

Soapstone Newsletter

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



Photo courtesy of Aaron Gay.

WHAT'S IN YOUR BASKET?

OUR COMMITMENT TO GIVING 2011

Just about every good Methodist is familiar with the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. It's the only one of the miracle stories that appears in all four gospels. This story is the theme of our giving emphasis this fall. During worship on October 23rd and 30th, and on Consecration Sunday November 6th, we will focus on Jesus, the disciples, the people, and that little boy with the basket of five barley loaves and two fish, and ask one another: "What's in your basket?"

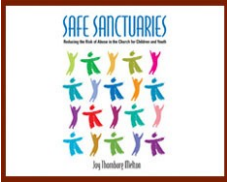
Remember the setting of the story? Jesus had just learned that his cousin, John the Baptist, had been executed by the Roman government. And it wasn't a noble execution after a trial; they chopped his head off as a reward to Salome for her birthday dance for Herod and brought it to her on a platter. According to the gospels, when Jesus heard about this senseless brutality, he got in a boat with his disciples and "withdrew to a lonely place" to grieve. But by this time, Jesus was famous, and people followed him. Thousands of people.

The first thing the story tells us about is the character of God. Jesus was at his lowest point, but he "had compassion," "healed the sick," and made sure the people got fed. The second thing the story tells us about is our tendency to be preoccupied with scarcity. The disciples looked around and saw what appeared to be an insurmountable problem: thousands of people to feed, and they could pull together only five barley loaves and two fish. And even that was not too impressive. A barley loaf was the staple lunch of the poor in those days, an unappetizing bread about the size of a Twinkie. And the fish were probably more like sardines than salmon. Scarcity indeed. Who wouldn't be pessimistic, or worse, who wouldn't quietly slide that lunch basket under their cloak and walk away before anyone saw what you had?

And then there is the little boy and the third thing the story teaches us. The little boy gave Jesus what he had, and the people and the disciples learned that God multiplies our offerings. The little boy didn't make out any better than he would have otherwise, or at least the gospel writers don't say anything about it. That is, he didn't give expecting that he would somehow be rewarded. He just knew that he had lunch in his basket and that he was being asked to offer it.

As we enter the fall, let us contemplate the generosity of God. Let us confess that we too often focus on scarcity and how there doesn't seem to be enough. And as we consider how we will keep our promise to support the ministries of Soapstone financially, let us ask ourselves and one another:

"What's in your basket?"



Children's Safe Sanctuary Best Practices & Promises for Parents and Caregivers

Soapstone is blessed to be home to many ministries and community activities. Weekdays while Preschool is in session, everyone enters through the Norwood entrance and all other entrances remain locked. On Sundays, most doors are unlocked during worship and Sunday School and later in the day during other ministry programs. Parents and Caregivers, please make our church home a safe place for our children by:

- Escorting children through elementary age into the building to the appropriate room or area as you arrive at Soapstone. Please do not drop them off.
- Supervising children through elementary age at all times in the building and on the playground when they are not in Sunday School or other ministry programs in progress with appropriate adult supervision.
- Meeting children in appropriate room or space for pick up when their activity is finished.

Escorting children to the restroom during worship and always. People come and go throughout our building during worship. Children who leave the sanctuary alone for any reason are considered unsupervised.

Order your Poinsettias for the Sanctuary!



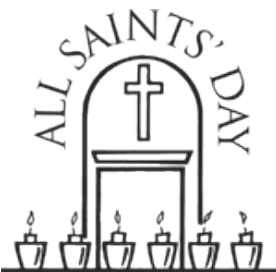
The weather is just beginning to turn cooler, but the Worship Committee will soon be placing an order for poinsettias from Homewood Nursery for our sanctuary.

Please consider purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. You will have the option of ordering red and/or white poinsettias.

Plants are \$9 each. Order forms will be available in the narthex on Sunday, October 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Orders and payment will be due by Sunday, October 16th.

Thank you for helping us decorate our sanctuary for Advent.



On Sunday, October 30th, we will observe All Saints' Day. On this day we honor the memory of the lives of the "saints" who lived among us, the examples of faith they imprinted into our memories, and their victory. Though they are absent from us, they are present with the Lord; and for this, we give thanks.

During the service the congregation will place flowers in the Resurrection Cross. There will also be an opportunity during the service for anyone who has lost a loved one in the past year to give their name and light a candle in their memory. The candle is a symbol of the life that continues to shine in God's presence and love.

Look for the table as you enter the sanctuary to record the names of loved ones and you are invited to take your candle following the service. Please join us for our All Saints' service on Sunday, October 30th.

Plan to Make a Lasting Change Now -- Soapstone Christmas Challenge

Retailers believe this Christmas is poised to be one of the most exciting shopping seasons in history. Top wish list items range from HDTVs, smartphones, iPods and iPads, to the Justin Bieber singing doll.

But the wish list items of orphans in Zoe Ministry's Orphan Empowerment Project are much simpler. They are hoping for a uniform to attend school, a loaf pan for their child-run bakery, a goat to provide sustenance for family and neighbors, or a bucket to pick coffee beans.

Do you ever wonder what is on Jesus' wish list, or how it might feel to wake up Christmas morning knowing that you had a hand in fulfilling it?



Find out this Christmas season. Commit to spending less on traditional gifts for family and friends while investing more in the lives of children who face loneliness, hardship and hunger.

As part of Soapstone's new Zoe Ministry Hope Companion Partnership, take a stand in supporting 20 families (60-80 orphaned African children) whose parents have died of HIV/AIDS, disease, war and famine. This three-year program works to break the cycle of poverty and offers these children hope by bringing them together in supportive working groups where they already live.

Our church's financial commitment of \$8,000 the first year, \$6,000 in the second year, and \$4,000 in the third year connects these children to local churches, resources, and vocational training in a program proven to empower them to pull themselves out of poverty within three years. The giving level declines each year as the children grow their small businesses and farms and require less financial support, but still amounts to less than \$1 a day for every child-led household.

As partners, we will hear their stories, learn about their progress and have the opportunity to send one of our own to visit their community. We will open our arms to them, and through our giving they will learn what is important to us. In turn, their lives and faithful witness will reveal the very heart of Christ to us.

Take the *Soapstone Christmas Challenge*. Talk with your family about scaling back in order to be part of this truly transforming partnership. During Christmas Eve services held at 4:30, 8:00, and 10:00 pm on December 24th, you are invited to bring an offering for this partnership so we may dedicate our first-year gifts to ZOE .

Prepare Your Hearts with a New Resource

Christmas may be months away, but now is the time to begin. In preparation, Sunday School classes, small groups, and families are encouraged to read the inspiring book, *Christmas is Not Your Birthday*, by Rev. Mike Slaughter.

As lead pastor for one of the largest United Methodist churches in the world, Slaughter led his congregation through a similar effort in 2005, encouraging them to donate as much to the church's Sudan Water Project as they did for Christmas gifts. Through the simple challenge, the church has now invested more than \$5 million in humanitarian relief in Darfur and is reaching a quarter of a million Sudanese refugees and villagers.

His short, five-chapter book is refreshing, straightforward, and filled with passion and conviction. Questions at the end of each chapter will challenge you to think deeply as we plan for a very different Advent and Christmas season.

Books will be available in the narthex and church office throughout October (\$9 to offset cost). *Pastor Karen Whitaker will also preach on these themes October 2nd and 9th.*

Beginning this month, several small groups will read and discuss the book: Woman to Woman (October 2nd, 9:45 am, room 115), Living Waters (October 9th, 9:45 am, room 119), Sunday Evening Group (October 9th, 5:00 pm, room 115), WOW (October 25th, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary), and Homebuilders (November 20th, 9:45 am, room 108/110).



Local Efforts

For those interested in participating in local giving efforts as well, we invite you to join us in extending hospitality to our Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) guests the week of December 18-25th. This important mission provides shelter, meals, case management and educational services to homeless families. In addition to assistance with room set-up, food, meal preparation, transportation, overnight stays, and more, our traditional Giving Tree will help provide much-needed items for guest families at Christmastime. More information will be available soon.

Children & Families

Friday, October 7th, Bouncin' BBQ Fun for the Whole Family!

Two inflatables, face painting, games, an outdoor eating area, and our famous BBQ sale make Soapstone a great place to support a good cause and enjoy time with friends and neighbors. Join us 4:00-7:00 pm!

BBQ dinner tickets are available from the office for \$8 in advance, or buy dinner that night for \$9.



Rock Solid Sunday School is off to a great start!

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 am.

Evening Kids Rock has room for you!

Come back to church Sunday evenings, 5:00-6:30 pm, for music and missions.

Third Graders

received new Bibles as their Rites of Passage gift from the church.

They will use them this fall as they participate in the study *Learning How to Use My Bible* on Sunday mornings in Sunday School.

If your child is in 3rd grade and has not yet received the new Bible, please contact Ms Susan.

Save these Dates!

Sunday, October 2nd

Three Year Old
Rites of Passage

Friday, October 7th

Moon Bounce and UMM BBQ

Sunday, October 23rd

Four Year Old
Rites of Passage

Preschool News



Preschool has had a wonderful beginning – it's great to be back! The children are having a great time. We had a good parent orientation and we appreciate the church staff helping with that.

Soapstone Preschool celebrates 20 years. It all began on Tuesday, September 10, 1991. Wanda Rozier started the program as a Mother's Morning Out. On our first day opened, Wanda went into labor and had Kelsey that evening. Needless to say, it was an interesting beginning with about 15 children and now we have 155 children.

Chapel and music have begun. The children enjoy chapel and we appreciate Ms. Susan's leadership. Our monthly food drive also began in September.



At the end of the month, we will have our annual trunk or treat. Parents will decorate their trunks and the children will enjoy "trunk or treating!"

Our Sugar Plum Fair will be on Wednesday and Thursday, November 2nd & 3rd. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Lora Levy at spfsoapstone@gmail.com. More information will be coming in the upcoming newsletters.

For more information about our program, please contact the Preschool office through the Soapstone UMC website at www.soapstoneumc.org/preschool or at 870-7727. We will be glad to schedule tours or answer questions.

—Helen Hinton, Director

Sugar Plum Fair *Preschool Fund Raiser*



Wednesday, November 2nd, 9:15 am-2:00 pm and 6:00-9:00 pm

Thursday, November 3rd, 9:15 am-1:00 pm

A great opportunity to shop over 40 different vendors (so far!) for unique gifts.

Jewelry...Kid's Clothes...Christmas Ornaments & Decorations...Pampered Chef...Books
Bath & Body Products...Educational Toys...Candles...Handmade Totes & More

**If you are interested in being a vendor,
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Youth Ministry



2011-2012 Confirmation Journey Has Begun

We have 18 fabulous confirmands this year and 15 wonderful adult mentors who will walk this journey with our students. The confirmands will meet each Sunday morning for Sunday School, attend a retreat in October and a weekend workshop in April, write 12 worship summaries, offer 5 service hours to the church, participate in a confirmation service project and a family service project supporting area ministries, visit Temple Beth Or to learn the traditions of the Old Testament, be interviewed by the confirmation leadership team, and enjoy fellowship with friends along the way.

The confirmation class seeks your prayers and encouragement as they study the Bible, learn our faith traditions, and learn what it means to be a member of Soapstone UMC, of the United Methodist Church, and of Christ's Church. Pray for our mentors in the sharing of their time, their energy, and their faith.

Our Confirmands this year are: Eric Artrip, Adam Bateman, Josh Claypoole, Torrie Cleary, Hannah Fetzer, Jaime Gay, Cobe Haney, Cayley Kennedy, Kurt Knowles, Shannon McCarter, Justin Miller, Lauren Monroe, Joseph Powell, Clarissa O'Quinn, Caroline Sar, Rob Sar, Maddie Speakman, Julia Walsh

Our Mentors this year are: Denny DeMatteis, Todd Ditmore, Christy Evans, Brenda Fanning, Harold Fanning, Amy Fetzer, Marcia Gay, Lynne Manweiler, Kevin Manweiler, Amy Maynard, Craig Miller, Alison Monroe, Vicki Morris, Edna Riggs, Jessie Speakman, Chris Tilley

Trunk or Treat



The Soapstone youth ministry is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat for children on Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 5:15-6:15 pm. **All church members are invited to participate — you don't have to have children or youth to join the fun.** Bring your car, van or truck, decorate it for the season, stuff it with candy, and join us in the back parking lot of the church. All vehicles should be in place by 5:05 pm to await the arrival of the children. Prizes will be given to the most creatively decorated vehicle and to the vehicle loved most by the children.



October Calendar for Youth Ministries

- Oct. 1 & 2 Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 2 UMYF, Small Groups
- Oct. 7 Bake Sale (Men's BBQ)
- Oct. 9 UMYF, Program
- Oct. 16 UMYF, Small Groups
- Oct. 21 & 22 Senior High Lock-In
- Oct. 23 UMYF, Interest Groups
- Oct. 30 UMYF, Host Trunk or Treat for Children's Ministry, S'Mores will follow



Senior High Discussion Nights will be on the first and third Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm and on the second and fourth Mondays from 7:05-8:15 pm.

COLLEGE SECRET PAL UPDATE

Soapstone, you scooped up our college students like cookies and cream. We are so grateful for your commitment to this ministry. The mix of individuals and families who have adopted is what speaks volumes about our membership. There are pals with college students in the program, of course you knew that; And, there are those with small children, no children, and grandchildren too. Thank you for adopting our 37 students with the purpose of showing them love and keeping them connected to Christ and their church home. We also want to send a special hug to those of you who have helped kick off our program in other ways, like: setup/clean up, hosting a college Hydration Sunday, supplying donuts, using your creative gifts and talents for us, and all the administrative work that is involved with keeping this ministry rolling.

We invite you to join us in this ministry. Please contact Pam via email, pquest1994@gmail.com, if you would like to serve or learn more.

Top 3 ways you can help:

- 1) Hydration Station, Nov 6th and 13th
Donate 2 dozen doughnuts, or money and we will pick up donuts.
- 2) Send letter to one of our overseas students.
Need by **October 15th** to insure delivery. We have 3 for 1st semester.
- 3) Write a short devotional for our exam "emergency kit".

Our students are out in the world, studying in NC, SC, GA, FL, KY, the islands of Turks and Caicos, and South America. They are prepared to represent Christ—that is good news! Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you!

The College Ministry Team

*Donna, Gwen, Laurie, Lynne,
Paula, Wanda and Pam*

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8, NIV

Have you noticed . . . ?

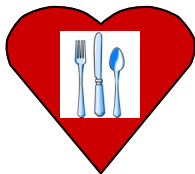
. . . there is no mention of an Alternative Market on any of our announcements this year? It's because there will not be one here at Soapstone this fall.

We've supported fair trade for years and we fully continue to do so. There are many opportunities now to purchase fairly traded merchandise in stores and online that were not available several years ago when the Alternative Market began. We encourage you to continue to purchase fairly traded items, however, you have better choices and selections online and in local stores.

Please remember **10,000 Villages** as a source (www.tenthousandvillages.com). They offer many beautiful items from locations all over the world and when you purchase from them you are assured the artist will be paid a fair and reasonable price for their merchandise.

Jinja Fair Trade (www.jinjafairtrade.org) is another merchant we have worked with over the years. Please check out their website as well for assurance that artists are paid fairly.

The Alternative Market will return in the spring with an entirely new face – be watching for details.



Tuesday Lunch Crew will meet for lunch at the Olive Garden on Capital Blvd in Raleigh, Tuesday, October 11th, 11:30 am. No reservations are needed and everyone is welcome! Call Muriel Clark (881-0385) if you have questions.



Soapstone United Methodist Men—Brothers In Christ

Sundays in October — The men's Challenge Group will meet at 6:30 Sunday mornings (October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30) at the Lake Lynn Community Center parking lot off Ray Road for devotion and walk/jog the 2.2 mile trail around Lake Lynn. No sign up required.

Monday Nights October 10, 17, 24, 31, 7:32–8:48 pm — Men's Monday night Bible study meets in room 101/103 (across from the kitchen) to continue viewing and discussing Pastor Rob Bell's "NOOMA" video series.

Monday, October 3rd, 7:00 pm — Meet inside the lobby of the Brier Creek movie theater and we'll go in as a group to see the movie "Courageous" which is produced by Sherwood Productions, the Christian production company behind such movies as "Fireproof" and "Facing The Giants." After the movie we'll grab a bite to eat and discuss the movie.

Thursday, October 6th 6:00–8:00 pm — Set-up for BBQ fundraiser. If you're available to help during the night to watch the meat, sign up.

Friday, October 7th — BBQ Fundraiser Day. Your help is needed for all shifts beginning at 6:00 am through 8:00 pm. Sign up online or on the Adult Ministries bulletin board or contact David Carstens at carstend@bellsouth.net.

Sunday, October 16th — UMM will prepare and serve breakfast at the Raleigh Rescue Mission downtown. Meet in the parking lot ready to leave at 5:00 am. We will return in time for the 8:30 service. Sign up to participate <http://signupgenius.com/go/raleigh7>.

Hearts and Hammers Men's Ministry – We have a few families in our church who need some help in and around their home. If you are interested in helping contact Doug Young (yddoug@bellsouth.net).

In our men's group at Soapstone, we build friendships, help one another out, and are there for each other. From hiking Mount Mitchell (yep we all survived it!) to cooking/serving BBQ to studying the Bible together, we've got one another's back. I hope you've got that in your life but if you don't we've got plenty of room for you.....come out anytime.

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 .



Walking with WOW

WOW is still on the move! Join us on Saturday, October 22nd, to get your daily quotient of physical activity while enjoying some fellowship. We will meet at 8:30 am at the swim club/playground in Harrington Grove subdivision off of Leesville Road. Watch the weekly e-news for more information. No sign up required. Strollers welcome!

WOW gets in the Spirit with book discussion, hot chocolate bar and gift ideas exchange!

In support of the Soapstone Christmas Eve Challenge and the ZOE Ministry Hope Companion Partnership, WOW invites you to read *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday* (books available for \$9.00 throughout the month of October). We'll gather Tuesday evening, October 25th at 7:00 pm to enjoy a hot chocolate bar and an open discussion about the concepts presented in the book. Who says scaling back on cash and credit has to mean scaling back on the delight and fun? Bring a hot chocolate stir-in to share and two or three of your favorite inexpensive gift ideas. Following our discussion, we'll engage in a lively idea exchange. Sign up on the WOW board by Sunday, October 23rd.

From Fashion to French Toast: November 5th WOW Charity Shopping Spree & Brunch

Set your alarm and join WOW for the annual Belk Charity Sale at Crabtree Valley Mall, a private event from 6:00-10:00 am Saturday, November 5th. One hundred percent of the \$5 ticket price goes to Soapstone missions, and you'll receive \$5 off your first purchase so you're not out a thing (other than a little sleep). Belk slashes prices storewide for this event, including special savings on rarely-discounted brands. [Download the sale flyer](#) and map out your strategy! You make the call to arrive at 6:00 am or hold off until later, but when the sale ends at 10:00 am, we'll head to [Relish](#) at the corner of Creedmoor and Millbrook to munch some [brunch](#) and compare bargains. Invite a friend! Purchase tickets in advance in the Narthex or church office beginning October 2nd.



Mission's Book & Media Sale Saturday, October 15th

Help yourself while helping others!

Come one and all to the annual used book sale.

Hundreds of books will be on display in the main narthex from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.

There are children's books, cookbooks, history, religion, crafts, travel, self help books, mysteries, VHS tapes, puzzles – just about anything you can imagine – don't miss out!!

Bargain prices on everything.

At noon the doors will close for 15 minutes while we straighten the tables and get ready for the Famous Bag Sale – anything you can fit into a grocery bag will be yours for \$5 a bag between 12:15 and 1:00 pm.

Funds from this year's sale will help three young Guatemalan ladies (2 of whom are blind) attend school through scholarship funding.

The remaining funds will support our yearly mission projects.

Giving Tree Coming Soon!



Our Giving Tree program will kick off November 20th this year. We will assist our WIHN Christmas guests in purchasing and wrapping their gifts for Christmas.

We need lots of helpers to make the program a success. If you can help shop, wrap or work at the Giving Tree table on Sunday mornings, please contact Deb Allen.

Larry's Beans coffee and tea pre-orders for the holidays!!

Hard to believe it is time to put in the big order of coffee and tea for our Coffee Day on Sunday, November 20th! This year everyone has the chance to buy their favorite Larry's Beans blend. Check out www.larrysbeans.com and search for your favorite and then pre-order it by Sunday, October 30th! Regular one pound bags are \$12 and Decaf is \$13. Boxes of 15 count teabags are \$10. The ever popular Holiday Blend will be available, as will Cowboy Blend, Uganda Peaberry, Guatemala, and Frenchy French Roast! If you have wanted to try a new blend, go ahead and order it for the holidays. Pre-orders as well as a few dozen extra pounds of coffee will be ready on Sunday, November 20th. But if you want something specific or several bags of coffee, please pre-order so we don't run out! We have our own fancy grinder so we can grind the beans specifically for your coffeepot!!



All money raised will help stock our kitchen with Fair Trade coffee as well as support other programs of Adult Missions. This year we were able to raise \$800 for the Heifer Project with coffee from our Hydration Station as well as support the youth mission trips this summer. Fair Trade is one of the United Methodist Social Principles! So support coffee/tea growers with a livable wage and Adult Missions programming by buying some awesome coffee and tea! If you have any questions, or would like to place an order, contact Tricia Andrews at hockeygalnc@hotmail.com or 845-3096 before Sunday, October 30th.



Opportunities for Worship - Service - Fellowship



Sundays		Men's Challenge Group; 6:30-7:30 am; Lake Lynn (Ray Rd entrance)
Mondays		Men's Monday Night Bible Study 7:32 pm in Room 101/103 (except October 3rd, see below).
Wednesdays		Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am in Room 101/103.
Saturday	Oct. 1	Confirmation Retreat at Camp Chestnut Ridge; 8:00 am Saturday to 3:00 pm Sunday
Sunday	Oct. 2	World Communion Sunday; special offering Food Drive: cold cereal, hot cereal, baby food, formula, wipes, diapers, toilet tissue, paper towels; facial tissue Acolyte Training; 12:15 pm; contact Kelly Hodges
Monday	Oct. 3	UMM Bible Study group movie night; Brier Creek Theater lobby; 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 5	Preschool Fire Safety Day; fire trucks in the parking lot
Thursday	Oct. 6	Preschool Fire Safety Day; fire trucks in the parking lot
Friday	Oct. 7	BBQ & Dessert Sale; lunch 11:30 am-1:30 pm; dinner 2:00-7:00 pm Moon Bounce, face painting, games, etc.; 4:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday	Oct. 11	TLC; Olive Garden on Capital Blvd; 11:30 am
Thursday	Oct. 13	Preschool Book Sale; 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Friday	Oct. 14	Preschool Book Sale; 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 15	Men's Challenge Group — New Bern Bridge Run; 5K, 10K, & 13.1K half marathon Church Book Sale; 8:00 am-1:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 16	UMM prepare breakfast at Raleigh Rescue Mission; depart SUMC 5:00 am
Thursday	Oct. 20	Mary Martha Circle; 10:00 am
Friday	Oct. 21	Guatemala Reunion Covered Dish Scrapbooking; 6:00 pm Senior High Lock-In; 9:00 pm Friday to 9:00 am Saturday
Saturday	Oct. 22	Cantata Rehearsal; 9:30 am-noon
Thursday	Oct. 27	Preschool Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
Friday	Oct. 28	Preschool Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
Sunday	Oct. 30	Youth Trunk or Treat with Children's Ministry; 5:15 pm
Monday	Oct. 31	Preschool Closed (Wake Co. workday)
Tuesday	Nov. 2	Sugar Plum Fair; 9:15 am-2:00 pm and 6:00-9:00 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 3	Sugar Plum Fair; 9:15 am-1:00 pm



Sunday Evening Book Discussion

October 9, 16, 23, 30

5:30-6:30 pm in Room 115

Prayer Lists

Immediate Concerns:

- Steve Gardner in the death of his mother
- Skip Horton in the death of his mother
- 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



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



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.

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Pastor: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

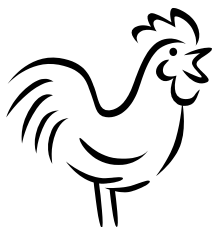
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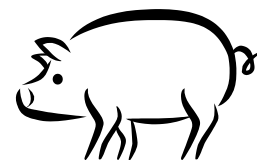
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BBQ SALE



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

LUNCH 11:30 AM–1:30 PM
(LUNCH DELIVERY OF 10+ PLATES,
AVAILABLE WITHIN 10 MI RADIUS.)

\$8.00 IN ADVANCE
\$9.00 ON THE 7TH

DINNER 2:00–7:00 PM
(DRIVE THROUGH TAKE OUT OR
OUTDOOR EATING AREA AVAILABLE.)

(CASH, CHECK TO SUMC, OR CLICK
ONLINE GIVING TAB ON WEBSITE.)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR MISSION PROJECTS.

PORK OR CHICKEN BBQ PLATE WITH:

CORN ON THE COB
COLESLAW

GREEN BEANS
ROLL

PINT CONTAINERS AVAILABLE AT 2:00 PM FOR \$7.00 WHILE THEY LAST!

SOAPSTONE YOUTH WILL HAVE A VARIETY OF COOKIES, BROWNIES, ETC. AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR MEAL! DONATIONS WILL HELP OUR MISSION TEAMS.

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