**\*\*\*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 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Opening Music and Lighting of the Candles

Opening Song

Christian Greeting: L: The Lord be with you! **P: And Also with You!**

Welcome, Announcements and Passing of the Pew Pads

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Opening Hymn No. 240 Hark The Herald Angels Sing

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Lay readers: 8:45 Bonnie Russell 10:45 Margaret Fields:

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.”

**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!**

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Children’s Story

Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer #895

Stewardship Scripture:

Worship with Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Micah 5.2-5

**Sermon:**  ***God came DOWN at Christmas to lift us UP!***

Song of Praise: 236 While Shepherds Watched Their Flock

Final Blessing

Postlude

Greeters: 10:45 Jamie & Kay Pope Sound: Richard Wood

Ushers: 8:45 Guill Russell, Jim Cranford Projection:

10:45: Hilton & Mary Butler Piano: Sid Fields

Counters: Sid Fields, Stephen Eudy Organ: Pat Speight

Pastor: Michael “Lanny” Lancaster

Acolytes: 10:45 Bethany Thompson, Cole Stinnett 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, Scotty Wilson, 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!

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

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

**\*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