

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. Laura Fine Ledford	
Prelude	Hunter Browning <i>During the prelude, you are invited to visit one of the tables on either side of the sanctuary and light a candle for the saints you are remembering today.</i>	
* Opening Praise Song	Living Hope	Praise Team
* Opening Prayer	Don Warsing	
* Naming of the Saints	<i>We light a pillar candle in remembrance of Soapstone UMC members who have died since the last All Saints’ Day.</i> <i>Rosalee Swanson Thomas, Patricia Joan Cavin,</i> <i>Gary Allen Shell, Darrel Keith Johnson</i>	
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 23	
Children’s Moment	Blair Roberts <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	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	“Gone but Not Forgotten”	Rev. George Freeman
Prayer		
Invitation to the Table		
Confession and Words of Assurance	<i>The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."</i> 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	Hymn Of Heaven
	* Offering Praise Song	
	* Prayer	
* The Great Thanksgiving	<i>Please follow the 11 am order of worship.</i>	
* Closing Praise Song	This We Know	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. George Freeman	
Prelude	Hunter Brownin	
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* Call to Worship	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford	
Around us and before us, a great cloud of witnesses.		
We remember the saints who taught us how to live.		
Hands that held ours, voices that spoke to us of your grace,		
faces we still see when we close our eyes.		
Some we lost this year, some many years ago;		
all of them are held in the love of God.		
We grieve, but not as those without hope,		
for Christ is risen, and death does not have the last word.		
* Opening Hymns	For All the Saints	UMH, 71
	I Sing a Song of the Saints of God	UMH, 71
<i>If your loved one's name is listed in the insert, please come forward and light a votive candle in their honor after the pastors process to the front.</i>		
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* Opening Prayer		
Eternal God, in whom no one is ever lost, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, whose faith has shaped our own.		
Comfort us in our grief, and renew in us the hope of resurrection. Join our worship to the praise of your people in every time and place, until we are gathered with all your saints and with you forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.		
Proclamation and Response		
Prayer for Illumination	Gwen Co	
The Lord be with you. And also with you.		
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 23	
Children's Moment	Blair Robert	
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Proclamation Song	Fly Away Home	Chancel Choir
Second Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	
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Sermon	“Gone but Not Forgotten”	Rev. George Freeman
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.		
<i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>		
Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings		
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Offertory	Vox Spiritus	Covenant
* Doxology		UMH, 621
* Prayer		
Holy Communion		
* The Great Thanksgiving		UMH, 15
The Lord’s Prayer		
Sharing of the Bread and the Cup		
Songs During Communion	Hymn of Promise	UMH, 707
	When We All Get to Heaven	UMH, 701
Prayer After Communion		
Sending Forth		
* Closing Hymn	Faith of our Fathers	UMH, 710
* Dismissal with Blessing		
* Postlude		Hunter Browning
<i>* Please stand as you are able.</i>		
<div><div></div><div>The family of Darrel Johnson who died October 23</div></div>		



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.

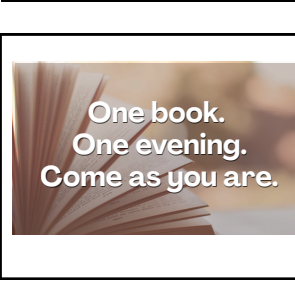
New to Soapstone? Join Us for Lunch!
Sunday, November 15 | 12:30–1:30 pm | Room 200
Enjoy lunch, meet new friends, and get connected at Soapstone! Our staff and church family are here to welcome you and answer your questions.
Lunch provided | Childcare available
Register by November 11 using the QR code or at soapstoneumc.org/signups.





Navigating Kindergarten
Have a child starting kindergarten next fall? Soapstone Preschool invites our church family to a SchoolUp NC info and Q&A session on November 2 at 9:30 am in Room 200. Get helpful tips on school choices, enrollment, and kindergarten readiness! Use the QR code to RSVP.





One & Done Book Study with Pastor Laura
November 15, 5:00–6:30 pm, Room 101
Connect, reflect, and enjoy good conversation with Pastor Laura as we explore “Cherished Belonging” by Father Gregory Boyle. All are welcome!



“Love Lived Out” Stewardship Campaign!
Welcomed by God’s love, belonging to one another in Christ, and living that love in the world—we give thanks to everyone who has pledged to support Soapstone in 2027! It’s not too late to pledge. Use a card in the attendance pads or scan the QR code to pledge online at soapstoneumc.org/pledge.



Looking Ahead at Future Dates
11/10: Tuesday Lunch Crew, 11:30 am, Carolina Ale House
11/11: Dementia Support Group, 108/110
11/13-15: Pilgrimage, Youth Trip, Rocky Mount
11/14: Women’s Event, 10 am
11/28: ADVENTure, 10 am
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

- Sunday, November 1**
8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
4:00 pm Set In Stone Practice, Sanctuary
5:00 pm Kids’ Rock & Youth Group (ends at 6:30 pm)

Monday, November 2
9:30 am Kindergarten information Session, 200
6:00 pm Men’s Group: Monday Night Formation, firepit behind SUMC
6:30 pm Youth Council Meeting, 202
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Chapel
7:00 pm Soul Tenders, 200
7:00 pm Invitation to the New Testament, 108/110

Tuesday, November 3, Election Day Voting Site
8:30 am Preschool Staff Training Meeting, 200
9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
1:15 pm Pilates, 200
6:30 pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting, 202
7:00 pm Missions Committee, 108/110
7:00 pm Worship Committee, 111

Wednesday, November 4
9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study, 200
4:00 pm Crafting Ministry, 200
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 Choir Practice, 119

Thursday, November 5
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, November 6
9:30 am MOMCo Playdate, Blue Jay Point
10:00 am Fridays with Friends, 200
6:15 pm Confirmation Trip to Beth Temple Or

Saturday, November 7
10:00 am Intrepid Hikers, Shinleaf Pennisula

Pastors and Directors serving today:
Lead Pastor: Rev. Laura Fine Ledford, lfineledford@soapstoneumc.org
Pastor of Congregational Care: Rev. George Freeman, gfreeman@soapstoneumc.org
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November 1, 2026
23rd 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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