ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, December 15th

Third Sunday of Advent Adult Sunday School, 8:45am Youth Sunday School, 9:30am Worship, 10:00am

Monday, December 16th

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 17th

Confirmation, 2:30pm Church Office Hours, 3-6:30pm Bible Study, 6:30pm at Maxine Anderson's Home-152 N. Vermilion

Wednesday, December 18th

Choir Practice, 7:00pm January Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, December 19th

Office Hours, 8am-Noon Prayer Shawl Group Gathering at Church, 6:30pm

December

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Nancy Taylor



15th - Storm Smith

22nd - Ivan & Priscilla Andreae

28th - Brock Johnson

LIVE NATIVITY- December 22nd

Federated will be having a live nativity on Sunday, Dec. 22nd from 5-7pm. We are looking for people to sit in for about a half hour, and hot soup will be supplied in the basement for all workers. Please see Grace about signing up.

Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing and faith for these friends and family members

Marcella Woodworth, Sue Moore, Kitty Anderson, Brent Lawrence, Robin Niewold, Priscilla Andreae, Jeff & Barb Legener

Continued Health of Cancer Treatment Patients

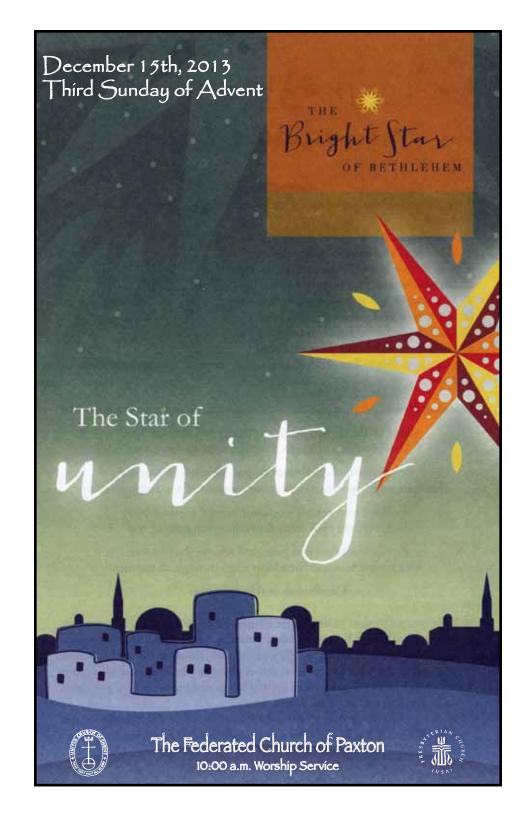
Janet Goudy, Alan Turner, Ivan Andreae

Homebound or in Nursing Homes Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

For the month of December, please bring peanut butter, cake mix, sugar & flour for the Food Pantry.

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

Pastor Colleen Lawrence, Minister Church (217) 379-2442 • Home (217) 379-2722 • Cell (815) 994-0674 pastorfglc@gmail.com • www.paxtonfederated.com Organist - Priscilla Andreae



Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Call to Worship

One: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

One: Jesus, Bright Star of Bethlehem, light of creation,

All: Shine now and enlighten the whole world!

One: Jesus, Bright Star of Bethlehem, light of hope,

All: Shine now and heal hopeless hearts!

One: Jesus, Bright Star of Bethlehem, light of unity,

All: Shine now and gather us all as one!

One: Jesus, Bright Star of Bethlehem, light of joy,

All: Shine now and bring your gladness!

One: Shine now, Bright Star of Bethlehem, and bring your light and

your life to us! **All: Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie"

PH, #438

Youth Moment

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One: Today we light the third candle of our Advent wreath. As we light this candle, we pray for peace and unity in our deeply divided world. (*The first candle of the wreath is lit.*)

One: At the dawn of creation, God said, "Let there be light!"

All: Advent Lord, shine your light on us! Alleluia!

(The second candle of the wreath is lit.)

One: When Jesus came, hope was born!

All: Advent Lord, shine your light on us! Alleluia!

(The third candle of the wreath is lit.)

One: The light of Christ brings unity to our world.
All: Advent Lord, shine your light on us! Alleluia!

Hymn

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Drama and Message

Offering

Prayers (Each petition ends with this response)

One: O Star of Unity,

All: bring your harmony to light.

*Closing Hymn

"What Star is This?"

What star is this, which beams so bright, More lovely than the noonday light? It shines to herald forth the King, Glad tidings of our God to bring.

O splendor of God's glory bright Release us from the dark of night O Light of all, bring unity. That we are one the world may see.

O Lord, with each returning day Your guiding light shows us the way. Through gloom and darkness, you are there, Your radiance beaming everywhere!

*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Benediction