

8:30 am Worship with Praise Music		
Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.		
Chiming of the Trinity		Laura Smith
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
* Opening Praise Song	Here I Am To Worship	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	James 5:13-16	Darleen Tibbs
Children’s Moment		Chaplain Erin Shiflett
<i>Nursery (ages 5 & under) is available (116). A calming room (111), movement room (115), and nursing room (114) are available.</i>		
<i>Activity items are available in the Narthex.</i>		
<i>Children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>		
* Second Scripture Reading		Mark 2:1-12
This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Love Lived Out: Made to be Known ”	
	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	
Prayer		
* Response Praise Song	Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)	Praise Team
Prayers of the People		Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
The Lord’s Prayer		
Celebration of Ministry		Genevieve Meyer
	Assistant Principal, Baileywick Elementary School	
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	Build Your Kingdom Here	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	Kelly Hodge	
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Damion Quayle	
* Prelude	The Church's One Foundation	Cornerstone
Ringers		
* Call to Worship		
We worship a God who knows us completely and loves us without condition.		
We are known by God.		
We are called to gather with others and share our burdens, celebrate our joys, and walk together in faith.		
We are called to know each other.		
In Christ, we discover that we belong—not because we have everything figured out, but because God's grace has made room for us all.		
We belong to Jesus and to one another.		
Just as friends carried a hurting man to Jesus, we are called to carry one another in love, making room for every person to encounter God's grace.		
This is what love looks like when we live it out together.		
Come, let us worship the One who calls us into relationship and teaches us what love looks like when we live it out.		
We are known. We are loved. Help us to love one another.		
We were made for this!		
* Opening Hymn	O Church of God, United (vs 1 & 4)	UMH, 547
* Opening Prayer	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford	
Loving God, you know us more deeply than we know ourselves. You see our joys and our struggles, and still, you love us. Make this congregation a place where people are truly known, where burdens are shared, where questions are welcomed, and where every person can experience the grace of belonging to Jesus and to one another. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the one who loves us, and brings us together. 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.		
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Proclamation		
Prayer for Illumination	Donna Mayo	
The Lord be with you. And also with you.		

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Children’s Moment	Chaplain Erin Shiflett	
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Proclamation Song	What a Beautiful Name	Set in Stone
* Second Scripture Reading	Mark 2:1-12	
This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Love Lived Out: Made to be Known ”	
	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	
<i>Response and Thanksgiving</i>		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Celebration of Ministry	Genevieve Meyer	
	Assistant Principal, Baileywick Elementary School	
Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings		
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Offertory		
* Doxology	UMH, 94	
* Prayer		
<i>Sending Forth</i>		
* Closing Hymn	Blest Be the Tie that Binds	UMH, 557
* Dismissal with Blessing		
* Postlude	Hunter Browning	
<i>* Please stand as you are able.</i>		



Prayer Circle
for the week

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, at the death of
her mother, Doris Perry Morgan; Darrel Johnson;
Kim Blair; Jim & Lucy Mondo; Kathy & Harry Klauda

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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.

New Logo Name Tags!

Would you like a name tag with our new logo? Drop your current name tag in the basket under the name tag cabinet, or scan the QR code to request one!





Together, We Live God's Love

At Soapstone, God's love welcomes us; we belong to one another, and we live that love in the world. This Commitment Sunday, October 25, bring your 2027 pledge card to the altar and help grow God's love through Soapstone! Pledge online at soapstoneumc.org/pledge or use the QR Code.



Gleaning for All Ages!

Gather the family and make a difference! Join us Saturday, October 24, for a fun morning of gleaning at a nearby farm through the Society of St. Andrew. We'll meet at church at 8:30 am before heading to our assigned farm. Register using the QR code or online.



Trunk or Treat | Sunday, October 25

Get ready for candy, costumes, games, and creative trunks! Join us from 5-6:30 pm for fall fun, and bring a canned food donation to receive a s'mores kit to enjoy around our fire pits. Don't miss the fun, sign up to volunteer or decorate a trunk!

Remember our Saints

On All Saints' Day, November 1, we remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died since last year's All Saints' Sunday. Please use the QR code or contact the church office to share a name you would like us to lift up and remember.



Looking Ahead at Future Dates

10/26-10/30: Carolina Rebuilding Ministry Work Week
10/28: Dismantling Racism Discussion, 7:30 pm, Zoom
11/10: Tuesday Lunch Crew, 11:30 am, Carolina Ale House
11/13-15: Pilgrimage, Youth Trip, Rocky Mount
11/15: Newcomer's Lunch, 12:15 pm
More details & dates coming soon!



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](https://soapstoneumc.org/calendar)

- Sunday, October 18**

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
12:15 pm Preschool Advisory, 108/110
4:00 pm Set In Stone Practice, Sanctuary
5:00 pm Kids' Rock & Youth Group (ends at 6:30 pm)
7:00 pm Finance Meeting, 108/110
- Monday, October 19**

6:00 pm Monday Night Formation, firepit behind the church
6:15 pm Prison Ministry, 109
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Chapel
7:00 pm Invitation to the New Testament, 108/110
7:00 pm Soul Tenders, 200
- Tuesday, October 20**

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
1:15 pm Pilates, 200
6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Sanctuary
- Wednesday, October 21**

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study, 200
10:00 am MOMCo Coffee & Chat, Beow's Coffee & Cafe
6:00 pm Youth Handbells, 117
6:00 pm Grief Share, 101/103
6:00 pm Eagle Boards of Review, 111 & 114
7:00 pm Women's Book Club, Zoom
7:00 pm Choir Practice, 119
- Thursday, October 22**

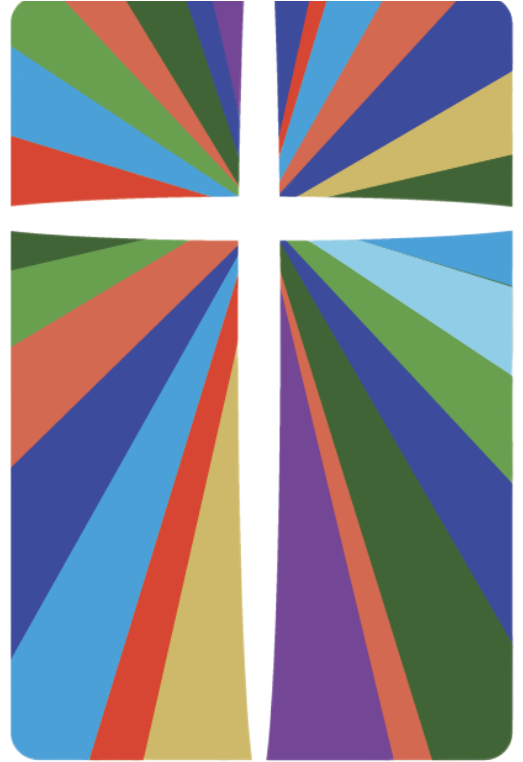
9:45 am Pilates, 200
6:30 pm Adult Handbells, 119
7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study, 101/103
7:30 pm Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
- Friday, October 23**

12:00 pm Women's Book Club, Manchester's - 9101 Leesville Rd
- Saturday, October 24**

8:30 am Gleaning, meet at Soapstone
5:30 pm Happiness Ministry Halloween Party, 200

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

At Soapstone,
God's love welcomes us as we are.
We belong to Jesus and to one another.
We live God's love in the world.
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Pastors and Directors serving today:

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