**\*\*\*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**

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

**December 20, 2015 Fourth 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:

**Mighty God, whose strong arm defends your servants: So fill us with the joy and expectation of your Holy Spirit at the coming of your Son our Lord, that we may forever sing your greatness to the ends of the earth. 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: 234 O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn of Praise: 219 What Child is This?

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

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

Lay Readers: 8:45: Bonnie Ward 10:45: Pat Mills

L: Isaiah 9.6-7: “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

**P: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!**

Children’s Story

The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Stewardship Scripture: MATTHEW 23.23:** “How terrible it will be for you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law: justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Luke 1.39-55

Sermon: ***Magnify***

Hymn:  224 Good Christian Friends Rejoice  
Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Steve & Marcie Lemons Sound: Chad Parsons, Austin Herlocker

Ushers: 8:45 Joe Ingram, Gary Wagoner Projection: Eli Smith, Casey Lemons

10:45 Steve Lemons, David Eash Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Kathy Johnson, Jill Almond Organ: Elaine Crawley

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

10:45 Gauge Eudy, Shyanne Weeks 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, 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**

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

**Ushers: Tevis Smith, Robert Stoker**

**Acolytes: 7:00 PM Eli Fields, Cole Stinnett**

**\*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.