

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, June 26th**

ASTA Service @ 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 29th**

July 4th Community Choir Practice ~ 7p.m. at  
Paxton United Methodist Church

**Sunday, July 3rd**

Communion

July Birthdays & Anniversaries Fellowship

Elders Meeting



**Monday, July 4th**

Community Worship and Community Celebration for  
Independence Day, Pells Park

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> - Autumn Smith

5<sup>th</sup> - Priscilla Andreae

5<sup>th</sup> - Pat & Cassy Morris Anniversary

8<sup>th</sup> - Kara Johnson

8<sup>th</sup> - Breann Swan

8<sup>th</sup> - Brian & Grace Funk Anniversary

9<sup>th</sup> - Mike & Alex Goudy Anniversary

10<sup>th</sup> - Lisa Niewold

10<sup>th</sup> - Allan & Georgia Turner Anniversary

12<sup>th</sup> - Greg & Kitty Anderson Anniversary

15<sup>th</sup> - Don & Colleen Lawrence Anniversary

21<sup>st</sup> - Jim Niewold

27<sup>th</sup> - Tim & Deanne Silence Anniversary

30<sup>th</sup> - Jack & Vicki Cole Anniversary

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

Jeff Legener

Torrie Jones

Brent Lawrence

Glen Vermette

### 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

For the month of June, please bring  
peanut butter, jelly, tuna, noodles & canned vegetables  
for the Food Pantry. *As always, all non-perishable  
food items are welcomed.*

## Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

June ~ M. Goudy, Lawrence, Moore

July ~ Dunahee, Johnson, Vermette

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The Federated Church of Paxton

9:00 a.m. Worship Service



# Welcome to our guests!

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

**Unison Song**      *"This is the Day"*      Insert in pew

**Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns**

**Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)      *Psalm 13, Matthew 10*

**God of pain and suffering,  
you embrace us in our need.  
As we enter this house of worship,  
you know our deepest need;  
you embrace our most desperate hopes.  
Come to us and quicken the spirit  
that languishes within us.  
Live in us this day,  
that we may be a people  
who rise above the storms  
that threaten to overcome us.  
We ask this through the one who came  
that we might have life  
and have it abundantly. Amen.**

**Prelude**      *"He Shall Feed His Flock"*      Handel

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

**\*Opening Hymn**      *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*      PH #482

**\*Call to Worship**      *Genesis 22, Psalm 13*

One: You seem far away, O Lord.  
**All: Our faith is sorely tested.**  
One: Do not hide your face from us forever.  
**All: We put our trust in your steadfast love.**  
One: How long must our souls bear this pain?  
**All: How much more can we lose before we break?**

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

One: Yet we place our trust in your goodness and mercy.

**All: Our hearts will rejoice in your salvation.**

**Youth Moment**

**Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)      *Genesis 22, Psalm 13*

**Merciful God,  
as we travel the difficult paths of life,  
and our way forward is challenged at every turn,  
it is easy to forget that you are always there.  
We feel alone, abandoned to our fate.  
Forgive our preoccupation,  
when we cry out in anguish:  
"What have I done to deserve this?"  
Overlook our self-absorption,  
when we forget that you seek our salvation, not our pain.  
For your ways lead to life, O God, not to death.  
Teach us to feel your presence,  
even in the midst of our deepest despair,  
that we may rise above our fear and doubt  
and embrace your grace and mercy. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**      *Romans 6:23*

Hear the word of God: "The wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Lectionary Scripture**

Genesis 22:1-14;  
Psalm 13;  
Romans 6:12-23;  
Matthew 10:40-42

**\*Hymn**      *"Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace"*      PH #374

**Message**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures**

**Offertory Hymn**      *"Prayer"*      Georges

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all  
creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**      *Genesis 22*

Bountiful God,  
when we come to you with nothing,  
you yourself provide the offering;  
when the burden of our sacrifice  
threatens to overwhelm us,  
you spare us the deadly cost.  
In tribute and thanks  
for your manifold blessings,  
we offer you what we have  
in certain hope of your abiding love. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**      *"Christian Women, Christian Men"*      PH #348

**\*Benediction**

Our Father not only cut Isaac free from the ropes  
that bound him, but us too.  
So go forth as those sanctified with eternal life  
with hearts lightened by our joy.  
Since our Father has freed us from our bondage  
let us go forth to loose the cords of the bound  
and to heal the wounds of the afflicted. Amen.

**TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*Postlude**      *"Bouree in G"*      Handel

Organist - Priscilla Andreae