**STONY HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Pastor: Kaye Frye Ministers: The Whole Congregation**

**December 15, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Welcome, Announcements and Passing of the Pew Pads

\*Call to Worship 176 *Majesty*

Christian Greeting: L: Christ is Risen **P: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

\*Opening Hymn No. 218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

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

Lighting the Advent Wreath 8:45 Bonnie Russell 10:45 Gracie Stinnett

L: Rejoice in the Lord always…The peace of God will keep us in Christ Jesus.

**All: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Children’s Story

Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer #861

Stewardship Scripture: **Ecclesiastes 5:10 “Those who love money never have enough; those who love wealth are never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.”**

Worship with Our Tithes & Offering

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon:  *The Real Thing*

\*Song of Praise: 217 *Away in a Manger*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction and Postlude 204 *Emmanuel*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Today, December 15, 2019**

Greeters: 10:45 Martha O’Neill, Gaynelle Burris Sound: Lee Smith

Ushers: 10:45 Martha O’Neill, Gaynelle Burris Projection:

Piano: Sid Fields Organ: Pat Speight

Counters: Kathy Johnson, Dean Springer

Acolytes: 10:45 Eli Fields, Addison Ward Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

**Next Sunday, December 22, 2019**

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

Ushers: 10:45 Jamie & Kay Pope Projection:

Piano: Sid Fields Organ: Pat Speight

Counters: Sid Fields, Lorraine Fesperman

Acolytes: 10:45 Gage Eudy, Hayley Bivens Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

\*\*\* *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\*\*\*

**Every Week at Stony Hill**

**Food Collection for December: Boxed pasta meals (hamburger helper), instant potatoes, and stuffing mix.**

If you need to reach Pastor Kaye, please call or text her cell at 336-596-3667. You may also call the parsonage number 704-982-2605. Pastor Kaye’s email address is [kfry@wnccumc.net](mailto:kfry@wnccumc.net). If you Facebook, send her a request.

**“The Connection”** Sundays: 8:45am: Worship Service with Modern worship music and traditional hymns. 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages **“Traditions”** 10:45am: Worship Service with traditional hymns and the Stony Hill Choir.

**Youth Group Meetings** are every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 5 to 6 pm.

**Check out** our church website: www.stonyhillunc.org, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter! Check them for upcoming worship experiences and activities at the Church!

**Prayer Concerns:** Our State and Nation, Community Schools, David Mills, Ophelia Riggins, Ophelia Blalock, Edith Matheney, Elaine Crawley, Bryan Booth, Bryan Starnes, Sid Fields, Carolyn Terry, Kenneth Stoker, Scotty Wilson, Cameron Burleson, Corey Morgan, Tump Mills, Eliza Bray, Kay Bowers, Tracy Bowers, Rev. Lori Anne Bowen, Jared Morton, Jacob Kime, Holden Rimmer, The family of Charlie Parsons, Bill Scholl, Bert Hale, Henry Springer, Family of Peggy Hill, Larry Kirk.

**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 at the parsonage or church office.**

**Announcements**

**Sunday, Dec 15 @ 7pm**: Children's Christmas program and youth live nativity.

**Singing Americans Christmas Concert**: Dec. 15 at 4pm Badin Baptist Ch.

**Service of Renewal Monday, December 16, at 7:00 pm**, the Health Cabinet of First UMC-Norwood is going to host a community wide service for folks experiencing grief during the holidays.  It will be a very hopeful time of worship which we are calling a Service of Renewal, and is intended to give

hope to those who are struggling with a significant loss at this particular time of year.  The service will be a brief but meaningful selection of Scripture Readings, Christmas Carols, candle lighting, and words of hope.

**Tuesday, Dec 17, @ 10:30am**: The Sunshine Group will meet in the fellowship hall of Badin Baptist Church.  Notice the date is a week earlier than usual because of Christmas.  We will elect officers for the new year.  Afterward, Aza Hudson, Director of Music at First Baptist Church, Albemarle, and 2 of her daughters will lead the group in a "sing along" of Christmas music.  So bring your favorite covered dishes, $1.00, a guest, and yourself for a time of good fellowship and wonderful food.

**Tuesday, Dec 24,** **at 7pm**: Christmas Eve and Candlelight Service.

**Sunday, Dec. 29:** Sunday School at 9am, Combined Worship at 10am, Lunch Fellowship following worship.

**Monday, Dec. 30, at 6pm**, Soul Food at Grace Place (formerly Tabernacle UM Church). Helpers should be there by 5:15.

**Sunday, Jan. 6 Open House at the Parsonage 3:00-5:00 pm.**