**\*\*\*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**

**May 24, 2015 Pentecost**

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Choral Call to Worship: Let’s Just Praise the Lord

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, in the burning fire of your love you were pleased to send the Holy Spirit on your disciples: Empower us to be grounded in unity, that, evermore living in you we may be found both steadfast in faith and active in your work; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**—***Gelasian Sacramentary*

Hymn of Praise: 723 Shall We Gather at the River

Hymn of Praise: 127 Guide Us O Though Great Jehovah

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

Psalm Reading: #826 Psalm 104 Bonnie Ward - Jesse Eudy

Children’s Story

Prayer Time, The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**A Litany from The Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974), used by permission**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

**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: Romans 8.22-27

Sermon: *The Spirit intercedes for us*

Hymn: 453 More Love to Thee O Christ

Benediction

Choral Benediction: Spirit of the Living God

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Kevin & Meredith Smith Sound: , Austin Herlocker

Ushers: 8:45 Larry Kirk, Sprinky Burris Projection: Dink Hathcock, Casey Lemons

10:45 Tevis Smith, Robert Stoker Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Sid Fields, Kathy Johnson Organ: Elaine Crawley

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

10:45 Emma Barfield, Gracie Stinnett Assisted by: Marcie Lemons

**Food Pantry Collection for May: Toiletries**

**(shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, personal hygiene)**

**\*Jesus & Java Host for May: 3 – Pam Kiker & Lynne Terry 10 – MOTHER’S DAY**

**17–Charles & Karen Herlocker 24–Bruce & Wanda Smith**

**31–Jim & Gayle Humphrey**

**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: Prayer Concerns:** Our State and Nation, Community Schools,   
Lin Senter, Wanda Smith, Steve Blalock, Tom Mauldin, Tyler Holton, Tony Furr, Cynthia Hagewood, Jack Lilly, Nancy Roush, 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, Brandon Cranford, Byron Starnes,“Sprinky” Burris, Grady James, Roger Hinson family, Tommie Efird, Faye Clodfelter, Stephen Beasley, Marcos Martinez, **Thomas Deschenes,** Kim Macey Handley, 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**

\*Administrative Council celebration service: Tuesday, May 26 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary

\*Graduate Recognition Sunday: Sunday, June 7 at 10:45am. Church-wide covered dish luncheon after the later service.

\*Young Adult Sunday School class: meeting on Sundays at 9:45am in the fellowship hall starting today!

\*SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 19-23!

***\*Community Coalition for Christ is accepting donations of mayonnaise, bath***

***soap, and laundry detergent. For more information, contact Sid Fields.***

**\*“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.

**\*Please join us** for a Baby shower honoring Chelsea Pope Cole, Sunday, June 8 from 2-3:30 in the choir room.  It's a girl!