

Soapstone Notes

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

A big thank you to the parents and other adults who have served as teachers, mentors, and helpers with Confirmation class and retreats throughout the year: Rev. Kay Boone, Rev. George Freeman, Rev. Dr. Jon Tschanz, Danny Peck, Rev. Mitzi Johnson, Sarah Lancaster, Susan Graebe, Kelly Hodges, Dr. Greg Van Buskirk, Katie Cable, Becky Fouts, Blair Roberts, Lisa Magno, Leanna Kendall, Laura Doxey.

Dementia Workshop — Speaker Lisa Levine, a director at Dementia Alliance of NC's, will provide information and answer questions this Thursday, 2-4 pm, Room 200. Register online at soapstoneumc.org/signups for this free workshop.

Support Group for Dementia Caregivers — Starting June 12, join new group the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2-3:30 pm in Room 108/110. Connect with fellow caregivers to share ideas and support each other through the stages of dementia caregiving. Register at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

General Conference Recap Session — We will hold a General Conference recap session and time of Q & A with our Delegates, Susan Graebe and Danny Peck on Thursday, May 23 at 6 pm in Room 200. If you would like to submit any questions in advance, use the link found on soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Register for Vacation Bible School — Children ages 3 years through 5th grades are invited to VBS "Camp Firelight, A Summer Camp Adventure with God", July 21-25. Register your child to participate or yourself to volunteer at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Graduating Seniors and Parents — We are celebrating the SUMC High School Graduates on June 2, at the 11 am worship service followed by a lunch for the families of seniors in Room 200. Let us know you are coming by filling out a form at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Summer Sunday School for Youth and Adults — Sundays, 9:45 am, Room 200, June 2- August 25 (except 6/23 & 7/7). "Rock of All Ages, Jesus on the Radio", this summer in Summer Sunday School, we'll explore how pop music understands the character, identity, message, and meaning of Jesus always comparing what we hear on the radio to what we hear in the Word of God.

Youth Mission Week — 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.

Register for Youth Breakaway — Youth, grades 6-12, attend this camp sponsored by our Conference Youth Ministry at NC Wesleyan College, June 24-29. Register at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Summer Dinner Nights at Chow! — Ladies, come join other women this summer for dinner at Chow on Creedmoor Road, 6:30 pm. June 11, July 9, and August 13. Look for the table marked Soapstone UMC Women!

Films for Fun Movie Nights — Come have popcorn and watch the movies with friends this summer 6 pm, room 200 Wednesdays, June 5 — July 17. Bring your dinner or snacks! Find movie titles and sign up to host one of these nights at soapstoneumc.org/signups!

Father's Day Biscuit Bar — June 16, 9:45 am, in the Narthex. Enjoy a Biscuit Bar! Everyone is invited for a special treat on Father's Day! Sign up to bring treats at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Farewell to Rev. Dr. Jon Tschanz! — Come say goodbye to Pastor Jon as he prepares to continue his ministry in Orlando, Florida. Final sermon: June 16, 8:30 and 11 am Farewell reception: June 23, 9:45 am, in the Narthex. (No adult or youth Sunday School this day).

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, May 19

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
12:15 pm Preschool Advisory in 108/110
12:30 pm College Secret Pal Lunch in 200
2:30 pm Disciple 4 on Zoom
5:00 pm Children's Council in 108/110
5:00 pm UMYF Paint Wars in the backfield
7:00 pm Finance in 108/110 & Teams

Monday, May 20

9:30 am Lectionary Study at Pastor Mitzi's
4:30 pm Disciple 4 in 101/103
6:30 pm Boy Scouts at the Chapel

Tuesday, May 21

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group in 114
1:15 pm Pilates in 200
6:30 pm Troop 399 Court of Honor in 200
7:15 pm Church Council in 108/110 & Teams

Wednesday, May 22

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies in 200
7:00 pm Choir End of Year Celebration at Lafayette Village

Thursday, May 23

9:45 am Pilates in 200
2:00 pm Dementia Workshop in 200
6:00 pm General Conference Recap Session in 200
7:30 pm MOPs Moms Night Out at Salt & Lime

Friday, May 24

Preschool Workday

Saturday, May 25, No Church Events

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.

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
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Communications Coordinator/ Financial Secretary:
Katie Cable, kcable@soapstoneumc.org
Administrative Assistant: Deana Castagna, dcastagna@soapstoneumc.org
Scripture Readers: Joan Catena at 8:30 am and Minnie Dukes at 11:00 am



May 19, 2024

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

On Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, inspiring them to take the Gospel into the world. Today's scriptures remind us of God's power to create and renew life in the power of the Holy Spirit. We behold this power in Paul's discussion of adoption in Christ through the Spirit. And we see the promise of this power in Jesus' words to his disciples. In God's Holy Spirit, we are bound together in one body of Christ.



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	Open Up the Heavens Holy Spirit	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		Romans 8:22-27
Children's Moment		Danny Peck <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Second Scripture Reading		John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Sermon	"I Still Have Many Things to Say"	Rev. Mitzi Johnson
Prayer		
* Response Praise Song	Same God	Praise Team
Prayers of the People		Rev. George Freeman
Celebration of Ministry:	The Holy Spirit at Work at Soapstone UMC	
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	I Believe	Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing		

11:00 am Worship

Gathering

Chiming the Trinity		Andrea Turner
Welcome		Rev. Mitzi Johnson
Prelude	In Christ Alone	Youth Handbells
* Call to Worship	Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit. Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers, Come, Holy Spirit. Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame, Come, Holy Spirit. With speech that unites the babble of our tongues, Come, Holy Spirit. With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation, Come, Holy Spirit. With power from above to make our weakness strong, Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.	
* Opening Praise Song	Praise	Set In Stone
* Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession		Rev. George Freeman
Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation. Send the wind and flame of your transforming life to lift up the church in this day.	Give us wisdom and faith, that we may know the great hope to which we are called. Come, Holy Spirit, set us free to emerge as the children of God. Forgive us when we fail to hear the weeping of the world. Forgive us when we fail to be a voice for the voiceless. Forgive us when we fail to see your vision of peace and justice. Come, Spirit of Unity, make us alive with the courage and faith of your prophetic truth.	
* 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		Minnie Dukes
Scripture Reading		John 15:26-27; 4b-15
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		
Children's Moment		Danny Peck <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Proclamation Song	Whirlwind Spirit	Chancel Choir
Homily	"I Still Have Many Things to Say"	Rev. Mitzi Johnson

Response and Thanksgiving


* Responsive Praise Song	Living Hope	Set In Stone
Presentation of Candidates for Confirmation and Baptism	<i>Lauren Deans, Benjamin Leonard, Sophie Loos, Penny Mayes, and Colin Scarlett are presented for Confirmation.</i> <i>Lila Doxey, Emily Mills and Meghan Mills are presented for Baptism.</i>	

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith		UMH, 34
<i>Pastor Mitzi and Danny Peck address the parents and confirmands with questions concluding with questions for the congregation and the affirmation of faith on screens.</i>		
Thanksgiving Over the Water	<i>See congregational responses on screens.</i>	UMH, 36
Baptism with Laying on of Hands		UMH, 37
Confirmation		UMH, 37
Reception into the UMC and Soapstone UMC		UMH, 38
Commendation and Welcome	<i>See congregational responses on screens.</i>	UMH, 38
Hymn	Child of Promise	UMH, 611
Prayers of the People		
Lord's Prayer		
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	One Look	Set In Stone
* Doxology		UMH, 94
* Prayer		


Sending Forth


* Closing Praise Song	I Believe	Set In Stone
* Dismissal with Blessing		
* Postlude		Paula Scicluna
<i>Guests, greeters at the Welcome Center would love to answer any questions you may have. Stop by and receive a gift on us!</i>		
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	*Please stand as you are able.	

✝ **Our prayer circle for the week:** Gary & Karen Shell, Donna Robinson, Ann Jones, Gail Campbell, David Stephens.

 **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.



 **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.