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*** Dismissal with Blessing**

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Children's Moment Blair Roberts

Nursery (ages 5 & under) is available (116). A calming room (111), movement room (115), and nursing room (114) are available.

Activity items are available in the Narthex.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

*** Postlude** Hunter Browning

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Viv Jones for her passionate leadership of Hospitality.


 Paul Fitch at the death of his mother, Lois.

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.



Celebrate Advent with a Jesse Tree

A Jesse tree tells the story of God's work from Creation to Jesus through Scripture and symbols. Pick up your Scripture passage and suggested ornament design in the Narthex today. Create multiple copies of your ornament to exchange at ADVENTure on November 28 and receive a complete set of Jesse Tree ornaments and a devotional. *Contact Smith Raynor, (919) 791-5256, texting preferred.*



Blessing of the Animals Service Tonight, 4-4:30 pm

Join us at 4 pm in the parking lot in front of the church for a short worship service celebrating God's love and care for all creatures. As part of the service, pastors will offer an individual blessing over each animal. All creatures great and small are welcome! Please bring pets on a leash or in a carrier, or let them take part from the comfort of your car.

Rain or shine!



The Road: Grit, Grace, and the Journeys of Paul

Men, join the United Methodist Men for a four-part series exploring Paul's adventures and what they teach us about grit, resilience, faith, and integrity. 1st & 3rd Mondays in October & November, 6-7:30 pm. Kickoff October 5 at 6 pm by the Fire Pit behind the church. Food provided. All men are welcome!



Fall BBQ Sale - October 9!

Join us from 11 am-1 pm and 4-7 pm for our next BBQ Sale, sponsored by our United Methodist Men! Youth and adults are invited to volunteer the night before and the day of the sale! Help with banana pudding, serving, setup, cleanup, and more.

NEW: Park & Play from 5-6 pm!

Everyone is invited to purchase BBQ dinner, enjoy fellowship at the picnic tables, and let the kids play on the playground. Parents/guardians must stay and supervise their children.



Pilgrimage: November 13-15! Registration is open!

Soapstone youth join youth from across the NC Conference in Rocky Mount for an exciting weekend of worship, music, friendship, and fun! This year's theme, "Serve Joyfully," will inspire us to live out our faith by serving others with joy. Come be part of something bigger with guest speaker Charlie Conder! *Early bird prices through September!*



Give Online — Every gift helps us serve and grow together.



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, September 27

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services (*Missions Fair after services, Narthex*)

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

9:45 am Confirmation Mentor Meeting, 202

2:30 pm Housing Options as We Age Session, 200

4:00 pm Animal Blessing, parking lot

4:00 pm Set In Stone Practice, Sanctuary

5:00 pm Connections Class, 101/103

5:00 pm Kids' Rock & Youth Group (*ends at 6:30 pm*)

Monday, September 28

5:45 pm Girl Scout Troop 1387, 101/103

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Chapel

7:00 pm Invitation to the New Testament, 108/110

7:00 pm Soul Tenders, 200

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114

1:15 pm Pilates, 200

6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings, downstairs

7:00 pm Safer Sanctuaries Training, 202

Wednesday, September 30

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study, 200

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

6:00 pm Grief Share, 101/103

6:00 pm Youth Handbells, 117

7:00 pm Choir Practice, 119

7:30 pm Dismantling Racism, Zoom

Thursday, October 1

9:45 am Pilates, 200

6:30 pm Adult Handbells, 119

7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study, 101/103

7:30 pm Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary

Friday, October 2

9:30 am MOMCo Playdate, Baileywick Park

10:00 am Fridays with Friends, 200

Saturday, October 3, No church events scheduled

Looking Ahead at Future Dates

10/7: Crafting Ministry, 4 pm

10/11: One and Done Book Study, "Start with Hello", 5 pm

10/13: Tuesday Lunch Crew, Piper's, 11:30 am

10/24: Gleaning (*all ages welcome*)

10/25: Trunk or Treat, 5-6:30 pm

11/1: All Saints' Services, 8:30 & 11 am

11/15: Newcomer's Lunch, 12:15 pm

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

Pastors and Directors serving today:

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

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye, dquaye@soapstoneumc.org

Director of Music Ministries: Andrea Turner, aturner@soapstoneumc.org

Interim Director of Children's Ministries: Blair Roberts, broberts@soapstoneumc.org

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UNITED METHODIST

September 27, 2026
18th 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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