**\*\*\*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 18, 2016 Fourth 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: 234 O Come All Ye Faithful

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Reading: Lay Readers:**

**8:45:** Tim Wysocki **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

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

**Stewardship Scripture: MATTHEW 6.33: “**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

**Scripture: Isaiah 7.10-16**

**Sermon: *Here’s Your Sign!***

Hymn: 224 Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Paul & Betty Currie Sound: Rick Stamper

Ushers: 8:45 Jack McRae, Dink Hathcock Projection:

10:45: Paul Currie, Barry Mullinix Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Kathy Johnson, Jill Almond Organ: Elaine Crawley

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Lillie Eudy, Eli Fields Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

Usher for 7:00 PM children’s program: Tevis Smith, Robert Stoker

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

11–Charles & Karen Herlocker 18–Bruce & Wanda Smith

25–CHRISTMAS DAY

**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

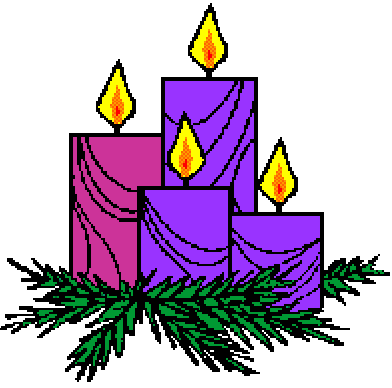
Wednesdays: 7:00pm: Choir

**Prayer Concerns:** Our State and Nation, Community Schools, Buck Thompson, 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**

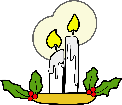
**Announcements**

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**\*\*Children’s Christmas Program: Tonight at 7pm**

**\*\*Christmas Outreach: Tuesday, Dec. 20 starting at 8am at Christian Coalition for Christ. For more information, contact Sid Fields at 704.422.3291**

**\*\*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.

**\*United Methodist Student Offering:** provides scholarships to United Methodist Students preparing for careers of service to humanity at United Methodist Colleges and Universities. To give online go to: <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/united-methodist-student-day>

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