

8:30 am Worship with Praise Music <i>Assisted <u>Listening Devices</u> are available at the A/V booth.</i>		
Chiming of the Trinity	Andrea Turner	
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	
* Opening Praise Song	I Believe	Praise Team
* Opening Prayer	Don Warsing	
First Scripture Reading	James 2:14-17	Danny Wever
Children’s Moment	Rev. Carol Van Buskirk <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	Matthew 14:13-21 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	“Dead Faith”	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
Prayer		
* Response Praise Song	This Is Our God	Praise Team
Prayers of the People	Rev. George Freeman	
Invitation to the Table		
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>	
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	
* Offering Praise Song		
* Prayer		
* The Great Thanksgiving	<i>Please follow 11 am order of worship.</i>	
* Closing Praise Song	Take You At Your Word	Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing		

11:00 am Traditional Worship		
<i>Assisted <u>Listening Devices</u> are available at the A/V booth.</i>		
Gathering		
Chiming of the Trinity	Andrea Turner	
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	
* Prelude	Paula Scicluna	
* Call to Worship	Rev. George Freeman	
We gather in the name of the One who sees the hungry and has compassion.		
We come seeking the Bread of Life, trusting that Christ will nourish us.		
Jesus looked upon the crowds not as interruptions, but with deep compassion.		
Lord, teach us to see our neighbors through Your eyes.		
Jesus took what seemed too little and made it more than enough.		
We bring what we have, believing God can use it for the blessing of many.		
Faith is more than words. Faith is more than good intentions.		
Faith is made alive when love is put into action.		
Come, let us worship the God who calls us not only to believe, but to follow.		
With open hearts, willing hands, and expectant spirits, let us worship the Lord!		
* Opening Hymn	All Who Hunger	TFWS, 2126
* Opening Prayer		
God of Mercy, we believe You love the hungry, but we fail to share our bread. We believe You care for those who suffer, but we hope someone else will step in. We believe You call us to love our neighbors, but we are quick to count what we lack instead of offering what we have. Yet You have never asked us to do everything. You have only asked us to trust You with something. If our faith has become only words, breathe new life into it until our love for You is seen in the way we love one another. Amen.		
Proclamation and Response		
Prayer for Illumination	Julia Myers	
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray:		
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Proclamation Song	Bread of Life	Chancel Choir

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Offertory		
* Doxology		UMH, 621
* Prayer		
<i>Holy Communion</i>		
* The Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Sharing of the Bread and Cup		
Songs During Communion		
	Let Us Break Bread Together	UMH, 618
	For the Bread Which You Have Broken	UMH, 614
Prayer After Communion		
<i>Sending Forth</i>		
* Closing Hymn	Break Thou the Bread of Life	UMH, 599
* Dismissal with Blessing	<i>* Please stand as you are able.</i>	
* Postlude	Paula Scicluna	



Brenda Geraghty, Alene Watson, Jo Baker, Christy Claypoole
Natalie Scott Burnette at the death of her mother, Mary Ann Scott, Dean Lamont at the death of his sister, Babs Ervin.

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.

College Secret Pal Adoptions – It's that time of year to secretly adopt a college student for the school year! You'll have the chance to send notes, care packages, and most importantly, keep them in your prayers. Stop by the Narthex today, after both services, to choose a student to support.

Women's Dinner Out - Ladies, join us for an evening of great food and fellowship! Meet us at Carolina Ale House (7981 Skyland Ridge Pkwy) on Wednesday, August 5, at 6 pm. Help with a headcount and sign-up if you can!

Fighting Words: The Art of Disagreeing Well - Join Pastor Damion on Thursday, August 6, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary for a practical lecture on navigating disagreement with grace. Learn tools for listening well, communicating honestly, and strengthening relationships.

Leading Small Group Bible Studies Course - Interested in leading a Bible study? Join this Lay Servant Ministries course on Saturday, August 22, from 8:30 am–5 pm at Soapstone UMC. Registration is open through August 6.

Tuesday Lunch Crew - Enjoy good food and great company! Join the Tuesday Lunch Crew for lunch on Tuesday, August 11, at 11:30 am at Salt & Lime (4800 Grove Barton Rd.).

Let's Have Some Carnival Fun! - Saturday, August 15, 10 am – 12 pm Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to our Children's Carnival! Enjoy carnival games, a bounce house, prizes, outdoor fun, and a morning filled with laughter and friends.

Uniquely Fun Outing: Bowling & Pizza - Uniquely Fun Outings are designed for youth and adults who are uniquely abled to enjoy fun, fellowship, and community together. Join us on Saturday, August 22, from 1–3 pm for an afternoon of bowling, pizza, and great company!

Backpack Blessing – Sunday, August 23 bring your backpack to either worship service as we pray a blessing over students, teachers, school staff, and families as they begin a new school year.

A huge thank you for serving at Soapstone UMC! - We can't wait to gather all committee members on Sunday, August 23, 12:30–2:30 pm for lunch, laughter, encouragement, and a look at what's ahead. Please RSVP by August 19 so we can save you a seat (and plenty of lunch!).

Coffee with the Pastors - New to Soapstone? We'd love to meet you! Join us for Coffee with the Pastors on Sunday, August 30, at 9:45 am in Room 202. Enjoy coffee, conversation, and learn more about our church community.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, August 2

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

Monday, August 3

6:30 pm Boy Scouts at the Chapel

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114

1:15 pm Pilates, 200

6:30 pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting, 101/103

7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting, 108/110

7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, 111

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 pm Eagle Boards of Review, 111 & 114

6:00 pm Women's Dinner Out, Carolina Ale House

Thursday, August 6

9:45 am Pilates, 200

6:00 pm Fighting Words: The Art of Disagreeing Well, Sanctuary

Friday, August 7

9:00 am MOMCo First Friday Playdate, Greystone

Saturday, August 8, No Church Events

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August 2, 2026

10th 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.

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