**\*\*\*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**

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**Pastor: “Lanny” Lancaster Ministers: The Whole Congregation**

**December 2, 2018 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: #213 Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gate

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:** Drinda Hathcock **10:45:** Bonnie Springer

L: Isaiah 60.2-3: **“**For darkness shall cover 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:  218 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Benediction

Postlude

Greeters: 10:45 Gene & Edith Matheney Sound: Richard Wood

Ushers: 8:45 Jack McRae, Sabrina Furr Projection:

10:45: Gene Matheney, Barry Mullinix Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Dean Springer, Donna Nichols Organ: Pat Speight

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

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

**\*Jesus & Java Host for December:** 2–Dink/Drinda Hathcock

9–Bruce/Wanda Smith 16–Jim/Gayle Humphrey

23–Sid/Margaret Fields 30–Henry/Bonnie Springer

**Food Collection for December: Boxed pasta meals (Hamburger Helper),**

**instant potatoes, stuffing mix.**

**Every Week at Stony Hill**

Lanny’s day off each week is Friday

**“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

**Youth Group Meeting** Every 1st and 3rd Sunday 5pm-6pm.

**Prayer Concerns:** Our State and Nation, Community Schools, The United Methodist Church, Victims of Natural Disasters, David Mills, Bobby Mills, Ophelia Riggins, Ophelia Blalock, Edith Matheney, Elaine Crawley, Dorthina Samples, Bryan Booth, Family of Brandon Cranford, Arron Ash, Bryan Starnes, Sid Fields, Carolyn Terry, The Kirk Family, The Family of Tony Furr, Ned Mullinix, Kenneth Stoker, Pastor Lanny, Janet and Family

**Shut-ins:** Mary Ellen Aldridge, Ron & Loretta Allred, Gene Helms,

Gene Watkins, Zelma Johnson, Carolyn Terry

Life Group! Would you like a spiritual boost in the middle of the week, in the midst of work challenges, or kid challenges, or just the ups and downs of life? Life group is a casual gathering of folks to be encouraged by our time with each other and some Good News from God. No homework! Refreshments and childcare provided for the evening session. Tuesdays at 11am or Wednesday’s at 7pm.