

Soapstone Notes

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

Kids Rock & UMYF — Both groups will begin back on Sunday nights at 5:00 on Sunday, January 9. We hope you all will join us.

Considering Baptism? — January 9, we will celebrate Baptism of the Lord Sunday which will include a Liturgy of Remembering our Baptism. If you have not been baptized and are considering this for yourself or your child, January 9 would be an especially appropriate day. If you are interested, please contact the pastor.

Bell Ringers Needed — We need two more adults, practices are on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30. We have 3 openings in our youth handbell choir as well, practicing on Monday nights, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Reading music is not required! Contact Andrea Turner.

Discipleship Intensives/ Room 115 — You are invited to explore the discipleship aspects of ongoing ministries and missions at Soapstone during the Sunday School hour. We will discuss Creation Care in January, drop ins are welcome.

Warmth For Wake — The Soapstone United Methodist Men will be hosting a Warmth for Wake event for Saturday morning January 8, 2022. Read more and sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Sensory-Friendly Service — Happiness Ministry is hosting a service to celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 9 at 4:00 pm. This service is for children preschool through 5th grade with any sensory sensitivity. If you are interested in attending or want to volunteer sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Tuesday Lunch Crew — TLC welcomes everyone Tuesday, January 11, 11:30 a.m., to pull up a chair with friends and enjoy a meal at Milton's Pizza and Pasta.

Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS) — This group is open to all moms with young children. Join us Tuesday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up go to soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Helen Keller Prayer Shawl Ministry — Wednesday, January 5 at 12:00 p.m. or Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m., join others in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls to be given to those needing comfort. No experience needed, we can teach you.

Thursday Night Study for Ladies — Join this new study, *Encountering God* by, Kelly Minter, beginning Thursday January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in person and on Zoom. Learn more at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Membership Inquiry Class - January 23 and 30, 9:45-10:40, Room 109. This two-session class provides information on the United Methodist Church, the mission and ministries of Soapstone UMC, and the membership process. Register at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Dismantling Racism Discussion in January — Start reading now and join us Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 pm, on Zoom, discussing *Why We Can't Wait* by Martin Luther King, Jr. Sign up at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

WOW Book Club — Women are invited to read one or both books being offered, *Walking Across Egypt*, by Clyde Edgerton and *Before I Leave: Wisdom from the Stories of Six Women Over Eighty*, by Jenney Edgerton. Discussions are January 26, 7:00 p.m. and January 28, 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Bracelets & Fellowship — Ladies of all ages are invited to join for a time of fellowship as we make prayer bracelets, Saturday, January 29, 1:00—4:00. Sign up to join us at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Palm Sunday Cantata Rehearsals — Save the date, Saturday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m. will be our first cantata rehearsal. We hope you will sing with us.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry Week of January 2

Sunday, January 2

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
2:30 pm Disciple 2 on Zoom

Monday, January 3

6:00 pm Youth Bells in 117
6:30 pm Boy Scouts at the Chapel
7:00 pm Worship Committee on Zoom
7:00 pm Soul Tenders on Zoom

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer in 108/110
6:30 pm Cub Scout Leader Meeting in 101/103
6:30 pm AA at the Chapel
7:00 pm Mission Committee on Zoom and 108/101

Wednesday, January 5

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study in 200
12:00 pm Helen Keller Prayer Shawl Group in 200
7:00 pm AA Meeting at the Chapel
7:00 pm Choir Practice in 119

Thursday, January 6

6:30 pm Cornerstone Ringers in 117
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, January 7

Saturday, January 8

8:30 & 12:30 AA at the Chapel
8:30 am Warmth For Wake, offsite

A Fond Farewell to Mark Burleson

Mark Burleson, who has served as our accompanist since August, is returning to Charlotte and the staff of Paw Creek Presbyterian Church where he previously served for 18 years. Today is his last Sunday with us. Mark, you have blessed us with your music. We wish you well.

Pastors, Staff, and Those Serving Today

Lead Pastor: Rev. Mitzi Johnson, mjohnson@soapstoneumc.org
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Scripture Reader: 8:30 Ann MacCormac and Gwen Cox at 11:00



Epiphany

January 2, 2022

The story of Epiphany marks an end and the beginning. Leaving their home, the Wise Men embark upon a pilgrimage, seeking the glimpse of the divine in the Christ child. Being warned in a dream, the Magi choose a different direction to journey back home. As our own journeys continue, we remember we must sometimes make bold choices to choose a different way.



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