

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday, July 11th**

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, July 13th**

VBS at Knights Templar, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, July 20th**

VBS at Heartland, 6:30pm

**Thursday, July 21st**

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm

**Sunday, July 24th**

Knights Templar Service, 1:30pm

**Monday, July 25th**

August Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, July 27th**

Youth Meeting, 7:00pm

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> - Jessie Niewold

4<sup>th</sup> - John Goudy

11<sup>th</sup> - Janet Goudy

16<sup>th</sup> - Doug & Deana Niewold Anniversary

22<sup>nd</sup> - Matt Anderson

23<sup>rd</sup> - Pat Tipsord

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

Dorothy Rhodes

Lee Lampe

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 July, please bring  
cereal, peanut butter & hamburger helper for the Food  
Pantry. *As always, all non-perishable  
food items are welcomed.***

**G**reeters **L**iturgists **U**shers **E**lders

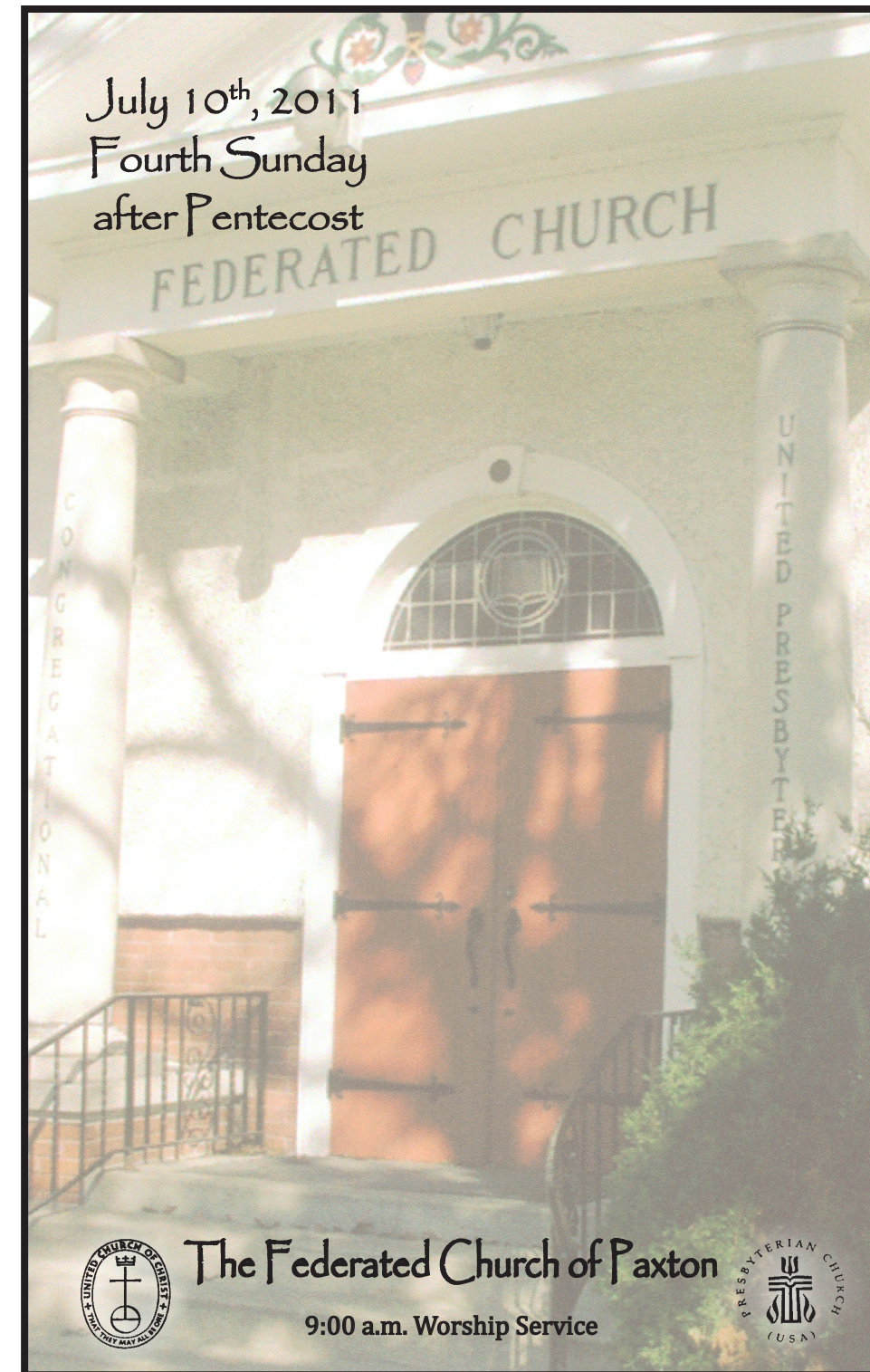
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# Welcome to our guests!

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)*      *Genesis 25, Psalm 119, Matthew 13*

God of growth and new beginnings,  
enter into the struggles of our lives.  
Nurture our souls,  
that we may be fertile ground  
for wisdom and love  
to spring forth in our lives.  
Dwell within us,  
that we may have strength of purpose  
to live out your calling  
each and every day.  
Let the words of your scriptures  
and the teaching of your Son Jesus  
be a light to our path  
and a lamp to our feet.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Prelude**      *"?"*      ?

## \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*Opening Hymn**      *"When Will People Cease Their Fighting"*      PH #401

**\*Call to Worship** *(responsively)*      *Matthew 13*

One: God's word is being sown in our very lives.

**All: Listen, my heart, to God's word this day.**

One: Christ's teachings are being scattered and sown in this very room.

**All: Open, my soul, and receive the seeds of Christ's wisdom.**

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

One: The Spirit is here to nourish and strengthen us.

**All: Grow, my spirit, and be fertile ground for a life bearing the fruit of Christ's love in all that I say and in all that I do. Amen.**

## Youth Moment

**Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*      *Genesis 25, Romans 8, Matthew 13*

Strong and strengthening God,  
forgive us when we trust our own strength  
and follow our own wily ways;  
forgive us when we are rocky or barren followers,  
who listen but do not fully receive your word;  
forgive us when we are too tentative or troubled  
to allow your word to bloom  
fully and abundantly in our lives.  
Strengthen us to rest in your promise  
and to live in your Spirit,  
that as you plant your word upon our hearts,  
it may take root and grow.  
Nurture us with your grace and mercy,  
that we may not be empty, barren vessels,  
but fruitful followers of Christ  
and life-giving children of your Spirit.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**      *Romans 8, Matthew 13*

All who are in the Spirit of God have been set free.

And those who are in Christ Jesus  
are free from condemnation.

As forgiven people made new in God's Spirit,  
be fertile ground for God's word to take root and grow.

Thanks be to God!

## Lectionary Scripture

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**\*Hymn**      *"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"*      PH #372

## 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**      *"?"*      ?

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

**Prayer of Dedication**      *Matthew 13*

God of all creation,  
create through us your realm upon this earth.  
With these offerings,  
help us plant seeds  
even as we bear fruit.  
Bless our efforts and nourish our lives,  
that we may be a harvest  
of generosity and love. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**      *"Hymn of Promise"*      Insert

## \*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*Benediction**      *Romans 8, Matthew 13*

Plant in your hearts the words of this day.  
May God's word take root in our lives.  
Set in your minds the things of the Spirit.  
May God's Spirit nourish our very souls.  
Claim for your lives Christ's grace and guidance.  
May Christ's love bear fruit in our doing  
and in our being, today and every day.

**\*Postlude**      *"?"*      ?

Organist - Priscilla Andreae