**\*\*\*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 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent**

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

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

Hymn of Praise: 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

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

**Third Sunday of Advent Reading:**

**Lay Readers:8:45:** Bonnie Russell **10:45:** Rusty Fesperman

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

Blue Christmas Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Stewardship Scripture: 1CHRONICLES 29.14: “**But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

**Scripture: Isaiah 35.1-10**

**Sermon: *What is the joy of the Lord?***

Hymn:  245 The First Noel

Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Mitch & Mary Ann Laton Sound: Lee Smith

Ushers: 8:45 Joe Ingram, Gary Wagoner Projection:

10:45: Mitch Laton, Dean Springer Piano: Sid Fields

Counters:Loraine Fesperman,Cecil Almond Organ: Elaine Crawley

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Caleb Lemons, Gauge Eudy Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

Usher for UMW covered dish meal David Mills, Tom Fesperman

**\*Jesus & Java Host for December:** 4–David & Pat Mills

11–Charles & Karen Herlocker18–Bruce & Wanda Smith

25–CHRISTMAS DAY

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

**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

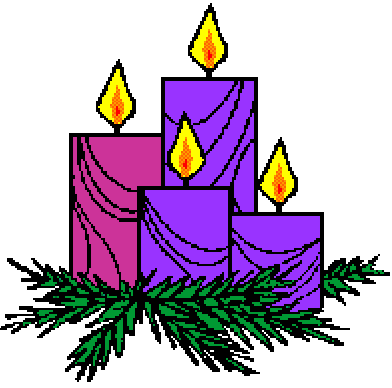
**Prayer Concerns:** Our State and Nation, Community Schools, Jahala Burris family, Donald Shaver, “Sprinky” Burris Family, Edith Matheney, Ophelia Riggins, Bonnie Springer, Lauren Gift, Arlen and Kim Johnson family, Mary Ellen Aldridge, Frank Sanders, Melissa Crisco, Jacob Kime, Valerie Putnam, Annette Steed family, Dorthina Samples, Billy Miller, Kenneth and Barbara Stoker, Theresa Henderson and family, Laura McIntyre, Ophelia Blalock, Sonia Simmons, Bryan Booth, Ned Stallings, Gerald Janey and family, Family of Tommie Efird, Trent Bowers, Elaine Crawley, Victoria Hutchins, Bobby Clodfelter, UMAR, Andria Bell, Lin Senter, Steve Blalock, Tony Furr, Stella Senter, Pastor Lanny, Janet and family

Shut-ins: Wayne Mauldin, 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 Play Practice: Sundays at 9:30am**

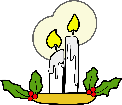
****

**\*\*Singing Americans Christmas Concert: Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3pm at the Agri-Civic Center**

**\*\*STONY HILL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONTATA: NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 18 AT 10:45AM**

****

**\*\*Children’s Christmas Program: Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7pm**

**\*\*Casual Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7pm. Come as you are with your family and remember the reason for Christmas**

**\*\*Casual Christmas Day Service: Wear your Christmas Sweaters! Let’s Celebrate the Birth of the King of kings! Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10:45am. (Jesus and Java at 10am, no first service or Sunday School)**

**\*\*Administrative Council Meeting: Monday, January 9 at 7pm**

**“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 20, 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall of Badin Baptist Church.  (Notice meeting date is week earlier than usual).  We will elect officers for 2017, and have a carol sing-along.  Bring your favorite covered dishes, $1.00, a guest, and of course, yourself, for a time of good fellowship and wonderful food.