

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** Open Up The Heavens Praise Team
Lord I Need You

*** Opening Prayer** Don Warsing

*** Passing of the Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
*As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange
peace with others in the congregation.*

First Scripture Reading 2 Kings 4:8-17 Darleen Tibbs

Children's Moment Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
*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.*

*** Second Scripture Reading** Luke 10:38-42
This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Seriously, what harm could he do?" Rev. George Freeman

Prayer

*** Response Praise Song** Come As You Are Praise Team

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Ministry: 2026 Annual Conference

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings
Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.

Offertory

*** Offering Praise Song**

*** Prayer**

*** Closing Praise Song** All The People Said Amen Praise Team

Commissioning of Mission Team

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

11:00 am Traditional Worship

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Gathering

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*** Prelude** Hunter Browning

*** Call to Worship** Rev. George Freeman
Grateful hearts need no special season to offer thanks to God.
Life abundant is itself reason for praise
In the face of Love's mysterious gifts to us, we offer our praise
to you, O God.
**We have gifts enough for praise: our hands, our strength,
our singing hearts.**
With all praise and thanksgiving, let us together worship our God.

*** Opening Hymn** We Gather Together UMH, 131

*** Opening Prayer** Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
**God, confront us in this time of worship. Confront us with the fears we
hold so tightly, the favorite sins to which we cling. Confront us with our
places of comfort and secrecy. Knock at all the locked doors of our
hearts. Do not let us rest until you gain entrance and take up residence
in our hearts and minds and witness. All these things we pray in the
name of the one who is the very truth that will set us free. Amen.**

*** Confession and Words of Assurance**
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Glory to God. Amen.**

*** Passing of the Peace**
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Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination Greg Van Buskirk
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

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Proclamation Song All are Welcome Chancel Choir

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Response and Thanksgiving

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Offertory

*** Doxology** UMH, 94

* Prayer

Sending Forth

*** Closing Hymn** Blest Be the Tie that Binds UMH, 557

* Dismissal with Blessing

* Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

The flowers on the altar are given by Jocelyn Wells
in honor of all the Secret Sisters.



Kelly Hodges, Jo Baker, Joan Wimmer,
Mission Trip Participants

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.

Tuesday Lunch Crew – July 14



Pull up a chair and join friends for good food & great conversation! Meet us at Outback Steakhouse (7500 Creedmoor Rd.) on Tuesday, July 14, 11:30 am. Whether you're coming for the first time or you're a regular, there's always room at the table!

Register to participate to volunteer for VBS July 20-23

Church Family, Be Part of the VBS Adventure! Volunteers Needed!

Vacation Bible School is almost here, and we'd love your help! Whether you have a few hours or several days, there's a place for you to serve. Use the QR code to volunteer as a Shepherd for a Challenger group, or help with crafts, science, games, decorations, or behind-the-scenes support. Not available during VBS?



You can still make a difference by donating needed supplies—visit the Donation Board in the Narthex.

Decoration Prep Week:

- July 13–16 | 10 am–noon (Preschool Hall Preparation)
- July 17 | 4–6:30 pm (Final Decorating)
- July 18 | 10 am (Final Decorating)

Come be part of helping children experience God's love through an unforgettable week of fun and faith!



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

Only a few open spots left for our morning and evening Challengers!



Register today! Join the VBS Praise Team for our morning & evening assemblies during VBS!

Open to Students in Grades 3–12
Upcoming Rehearsal:
July 12, 5–6 pm



Looking Ahead at Future Dates

- 7/13-7/16 & 7/18: VBS Prep, 10 am
- 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
- 8/6: Fighting Words: The Art of Disagreeing Well, Lecture, 6 pm
- 8/11: Tuesday Lunch Crew, Salt and Lime, 4800 Grove Barton Rd

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, July 12, Mission Trip - Waynesville, NC

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 am Insight's Juvenile Assessment Interest Meeting, 108/110
- 12:15 pm Children's Council Meeting, 108/110
- 5:00 pm VBS Praise Team Practice
- 6:00 pm VBS Pep Rally, 108/110

Monday, July 13, Mission Trip - Waynesville, NC

- 10:00 am VBS Prep Week

Tuesday, July 14, Mission Trip - Waynesville, NC

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
- 10:00 am VBS Prep Week
- 11:30 am Tuesday Lunch Crew, Outback
- 1:15 pm Pilates, 200

Wednesday, July 15, Mission Trip - Waynesville, NC

- 10:00 am VBS Prep Week
- 6:00 pm Eagle Boards, 111, 114
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice, 119

Thursday, July 16, Mission Trip - Waynesville, NC

- 9:45 am Pilates, 200
- 10:00 am VBS Prep Week
- 7:00 pm Safer Sanctuaries Training, 202
- 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary

Friday, July 17, Mission Trip - Waynesville, NC

- 4:00 pm VBS Decorating

Saturday, July 18

- 10:00 am VBS Decorating

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Pastors and Directors serving today:

- Lead Pastor: Rev. Laura Fine Ledford, lfinedford@soapstoneumc.org
- Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye, dquaye@soapstoneumc.org
- Pastor of Congregational Care: Rev. George Freeman, gfreeman@soapstoneumc.org
- Director of Music Ministries: Andrea Turner, aturner@soapstoneumc.org

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July 12, 2026

7th 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.