**\*\*\*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 27, 2015 First Sunday after Christmas**

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:

**O God, who by the birth of your Son saved the race of humanity: Grant to us, we pray, that as we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, we may grow in your favor and walk in right relationship with You, O Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen!**

**—Adapted from the Leonine Sacramentary**

Hymn of Praise: 240 Hark the Hearld Angels Sing

Hymn of Praise: 236 While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks

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

Psalm Reading: #861 Psalm 148 Lay Readers: Bonnie Ward - Barbara Stoker

Children’s Story

Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Stewardship Scripture: LEVITICUS 27.30: “**A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Colossians 3.12-17

Sermon: ***Dress for Success: Put on Christ in 2016!***

Hymn:  230 O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Gene & Edith Matheney Sound: Chad Parsons, Nolan Stamper

Ushers: 8:45 Jim Cranford, Guill Russell Projection: Drinda Hathcock, Levi Stamper

10:45 Gene Matheney, Dean Springer Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Sid Fields, Stephen Eudy Organ: Elaine Crawley

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

10:45 Gracie Stinnett, Caleb Lemons Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

**Food Pantry Collection for January: Peanut Butter and Jelly**

**\*Jesus & Java Host for December:** 27–Pam Kiker & Lynne Terry

**\*Jesus & Java Host for January:** 3-David & Pat Mills 10-Charles & Karen Herlocker

17-Bruce & Wanda Smith 24-Jim & Gayle Humphrey 31–David & Pat Mills

**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, Matt Steed, 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, Steve Blalock, 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**

**\*”Teach us to pray!” New sermon series starting Jan. 10! To learn more, you may order the book: “Prayer: Finding the Heart’s True Home” by Richard Foster. It is available on www.cokesbury.com**

**\*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.