**\*\*\*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 3, 2017 First 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: #224 Good Christian Friends Rejoice

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

**First Sunday of Advent: Lay readers: 8:45: 10:45:**

L: Isaiah 60.2-3: **“**For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

**P: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!**

The Significance of Bells

The Significance of the Star

\*Hymn: 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Significance of Candles

**Stewardship Scripture: LUKE 12.48b:** “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.6-7

The Significance of the Advent Wreath

\*Hymn: #196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Scripture: Luke 2.1-7

The Significance of the Holly and the Ivy

\*Hymn: The Holly and the Ivy (bulletin insert)

Scripture: Luke 2.8-17

Scripture: Matthew 2.7-11

\*Hymn: #239 Silent Night (verses 1&4)

The Significance of Poinsettias

Scripture: John 1.9-14

The Significance of the Chrismon Tree

\*Hymn: O Christmas Tree

The Significance of the Angel, Christ in the Manger, the Descending Dove, the Fish, the Shepherd’s Staff, the Resurrection Cross, The Tau Cross, the Celtic Cross

The Significance of Christ in our Lives

The Unity Prayer

\*Hymn: #234 O Come All Ye Faithful

Benediction

Closing: #204 Emmanuel

Hymn:  400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

Greeters: 10:45 William & Laura Fields Sound: Richard Wood

Ushers: 8:45 Larry Kirk, Jack McRae Projection:

10:45: William Fields, Steve Lemons Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Dean Springer, Kay Pope Organ: Elaine Crawley

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Eli Fields, Bethany Thompson Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

**\*Jesus & Java Host for December:** 3-Henry & Bonnie Springer

10–Tump & Joanne Mills 17-Timmy & Mary Wysocki

24-Dink & Drinda Hathcock 31-Bobby & Kay Mills

**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, The United Methodist Church, Margie Carter, Mary Connell, Dewel Cook, Larry Kirk, John Henderson, Bonnie Russell, Bonnie Ward, Henry Springer, Shelly Eudy, Wayne Mauldin Family, Rev. David Hamlyn, Bobby Mills, Ruby Murray family, Josh Holt, Tani Kepp, Aaron Ash, Bryan Starnes, Joe Mills, Nyoka Myers, Buck Thompson family, Jahala Burris family, Donald Shaver, Edith Matheney, Ophelia Riggins, Lauren Gift, Frank Sanders, Melissa Crisco, Jacob Kime, 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, Trent Bowers, Elaine Crawley, Victoria Hutchins, Bobby Clodfelter, UMAR, Andria Bell, Lin Senter, Stella Senter, Pastor Lanny, Janet and family

Shut-ins: Tony Furr, Mary Ellen Aldridge, Ron & Loretta Allred, Gene Helms, 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 Program Practice: Every Sunday at 9:45am**

**HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICES: Special Worship services that remind us the MEANING OF THE SEASON. TODAY 8:45 & 10:45**

**CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH AND PROGRAM: TODAY @ 6PM. SPONSORED BY UMW**

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: SUNDAY, DEC. 17 @ 7PM**

**JUST FOR FUN! UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER (OR T-SHIRT) CONTEST ON SUNDAY, DEC. 24 FOR MORNING SERVICES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: SUNDAY, DEC. 24 @ 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 Holly and the Ivy**

Refrain

The holly and the ivy, When they are both full grown,  
Of all trees that are in the wood, The holly bears the crown  
  
1. O, the rising of the sun, And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the choir.

[Refrain]

2. The holly bears a blossom, As white as lily flow'r,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, To be our dear Savior  
  
[Refrain]  
  
3. The holly bears a berry, As red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, To do poor sinners good

[Refrain]

**"O Christmas Tree"**

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
You stand in God-made beauty

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
You stand in God-made beauty

Your boughs are green in Summer’s glow

And do not fade in Winter’s snow

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,

You stand in God-made beauty

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
Much pleasure do you bring me!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
Much pleasure do you bring me!

For ev’ry year the Christmas Tree

Brings to us all both joy and glee!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
Much pleasure do you bring me!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree

Your candles shine out brightly!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
Your candles shine out brightly!

Each bough does hold its tiny light

Reminding us of Jesus Christ!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
Your candles shine out brightly!