

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School (*All Ages*), 8:45am

Sunday School (*Youth*), 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

All-Church Outing to Billy Graham Museum after Worship & lunch

## Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

## Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Hours, 12pm-4pm

## Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Soup, Relish & Cookies, 6:00pm

Lenten Devotion, 6:30pm

Youth Group, 7:00pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

## Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Church Office Hours, 8am-12pm

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm at Pastor Colleen's Home

## Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School (*All Ages*), 8:45am

Sunday School (*Youth*), 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

Knight's Templar Home Service, 1:30pm

(Elder, Jackie Roy)

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

Robin Niewold, Ivan Andreae, Mike-Active 101st Airborne, 

Janet Goudy, Alan Turner, Bill Cofel,

Jeff & Barb Legener, and Marcella Woodworth

*Homebound or in Nursing Homes*

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

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For the month of February, please bring *soups, cereal & peanut butter* for  
the Food Pantry.

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

## February

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

3<sup>rd</sup> - Russ & Nancy Taylor Ann.

4<sup>th</sup> - Amanda Henrikson

6<sup>th</sup> - Eric Funk

9<sup>th</sup> - Laura Adkins

25<sup>th</sup> - Robin Niewold

26<sup>th</sup> - Katheryn Laube

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Organist - Priscilla Andreae

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
First Sunday of Lent

*"Father, forgive them; for  
they do not know what  
they are doing."*



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



# Welcome to our guests!

Please take a minute to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

## Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

### Silent Prayers

#### \*Prelude

#### \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

#### \*Opening Hymn

*Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen*

With words that last forever you speak in richest grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior, upon your cross disgraced.

With open ears I listen, with open mind believe,  
With open heart embrace you: I, Lord, your words receive.

“Forgiveness” granted sinners, and “Paradise, today!”  
“Behold your son, your mother!” to family you say.  
The air is split with anguish in your “Forsaken” cry,  
As “Thirsty,” work “Accomplished,” in “Father’s hands” you die.

Pray, sanctify the silence with which I contemplate  
Your boundless love for sinners, your sacrifice so great,  
Till at the tomb I waken to your new word for me:  
These words, not last, but lasting, shall ring eternally!

#### \*Approaching the Word *(responsively)*

**One:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**All: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

One: The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

**All: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

One: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

**All: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

One: “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

**All: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

One: “The word that goes forth from my mouth shall not return to me empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and

succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

**All: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

#### First Lesson Joel 2:12-19

#### Responsive Psalmody

Psalm 51

One: Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins!

**All: Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin!**

One: I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins.

**All: I have sinned against you—only you—and done what you consider evil.**

One: So you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me.

**All: I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.**

One: Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom.

**All: Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

One: Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.

**All: Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil.**

One: Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.

**All: Do not banish me from your presence; do not take your holy spirit away from me.**

One: Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

#### Second Lesson 1 John 1:4-9

#### Theme Hymn

*Southwell*

Our Savior speaks in love,  
From deepest agony.  
Oh, hear the message from above;  
His great compassion see.

#### \*Holy Gospel John 3:14-21

#### Theme Hymn

*Southwell*

Our Savior speaks in grace  
With words of mercy true:

“Forgive them, Father,” thus he prays;

“They know not what they do.”

#### Message

“Forgive”

#### A Hymn

*“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*

Jesus, in your dying woes,  
Even as your life-blood flows,  
Craving pardon for our foes:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Savior, for our pardon sue  
When our sins your pangs renew,  
For we know not what we do:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need,  
Be like you in heart and deed,  
When with wrongs our spirits bleed:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

#### Offering

#### Anthem

*“I Come to the Cross”*

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

**One:** Let us join in fervent prayer.

**All: Forgive us, Father; and show us what to do.**

#### Lord’s Prayer

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Closing Hymn

*Southwell*

Our Savior speaks; may we  
Give heed to ev’ry word,  
And grace be given faithfully  
To trust what we have heard. Amen.