

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Wednesday, March 2nd

12:00 p.m. ~ PAMA Meeting at Monical's

## Thursday, March 3rd

10:00 a.m. ~ UCC Clergy Meeting in Westville

## Friday, March 4th

World Day of Prayer

## Sunday, March 6th

Transfiguration of our Lord

## Wednesday, March 9th

7:00 p.m. ~ Ash Wednesday Service

## Monday, March 14th

6:00 p.m. ~ Pastoral Relations Committee Mtg

7:00 p.m. ~ Church Council Meeting

## Thursday, March 17th

6:30 p.m. ~ Knitting at Deana's

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - Delores Turner

6th - Shannon Satterlee

10th - Alex Goudy

12th - Mike Goudy

13th - Alan Turner

18th - Jim & Robin Niewold Anniversary

23rd - Greg Anderson

26th - Susan Satterlee

27th - Victor Johnson

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

Kitty Anderson - recuperating at home

John Goudy - recuperating at home

Glen Vermette - recuperating from surgery

Bill Cofel

### **Homebound or in Nursing Homes**

Donald & Dorothy Rhodes

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

Eloise Shear at Gilman Nursing Home, Gilman

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**For the month of March, please bring  
peanut butter, cereal & canned soups  
for the Food Pantry. *As always, all non-perishable  
food items are welcomed.***

### *The Passion Play*

Worship & Music has set a date for an ALL CHURCH  
OUTING. Saturday April 2nd we will go to The Passion Play in  
Bloomington. Play tickets are \$20 with play beginning promptly  
at 2pm. Please contact Kammy or Pastor if interested.

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February 27th, 2011

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Federated Church of Paxton



9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
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

**Opening Prayer** *(in unison)*      *Isaiah 49, Psalm 131, 1 Corinthians 4, Matthew 6*

**God of constant care and compassion,  
grace us this day with your presence.  
Help us lay aside our burdens and trust in your love,  
that we may be led by your guiding hand  
and clarifying light.  
Aid us as we seek your heavenly hopes for this earth,  
that we may be children of your womb  
and reflections of your light and life. Amen.**

**Hymn to Silent Prayer** *(sung in unison)*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known;  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has oft-en found relief,  
And oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare  
By thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.*

**Prelude**      *"He Leadeth Me"*      Thompson  
*(Silent Prayers)*

## \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*Opening Hymn**      *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*      PH #464

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

## \*Call to Worship

*Isaiah 49, Matthew 6*

One: Do not worry about your life,  
for we are held in the palm of God's hand.

**All: We gather this day as people of hope,  
striving to trust in God's care.**

One: Do not fret about the clothes you will wear,  
for we are clothed in the loving compassion of Christ.

**All: We gather this day as people of hope,  
striving to trust in God's grace.**

One: Do not think about what you will eat,  
for we are filled with the Spirit of God.

**All: We gather this day as people of hope,  
striving for the kingdom of God.**

**\*Hymn**      *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*      PH #?

## Youth Moment

### Lectionary Scripture

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalm 131

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

**Response to the Word** *(in unison)*      *Matthew 6*

**All: Reflecting upon today's scriptures and messages of hope,  
let us examine the worries that haunt our lives; let us release  
our burdens to God and be free.**

*(Silent Prayers)*

One: Do not worry, but hope in our God, whose caring compassion  
is enough.

**Anthem**      *"Precious Jesus"*      Jay Althouse

**Message**      *"Therefore I Tell You, Do Not Worry About Your Life"*

## Pastoral Prayer

## Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive  
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine  
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Response**      **"Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen."**

**Invitation to Offering**      *Matthew 6*

**When we try to serve both God and money, we only create  
burdens of worry and stress. Let us release ourselves from our  
bondage by sharing and giving generously, remembering that all  
we have and all we are is a gift and a trust from God.**

**Offertory Hymn**      *"Cheer Thee My Soul"*  
Ushers: Goudy & Goudy Families

**\*Hymn**      *"We Give Thee But Thine Own" (one verse)*      PH #428

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn**      *"God Will Take Care of You"*      PH #?

**\*Benediction**      *Isaiah 49, Matthew 6*

Do not worry about your life,  
what you will eat or drink or wear.  
Instead, hope in our God,  
and trust in Christ's gracious love.

## TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*Postlude**      *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*      Buxtehude

Organist - Priscilla Andreae