**\*\*\*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 13, 2015 Third 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, the Source of all joy: We ask that we, being gathered together in the unity of faith and the power of your Holy Spirit to await the coming of your Son, may go before Him pure and clean in the company of all your saints; Through 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: 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymn of Praise: 221 In the Bleak Midwinter

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

**Reading for the Third Sunday in Advent:**

Lay Readers: 8:45: Joe Ingram, 10:45: Marcie Lemons

L: Isaiah 35.10: “And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (nrsv)

**P: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.**

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

Children’s Story

The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Stewardship Scripture: MATTHEW 6.19-21: “**"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Philippians 4.4-7

Sermon: ***Rejoice***

Hymn:  245 The First Noel  
Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Jim & Gail Humphrey Sound: Chad Parsons, Richard Wood

Ushers: 8:45 Larry Kirk, Dink Hathcock Projection: Madison Smith, Levi Stamper

10:45 Jim Humphrey, Jim Barfield Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Loraine Fesperman, Cecil Almond Organ: Elaine Crawley

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

10:45 Gracie Stinnett, Cole Stinnett Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

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

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

**13–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 or church office

**Announcements**

**\*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 Community Coalition for Christ** is doing an outreach to 300 children in the community for Christmas.  Stony Hill has been asked to help 10 children.  Please consider donating underwear, socks, shoes, sweat shirts, sweat pants, and clothes for school and church in the Lucille Mullinix class.  Gift wrapping on Dec. 19 at the Coalition.  No toys needed, they have already been collected.  For more information, contact Sid Fields, 704.422.3291

**\*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.