

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today, January 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Worship, 10:00am - Jesus' Baptism (Elder, Mike Goudy)

## Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

## Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study, 6:30pm

## Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Pastor in Gilman, 9:30am Meeting

Youth Group, 7:00pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

## Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm in Church Basement

## Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

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

Worship - 10:00am

## Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Bible Study, 6:30pm

## Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Youth Group, 7:00pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

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

Ivan Andreae, Laura Adkins, 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, Wanda Larson, Marcella Woodworth

For the month of January, please bring *peanut butter,  
toilet paper and kleenex* for the Food Pantry.  
*As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.*

## January

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*



2nd - Dave Adkins

7th - Jackie Roy

7th - Ivan Andreae

12th - Linda Rhodes

18th - Tim Silence

21st - Wanda Larson

25th - Kelly Williams



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January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

LET THE  
LIGHT  
OF OUR  
FAITH

SHINE  
IN ALL  
THAT  
WE DO



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

### Opening Words

Isaiah 63:7-9

### \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

#### \*Prelude

#### \* Call to Worship (responsively)

One: Come, brothers & sisters, to a place of holiness, to a time & space set aside & apart, to a meeting with God, to a communion with the spirit, to an encounter with the baptized Christ.

**All: Our joys & our sorrows, all the weights we carry with us, the trials, the grief's, the gains, the losses, all that we have, all that we are—we lay ourselves open before God.**

One: Come Holy Spirit, descend upon us now.

**All: Come, Brother Jesus, renew us with your presence.**

One: Come, Holy God, & stir us anew.

#### \*Hymn "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

PH, #398

#### Lectionary Scripture Revelation 21:1-5

#### \*Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

#### Message

#### \*Hymn "Just As I Am"

PH, #370

#### Litany of Baptism & Light

One: This is the water of Baptism.

**All: Why?**

One: Because this small body of water springs from the same source as the water with which Jesus was baptized-God's own hand.

**All: So this is holy water, & we are in a holy place?**

One: God has sanctified us through God's gift of baptism...Take a stone, wet and smooth and even odd-shaped. Let it be a sign of your own baptism, a sign of your own belonging, a sign of God's grace, a sign that God has called you, named you, chosen you, and blessed you. Let the wetness of the stone be for you a sign of your own baptism. Let its smoothness remind you of God's grace and mercy. Let the bumpiness remind you of your own imperfections. Let its round shape be a sign of all, God's creation, and your role in God's creativity.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

One: Now look to the Christ's candle always to remind you that though darkness exists and descends and even threatens to overwhelm, it cannot overcome the LIGHT. Let the candle be for you a beacon of hope, a light to guide you, a sign of renewal and a new start. Let this flame shine as boldly as your dreams & hopes for a new 2013; let the light of Christ be a light that embodies your intent to go forth in the name of Christ, to be that light for those who walk in darkness.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: May the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you. Amen.**

#### Holy Communion

#### \*Hymn "O Happy Day"

**O Happy Day!** 647  
Let the wicked forsake his way for He will abundantly pardon. — Isaiah 55:7  
Philip Doddridge  
Gloria Gaither, stanza 4, alt.  
HAPPY DAY  
Edward F. Rimbault

1 O hap-py day that fixed my choice On Thee, my Sav - ior and my God!  
2 O hap-py bond that seals my vows To Him who mer - its all my love!  
3 It's done, the great trans - ac - tion's done—I am my Lord's and He is mine;  
4 At peace, my long - di - vid - ed heart, Can in this calm as - sur - ance rest:

1 Well may this glow - ing heart re - joice And tell its rap - tures all a - broad.  
2 Let cheer - ful an - thems fill His house, While to that sa - cred shrine I move.  
3 He drew me, and I fol - lowed on, Thrilled to con - fess the voice di - vine.  
4 There is no power can make me part From Love by which I've been pos - sessed.

Hap - py day, hap - py day, When Je - sus washed my sins a - way!

He taught me how to watch and pray And live re - joic - ing ev - ery day;

Hap - py day, hap - py day, When Je - sus washed my sins a - way!

#### Investment of Time, Talent & Treasure

#### \*Doxology

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### \*Closing Hymn "Who is on the Lord's Side?"

**409 Who Is on the Lord's Side?**  
Who is on the Lord's side?  
— Exodus 32:26  
ARMAGEDDON  
C. Luise Reichardt  
Frances R. Havergal

1 Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? Who will  
2 Not for weight of glo - ry, Nor for crown and palm, En - ter  
3 Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Not with gold or gem, But with  
4 Fierce may be the con - flict, Strong may be the foe, But the

1 be His help - ers, Oth - er lives to bring? Who will leave the  
2 we the ar - my, Raise the war - rior - psalm; But for Love that  
3 Thine own life - blood, For Thy di - a - dem; With Thy bless - ing  
4 King's own ar - my None can o - ver - throw; Round His stan - dard

1 world's side? Who will face the foe? Who is on the  
2 claim - eth Must be on His side. By Thy love con - strain - ing,  
3 fill - ing Each who comes to Thee, He whom Je - sus  
4 rang - ing, Vic - tory is se - cure, Thou hast made us  
For His truth un -

1 Lord's side? Who for Him will go? By Thy call of mer - cy,  
2 nam - eth Must be on His side. By Thy love con - strain - ing,  
3 will - ing, Thou hast made us free. By Thy grand re - demp - tion,  
4 chang - ing Makes the tri - umph sure. Joy - ful - ly en - list - ing,

By Thy grace di - vine, We are on the Lord's side—Sav - ior, we are Thine!

#### \*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

#### \*Benediction

Stones & candles, words & water, broken bread and shed fruit of the vine, smiles & songs of love—all these we have used to worship the Lord this morning. Go now assured of the presence of the baptized Christ, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, & the love of our God. Amen.

#### \*Postlude