**\*\*\*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 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent**

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

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.**

**Third Sunday of Advent Reading Readers: 8:45:** **Tim Wysocki 10:45 Pat Mills**

L: Isaiah 35.10: “And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (nrsv)

**P: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.**

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

Children’s Story

**Morning Prayer &** The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Stewardship Scripture: 1CHRONICLES 29.14: “**But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**10:45: CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRESENTED BY THE STONY HILL CHOIR**

**8:45: MUSICAL SERVICE**

Benediction

Postlude

Greeters: 10:45 Jim & Gail Humphrey Sound: Lee Smith

Ushers: 8:45 Dink Hathcock, Larry Kirk Projection:

10:45: Hilton Butler, Dean Springer Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Kathy Johnson, Jill Almond Organ: Elaine Crawley

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Gauge Eudy, Natalia Arita 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 family, Ophelia Blalock, Sonia Simmons, Bryan Booth, 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: TONIGHT @ 7PM**

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE: SUNDAY, DEC. 24 @ 7PM. CHILDCARE PROVIDED**

**“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.