

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Colleen to mandatory Boundary  
Training in Champaign, 8:30-3pm

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Church Office Hours, 3-6:30pm

Bible Study, 6:30pm at Maxine  
Anderson's Home-152 N. Vermilion

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Christian Education Meeting, 6pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Office Hours, 8am-Noon

**Friday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>-Sat., Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Colleen out of town

## 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

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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 8th, 2013  
Second Sunday of Advent

THE  
*Bright Star*  
OF BETHLEHEM

The Star of  
*hope*



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

The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen;  
The Light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been, in shades of death have been.

For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;  
And on his shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored, the God by all adored.

His righteous government and power shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end. His reign shall have no end.

#### Youth Moment

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**One:** Today we light the second candle of our Advent wreath. We remember that Jesus brought hope into our world, even when things seemed hopeless. *(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.)*

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

**One:** When Jesus came, hope was born!

**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 9:1-2, 6-7

**New Testament Reading**.....Romans 15:8-13

**Anthem** "Rise Up Shepherds and Follow"

**Gospel**.....Matthew 12:15-21

**Drama and Message**

**Offering**

**Prayers** *(Each petition ends with this response)*

**One:** O Star of Hope

**All: bring your future 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 Star of Hope, restore our sight;  
Illuminate our darkest night.  
Let not our weary hearts refuse  
The guidance of your light to use.  
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**