

Soapstone Notes

Stay informed about events and updates! To receive our weekly emails, contact office@soapstoneumc.org or visit soapstoneumc.org/signups, click "Receive Church Emails." For urgent updates, like weather-related changes, text "update" to 919-689-4300 or reach out to the church office.

No Kids Rock or Youth Group Tonight — We will not hold Kids Rock or Youth Group tonight on this holiday weekend. Join us next week at 5 pm.

Lay Servant Training — February 8, 8:30 am – 5 pm, Room 200. Dr. Greg Van Buskirk will lead a course on the United Methodist Church's theology, witness, and structure, examining their impact and relevance today. Register by January 23, soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Contribute to Upcoming Events — Help the Children's Council get ready for Shrove Tuesday on March 4 by donating empty egg cartons to Danny's office by March 2. Support the Women's Ministry in preparing for the Spring Retreat by dropping off clean, empty Oui yogurt containers in the basket outside the office by March 19.

Volunteer to Run the Cameras in Worship — The AV team is looking for youth and adults to join the fun at the AV Booth and run the cameras! It's super easy, important, and a blast. Reach out to Andrea Turner to learn how! Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Preschool Registration — Registration for the 2025-26 preschool year is open to church members and will open to the general public on January 23. Please visit soapstoneumc.org/preschool for more information. Contact Jessica Slessman.

Register for the Women's Retreat! — Only 11 spots left. At this retreat, we'll enjoy worship, workshops, play, prayer, fellowship, rest, and reflection at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, March 21-23 with Pastor Laura Hamrick. Registration is open, at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Join Our Youth Handbell Choir! — Are you in grades 6-12 and interested in making beautiful music with handbells? We would love to have you in our Youth Handbell Choir! Practices are held on Monday nights from 6:15 –7:15 pm. If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to Andrea Turner.

Pine Straw Sale — Saturday, March 15. Order forms are available by the church office and online soapstoneumc.org/pine-straw. Order for pickup or delivery. We need volunteers to help load and deliver. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Join our Palm Sunday Easter Cantata Choir — Do you love to sing? We'd be thrilled to have you join our Cantata Choir for our Palm Sunday Easter Cantata! Rehearsals start on January 25 at 9 am. For more details, contact Andrea Turner.

Dismantling Racism Discussion — Read "*Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story That Awakened America*" by Joy-Ann Reid. All are welcome to join for thoughtful discussion January 29, 7:30 pm on Zoom. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Crafting Ministry Event in February — You're invited to a fun craft event where we'll be making handmade Valentine's cards! Join us on February 5 at 4 pm in Room 200 to get creative and spread some love. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Galentine's Event for Ladies of all Ages! — The Women's Ministry hosts a Galentine's brunch on Saturday, February 15, 10 am – 12 pm, Room 200 for ladies of all ages. We will have brunch, fellowship, games, and activities. Sign up by February 12 at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, January 19

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 pm Making Sense of the Bible Potluck in 200
- 2:30 pm Jesus in the Gospels on Zoom
- 5:00 pm No Kids Rock or Youth Group, holiday weekend

Monday, January 20, Church Office Closed for the Holiday

- 4:30 pm Jesus in the Gospels in 101/103
- 6:15 pm Youth Handbells in 117
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts at the Chapel
- 7:00 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study in 101/103
- 7:00 pm Soul Tenders in 200

Tuesday, January 21

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group in 114
- 1:15 pm Pilates in 200
- 7:00 pm MOMCo offsite at Sassool
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm Church Council in 108/110

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study in 200
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice in 119

Thursday, January 23

- 9:45 am Pilates in 200
- 6:30 pm Adult Handbells in 117
- 6:30 pm God & Me, God & Family in 108/110 & 111
- 7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study in 101/103
- 7:15 pm Praise Team in the Sanctuary

Friday, January 24

- 5:00 pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in the Sanctuary

Saturday, January 25

- 9:00 am Cantata Rehearsal in 200
- 10:00 am Intrepid Hikers
- 1:00 pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm LRHS Swim & Dive Team in 200

Pastors, Staff, and those serving today

Interim Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Suzanne Cobb, scobb@soapstoneumc.org
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Katie Cable, kcable@soapstoneumc.org
Scripture Readers: Danny Wever at 8:30 and Sarah Lancaster at 11:00



January 19, 2025 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

We're so glad you've joined us today. This is your service and your time to praise, laugh, cry, pray and reconnect to the ways God is moving in our lives. Whether you come from a place of peace and wholeness or from the fringe with a heart of despair and confusion, know that you are loved and accepted by God and his son Jesus Christ and through the welcome embrace of the people of Soapstone.



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. Dr. Damion Quaye
* Opening Praise Songs	Great Things Good Good Father Praise Team
* Opening Prayer	Don Warsing
* Passing 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	Isaiah 62:1-5
Children's Moment	<i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Second Scripture Reading	John 2:1-11 The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.
Sermon	“Why Not Now?” Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
Prayer	
* Response Praise Song	This Is Our God Praise Team
Prayers of the People	Rev. Dr. Suzanne Cobb
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	Hunter Browning
* Offering Praise Song	
* Prayer	
* Closing Praise Song	Your Love Defends Me Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing	

11:00 Worship

Gathering

Chiming the Trinity	Andrea Turner
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
Prelude	Hunter Browning
* Call to Worship	Come, all who are thirsty, for the Lord is ready to fill our cups. We come to be refreshed by the living water of Christ. Come, all who seek signs of God's glory, for Christ reveals His power in the ordinary. We come to witness the miracles of grace in our lives. Come, let us do the work of God's people and celebrate the One who turns sorrow into joy and scarcity into abundance. We come to worship the Lord, whose love overflows like new wine. Now is the time to come! We have come into this place, this day, to worship the Lord. Amen!
* Opening Hymn	Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee UMH, 89
* Opening Prayer	Rev. Dr. Suzanne Cobb As you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee, be with us here today. The wine of our lives and souls has run out. Fill the water pots of our souls this day with new and fresh wine from your wine cellar. The wine of yesterday is gone; it is stale; it is old. Today, God, send your anointing power in this place and in the lives of your people that we may find strength to hold on and hold out. In the name of Jesus the Christ, 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 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	Sarah Lancaster
First Scripture Reading	Isaiah 62:1-5
Children's Moment	<i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Proclamation Song	Faithfulness Chancel Choir
Second Scripture Reading	John 2:1-11 The Word God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.
Sermon	“Why Not Now?” Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye


Response and Thanksgiving


Responsive Hymn	He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (vs.1-3)	UMH, 128
*Affirmation of Faith		UMH, 883
* Gloria Patri		UMH, 71
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		
* Doxology		UMH, 94
* Prayer		


Sending Forth

* Closing Hymn	Standing on the Promises (vs. 1-2, 4)	UMH, 374
* Dismissal with Blessing		
* Postlude		Hunter Browning
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	<i>* Please stand as you are able.</i>	
	<i>The flowers on the altar are given by Gail Campbell in loving memory of her husband Steve Campbell.</i>	

Our prayer circle for the week: Craig Miller, Jay Plummer, Beth Chase, Kelly Hodges, Paula Hart, Jeannette Woodward, Gary & Karen Shell, Kim Harward, John Suydam
Troy & Sandra Canady, Bill & Sharon Foster, Nancy Murray.

 **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.

