**\*\*\*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 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent**

Opening Music 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

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

**Third Sunday of Advent:** Lay readers: 8:45 Bonnie Ward 10:45 John Henderson

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!**

Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Stewardship Scripture:

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

8:45 Service: Musical with Generations Praise Band

10:45 Service: Cantata with Stony Hill Choir

Final Blessing

Postlude

Greeters: 10:45 Jamie & Kay Pope Sound: Lee Smith

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

10:45: Jamie & Kay Pope Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Kathy Johnson, Jill Almond Organ: Pat Speight

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Caleb Lemons, Natatia Arita 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

**\*\*\*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**

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.

**\*Tuesday and Wednesday Life Groups will resume on the week of January 6**

**Announcements**

**“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!

**\*Stony Hill Choir Cantata:** Sunday, Dec. 16 at 10:45am service

**\*Children’s Christmas Program:** Sunday, Dec. 23 at 7pm

**\*Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service:** Monday, Dec. 24 at 7pm

**\*The Sunshine Group** will meet Tuesday, December 18, 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall of Badin Baptist Church.  Notice this is a week earlier than we usualy meet. We will elect officers for 2019, and we will sing Christmas carols. Bring your favorite covered dishes, $1.00, a guest, and yourself, for a time of good fellowship and wonderful food.

**\*Youth:** Sunday, December 16, 2018 5pm-7pm. Meet at church at 4:15pm.

Stony Hill Youth Christmas Pizza & Bowling Night at Woodleaf Lanes in Salisbury. Bring a $5.00 gift.

**\*Stony Hill UMC** delivered 461 lbs. of food to Stanly County Christian Ministries in November.

**\*Transforming the World:** Soul Food: Monday, December 31 at 5:15 at Grace Place, 132 Church St. Albemarle. To sign up to be Jesus’ hands and feet, contact Pat Mills