church (Acts 2). In this season, we lean
into what it means to say, "Christ is risen"
and how we, the Church, are his body.
We are easter people. Alleluia!



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 am Worship

Chiming the Trinity		Andrea Turner
Welcome		Rev. Mitzi Johnson
* Opening Praise Songs	The Lion and the Lamb Resurrecting	Praise Team
* Opening Prayer		Don Warsing
* Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>	
First Scripture Reading		Acts 3:12-19
Children's Moment		Rev. Carol Van Buskirk <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Second Scripture Reading		Luke 24:36b-48
Sermon	"Peace Be With You"	Rev. Mitzi Johnson
Prayer		
* Response Praise Song	Stand In Your Love	Praise Team
Prayers of the People		Rev. Dr. Jon Tschanz
Lord's Prayer		
Celebration of Ministry: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPs)		Blair Roberts
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings	<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>	
	Offertory	Paula Scicluna
	* Doxology	
	* Prayer	
* Closing Praise Song	My Lighthouse	Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing		

11:00 am Worship

Gathering

Chiming the Trinity		Andrea Turner
Welcome		Rev. Mitzi Johnson
Prelude		
* Call to Worship	In our Easter joy, we find a God of new starts and fresh growth. In our Easter grace, we find a God of renewal and transformation. In our Easter faith, we find a God to carry us from darkness and despair. In our Easter peace, we find a God to nurture us in hope and love. In our Easter lives, let us glorify God's name, now and forevermore.	
* Opening Hymn	God of Grace and God of Glory	UMH, 577
* Opening Prayer		Rev. Dr. Jon Tschanz
	Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.	
* Confession and Words of Assurance	<i>The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."</i> In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.	
* Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation</i>	

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination		Jeanne Moore
First Scripture Reading		Acts 3:12-19
Children's Moment		Rev. Carol Van Buskirk <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Proclamation Song	I Know He Watches Me	Chancel Choir
Second Scripture Reading		Luke 24:36b-48
	The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	"Peace Be With You"	Rev. Mitzi Johnson

Response and Thanksgiving

* Responsive Hymn	And Can it Be (vs 1, 5)	UMH, 363
* Affirmation of Faith		UMH, 883

* Gloria Patri		UMH, 71
Prayers of the People		
Lord's Prayer		
Celebration of Ministry: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPs)		Blair Roberts
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings	<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>	
	Offertory	
	* Doxology	UMH, 94
	* Prayer	

Sending Forth

* Closing Hymn	Because He Lives	UMH, 364
* Dismissal with Blessing		
* Postlude		Paula Scicluna
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	*Please stand as you are able.	
	The flowers on the altar are given by Mike & Jamie Leaveck in honor of Gracie's 9th birthday.	

Our prayer circle for the week: Helen McIntyre, Judy Fletcher, Dick Chase, Diane Dorfner & family, Jim Lavery, Gary & Karen Shell, Becky Arrington, David Bowen, General Conference, Kaleidoscope Participants.

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.



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.

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.

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

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.