

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, December 22nd
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am
Worship, 10:00am
ASTA Care Service, 1:30pm
(Elder, Mike Goudy)
Live Nativity at Federated, 5-7pm

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,
11:00pm (Elders, Doug & Deana N.)

Wednesday, December 25th

Birth of Jesus

Sunday, December 29th

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

December

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Nancy Taylor



15th - Storm Smith

22nd - Ivan & Priscilla Andreae

28th - Brock Johnson

LIVE NATIVITY - TONIGHT!

Paxton Federated will be hosting
a live nativity tonight,
Sunday, Dec. 22nd from 5-7pm.
Please come and enjoy this special
Christmas devotion.

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

Georgia Turner, 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

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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.*

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December 22nd, 2013  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE  
*Bright Star*  
OF BETHLEHEM

The Star of

*joy*



The Federated Church of Paxton  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



## 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     *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

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#### Youth Moment

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**One:** Today we light the fourth candle of our Advent wreath.

We give thanks for the joy that comes with the light of Christ.

*(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!**

*(The fourth candle of the wreath is lit.)*

**One:** The star of Bethlehem brings joys to all!

**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.

Old Testament Reading..... Isaiah 61:1-3

New Testament Reading.....Philippians 4:4-9

Anthem           *"Child of Love"*

Gospel ..... Luke 1:39-56

#### Drama and Message

#### Offering

Prayers *(Each petition ends with this response)*

**One:** O Star of Joy,

**All: bring your gladness 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.

Be joyful in each fleeting hour  
With confidence in God's great pow'r.  
With faith that's steadfast, tried and true,  
We find our utmost joy in You.

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