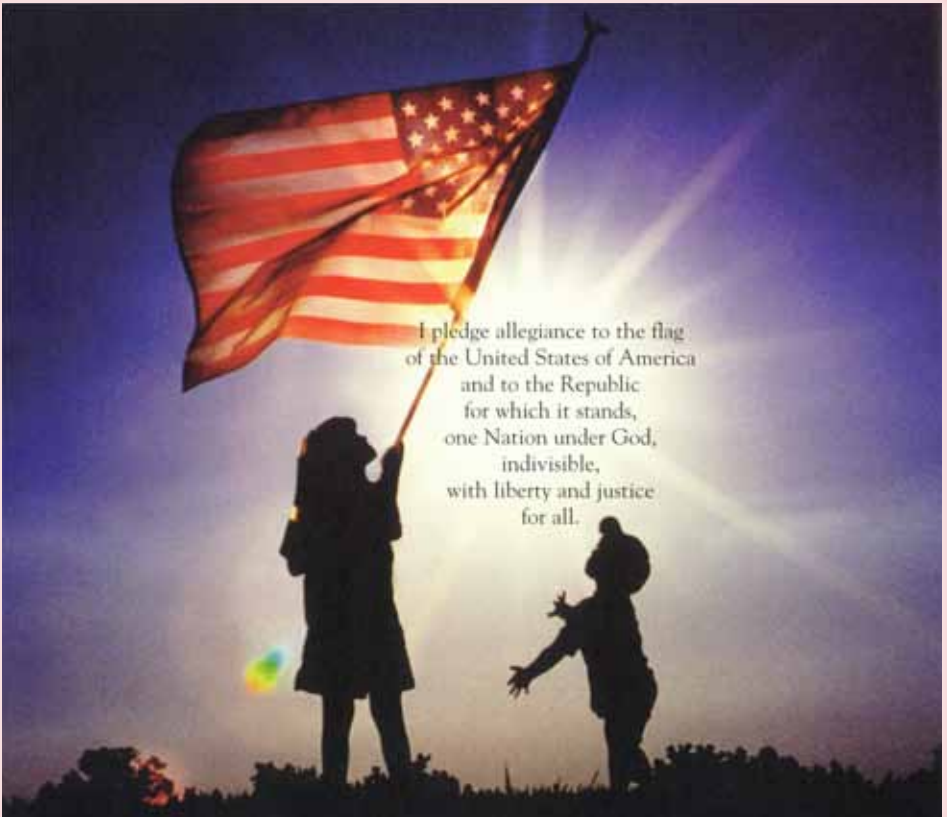


COMMUNITY CELEBRATION PAXTON, ILLINOIS

Thursday, July 4th, 2013 • Pells Park Pavilion



I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice
for all.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Psalm 33:12

PAXTON, IL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

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9:15 a.m.

Gathering Music

"God Bless America"

"God Bless the USA"

"A Civil War Medley"

"Irving Berlin's America"

Community Choir

Arr. Irving Berlin

Arr. Lee Greenwood

Arr. Greg Gilpin

9:30 a.m.

**please stand as you are able*

*** Presentation of Colors**

American Legion Post 150

*** Pledge to American Flag**

*** National Anthem**

Welcome

Dave Lithgow

President of the Chamber - Nancy Ecker

Greetings

Mayor Bill Ingold

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

9:45am

*** Hymn** *"Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory, His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone,
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh, A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory, Shall reign eternally. Amen.

* **Pledge to the Christian Flag**

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I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag
and to the Savior
for whose Kingdom it stands,
one brotherhood, uniting all mankind
in service and love.

* **Call to Worship**

Matthew 5:3-12

ONE: This is a call to all those poor in spirit,

ALL: from the kingdom of heaven.

ONE: This is a call to all those who mourn,

ALL: for they will be comforted.

ONE: This is a call to all those who are meek,

ALL: for they will inherit the earth.

ONE: This is a call to all those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,

ALL: for they will be filled.

ONE: This is a call to all those who are merciful,

ALL: for they will be shown mercy.

ONE: This is a call to all those who are pure in heart,

ALL: for they will see God.

ONE: This is a call to all those who are peacemakers,

ALL: for they will be called sons of God.

ONE: This is a call to all those who are persecuted because
of righteousness,

ALL: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

ONE: And, Jesus said, "Blessed are you when people insult
you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against
you because of me."

* **Anthem** *"America the Beautiful"*

Community Choir

Scripture Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-16

*** Hymn** *"Eternal Father Strong to Save"*

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Scripture Psalm 33

Message

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering *(to defray the day's expenses)*

Anthem *"Joy in the Morning"*

Community Choir
Natalie Sleeth

A Prayer for Our Nation *(unison)*

Almighty God, you have given us this great land as our heritage. We humbly pray that we may always remember your generosity, and faithfully do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Defend our liberties and strengthen the resolve of the people who have come from throughout the world to make America their home. Lead us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are

ours as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled world. May we balance our concern for justice with willingness to display mercy, and may our concern for security be tempered with a willingness to take risks which will produce worthwhile change for the good of all people. O Lord, we pray for your guidance as we work together for the best interest of our communities, our nation, our world, and the ultimate goal of peace. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, may our deepest trust be in you. Amen.

(Chaplins' Service Book of Prayers)

* **Anthem** *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"* Community Choir
Arr. Ronald Ringwald

* **Benediction**

Hymn *"God Bless America"*

God Bless America
Land that I love.
Stand beside her,
and guide her
Thru the night with
a light from above.
From the mountains,
to the prairies,
To the oceans,
white with foam
God Bless America,
My home sweet home.

Announcements

Presentation: *"Book of Golden Deeds"* Paxton Chamber of Commerce

* **Retiring of the Colors** American Legion Post 150

* **Postlude**

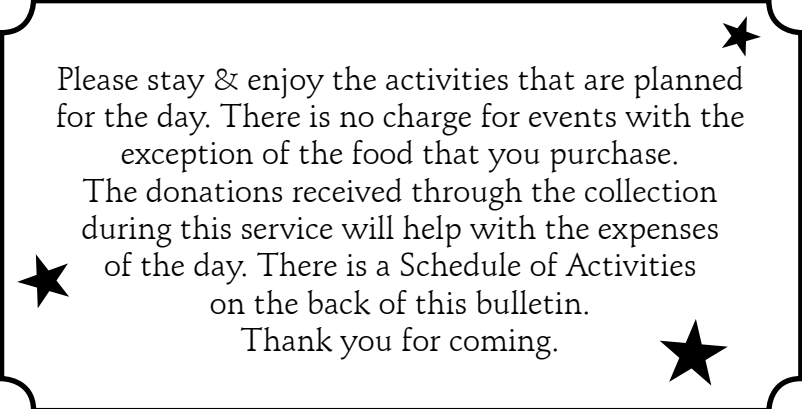
Participants

<i>Celebrant</i>	Lay Pastor Dave Parker
<i>Choir Director</i>	Judy Voorhees
<i>Pianist</i>	Jeff Jarboe
	Evan Tammen
<i>Sound</i>	Josh Ehmen

THANK YOU...

- ... to the **Paxton Area Ministerial Association** for their part in the worship service.
- ... to the **American Legion Post 150** for their participation.
- ... to the **Voices of the Community Choir, Musicians**, for their many hours of rehearsal. You have made the service complete.
- ... to the **owners of the Cars and Tractors** for sharing their ‘pride and joy’ with us. Please be sure to visit the display areas.
- ... to **each of the persons** sharing their crafts with us. Be sure to visit that area.
- ... to the **Boy Scout Troop** for security last night.
- ... to the **Paxton Record** and **WPXN** for their news coverage.
- ... to the **City of Paxton** for their cooperation.
- ... to the **Paxton-Buckley-Loda School System, First United Methodist Church, Illinois Knights Templar Home, and First Lutheran Church** for loan of equipment and facilities.
- ... to the **Back Paiges Band** for providing music for your listening enjoyment this afternoon.
- ... to the **First National Bank in Paxton** and **Farmers-Merchants Bank** for prizes.
- ... to the **PBL FFA** for setup and removal of chairs, tables and risers.
- ... to the **Knights of Columbus Council #8229** for cleanup following today’s activities.
- ... to the **Paxton Federated Church** and **Pro-Type Printing** for providing the bulletins for the worship service.
- ... to the **contributors and volunteers** who have given so unselfishly of their time, talent, and money to promote the 2013 Fourth of July Celebration in Paxton.



The list goes on and on, but we would be remiss in not thanking those of you here today who have made the work of the committee worthwhile and rewarding.







Please stay & enjoy the activities that are planned for the day. There is no charge for events with the exception of the food that you purchase.

The donations received through the collection during this service will help with the expenses of the day. There is a Schedule of Activities on the back of this bulletin.

Thank you for coming.



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Schedule of Activities

- 7:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast at American Legion Building
763 E. Pells St., Paxton
– sponsored by Prospect Chapter 367, O.E.S
- 9 a.m. Flea Market opens
- 9 a.m.-noon Car Show registration
- 9:15 a.m. Patriotic Music – Community Choir
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation of Colors – American Legion Prairie
Post 150
- 9:45 a.m. Community Worship Service
Winners of House Decorating announced
- 10 a.m. Antique Tractor Show – sponsored by Paxton
Rotary Club
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch Stands Open
Porkburger & Butterfly Pork Chop sandwiches
available at Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce
Appreciation Tent
- 11:30 a.m. Assemble at Playground for Children’s Parade
- 12 Noon Back Paiges Band
Car Show Judging begins
WPXN 104.9
Take a Craft – Paxton Carnegie Library
Horseshoe Tournament begins
Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross
- 12-3 p.m. Family Games
- Afternoon Preschool Penny Scramble
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Ford County Historical Society Museum
Open(Downtown)
- 3 p.m. Car Show Awards to be Presented
- 9 p.m. Fireworks Display at Memorial Field
-sponsored by City of Paxton