

Soapstone Notes

To submit Soapstone Notes or receive our e-news, contact the church office at 919-846-2212 or office@soapstoneumc.org.

Safe Gathering — Masks are required to be worn in the Church or Chapel by all who are 3 years and older. Exceptions apply when eating or drinking, leading worship in the chancel distanced from the congregation, or when working alone.

Family Promise — We will be hosting (offsite) the families between August 29 and September 5, providing food items for breakfast, lunch, and snacks in a different way. Please sign up to donate money at soapstoneumc.org/signups, and Missions Committee will purchase and deliver items to the Day Center.

Interest Meeting and Social: 30s/40s Sunday School — Pastor Mitzi invites those in their 30s/40s (ish) to her house for an interest meeting and social for a new adult Sunday School class on Saturday, August 28, 4-5:30 p.m. Lasagna and Veggie Lasagna dinner. Childcare provided onsite. Learn more and sign up: soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Fall Sermon Series, James: A Faith that Works — The book of James is a brief, no-nonsense compendium of practical wisdom. Be a doer. Tame the tongue. Be gentle. Pray. Ask others to pray. Offer your whole life to God through your heart, head, and hands, and you might just discover “a faith that works.” Join us through the book of James, August 29-September 26.

Welcome Reception and Spiritual Formation Ministry Fair: Sunday, August 29, 9:30-10:45 am. Pick up a treat in the narthex and step outside to greet our new staff (Mark Burleson, Dr. Jon Tschanz, Rev. George Freeman, and Christi Melton). Leaders of Sunday Schools, Bible Studies, and small groups will be on hand to share information about their fall plans.

Aging Well Seminar — September 11, we invite you for an Aging Well Seminar where experts will share information and answer questions on financial planning for later years, Social Security and Medicare, long term care, legal issues and family dynamics. Sign up online, by September 3, soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Fall Kick Off — Sunday evening, September 12, 5:00-6:30 pm, families are invited to enjoy the return of the Kona Ice Truck, along with activities and information for parents of youth and children on events and activities.

The Colossian Way Political Talk — Learn effective practices Christians can use when engaging in difficult discussions in our polarized world. Led by Pastor Mitzi and Donna Mayo; Sundays, September 12-November 21, 6:30-8:00 pm at SUMC. To register, call the office (919-846-2212) or email office@soapstoneumc.org. One space remains.

Grief Share — Healing from your grief is not easy. It's a long, sometimes painful process. We want to help you on your journey toward recovery. Sessions begin, at Soapstone, September 13. Registration is open now, visit soapstoneumc.org/griefshare.

NC Conference Worship Service and Reception for Bishop Fairley — Sunday, September 19, 4:00-6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry Week of August 22

Sunday, August 22

Backpack Blessing at both services
8:30 am Outdoor Praise Service
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Traditional Service
12:15 pm Covenant Rehearsal in 119

Monday, August 23

6:00 pm Ole Time Gospel Group in 119
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 399 in the Chapel

Tuesday, August 24

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer in 108/110
6:30 pm AA at the Chapel

Wednesday, August 25

8:00 am Preschool Staff Meeting in 108/110
7:00 pm Aging Well Planning on Zoom
7:00 pm AA Meeting at the Chapel

Thursday, August 26

7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

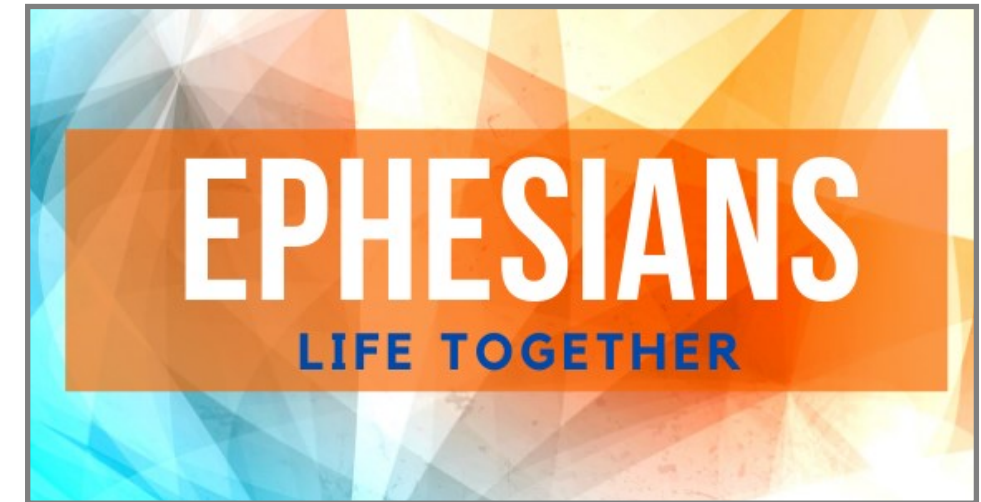
Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

8:30 am AA at the Chapel
10:00 am AA at the Chapel
4:00 pm 30's & 40's Sunday School Interest Meeting, offsite

Pastor, Staff, and Those Serving Today

Lead Pastor: Rev. Mitzi Johnson, mjohnson@soapstoneumc.org
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Katie Cable, kcable@soapstoneumc.org
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Scripture Reader: Darleen Tibbs at 8:30 and Mike Wenhart at 11:00



August 22, 2021 • 13th Sunday After Pentecost

The letter to the Ephesians prompts us to consider how the Church forms a community worthy of the Gospel and what it looks like to root our lives in our reconciliation with God and neighbor. Through our worship, may our practices of love, peace, joy, and trust fulfill God's purposes for the Church.



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**8:30 Outdoor
Praise and Worship**

In the case of rain, this service is held in the Sanctuary.

Chiming the Trinity

Welcome

* **Opening Praise Songs** Lord Lead Me On Ole Time Gospel Group
All My Tears

* **Opening Prayer** Steve Gardner

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-20
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment Danny Peck
Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Follow Paxton to the nursery.

Sermon “This is the Way” Danny Peck

* **Response Song** Down To The River To Pray Ole Time Gospel Group

Prayers of the People Dr. Jon Tschanz

Lord’s Prayer
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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **Passing the Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Blessing of the Backpacks
When prompted, students, parents, teachers, administrators, and anyone who would like to receive a blessing are invited to come to the front to receive a Soapstone UMC bag tag and a blessing as a reminder of the love and care that goes with you and surrounds you each day.

Invitation to Offering Rev. George Freeman

Offertory Nothing but the Blood of Jesus Mark Burleson

* **Offering Praise Song**
Lord, I come
I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due
O Lord, I bring an offering to You (Repeat)

* **Prayer**

* **Closing Song** Will The Circle/ I’ll Fly Away Ole Time Gospel Group

* **Benediction**

11:00 Worship

Children’s activity notebooks & listening devices are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

New name tags and request forms are found at the Welcome cart in the narthex.

Gathering

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Welcome

Prelude Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Mark Burleson

***Call to Worship** Rev. George Freeman

Welcome to this holy space where God’s Spirit dwells among us!

We come longing to feel the presence of God.

Open your hearts, for this is a place of prayer and healing.

This is a place of joy and faith.

This is the place for you.

Thanks be to God!

* **Opening Hymn** Come, Thou Almighty King 61

* **Opening Prayer**
Holy One, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below. You keep covenant and steadfast love with those who seek you. Give us the strength and power to withstand all that would separate us from you, so that we may walk in your light. Amen.

* **Silent Confession/Words of Assurance**
The pastor ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

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Proclamation

Scripture Ephesians 6:10-20
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Children’s Moment Danny Peck
Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.

Proclamation Song Let the Words of My Mouth Chancel Choir

Sermon “This is the Way” Danny Peck

Response and Thanksgiving

* **Response Hymn** Soldiers of Christ, Arise 513

* **Apostle’s Creed** 881

* **Gloria Patri** 71

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Offertory I Need Thee Every Hour Mark Burleson
During the Offertory please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad.

* **Doxology** 94

* **Prayer**

Sending Forth

* **Closing Hymn** Standing on the Promises 374

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational Benediction** Bind Us Together 2226

* **Postlude** Mighty Is Our God Mark Burleson
The pastors love to say hello as you depart. To promote healthy gatherings, they are not shaking hands.

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* Please stand as you are able.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

The Scripture focus for Sunday, August 29, is James 1:17-27.