**\*\*\*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 July 31, 2016 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Leader: Who comes to this house today?

**People: We come from the east to celebrate our God who has created the rising sun and has given us a new day.**

Leader: Who comes to this place of worship?

**People: We come from the north to remember that the One who made us has also shaped the face of icy mountains and snow-swept valleys.**

Leader: Who enters into this place of sanctuary?

**People: We come from the west, singing of our Maker’s love and dancing with the red sun at our backs.**

Leader: Who gathers as the church today?

**People: We come from the south, our voices rising with the desert winds as we praise the Giver of all life.**

Leader: Let us know join together as one body.

**All: Worshipping God in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: 110 A Mighty Fortress

Hymn of Praise: 378 Amazing Grace

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

Psalm Reading: #830 Psalm 107

Lay Readers: 8:45am: Tim Wysocki 10:45am: Margaret Fields

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: Jeremiah 18.1-12

Sermon*:* ***“Willing Vessel***

Hymn:  509 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Kay Pope, Bonnie Ward Sound: Richard Wood

Ushers: 8:45 Jim Cranford, Guill Russell Projection:

10:45 Jay Fesperman, Hilton Butler Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Cecil Almond, Stephen Eudy Organ: Elaine Crawley

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Lillie Eudy, Eli Fields Assisted by: Bonnie Ward

\*Jesus & Java Host for August: 7-Bobby & Kathy Johnson 14–Lee & Christine Smith

21–David & Pat Mills 28-Charles & Karen Herlocker

**Food Collection for August: Canned Vegetables**

**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, Rev. Kevin McCormac, Cameron Burleson, Mary Ellen Aldridge, Frank Sanders, Melissa Crisco, Bonnie Mehalechko, Terry Sloan, Jacob Kime, Joe Creech family, Valerie Putnam, Lynn Hines, Butch Baucom, Melissa Crisco, Annette Steed family, Dorthina Samples, Billy Miller, Kenneth and Barbara Stoker, Theresa Henderson and family, Laura McIntyre, Ophelia Blalock, Guill Russell, Sonia Simmons, Bryan Booth, John Hraczo Family, Tommy Hathcock Family, Ned Stallings, Gerald Janey and family, The Burgess Family, Wesley Morgan, Family of Tommie Efird, Trent Bowers, Elaine Crawley, Victoria Hutchins, Bobby Mills, Bobby Clodfelter, UMAR, Andria Bell, Lin Senter, Steve Blalock, Tony Furr, Jahala Burris, Stella Senter, Wayne Mauldin, “Sprinky” Burris, 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 welcome*** Preston "Trey" Harris III today! We are collecting school supplies for children and a special offering for Native American Ministries. There will be a church-wide covered dish meal after the service. We thank Rusty Fesperman for coordinating this great event!

**\*Homecoming: Sunday, August 7! Celebrating 212 years of ministry in this community! Services at 8:45am and 10:45am with special speaker, Rev. Dr. Kevin Taylor, Assistant Professor of Religion at Pfeiffer University. Special Covered dish luncheon after the 10:45am service.**

\*Nominating Committee Meeting: Monday August 15 at 7pm. Tobi Smith, Sid Fields

*\*The Community Coalition for Christ school supplies collection: notebooks, markers, pencils, colored pencils, large 3-ring notebooks, notebook paper, hand sanitizer, clothes for ages K-6 and 7-12 boys and girls. To volunteer, contact Sid Fields 704.422.3291*

**“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.