**\*\*\*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 24, 2017 Fourth 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: 236 While Shepherds Watch Their Flock

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**: **Drinda Hathcock** **10:45 Stephen Eudy**

L: Isaiah 9.6-7: “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” (nrsv)

**P: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.**

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

Children’s Story

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

**Stewardship Scripture: MATTHEW 6.33: “**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture: Isaiah 9.2-7

Sermon: ***JESUS IS NOT JUST A STORY IN A BOOK!***

Hymn of Praise: 240 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Benediction

Postlude

Greeters: 10:45 Lee & Christine Smith Sound: Richard Wood

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

10:45: Lee Smith, Jay Fesperman Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Sid Fields, Stephen Eudy Organ: Elaine Crawley

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

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

Christmas Eve Service: Robert Stoker, Tevis Smith

**\*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**

**\*\*\*CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE: TONIGHT @ 7PM.**

**\*\*\*CHILDCARE PROVIDED**

**\*\*\*\*\*NO 8:45AM SERVICE NEXT WEEK\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICE WITH**

**CAROLINA HARVEST ROOTS BAND!**

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, AT 10:45AM**

**\*\*\*CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM:**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 8:45 AND 10:45AM!**

**“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.