

Soapstone Notes

To receive our e-news, contact the church office at 919-846-2212/office@soapstoneumc.org.

MOPS — Mothers of preschool-aged kids, are you looking for a group to connect with? Join our MOPS group Tuesday, April 26 at 9:00 am. Learn more at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Blood Drive — Soapstone will host the Blood Connection on Wednesday, April 27 from 3:00- 7:00 p.m. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

50's + Singles Social — Friday, April 29, 6- 8 p.m., this group is inviting all 50+ singles to join for a casual dinner held outside at a church member's house with a back-up rain plan at Soapstone. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Order an SUMC T-Shirt — We have newly designed t-shirts that are super soft and comfortable. These are unisex and true to size. Adult sizes are \$12 and children/ Youth are \$10. Order today at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Cub Scout Car Wash — Pack 399 invites you to a donations only carwash in the Soapstone parking lot on Saturday, May 14, 11 - 3:00. Rain date, May 21.

Closet Clean-Out — Graham Woodward, a youth at SUMC, is collecting donated items such as clothes and shoes donating them to North Raleigh Ministries. Drop off items in the Narthex, May 15.

Vacation Bible School — Children ages 3 years through 5th grades are invited to VBS "Food Truck Party, On a Roll with God", July 17-21. Registration opens May 7 at the Strawberry Festival.

Register for NCCUMC Youth Week — This is a camp for 6th-12th grade students sponsored by our Conference Youth Ministry at NC Wesleyan College July 11-16. Registration is open at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Soapstone Week at Chestnut Ridge — SUMC will be providing transportation from the church to and from Chestnut Ridge day camp July 25-29. For kids, ages preschool to rising 6 grade. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups, and give your child an opportunity to make new friends from our church!

AmazonSmile — AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support Soapstone every time you shop, at no cost to you. Log onto smile.amazon.com with your regular amazon log-in, select Soapstone United Methodist Church. Soapstone will receive 0.5% of your purchase in a donation.

Soapstone Spring Extravaganza: Friday, May 6 – Sunday, May 8
A weekend of food, fellowship, worship, community outreach, and service!

Friday: BBQ and Dessert Sale, 11 am – 1 pm & 4-7 pm

Saturday: The Strawberry Festival, 11 am - 3 pm

Sunday: Combined Worship Service/Children's Musical, 10 am,

Cornerstone Blessing & Dedication, Room 200; 11 -11:20 am,

Family Promise returns to SUMC

We Need Volunteers!

Help us show our Soapstone spirit to the community by volunteering at one or more of these events. We'll need "all hands on deck"!

Only 3 weeks left to sign up in the Narthex or online at soapstoneumc.org/signups.



Our prayer circle for the week:

Kathy & Harry Klauda, Luke Slessman, Scroggs family.



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

All Zoom links can be found at soapstoneumc.org/calendar

Sunday, April 24

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 2:30 pm Disciple 2 on Zoom
- 4:00 pm Set In Stone
- 5:00 pm UMYF & Kids Rock (ends at 6:30)
- 6:00 pm Lay Leadership in 108/110

Monday, April 25

- 6:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir in 117
- 6:30 pm BSA Troop 399 Meeting in the Chapel
- 7:00 pm Soul Tenders in room 108/110 and on Zoom

Tuesday, April 26

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 am MOPS in 108/110
- 6:30 pm AA Meeting at the Chapel
- 7:00 pm Dismantling Racism on Zoom
- 7:00 pm SPRC in 108/110 and Zoom

Wednesday, April 27

- 9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies' Study in 200
- 3:00 pm Blood Drive in Norwood parking lot
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings in 101/103, 108/110, 109, 111
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir in 119
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting at the Chapel

Thursday, April 28

- 6:30 pm Cornerstone Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies in 101/103 and Zoom
- 7:30 pm Praise Team in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 29

- 6:00 pm 50 + Singles Gathering, offsite
- 6:30 pm WOW Book Club in 200

Saturday, April 30

- 8:30 and 10:00 am AA Meetings in the Chapel

Pastors, Staff, and Those Serving Today

Lead Pastor: Rev. Mitzi Johnson, mjohnson@soapstoneumc.org

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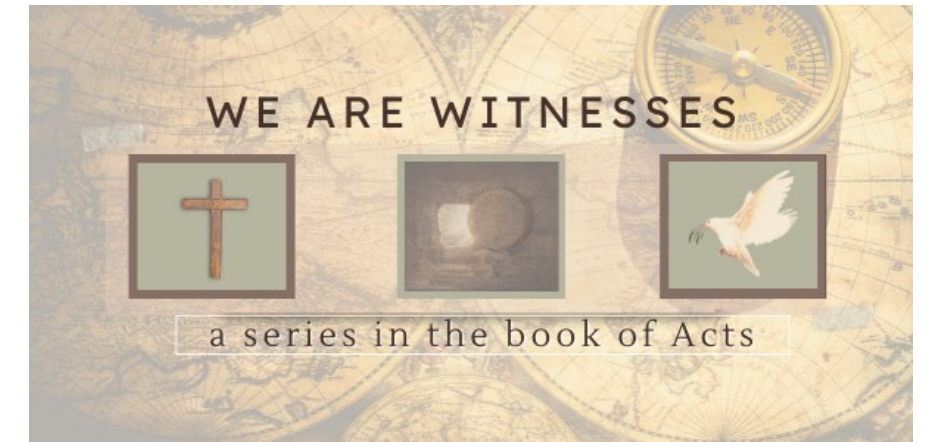
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Scripture Reader: Danny Wever at 8:30 and Donna Mayo at 11:00



April 24, 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter

Easter prompts us to consider what it means to walk with Jesus in eternity. But it is not only about life after death, it is very much about life before death, life in the face of death. It is about bearing witness to a life that resembles a "kin-dom" existence here and now. As we strive to live into Christ's justice and righteousness, hope and glory, we can say with confidence, "We are witnesses."



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8:30 Praise and Worship

Children's activity notebooks, sensory bags, & listening devices are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Chiming the Trinity		Andrea Turner
Welcome		Danny Peck
* Opening Songs	Great Things What A Beautiful Name	Praise Team
* Opening Prayer		Don Warsing
First Scripture Reading		Psalm 150
Children's Moment		Danny Peck <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Second Scripture Reading		Acts 5:27-32
	This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	"We are Witnesses"	Danny Peck
Prayer		
* Response Song	For The Sake Of the World	Praise Team
Prayers of the People		Dr. Jon Tschanz
Lord's Prayer		
* 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	A Gospel Hymn Ring	Cornerstone Ringers
* Offering Praise Song		
* Prayer		
* Closing Song	Everyday	Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing		

11:00 Worship

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Gathering		
Chiming the Trinity		Andrea Turner
Welcome		Danny Peck
Prelude	Walking From Jerusalem	Ole Time Gospel Group
* Call to Worship	Today is the first day of our week. Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week. Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life. Lord, help us to hear your words of life that we may become witnesses to your truth. Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy! Praise be to God. Amen.	
* Opening Hymn	Are You Washed in the Blood	Ole Time Gospel Group
* Opening Prayer		Dr. Jon Tschanz
	O living Christ, as the good news of Easter energized your first disciples to establish dynamic Christian communities, so energize us to dynamic life within our congregation. As your Spirit gave them courage to stand tall before the powers of this world, so empower us to proclaim your gospel and struggle for justice and peace. By your presence with us now, make us one in love and mission. Amen.	
* 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>	

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination		Donna Mayo
	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.	
First Scripture Reading		Psalm 150
Children's Moment		Danny Peck <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Proclamation Song	Kneel at the Cross	Ole Time Gospel Group
Second Scripture Reading		Acts 5:27-32
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Sermon	"We are Witnesses"	Danny Peck
* Responsive Hymn	Make Room	Ole Time Gospel Group
Response and Thanksgiving		
* Affirmation of Faith		888
* Gloria Patri		71
Prayers of the People		
Lords Prayer		885
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	Old Rugged Cross	Ole Time Gospel Group
* Doxology		94
* Prayer		
Sending Forth		
* Closing Hymn	Nothing But the Blood	Ole Time Gospel Group
* Dismissal with Blessing		
* Postlude		Ole Time Gospel Group
	<i>If you are our guest today please stop by the welcome cart for a gift and information.</i>	

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*Please stand as you are able.

The Eastertide lily banners were created by the Worship Committee, UMYF, Thursday Night Ladies, and other volunteers and are given to the glory of God.

The flowers on the altar are given by Nathan and Mike Scarlett in honor of Lily Scarlett's 16th birthday.

*Thanks to Jon Tiller for donating this paper.
Our usual bulletin paper is currently unavailable.*