**\*\*\*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 8, 2016 Ascension Sunday**

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Easter Greeting: L: Christ is Risen! **P: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Announcements and Passing of the Pew Pads

Prayer for the Holy Spirit: **Almighty God, who has called into being your Church on earth: In your loving kindness hear us, that having received forgiveness of our sins we may be made one in the working of your grace and at peace under the protection of your power. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

--adapted from the Leonine Sacramentary

Procession Hymn: 732 Come, We That Love the Lord

Hymn of Praise: 496 Sweet Hour of Prayer

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

Psalm Reading: #816 Psalm 97

Lay Readers: 8:45am: Bonnie Ward 10:45am: Betty Currie

Children’s Story

Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Stewardship Scripture: 2CORINTHIANS 9.8: “**And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

Scripture: **Psalm 1.2**

Sermon: ***The Prayer of Meditation and Contemplation***

Hymn:  698 God of the Ages

Benediction

Postlude

Greeter: 10:45 Margaret Fields, Vanessa Mullinix Sound: Richard Wood

Ushers: 8:45 Joe Ingram, Jack McRae Projection:

10:45 David Mills, Brad Thompson Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Kay Pope, Jill Almond Organ: Elaine Crawley

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Eli Fields, Cole Stinnett Assisted by: Marci Lemons

\*Jesus & Java Host for May: 1-Charles & Karen Herlocker

8-MOTHER’S DAY 15–Bruce & Wanda Smith

22–Jim & Gayle Humphrey 29–David & Pat Mills

**Food Collection for May: Toiletries**

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

**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, General Conference (May 10-20), Butch Baucom, Tom Fesperman, Casey Lemons, 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**

\*Wear Red next Sunday, May 15 for Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church

\*Community Singing Service: Sunday, May 15 at 6pm at Badin Baptist Church. Please bring canned food items for hunger relief efforts.

\*Graduate Recognition Sunday: June 5 at 10:45am service

\*Save the Date: Vacation Bible School June 19-23

**\*”Teach us to pray!” sermon series! 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**

**\*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.