

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	Praise Worthy Worthy	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	Psalm 85:8-13	Becky Fouts
Children’s Moment	<i>Nursery (ages 5 & under) is available (116). A calming room (109), sensory room (115), and nursing room (114) are available.</i> <i>Activity bags are available in the Narthex.</i> <i>Children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>	
* Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 14:22-33 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	“The Undertow of Fear”	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
Prayer		
* Response Praise Song	It Is Well	Praise Team
Prayers of the People	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	
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	Days Of Elijah	Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing		

11:00 am Traditional Worship		
Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.		
Gathering		
Chiming of the Trinity	Andrea Turner	
Welcome	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford	
* Prelude	Hunter Browning	
* Call to Worship		
The wind rises. The waves grow wild. Fear presses in close upon the water.		
Yet even here, God moves toward us.		
A voice calls out across the dark: "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."		
We will listen for love that is not afraid of our doubt.		
Let us worship the One who never stops moving toward us:		
the God who reaches into our fear and pulls us close.		
* Opening Hymn	How Firm a Foundation (vs 1-3)	UMH, 529
* Opening Prayer		
Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye		
Faithful Jesus, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promises, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we pray, Amen.		
* Confession and Words of Assurance		
The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."		
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.		
As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.		
Proclamation		
Prayer for Illumination	Michelle Partsch	
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray:		
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 85:8-13	
Children's Moment		
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Proclamation Song	It is Well	Chancel Choir
* Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 14:22-33 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	“The Undertow of Fear”	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
Response and Thanksgiving		
* Responsive Song	Do Not Be Afraid	Covenant
* Sacrament of Baptism	Caroline Faith Dieguez <i>Daughter of Lindsey Schreckengost and Dario Dieguez, Jr.</i>	
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	He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought (vs 1-3) UMH, 128	
* Dismissal with Blessing		
* Postlude		
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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 - This Week!



Pull up a chair and join the Tuesday Lunch Crew on Tuesday, August 11 at 11:30 am at Salt and Lime (4800 Grove Barton Rd.). All are welcome!

Save the Date: September 8 at 12 pm for a Back-to-School TLC Potluck at SUMC!

Bring a dish and join us for lunch and fellowship. Look for more info on the website.

Let's Have Some Carnival Fun!

Saturday, August 15, 10 am - 12 pm

All children Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join us for a FREE morning of carnival games, activities, prizes, and plenty of fun!

Want to help make the fun happen? We need volunteers!

Whether you can help with games, activities, setup, or cheering on our young guests, there's a place for you.

Come be part of making this a special morning for our children!

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.

Leadership Lunch for all Committee Members:

Let's Kick Off a Great Year Together!

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!).

Baileywick Classroom Supply Drive

Help support Baileywick teachers and students this school year! Donate classroom supplies through August 16 by placing items in the bins at the Norwood or Old Creedmoor entrances. Thank you for helping our neighbors learn and thrive!

Looking Ahead at Future Dates

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

8/30: Safer Sanctuaries Training, 9:45 am

8/30: Youth Outing: Goodberrys, 5 pm

9/13: Rites of Passage: 3rd Graders receive Bibles, during worship

10/4: One 10 am Worship Service at Norwood Gardens

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, August 9

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

12:00 pm Children's Council Planning Meeting

Monday, August 10

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Chapel

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114

11:30 am Tuesday Lunch Crew, Salt and Lime

1:15 pm Pilates, 200

4:00 pm Soapstone Scholarship Committee, 114

6:00 pm Outdoor Worship Planning, 101/103

6:00 pm Women's Ministry Planning, 200

7:00 pm Adult Council, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 12

2:00 pm Dementia Support Group, 108/110

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

7:00 pm Choir Practice, 119

Thursday, August 13

9:45 am Pilates, 200

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting, 108/110

7:30 pm Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary

Friday, August 14, Durham Bulls Night

12:00 pm Women's Book Club Movie, 108/110

Saturday, August 15

9:00 am Youth Council Planning Retreat, 200

10:00 am Children's Carnival, Parking Lot

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Pastors and Directors serving today:

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August 9, 2026

11th 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.