**\*\*\*Special Welcome to our Guests! There is a place for you at Stony Hill! Please register on the fellowship pads on the inside aisle of each pew\*\*\***

**STONY HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**28996 Stony Hill Rd. Albemarle, NC 28001 Phone: 704.982.7211**

**Pastor: “Lanny” Lancaster Ministers: The Whole Congregation**

**December 6, 2015 Second Sunday of Advent**

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Choral Call to Worship

Christian Greeting: L: The Lord be with you! **P: And also with you!**

Announcements and Passing of the Pew Pads

Prayer for the Holy Spirit:

**Almighty God, who has sent the prophets to call us to repentance and to make straight the way of salvation: Grant that we might hear their words and amend our ways by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that when our redeemer comes, we may greet him with joy; The same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**—Adapted from the Gelasian Sacramentary**

Hymn of Praise: 213 Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates

Hymn of Praise: 217 Away in a Manger

The Mission of Stony Hill United Methodist Church is to: **FOLLOW JESUS, MAKE DISCIPLES, AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD.**

Reading for the Second Sunday in Advent: Lay Speakers:

L: Mark 1.4: “John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (nrsv)

**P: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!**

Children’s Story

The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Stewardship Scripture: MATTHEW 6.24:** "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79

Sermon: ***The Dawn from on High***

Hymn:  218 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Paul & Betty Currie Sound: Chad Parsons, Walter Peele

Ushers: 8:45 Sprinky Burris, Jack McRae Projection: Dink Hathcock, Casey Lemons

10:45 Paul Currie, Barry Mullinix Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Dean Springer, Kay Pope Organ: Elaine Crawley

Acolytes: 8:45 Sarah Booth, Eli Fields Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

10:45 Levi Stamper, Jax Herlocker Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

Usher for UMW covered dish meal David Mills, Gene Matheney

**Food Pantry Collection for December: Canned Beans & Dried Beans**

**\*Jesus & Java Host for December: 6–Tony &Frances Furr**

**1–Bobby & Kathy Johnson 20–Lee & Christine Smith**

**27–Pam Kiker & Lynne Terry**

**Every Week at Stony Hill**

**“The Connection”** Sundays: 8:45am: Worship Service with Modern worship music and traditional hymns with praise band, “generations” **Jesus and Java** 9:30am: coffee time, Fellowship Hall 9:45am: Sunday School for all ages **“Traditions”** 10:45am: Worship Service with traditional hymns and the Stony Hill Choir

5:00pm (during school year): Youth Group meeting

Wednesdays: 7:00pm: Choir

**Prayer Concerns:** Our State and Nation, Community Schools, Ned Stallings, Sylvia Burris, Dave Eash, Cleo Carter, Gene Kirk, Gerald Janey and family, The Burgess Family, Wesley Morgan, Family of Tommie Efird, Trent Bowers, Family of Barbara Fincher, Elaine Crawley, Victoria Hutchins, Gayle Comer, Bobby Mills, Becky Troutman, Rev. Roger Thomas, Bobby Clodfelter, Jeremy Goldstein family, Ben Misenheimer family, Kent Medlin and family, Bobby Huneycutt and family, UMAR, Andria Bell, Lin Senter, Wanda Smith, Steve Blalock, Tom Mauldin, Tyler Holton, Tony Furr, Cynthia Hagewood, Jack Lilly, Lanny Smith, Nick Caldwell, Jacob Kime, Marcus Gaddy, Jonathan Myers and family, Jahala Burris, Barbara Hathcock, Darlene Owens family, Bill Scholl, Dale Dickens, Cantrell Miller, Stella Senter, Wayne Mauldin, Joshua Perez, Stephen McLean, Holden Rimmer, Michael McLean, David Lowder, Byron Starnes,“Sprinky” Burris, Grady James, Roger Hinson family, Faye Clodfelter, Stephen Beasley, Marcos Martinez, **Thomas Deschenes,** Dennis Buchanan, David Sanges, Daniel Hamilton, Brenda Baker, Pastor Lanny, Janet and family

Shut-ins: Ron & Loretta Allred, Gene Helms, Ruby Murray, Carolyn Terry, Gene Watkins

\*If you have a prayer concern that you would like added or deleted from the list, please call or email Pastor Lanny at the parsonage.

**Announcements**

**\*The Singing Americans** of Stanly County will present "The First Noel-Celebrating the Birthday of A King" on Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 PM, at First Street United Methodist Church.  Pat Mills, Ellen Smith, Henry Springer and Ruby Stoker are part of this group.

**\*Church-Wide Christmas covered dish and program: TONIGHT at 6pm sponsored by the United Methodist Women.**

**\*Community Christmas Musical Celebration: Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7pm at Badin Baptist Church**

**\*Children’s Christmas Program: Sunday Dec. 20 at 7pm**

**\*Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion: Thursday, Dec. 24 at 7pm**

**\*STONY HILL YOUTH ARE MEETING ON SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 5PM. COME FOR FUN, FOLLOWING JESUS, AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**“Transform the World”** at Badin School:

**\*Reading Buddies** / assisting teachers. If you would like to volunteer to be a reading or math buddy or assist teachers at Badin, volunteer forms are available. A background check is required.

**\*Check out** our church website: [www.stonyhillumc.org](http://www.stonyhillumc.org) , like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter! Check them for upcoming worship experiences and activities at the Church!

**\*Did you know** that you could set up an electronic payment or bank draft to manage your giving to the church? For more information, contact your bank.

**\*The Sunshine Group** will meet Tuesday, December 15,10:30 am in the fellowship hall of Badin Baptist Church.  Please note this is a week earlier than usual meeting date.  We will elect officers for 2016, as well as have a Christmas carol sing-along.

Bring your favorite covered dishes, $1.00, a friend, and yourself, for a time of good fellowship and wonderful food.