**\*\*\*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**

**January 17, 2016 Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

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 visits us in the everyday common experiences of life and by your presence makes them blessed, Extend to us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we, by your visitation, may be transformed into your family by whom all the world may come to believe. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen!**

—Adapted from Timothy J. Crouch, used by permission

Hymn of Praise: 369 Blessed Assurance

Hymn of Praise: 394 Something Beautiful

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

Psalm Reading: #771 Psalm 36 Lay Readers: **Drinda Hathcock Mitch Laton**

Children’s Story

Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Stewardship Scripture: LUKE 12.15: “**Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Psalm 22

Sermon: ***Teach Us To Pray: #2: Praying through the Dark Night***

Hymn:  397 I Need Thee Every Hour  
Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Tom & Loraine Fesperman Sound: Lee Smith

Ushers: 8:45 Joe Ingram, Gary Wagoner Projection: Drinda Hathcock, Levi Stamper

10:45 Tom Fesperman, Dewell Cook Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Kathy, Johnson, Cecil Almond Organ: Elaine Crawley

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Gauge Eudy, Lillie Eudy Assisted by: Bonnie Ward

Food Pantry Collection for January: Peanut Butter and Jelly

\*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, Ruby Lowder family, Ned Stallings, 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, 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**

**\*We gathered 100 pounds of food in December for the Stanly Community Christian Ministries food pantry.**

**\*”Teach us to pray!” New sermon series starting today! 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**

**\*Confirmation classes: today at 5pm**

**\*Ash Wednesday: February 10 at 7pm, Fellowship meal at 6pm**

**\*United Methodist Women’s Sunday: Feb. 21**

**\*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.

**\*The Sunshine Group** will meet Tuesday, January 26, 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall of Badin Baptist Church.  Lynell Bromfield will share further experiences she has had on various mission trips she has taken.  Bring your favorite covered dishes, $1.00, a guest, and of course, yourself, for a time of good fellowship and wonderful food.