

# September 8, 2019

## 8:30 Worship

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.

### Praise and Worship

Welcome

\*Praise Songs

Your Love Awakens Me  
Who You Say I Am

\*Opening Prayer — Don Warsing

Scripture Reading — Jeremiah 18:1-11

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Moments with the Children — Danny Peck  
Rites of Passage for 3rd Graders

*(Childcare is available for age 5 and under. Please meet the Nursery Worker at the Sanctuary doors.)*

Sermon — The Uh-Oh Button — Danny Peck

\*Response to the Word — The Potter's Hand

Ministry Moment — Table Talk — Laura Stern

Prayers of the People — Laura Stern

\*Passing of the Peace

Announcements and Passing the Friendship Pad — Michael Parish

Offertory — Be Thou Still  
Kelly Hodges and Cathy Knowles, handbell duet

\*Offering Song

\*Closing Praise — Your Grace is Enough

\*Dismissal with Blessing

Scripture Reader: Joan Cavin

*\*The congregation stands.*

# September 8, 2019

## 11:00 Worship

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.

### Gathering and Praise

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome

Prelude

Oyku Goller, piano

\* Call to Worship

Leader: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

**People: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.**

Leader: The Holy One knows us and sustains us,  
even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

**People: Who can count the thoughts of God?  
They are more than all the sands of the desert.**

Leader: Like clay in the potter's hands,  
we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

**People: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.**

\* Opening Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 64

\* Opening Prayer  
**Boundless Shaper of people and nations you are beyond our knowing,  
yet closer to us than our every breath. You surround us with your love,  
fashioning all of creation in the secret depths of your heart. With every  
thought, with every song, and with every prayer, turn these fragile,  
earthen vessels of our lives into the Spirit-filled body of Christ. Amen.**

### Proclamation

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Moments with the Children Rites of Passage for 3rd Graders Danny Peck  
*(Childcare is available for age 5 and under. Please meet the Nursery Worker at the Sanctuary doors.)*

Proclamation in Song The Potter's Hand Chancel Choir

Sermon The Uh-Oh Button Danny Peck

\* Affirmation Apostles' Creed 881

\* Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 71

### Response and Offering

Ministry Moment Table Talk Rev. Laura Stern

Prayers of the People Rev. Laura Stern

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the  
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Announcements and Passing the Friendship Pad Michael Parish

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Be Thou Still

Kelly Hodges and Cathy Knowles, handbell duet

\* Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 94

### Sending Forth

\* Hymn of Commitment Have Thine Own Way, Lord 382

\* Dismissal with Blessing

\* Congregational Benediction Have Thine Own Way, Lord (v. 1)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

\* Postlude

At the conclusion of the Benediction, please take time  
to introduce yourself to three people you do not know.

*The flowers on the altar are given by Sandra Bray  
in memory of her husband, James Bray.*

Liturgist: Michael Parish

Scripture Reader: Erin Friday

The Scripture focus for Sunday, September 15,  
is Luke 15:1-10.

**Cornerstone: Where  
God and Community  
Come Together**



We're making great progress on the Cornerstone project, having now selected Bridgepoint as our general contractor. Bridgepoint, along with architect Gensler and our own building and design teams, are finalizing remaining design details needed to scope and begin work. One of the first steps is securing a subcontractor who specializes in elevator fabrication and installation, as that process is highly customized and time consuming. Fortunately, it can be accomplished alongside other construction work.

Everyone is anxious to learn more about the overall construction timeline, especially our start date and when we can step into our new space. We're anxious, too, and will share that info as soon as we have it.

On the financial side, you continue to amaze us with your gifts and pledges. Together we have now committed \$730,000, and nearly \$500,000 of that has already been received! If you want to be part of this great effort, visit [www.soapstoneumc.org](http://www.soapstoneumc.org) > Cornerstone > How to Give.

# Soapstone Notes

## ❖ ❖ Fall Kickoff—Tonight! ❖ ❖

We will have our usual worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 am. During the **Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 am)** we will offer What's For Me? for adults who are looking for a Sunday School class where you can grow and learn. Join us either today or September 22 in room 117 to hear from members of each adult Sunday School class on what makes their class unique. Children and youth will go to their new classes. Teachers will be on hand to direct them.

**Sunday evening, 5:00-6:30 pm**, children and youth will enjoy the return of the Kona Ice Truck, along with activities and information for parents on events and activities for the 2019-2020 year. **Parents**, please stick around and hear about all our events for the upcoming year. Please bring health insurance cards to complete medical forms for the new church year.

**Confirmation** is open to anyone in 7th grade or older. Parent Orientation for our 2019-2020 Confirmation Class is this afternoon, 3:30-4:30, in room 108/110.

**GriefShare** is a 13-week gathering for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Grief is a journey that you do not need to travel alone. Join others who, while everyone experiences the journey in different ways, are traveling a similar road. An introduction to GriefShare is scheduled for tomorrow night, 7:00 pm, in room 111. Contact Gretchen Shea or visit the church website for more information.

**Tuesday Lunch Crew** — Everyone is invited to lunch at Sawmill Tap Room on Lead Mine Road this Tuesday, September 10, 11:30 am. No reservation is needed. Come for good food and great fellowship!

**2020 Mission Week to Ecuador** — Those who would like more information on our June 2020 mission trip to Ecuador are invited to meet next Sunday, September 15, at 6:30 pm in room 108/110. Space is limited to 18 senior high youth (rising 2020 sophomores) and 6 adults.

**Pastor Laura Leads Table Talk** — Sign up in the Narthex to delve into six familiar Bible stories. After dinner (\$6/person with \$25 family cap) and Pastor Laura's presentation (6:00-6:30 pm), there will be age appropriate discussions for all (6:30-7:30 pm). A nursery will be provided for young children. Search "table" on the church website to sign up.

**The Wonderfully Made Class** is ordering new t-shirts. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt to support this class and its ministry, email Julie Scroggs at cokesis94@gmail.com. Each shirt costs \$12.00. The class will collect orders and money until Sunday, September 15.

**Let's Make Linus Blankets** — WOW invites you to come and make Linus Blankets next Sunday, September 15, 12:15-2:00 pm. Bring your lunch and \$10.00 to donate toward the cost of the fabric.

**Christmas Cantata Rehearsal** — Our first rehearsal for "Love Made a Way...the Journey of Christmas" will be Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am. Please come and be a part of this beautiful presentation. Contact Andrea Turner for more information.

**Global Family Celebration** — Sunday, October 6, is World Communion Sunday. During the Sunday School hour, Soapstone will celebrate the diverse backgrounds of our community as well as the world impact of the UMC. We hope you will plan to participate.

### Contact Us (Church Office 919-846-2212)

Reverend Laura Stern, Pastor (919-909-8581).....lsterne@soapstoneumc.org  
 Katie Cable, Office Administrator/Financial Secretary...kcable@soapstoneumc.org  
 Beth Dickinson, Preschool Director .....bdickinson@soapstoneumc.org  
 Sandy Elledge, Office Manager.....office@soapstoneumc.org  
 Financial Administrator.....finance@soapstoneumc.org  
 Eileen Keenan, Artist in Residence.....keenapix@yahoo.com  
 Michael Parish, Pastoral Intern.....mparisher@soapstoneumc.org  
 Danny Peck, Director of Family Ministries.....dpeck@soapstoneumc.org  
 Gretchen Shea, Director of Discipleship & Missions.....gshea@soapstoneumc.org  
 Andrea Turner, Director of Music Ministries.....aturner@soapstoneumc.org

## Opportunities for Worship and Ministry Week of September 8

### Sunday, September 8

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services  
 9:45 am What's for Me? in room 117  
 2:00 pm Open Hearts in room 101/103  
 3:30 pm Confirmation 2019-2020 Parent Orientation in room 108/110  
 3:30 pm Set in Stone in the Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm Covenant Study in room 115  
 5:00 pm Fall Kickoff  
 5:00 pm Technology Committee in the Conference Room  
 6:30 pm WOW Leadership Meeting in room 115  
 7:00 pm Finance Committee in room 108/110

### Monday, September 9

6:00 pm Coeur de Belle in the Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm Creative Reflections Art Group in room 101/103  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop 399 Meeting in the Chapel  
 7:00 pm Introduction to GriefShare in room 111  
 7:00 pm Soul Tenders in room 108/110

### Tuesday, September 10

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer in the Conference Room  
 11:30 am Tuesday Lunch Crew at Sawmill Tap Room on Lead Mine Rd  
 7:00 pm Adult Council in room 111  
 7:00 pm Byrum Woods HOA in room 108/110  
 7:00 pm Troop 399 Committee Meeting in room 101/103  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting at the Chapel

### Wednesday, September 11

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study in room 101/103  
 6:15 pm Ireland 2020 Information Session in room 101/103  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts-Den 3 in room 108/110  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in room 119  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting at the Chapel

### Thursday, September 12

9:30 am Creative Reflections Morning Group in room 101/103  
 6:00 pm First Born Church at the Chapel  
 6:30 pm Cornerstone Ringers in the Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Sisters in LIFE in room 109  
 7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Study in room 101/103  
 7:00 pm Trustees in room 115  
 7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

### Friday, September 13

6:00 pm First Born Church at the Chapel

### Saturday, September 14

8:30 and 10:00 am AA Meetings at the Chapel  
 1:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor in 101/103, Sanctuary, Narthex



We're so glad you've joined us today.

This is your service and your time to praise, laugh, cry, pray and reconnect to the ways God is moving in our lives.

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 and through the welcome embrace of the people of Soapstone.

## Ireland 2020

Soapstone will partner with Alpha Christian Tours for "Ireland: A Celtic Pilgrimage" August 3-14, 2020. Pastor Laura and her friend, Rev. Liz Roberts from Fairmont UMC, will host. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex or Norwood foyer for details. Contact the church office if you want to be added to the "interested" list.

Betty Ann Buckley with Alpha Tours will be here Wednesday, September 11, 6:15 pm in room 101/103, to share information about this trip. Come to ask questions and learn more.

**soapstone**  
UNITED METHODIST

12837 Norwood Road Raleigh, NC 27613 919-846-2212  
 www.soapstoneumc.org www.facebook.com/soapstoneumc  
 Founded in 1837