

Soapstone Newsletter

JOYFULLY WORSHIPS AND HONORS CHRIST
THROUGH HELP, HEALING AND HOSPITALITY.



BACKPACK PROJECT COLLECTION CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 14TH

Our annual collection of school supplies continues through Sunday, August 14th. We have moved the collection later this summer so you can take advantage of the tax free weekend offered August 5th-7th.

This year we will be donating our items to Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network to make sure that their families with students are well supplied for school. The need lasts all year long as families move through the program.

There are two options available for giving:

- 1) Bring a backpack filled with supplies, if you are able, or a variety of items to go into backpacks that school children and youth need.
- 2) Want to help but not sure what to buy? You can place a check in the offering plate ("Backpack Project" on the memo line) and we'll do the shopping!

The list below of items needed is also available on our website, www.soapstoneumc.org:

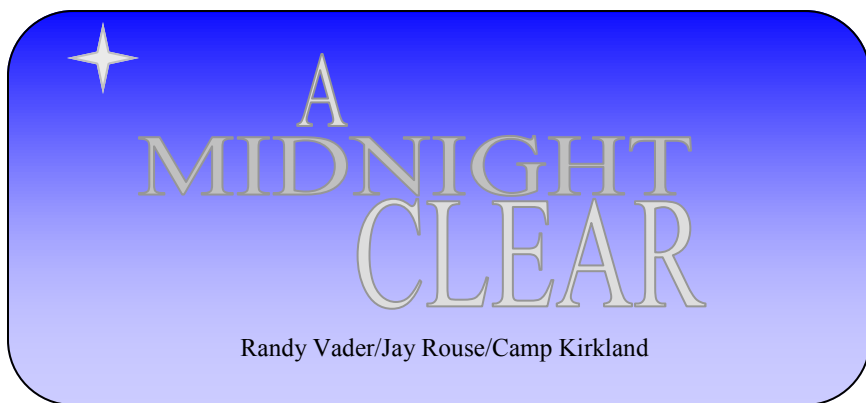
Pens (blue, black)
Mechanical pencils
Pocket folders
Glue sticks
Notebook dividers
Thesauruses

White-out
Hand sanitizer
Clorox wipes
Book bags (no wheels)
Tape
Pocket Dictionary

Note cards (3x5" or 4x6")
Zippered pencil pouches
Pocket calendars for HS & MS
Notebook paper (wide rule)
Combination locks



Please contact Todd Smith 676-2540 (twsmith059@att.net) or
Deb Allen 846-2212 ext. 318 (dallen@soapstoneumc.org) with questions.



Christmas Cantata

December 18, 2011

We will be presenting a very exciting Cantata, "A Midnight Clear," at both Services on Sunday, December 18th. Written by Randy Vader, this Cantata is a fresh and inspiring setting of the Christmas story, with vibrant new music and traditional songs in fresh arrangements.

We will have 5 special Cantata rehearsals, so everyone has a chance to bring their voice to the Choir for this very special message. Please mark your calendars for Saturday morning rehearsals from 9:30 am until noon in the Sanctuary on the following Saturdays: September 24, October 22, November 12, December 3, and December 17 (9:00 am until noon for the dress rehearsal with orchestra.)

All voices, adult and youth, are invited to participate in the Choir for this fun, exciting and inspiring Cantata.



Sunday, December 11th
5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Mark your calendars for the
Soapstone Christmas Music Program!

This will be a wonderful celebration
of the music of the Christmas season
by the ensembles of the
SUMC Music Ministry.

COME RING HANDBELLS!



We are looking for handbell ringers to join the Praise Ringers, Soapstone's intergenerational handbell choir. This is a wonderful handbell choir open to everyone—children (2nd grade and up), youth and adults! Parents—bring your children and come and ring together! Rising 6th graders—if you participated in the children's handbell choir and want to continue, I recommend this as a great transitional choir before joining the Youth Handbells.

This choir is geared toward those who have had little to no experience ringing bells. We would rehearse once a week, day and time TBD, and would occasionally ring for worship. No previous music experience is necessary. We need at least 8 ringers to get started. Please contact Kelly Hodges at khodges@soapstoneumc.org or 676-2400 for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

NEW CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

VISIT THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX ANY SUNDAY IN AUGUST AND
CHECK OUT WHAT'S BEING OFFERED THIS FALL.

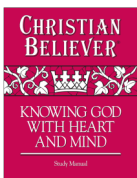
PLEASE CONTACT DEB ALLEN WITH QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS.



Birth Narratives by Mickey Efird

Wednesday, September 7th, 9:30 am in Room 101/103 (Regular weekly ladies' study.)

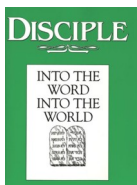
Dr. James "Mickey" Efird will provide comparative information on all four Gospels and teach specifically the background, circumstances and environment of Jesus' birth as told by Luke and Matthew.



Christian Believer

Thursday, September 8th, 7:00 pm in Room 101/103

This course emphasizes the relationship of worship, belief, and daily life. The beliefs of the Christian community, taught within the Christian community, equip the Christian community for living faithfully and for passing on the faith entrusted to it. Coming to faithful understanding of the teaching of Christianity through *Christian Believer* begins with disciplined daily reading of scripture and of the writings of early and modern church leaders. The process of understanding continues in weekly group discussion about the relation of scripture, beliefs, and daily living.



Disciple II: Into the Word Into the World

Thursday, September 8th, 7:00 pm in Room 111

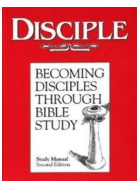
A 32-week study of Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts prepared for graduates of *Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*. This study emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately.



Thursday Night Ladies' Study

Thursday, September 8th, 7:00 pm

Study topic to be determined. More information will be available in future publications.



Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Sunday, September 11th, 5:00 pm in Room 138

A 34-week study that moves through the Biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem. *Disciple I* participants will have the opportunity to learn and grow in faith and in their understanding of the bible and to grow in Christian community and fellowship. Childcare available by reservation.



NOOMA Video Series by Rob Bell

Monday, September 12th, 7:32 pm in Room 101/103 (Regular weekly men's study.)

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. *NOOMA* is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. *NOOMA* is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.



Faith Leader

Tuesday, September 13th, 6:30 pm

Faith Leader provides a 26-week small group process that will raise up new leaders in our congregation. Based on Biblical models of leadership and reclaiming spiritual practices from the Christian tradition, Faith Leader trains participants in discernment, both of their own call to ministry and the spiritual life of their particular congregation. As a result of this program, participants craft a new vision of spiritual leadership based on their spiritual gifts and their call from God to unique, spirit-filled ministries.

Children & Families

Rising 3rd-5th Grade Leadership Fun

Join Ms Susan and friends on Monday, August 1st, from 5:30-7:00 pm for pizza and to help make a hilarious Fall Sunday School Teacher Recruitment Video as well as a display for our fall programming. You can even help lead the Children's Sermon on Sunday August 7th! All you need to do is RSVP to sgraebe@soapstoneumc.org by noon on Monday, August 1st. Please put "Leadership Fun" in the subject line.

9:45 am August Sunday School

Elementary Classes

(Kids currently in Kindergarten-5th Grade)

July 31st, August 7th, and August 14th

It's hot outside, but we are keeping it cool as we explore God's compassion and mercy through the story of **Jonah**. Each week you'll enjoy games, learning the story, and watching segments from the full length *Jonah* movie by Veggie Tales. Sign in with the "Big Fish" at the Norwood Entrance Foyer; get your Ice Pop, then head to room 135 where you will discover that the best gift you can give—or get—is a second chance. Like VBS, kids will be grouped by age for learning activities.

August 21st--Kids Rock Mini Session II

Join us during the Sunday School hour for a *Kids on a Mission* project, learn a special song, then stay for the 11:00 am service and share the song with our congregation. Do you have to sing to participate? Of course not, but don't be shy...give it a try!

August 28th--Be Inspired by our Youth

They help us all the time. You know them and love them. On Sunday, August 28th, we will travel as a group to the sanctuary to listen as many of our youth share about their summer Mission Trip journeys to Nashville, Puerto Rico, and the Hinton Rural Life Center.

Preschool Classes

(ages 2-5 who are not currently in Kindergarten)

July 31st, August 7th, and August 14th

It's hot outside, but you will be keeping it cool with Ice Pop favorites as you learn about Joseph, Miriam and Moses, and Jonah.

August 21st--Kids Rock Mini Session II

Ages 2-3 will stay in the classroom for fun activities.

Ages 4-5 will participate in a *Kids on a Mission* project, learn a special song, then stay for the 11:00 service and share the song with our congregation.

August 28th—The Story of Joshua and your friends from Veggie Tales!



Looking for a Way to Make a Huge Difference?

Consider serving as a Children's Sunday School Teacher this fall.

You will serve with a team on a rotating basis from September 11th-June 10th.

Rock Solid Curriculum and everything you need is provided.

Visit www.IAmRockSolid.com for complete scope and sequence and additional information.

Soapstone teacher recruitment begins on Sunday, August 7th.

Teacher meeting is Tuesday, August 30th at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm.

Contact Sharon Heinzelmann (cbrsharon@nc.rr.com) or Susan Graebe (sgraebe@soapstoneumc.org) to get involved.

Save these Dates!

Sunday, August 21st

Kids Rock Special Sunday School Event

Tuesday, August 30th

Fall Children's Sunday School Teacher Meeting at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 11th

Rock Solid Sunday School Kick Off at 9:45 am
3rd Grade Rites of Passage at 8:30 and 11:00 am
Church Wide Picnic Lunch
Evening Kids Rock Snow Cone Truck!

Friday, October 7th

Moon Bounce and UMM BBQ

Preschool News



Our summer camps have gone well! The children actually got to go camping! Tents, s'mores, canoeing, fishing, and night time camping were the highlights from the first camp. For the second camp, children got to visit with a pet parrot named "Bubba" and wear their bathing suits for water day and enjoy many more activities.

Preschool teachers were honored for their service to the Preschool. We celebrated Betsy Ferla and Vivian Cronin's 15 years with the Preschool. Charlene Ochoa was honored for 5 years of service. We are very blessed to have a great and dedicated staff!

Preschool will be back the week of August 22nd with the teachers working in their classrooms followed by "Meet the Teacher" morning on Friday and Monday, August 26th and 29th. The children's first day back will be Tuesday, August 30th. We look forward to another successful Preschool year!

For information or questions about our Preschool program, please call the office at 870-7727 or email me at hhinton@soapstoneumc.org. We do have some openings.

—Helen Hinton, Director



Thank You



Soapstone Family,

Thank you so much for loving my family & me. It has been such a privilege to be part of the body of Christ at SUMC. As members of a specific faith community, we have been members of each other for the last ten years or so. We have a strong connection from experiencing our faith together. We've not only shared the mundane cycles of life that are typical to any group of people, but we have prayed and supported each other through those cycles and on top of that we have been on life changing mission trips together. We've plowed through Disciple Bible studies together and walked side by side in our faith journeys for the better part of the last decade together.

Even though our paths have parted somewhat (I still see videos of chicken dances, etc.) you all will continue to be a source of inspiration to me. I am enjoying the robe and felt blessed to be able to wear it for the first time at the church I will always think of as my home church. I love the pot of encouragement and have displayed it prominently right by the front door as you walk in my parsonage. I can't wait until someone asks about it and I get to tell them a story about an amazing part of the body of Christ called "Soapstone."

Love,
Debbie
(7/12/2011)



Youth Ministry



Rising 6th Grade Extravaganza Sunday, August 7th — 6:00 pm

Rising 6th graders will be treated to dinner and a movie in their honor. This spectacular event will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and a show. Please contact John Hutchison (848-3115) if you have questions.



UMYF Game Night Sunday, August 14 — 6:00–8:00 pm

All youth (including rising 6th graders) are welcome! Please bring \$5.00 to cover the cost of dinner—subs, chips, drinks, and dessert.

YOUTH 2011 Testimonials

Brooks: Youth 2011 was an experience that nobody could forget. Taking place at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, over 3600 people arrived to take part in this amazing event. The worship services here are some of the most uplifting anyone could have imagined. Lasting two hours each day, the band Stanfill played original songs to lead us in worship, as well as the REZlife band from Kansas City on Saturday. Four speakers gave spectacular speeches/lectures during worship, including Fred Lynch, Jim Walker, and teenage abolitionist Zack Hunter. These men were seriously compassionate about what they do and also about God. Workshops also took place over Thursday and Friday. People from all over the United States came to share. Many were Youth Leaders or Church Pastors. These workshops covered art, recreation, spiritual journeys and everything in between. This was a thoroughly life-changing conference and although only one in the group of Soapstone youth who attended can return for Youth 2015, I strongly recommend this event to all youth.

Matt: Youth 2011 was absolutely the greatest 5 days I have ever had. You get really connected closely to your youth, your new friends you meet and, of course, God. The worship services are just like Pilgrimage, so it would be a great experience to go to Youth 2015.

Abigail: Youth 2011 was a great experience. The workshops came really close to heart. I really felt welcome and got closer to my youth and of course, God.

Liz: Youth 2011 was an unforgettable experience. The worship was moving and the workshops helped me grow in my faith. Through the trip I got closer to our youth as well as other youth I met at Youth 2011.

Molly: Youth 2011 at Purdue University was an indescribable experience. As a recent graduate and an older youth participant, I was able to lead a middle school small group and was astounded at the conscientious outlook of these youth and the perspective shared in our circle. This experience strengthened my faith and prepared me for the challenges that I will face in college. I highly recommend this event for any youth, middle or high school. You will invariably come back feeling closer to God!

Perry: This week went far beyond all my expectations. The speakers and the music were inspiring, but the sheer number of youth who showed up to praise God was just overwhelming and extremely moving.

Senior High Discussion Nights Summer Schedule

We will meet at the following dates & times.
Locations will be announced.

Tue. Aug. 9th at 11:00 am
Tue. Aug. 23rd at 11:00 am

For more information on this discussion group
or upcoming topics, contact Gretchen Shea at
gshea@soapstoneumc.org.

August Calendar for Youth Ministry

Hinton Mission Trip July 31st - August 5th
Sun. Aug. 7 Rising 6th Grade Extravaganza; 6:00 pm
Fri. Aug. 12 SALT Lock-In
Sun. Aug. 28 Mission Presentation; 9:45 am
 Youth Ministry Session for Parents; 4:30 pm
 I Promise They Don't Have Cooties;
 Parents' Session; 5:30 pm

Recruiting Secret Pals to Adopt Students for the 2011-2012 School Year

Soapstone, We Need Your Help! Please consider adopting a college or military student as your Secret Pal. It is a wonderful opportunity to support our students during a time when they need an anchor to their church family at home.

Please email Pam at pquest1994@gmail.com if you are willing to be a pal. Adoption begins Sunday, August 28th. Stop by the table in the narthex to learn more about the program and pick your student for the year.

From the perspective of those who have participated in the program, here is what a few had to say:

“As a parent of a college student it is a blessing to know that each month my son is getting encouragement from our church family. As a pal, it is a lot of fun sending treats and hearing ideas from others. My son has been asked by those in his dorm, “where do you go to church?” and that is a testament to how Soapstone represents itself.” Stefanie J, pal & parent

“Honestly, the Secret Pal program has helped me get through college in surprising ways during various points in my college career. In your hectic college schedule, you don't realize the importance of a simple note, gift, or reminder that someone from your church family is thinking of you until that act improves your outlook on an entire day.” Kimber R, student

“When youth join the church, the congregation takes a vow too. As they grow up and leave home, participating in the secret pal program, allows us to keep those promises.” Sarah L, pal

“It always makes me feel good to get a card, note, or box from my church. I have lots of people ask me where I go to church. I am proud to say Soapstone UMC.” Michael J, student

“I kept a little note with my pal's name – Jillian – on my desk at work as a reminder to think about what she might be doing that day and pray for God's hand in it. I know the program is officially over now, she's home from college, and on to exciting summer activities, but I can't seem to take it down. I think I'll just add another name to it next year.” Becky G, pal

“It was great fun to have a UNC secret pal, and a child at NC State, especially during football season. I will admit I was tardy on some months, but my secret pal was very forgiving. I enjoyed being a part of the program, and I know our son has appreciated the program over the last 3 years.” Sarah S, pal & parent

“There is nothing better than opening my mailbox and seeing my secret pal and church family are thinking of me. It's such a good feeling to know my church family is still there for me even though I am miles and miles away.” Lexie W, student

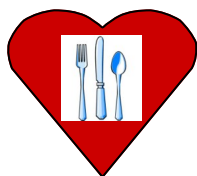
“It always brightens my day when I get a card or surprise package in the mail from my Secret Pal. I am so fortunate that I have the support of my church family as I go through college!” Haylie M, student

“I have enjoyed working with the college secret pal program. I am amazed how grateful the students are for just getting cards in the mail. Once I made a surprise visit to take my unsuspecting pal to lunch.....later she thought that was funny as I pumped her for more information about herself!” Alene W, pal & parent

“The secret pal program helps young college students know that they are remembered and prayed for back home at Soapstone. The transition to college life can be tough and daunting, but it's reassuring that someone is thinking of you.” Kyle M, student

College & Military Students — Last Call!

If you wish to be paired with a Secret Pal, registration forms are due to Sandy and Kathy in the church office by **Monday, August 1st**. Go to <http://www.soapstoneumc.org/youth/college-ministry/> for the form and email to office@soapstoneumc.org.



Tuesday Lunch Crew will meet for lunch at Briggs on Creedmoor Road, Tuesday, August 9th, 11:30 am. You can have breakfast or lunch! Everyone is welcome! No reservations needed. Just meet us there! Questions? Please contact Muriel Clark, 881-0385.



Soapstone Supper Club sign-ups continue. Forms are available on the Welcome Table in the main narthex. Please submit your form by August 21st for a fall start. If you have any questions, please contact Jane DeMatteis at 870-7729 or janied21@gmail.com.



Soapstone United Methodist Men—Brothers In Christ

Sign up for any or all of the following activities on the Adult Ministries bulletin board located near the Sanctuary entrance.

Sundays in August — The men's Challenge Group will meet at 6:30 Sunday mornings (August 7, 14, 21, 28) at the Lake Lynn Community Center parking lot off Ray Road with a goal of physical and spiritual fitness. Open to any man interested in taking it to the next level. No sign up required.

Saturday, August 6th — Men's Monthly Breakfast in the Soapstone kitchen. Plenty of pork products and fellowship! Please note we will meet on the 1st Saturday of August instead of the 2nd.

Sunday, August 21st — UMM will prepare and serve breakfast at the Raleigh Rescue Mission downtown. Meet in the church parking lot ready to leave by 5:00 am.

Questions or comments about our men's ministry at Soapstone? Contact any member of our Soapstone men's leadership team: Kevin Manweiler, Chris Tilley, Brad Turner, Graham West and Doug Young



A Summer Blockbuster – Friday, August 12th

Join WOW to see last year's very popular book discussion selection, *The Help*, as a major motion picture. If you haven't had the pleasure of reading the book, *The Help* is a look at what happens when a southern town's unspoken code of rules and behavior is shattered by three courageous women who strike up an unlikely friendship. Grab a friend and mark your calendar for **Friday, August 12th** at Regal Brier Creek Stadium 14 Theater. Watch the weekly e-news for the exact movie time. Please sign up on the WOW bulletin board by **Sunday, August 7th**.

Walking with WOW

WOW is on the move in August. Join us on Tuesday, August 23rd, to get your daily quotient of physical activity while enjoying some fellowship. We will meet at 7:00 pm at Lake Lynn Park (7921 Ray Rd) to walk around the lake. No sign up required just grab a friend and/or a youth and join us!



A-V Operators Needed!!

Each Sunday we need an A-V operator at both worship services to work in the sound booth. The A-V operator runs the soundboard, controlling microphones and running PowerPoint and any video used during worship.

We are currently working with only 3 A-V operators. With 8–10 worship services a month, these 3 operators never get time off!

Please consider volunteering to serve in the sound booth. All necessary training and time to shadow a current operator will be provided. Contact Kelly Hodges at khodges@soapstoneumc.org or 676-2400 for more information or to volunteer.

GUATEMALA



WHAT?	A mission based work team
WHERE?	Momocastenango
WHY?	To help build another house or community structure and possibly assist at the medical clinic
WHEN?	March 3-10 (or 11th), 2012
WHO?	Any who are interested
MORE INFO?	Contact Deb Allen at 846-2212/ext 318 or dallen@soapstoneumc.org



Guests return Sunday, September 18th-25th!

Volunteer sign ups will begin mid-August online and on the board in the Narthex. Please offer your services to help make this week feel like home to our guests.

FOOD DRIVE
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*August Food Drive —
Back to Basics!*

Focus items:

Sugar - 5 lb bag

Flour - 5 lb bag

Vegetable Oil

Vinegar

Ketchup & Mustard

Salad Dressing



Opportunities for Worship Service Fellowship



Mondays

Wednesdays

Men's Monday Night Bible Study will return September 12th.

Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study

August book study: Room by Emma Donaghue

Wednesday, August 17th, 9:30 am, at the home of Miriam Casey (412-2575)

Contact Jane DeMatteis (janied21@gmail.com) for more information. If you have been unable to attend weekly sessions, please join us in August.

Monday	August 1	◆ Hinton Mission Trip continues through Friday, the 5th
Saturday	August 6	◆ Men's Monthly Breakfast; 7:30 am; kitchen
Sunday	August 7	◆ Food Drive ◆ Power of a Whisper study begins; 5:00 pm; room 108/110 ◆ Rising 6th Grade Extravaganza
Tuesday	August 9	◆ TLC meets at Briggs on Creedmoor Road ◆ Church Council; 7:15 pm; room 108/110
Friday	August 12	◆ Floor Buffing; all rooms with linoleum affected; no activities Friday or Saturday
Sunday	August 14	◆ UMYF Game Night; bring \$5.00 for dinner; all youth invited, including rising 6th graders
Wednesday	August 17	◆ Wednesday Morning Bible Study will meet at Miriam Casey's home to discuss the book <u>Room</u> by Emma Donaghue
Thursday	August 18	◆ Mary Martha Circle meets in room 101/103
Sunday	August 21	◆ UMM Prepare & Serve Breakfast at Raleigh Rescue Mission; leave church parking lot at 5:00 am; return by 7:30 am ◆ Kids Rock Sunday School Event; 9:45 am
Monday	August 22	◆ Preschool Teacher Work Days through Wednesday, the 24th
Sunday	August 28	◆ Youth Mission Presentation; 9:45 am; Sanctuary
Tuesday	August 30	◆ Preschool's first day of 2011-2012 year

SAVE THESE DATES . . .

Sunday	September 11	Church-wide picnic at JCC. Casual dress day. Bring \$2 for hot dogs, chips, soft drinks. Please bring dessert to share, blankets & lawn chairs.
Sunday	September 11	Kids Rock (4 years old-5th grade) and UMYF (6th-12th grades) Fall Kickoff
Friday	October 7	UMM BBQ & Children's Moon Bounce
Sunday	October 30	All Saints Sunday
Sunday	November 6	Consecration Sunday
Sunday	December 11	SUMC Christmas Music Program at 5:00 pm
Sunday	December 18	Cantata presented during both services



Prayer Lists

Immediate Concerns:

- Phillip Cates
- Mark McMillan's mom
- Vicki Morris' sister
- Allison Given
- Trace Goodman, stroke, friend of Kristin Hoffmann
- Forgiel Family – Karla & Steve, terminal cancer; Stephen, mental illness; pray for miracles; friends of Donna Thompson
- Edna Watson, Alene & Susan Watson's mom
- Kathryn Whorley, Martha Radulovich's mother
- Marilyn Ransopher, Rhonda Balsler's mom
- College students

Ongoing Concerns:

- Hilton Eades
- Andy Harwell
- Emma Kate, niece of Gwen Cox
- Darleen Tibbs' dad
- Saul family; great-niece of Mary Metke
- James King, 27 year old friend of Kevin Sullivan, diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer
- Ruth Porter, Marianne Absher's mother, moved to nursing home, has dementia
- Jack and Wanda Andrews
- Tina Sullivan's stepsister Kim (dealing with chemo & radiation)
- Anita Kemper
- Elzina Washington
- Chris Needham
- Stephen Crump

Please remember all who serve in our military and these friends of Soapstone:

Forrest Allen	Ray Kenney
Justin Allen	Marshall McIntyre
Forrest Barley	Kevin Leopard
Justin Barracco	J. P. Saul
Katherine Cleary	Jeff Shearin
Ken Cook, Jr.	Courtland Stanley
Brandon Denton	Mario Troncoso
Ryan Denton	Anne Voigt
Timothy Foster	Chalk Wetmore

*My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot slip—he who
watches over you will not slumber.*

Psalm 121: 2-3a

***If you need prayer or have
an addition or update
to the prayer list, please contact
the church office.***

STEPHEN MINISTRY



SOAPSTONE IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH WITH TRAINED LEADERS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE CARE TO THOSE EXPERIENCING LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES.

STEPHEN MINISTERS CAN MEET WITH YOU IN YOUR HOME OR A LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW COULD BENEFIT FROM THE CARE OF A STEPHEN MINISTER, PLEASE CALL PASTOR WHITAKER AT 846-2212, EXT. 311 OR DON BRAZELTON AT 949-6366.

Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister?

Soapstone UMC will be training another class of Stephen Ministers beginning September 12, 2011.

Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

If you have gifts for caring, encouragement and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry.

If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

*Don Brazelton 847-5868 or
Pat H. Kloes at 848-8822.*

August 2011

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OUR FAVORITE HYMNS

Throughout June, Worship Committee asked the Soapstone members to share with us their favorite hymns so we could include as many as possible in summer worship services. We had an amazing response and thought you might like to know the results. Thank you so much for your input!

Our top ten hymns were:

- 10 – The Old Rugged Cross
- 9 – Shout to the Lord
- 8 – Shine, Jesus, Shine
- 7 – Blessed Assurance
- 6 – Standing on the Promises
- 5 – Lord of the Dance
- 4 – Be Thou My Vision
- 3 – Here I Am, Lord
- 2 – Amazing Grace



And the most requested hymn — #1 — How Great Thou Art