

8:30 am Worship with Praise Music

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.

Chiming of the Trinity	Andrea Turner
Welcome	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
* Opening Praise Songs	Great Things Praise Team Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)
* 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	2 Kings 5:13-14 Danny Wever
Children's Moment	Danny Peck <i>Nursery (ages 5 & under) is available (116). A calming room (109), sensory room (115), and nursing room (114) are available. The Sanctuary offers rocking chairs and a PrayGround. Activity bags are available in the Narthex. Children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>
Second Scripture Reading	Romans 6:1-11 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.
Sermon	James Bernstein
Prayer	
Commissioning of James Bernstein	Rev. George Freeman
* Response Praise Song	Who You Say I Am Praise Team
Prayers of the People	
The 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
	* Offering Praise Song
	* Prayer
* Closing Praise Song	It Really Is Amazing Grace Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing	

11:00 am Traditional Worship

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Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity	Andrea Turner
Welcome	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
* Prelude	Hunter Browning
* Call to Worship	James Bernstein
	Therefore, having been justified by faith, We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Through whom also we have obtained our introduction to faith into this grace in which we stand; and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance, and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
* Opening Hymn	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs 1-3) UMH, 384
* Opening Prayer	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye Holy God, we gather this morning as people who are still becoming and still learning what it means to be made new. As we turn toward you, turn us toward the life you are always offering: the one that keeps breaking open, that death cannot hold. In this hour, may we find ourselves more awake to the life you offer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
* Confession and Words of Assurance	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>
Prayer for Illumination	Sarah Lancaster The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray:
First Scripture Reading	2 Kings 5:13-14

Proclamation

Children's Moment	Danny Peck
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Proclamation Song	Hymn of Promise Chancel Choir
Second Scripture Reading	Romans 6:1-11 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.
Sermon	James Bernstein
	Response and Thanksgiving
Commissioning of James Bernstein	Rev. George Freeman
Prayers of the People	
The Lord's Prayer	
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings	<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad, pass it down the row, and back again.</i>
	Offertory
	* Doxology UMH, 94
	* Prayer
	Sending Forth
* Closing Hymn	Amazing Grace (vs 1-4) UMH, 378
* Dismissal with Blessing	
* Postlude	
	* Please stand as you are able.
	The altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for Danny Peck's faithful service to Soapstone UMC.



Linda Roberts, Joe Jones,
Breakaway participants and volunteers

Visiting for the first time? We're glad you're here!

Please text "Welcome" to 919-689-4300, scan the QR code, or write your name and phone number in the attendance pad. We'd love to greet you by text and email. Stop by the Welcome Center to receive a gift and learn more about us!



Upcoming News & Events

Sign up for events and learn more by visiting our website.

Register for



July 20-23



Morning Session – 9:30 am - Noon
Age 3 – Kindergarten
Evening Session 6 -8 pm
Kindergarten - 5th grade

"Koinonia" & "All the Good"

This summer, all adults are invited to join our pastors in Room 200 through August 23 (no class on July 5) for a special Sunday School series focused on deepening our faith, strengthening our relationships, and living out Christ's call in the world.



Charge Conference

We will hold a charge conference on Tuesday, June 23 at 7 pm on Zoom to approve our Lay Leadership for 2026/2027. All are welcome to attend; only charge conference members may vote.

Summer Volunteer Training

If you are volunteering with children, youth, or Happiness Ministry this summer, please complete a Safer Sanctuaries training on June 28, 9:45 am, or July 16, 7 pm.



One Worship Service, Sunday, July 5

We will have one 10 am Worship Service on July 5.

We will not have Sunday School.

Looking Ahead at Future Dates

7/8: Women's Dinner Out, Milton's, 6 pm

7/13-7/16 & 7/18: VBS Prep, 10 am

7/14: Tuesday Lunch Crew, Outback, 7500 Creedmoor Rd

7/17: VBS Prep, 4 pm

7/25: Uniquely Fun Outing, Crafting, 1-3 pm

7/31-8/2: Men's Retreat

8/5: Women's Dinner Out, Carolina Ale House, 6 pm

8/11: Tuesday Lunch Crew, Salt and Lime, 4800 Grove Barton Rd

8/15: Children's Carnival for uniquely abled pre-k - 5th grades, 10 am

8/22: Uniquely Fun Outing, Bowling & Pizza, 1-3 pm

Look for more info on these events and more dates soon!

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, June 21

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Celebrating Danny Peck, Narthex

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

Monday, June 22, (Youth Breakaway)

10:00 am MOMCo Pool Party Playdate, Wood Valley Swim Club

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, at the Chapel

Tuesday, June 23, (Youth Breakaway)

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114

10:00 am VBS Prep

1:15 pm Pilates, 200

7:00 pm Charge Conference, Online

Wednesday, June 24, (Youth Breakaway)

6:00 pm Eagle Boards, 111, 114

Thursday, June 25, (Youth Breakaway)

9:45 am Pilates, 200

Friday, June 26, (Youth Breakaway)

Saturday, June 27, (Youth Breakaway)

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UNITED METHODIST

June 21, 2026

4th Sunday after Pentecost

We're so glad you've joined us today.

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.

Pastors and Directors serving today:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Laura Fine Ledford, lfinedford@soapstoneumc.org

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