

## ***FOLLOW THAT STAR!***

A Christmas pageant, written and performed by the children and youth of The First Congregational Church, UCC, Stockbridge.

Directed by Elisabeth Bellows.

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SHEP	Ryleigh Fillio
HERD	Jake Damrow
SHEEP	Gwen Evans, Oscar Brown
SPEAKING ANGEL	Willow Krawczyk
SILENT ANGEL	Meadow Krawczyk
STAR	William Barrett
MELCHIOR	Kaylin Fredsall
CASPAR	Khalil Haddir
McBIBLE'S SERVER	Amos Brown

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- Scene 1: High Upon the Fields at Night
- Scene 2: A Street in Downtown Bethlehem
- Scene 3: At the Manger

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Follow that star, both far and wide.  
Follow that star, just follow the light;  
Oh, Wise Men, follow that star!**

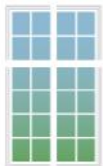
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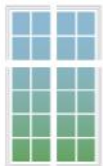
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