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 Song** 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) Praise Team

*** Opening Prayer** Don Warsing

First Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Emily Day

Children's Moment Chaplain Erin

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*** Second Scripture Reading** Isaiah 58:6-14

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Sermon "The Language of Delight" Rev. Laura Fine Ledford

Prayer

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

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Words of Assurance

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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.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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Offertory

*** Offering Praise Song** UMH, 621

*** Prayer**

*** The Great Thanksgiving** *Please follow the 11 am order of worship.*

*** Closing Praise Song** It Really Is Amazing Grace 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**

Gathered here together, God reminds us that we were made for more than our work.
We were made to rest, to delight, to be loved simply for being.
Sabbath is not the reward we earn.
It is the gift we receive.
So, let us set down what we carry.
Let us worship the God who rests and gives us the same gift.

*** Opening Hymn** Come, Thou Almighty King *(vs 1-3)* UMH, 61

*** Opening Prayer** Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye

God of each day, you worked and called it good, and then you stopped. You wrote rest into the very rhythm of creation, long before we knew how much we would need it. Meet us here, in this hour set apart. Loosen what we hold tightly. Still what is spinning in us. Teach us again the language of delight, and help us to seek the rest and delight of our neighbors. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination Jo Foard

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Proclamation Song When We Gather at the Table Chancel Choir

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Offertory

*** Doxology** UMH, 621

*** Prayer**

Holy Communion

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Songs During Communion Let Us Break Bread Together UMH, 618
I Come with Joy UMH, 617

Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

*** Closing Hymn** Be Still, My Soul UMH, 534

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

*** Postlude** Hunter Browning

** Please stand as you are able.*

The flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of our awesome staff.

Prayer Circle for the week

Rebecca Poston, at the death of her father, Fred Martin.
Carolina Rebuilding Ministry 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.

Special Offering — Through Sept. 20, we'll collect a special offering for Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry (SVCM), supporting neighbors with food, clothing, housing, utilities, transportation, and financial assistance.

Tuesday Lunch Crew Potluck — Sept. 8, 12 pm, room 200. Let's get together to remember, celebrate, and maybe relive our school days while enjoying some good food inspired by those fun days in cafeterias, local restaurants, concession stands, and tailgates. Hot dogs, tacos, and drinks will be provided by the church. Please bring side dishes, snacks, desserts, sandwiches, or any of your favorites.

Women's Movie Night: "War Room" — Friday, Sept. 11, upstairs. Fellowship and "War Room"! Gather at 5:30 pm; movie starts at 6 pm. Bring dinner; popcorn and drinks provided. All women welcome!

Christmas Cantata Choir — Sing with us for Night of Hope, Night of Grace, presented Dec. 13! Open to all singers. Rehearsals: Sept. 12 (10 am–lunch), Oct. 14 (7–8:30 pm), and Nov. 21 (9 am).

Loss of Spouse & Grief Share — Join a support group and don't go through grief alone. Loss of Spouse: Sept. 12, 2–4 pm. Grief Share, Wednesdays, Sept. 16–Dec. 9, 6–8 pm. Both are in rooms 101/103, led by Dean Lamont and Phillip Carnevale.

Cub Scout Open House — Saturday, Sept. 12, 2:30–5 pm. Pack 399 welcomes boys and girls in Kindergarten–5th grade! Meet the leaders and families in the Soapstone parking lot and learn about Cub Scouts.

3rd Grade Bibles — Sept. 13 during worship. Third graders will receive a Bible from Soapstone UMC to help them grow in God's Word.

Sunday School Kickoff — Beginning Sept. 13, Sundays, 9:45–10:45 am. **Adults:** Six classes are open to new friends. Read more about each online. **Children:** Ages 3–5th grade will meet down the children's hall. **Youth:** Grades 6-12th will meet in the Youth Room. All are invited to attend the class that fits you!

Connection Class — Room 202. Sept. 13, 9:45–10:45 am; Sept. 20 & 27, 5–6:30 pm. Learn about the United Methodist Church, Soapstone's ministries and mission, and the membership process.

Fall Kick-Off for Families — Sunday, Sept. 13, 4–6:30 pm. Enjoy a free dinner, games, bounce house, cornhole, & fellowship from 4–5 pm. From 5–6:30 pm, kids and youth *(ages 4–12th grade)* attend Kids' Rock & Youth Group while parents hear ministry updates & what's ahead this fall. RSVP online.

Fridays with Friends — Every other Friday, 10 am–3 pm at Soapstone. Adults with disabilities connect, learn life skills, serve, create, and have fun. Lunch: $5. Volunteers are needed at each gathering. Sign up online.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, September 6
8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Playground Playdate for Families

Monday, September 7, *Church office is closed for the holiday.*
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Chapel

Tuesday, September 8
9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
9:30 am MOMCo Meeting in 108/110
12:00 pm Tuesday Lunch Crew Potluck, 200
2:30 pm Pilates, 200
4:00 pm Scholarship Committee, 114
6:15 pm Women's Ministry Meeting, 200
6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings, downstairs
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group, Norwood Foyer
7:00 pm Youth Council Meeting, 202
7:30 pm Adult Council Meeting, 200

Wednesday, September 9
2:00 pm Dementia Support Group, 108/110
6:00 pm Eagle Boards of Review, 111 & 114
6:00 pm Youth Handbells, 117
7:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 pm Hospitality Committee, 108/110

Thursday, September 10
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, September 11
5:30 pm Women's Event: Movie Night, upstairs

Saturday, September 12
10:00 am Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Sanctuary
2:00 pm Loss of Spouse Session, 108/110
2:30 pm Cub Scout Open House, parking lot

Pastors and Directors serving today:
Lead Pastor: Rev. Laura Fine Ledford, lfineledford@soapstoneumc.org
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15th 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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