



Federated News

The Monthly Newsletter of The Paxton Federated Church
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The Gathered Church

worship and meetings

Upcoming Meetings/Events July, 2011

- July 3 - Communion Sunday
July Birthday & Anniversary
Coffee Hour after worship
- July 4 - Community Worship & Community
Celebration for Independence Day,
Pells Park
- July 6 - PAMA Meeting at Noon
VBS at Asta Care, 6:30 p.m.
- July 11 - Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- July 13 - VBS at Knights Templar, 6:30 p.m.
- July 20 - VBS at Heartland, 6:30 p.m.
- July 21 ~ Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30 p.m.
- July 24 ~ Knights Templar Service, 1:30 p.m.
- July 25 ~ August Newsletter Deadline
- July 27 - Youth Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Gathering

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:30pm

Next Gathering
Thursday, July 21st

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13

July

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday, July 3rd will be our monthly celebration to honor the birthdays & anniversaries which take place in July.

- 2nd - Jessie Niewold
- 4th - John Goudy
- 11th - Janet Goudy
- 16th - Doug & Deana Niewold Anniversary
- 22nd - Matt Anderson
- 23rd - Pat Tipsord



This year Christian Education has chosen to 'tweek' Vacation Bible School a bit. For the first three weeks of July we will alternate our lessons at our three Nursing Homes. We will start with about a 15 minute devotion followed with Bible Bingo. Our Youth will wrap it up with a few songs. We will then travel back to church for a closing devotion ourselves and send the youth home with a bedtime snack. The committee has put a lot of prayer, thought and work into it. We are looking forward to sharing time with some of our precious Clouds of Witnesses and sharing back some of God's Word.

2011 Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

March	Funk
April	Adkins, Anderson, Roy
May	J. Goudy's, Andreae, Struss, Ellis
June	M. Goudy's, Lawrence, Moore
July	Dunahee, Johnson, Vermette
Aug	Megson, Smith, Cofel, A. Turner
Sept	Morris, J. Niewold, Woodworth
Oct	Lateer, D. Niewold, Satterlee
Nov	Tipsord, Williams, Scott
Dec	W. Niewold, Taylor, Cole

I am pleased with the cooperation of the new style of Greeter, Liturgist, Usher, Elder workability.

I do believe you all seem to be enjoying it. With other faces in participation we see more of each other.

Smiles and conversations seem to be a-buzz, AND the last minute pressure of finding participants has eased my morning worries.

Thank You All,

Pastor Colleen

July Lectionary

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
through the
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

July - Dunahee, Johnson, Vermette

3 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;	Psalm 45:10-17;	Romans 7:15-25a;	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
10 Genesis 25:19-34;	Psalm 119:105-12;	Romans 8:1-11;	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
17 Genesis 28:10-19a;	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;	Romans 8:12-25;	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
24 Genesis 29:15-28;	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;	Romans 8:26-39;	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
31 Genesis 32:22-31;	Psalm 17:1-7, 15;	Romans 9:1-5;	Matthew 14:13-21

**Church
Organ
is 100!**

August 6th marks the 100th Birthday of our church organ. Former member Robert Woodworth has shown some interest in marking and calling us to all celebrate this sacred day. He and Priscilla are putting together the plans and will be getting back to us on the date. We are looking at some Sunday in October.

Until then I am asking you to PLEASE let me know your favorite hymn so we as a church may celebrate a HYMN SING in worship Sunday, August 7th. After Service we will be having our normal Birthday/Anniversary Coffee Hour, who knows, maybe someone could make a birthday cake for the organ. :)

From the Pastor...

Bright Sunny Morning to All,

I come to the church this morning in the midst of a bright sunny morning. Something we have all been longing for, since the dark long winter & spring days. But, by noon we may be grumbling, for it is to be in the high 90's today.

At any rate, reading yesterday's Guidepost Devotion reminded me of our youngest son, sooo many years back.

Scripture was: Psalm 139 :11-12 "If I say, 'Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night,' even the darkness is not dark to thee, the night is bright as the day; for darkness is as light with thee."

Back when Nicholas was in high school he and a buddy would coon hunt. One does that at night. Since he was in sports he had no time for a job, and coon hunting supplied him with ample cash. Seems not everyone understands the concept of night hunting. They got stopped by a Rookie County Officer. We can only imagine he grew up in the city, and although he had went through Police Academy, he must of been shaken as he made three young men dressed in camo, faces painted and back end of pick-up holding cased guns. He made them spread and put hands on truck as he called them in. Well, they were let free, and three teenagers then explained 'nocturnal animals.'

I was reminded of this by the devotion written by Daniel Schantz, he wrote: When he was learning to fly, he lived in dread of night training. He explained he had troubles as it were with sunny day directions. He lived in fear of the 'what if's.'

The time came when he had to face his demons. He sat at the end of the runway, praying and idling the engine. Finally, he shoved the throttle forward. The plane shuddered, wove down the runway and climbed into the cool night air. At three thousand feet, he trimmed it out and looked around.

To his astonishment, it was easier to find his way around at night than in the daytime. The towns were brightly lit up. He could see all the familiar towns twinkling in the night. During the daytime the towns were buried in a patch of green vegetation, but at night the invisible was plain.

As much as we tend to prefer doing our activities during the daytime, there are things we can't see clearly in the sunlight. At night, we see things differently.

He continued to write: right now our country is going through hard economic times, and suddenly he sees a lot of things more valuable than money: family, sharing, ingenuity, thrift. He can see how rich we truly are in this country, even when times are dark and tough.

Forgive us Father, for fearing the dark. We should know you are with us. Amen.

Pastor Colleen

Ps 55: 22

"Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you."

Take to God Prayer Requests of Healing and Encouragement for...

*Dorothy Rhodes, Lee Lampe, Torrie Jones,
Jeff Legener, Brent Lawrence, John Goudy,
Glen Vermette & Lexi Harbin,*

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

*Wanda Larson, Donald & Dorothy Rhodes,
Jani Fraim, Eloise Shear, & Marcella Woodworth*

Thank You

Pastor & Federated church

"Your kindness is very much appreciated. You were a comfort to dad. I will always remember your thoughtfulness in bringing us soup."

Robert Moore

Thank You

Dear Members of Federated,

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee would like to thank your church for the generous gift of cookies for the 2011 Illinois Conference Annual Meeting. Cookies are always a highlight of a weekend and were greatly appreciated! It was a joy to see people gathered around "your" cookies getting to know each other.

Saturday afternoon the remaining cookies were given to the Night Ministry, a homeless shelter, and to Pastor Charlotte at St. John's in Chicago for their Sunday night meal and for the homeless.

Again, thank you. Rev. Bobvon Trebra
(Annual Meeting Planning Committee Chair)

(We sent 15 dozen. Thanks to Deanna Niewold, Grace Funk and Kammy Johnson) Pastor was gone on vacation, if I missed someone, I apologize.)

From Vicki Cole: Down Under

Jack and I went to Australia in April. It was a fantastic vacation! We stayed with our son-in-law's parents, Glenn and Diane Roberts, who live at Lake Macquarie, about an hour north of Sydney. The weather was perfect. We visited Sydney Harbour the first day and relaxed on the beach.

We packed a lot of site seeing into our two weeks- my personal favorite being the trip to the Great Barrier Reef, where we snorkeled (well some of us did.) I snorkeled and saw many beautiful creatures, including a clown anemone fish (aka Nemo), a starfish, a giant clam (about four feet across!) and what I'd been hoping for most-a sea turtle! The living coral was beautiful as well, but not as vivid as it appears when professionally videoed. I think because of the lighting. We also travelled up to the Daintree Rainforest. I had no idea Australia even had a rainforest! It was fun and interesting. We road on a gondola up to the top of the hill, stopping at stations several times to view the forest below. The trip back down was by train, also stopping several times.

In Cairns, the city we stayed in while at the reef and rainforest, we tasted crocodile and kangaroo at an oceanside restaurant called Dundee's.

When back in Sydney, we visited with many relatives of the Roberts, our host family. On Easter Saturday, we went to a Seventh Day Adventist service.



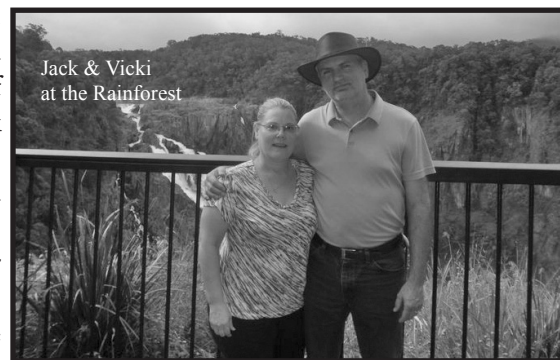
Dinner with Glenn and Diane in Cairns, Australia

The church is at a college university and the students did most of the service. It was beautiful.

Easter Sunday we made our way to Sydney. We climbed the Sydney Harbour bridge-legally of course! It is 440 feet tall and we went all the way to the top. The view of Sydney was fantastic.

We topped off our visit with a Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise with the Roberts, and two other couples- Glenn's brother and his wife, and Diane's sister and her husband.

Home again, home again, jiggy jig!!



Jack & Vicki at the Rainforest

ELDERS MEETING MINUTES

Elders met Sunday June 26th after worship with an opening prayer. During the meeting the following Communion dates were approved. Greg Anderson volunteered to make sure there would be Communion Elders in place for each Communion Sunday as well as an Elder to go with Pastor to Nursing Homes. The list follows. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

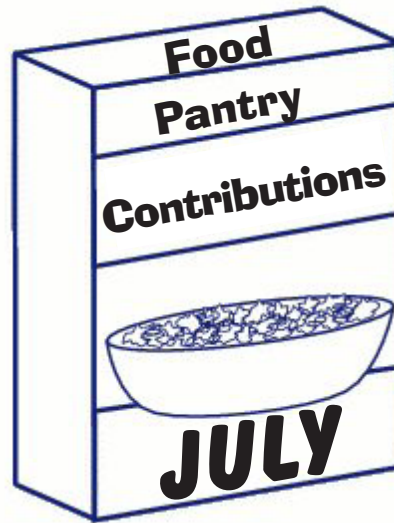
Federated Sunday Communion List:

July 3
August 7
September 18
October 2
October 30
November 27
Christmas Eve

Nursing Home Schedule

June 26, ASTA Care
July 24, Knights Templar
August 7, Heartland
August 28, ASTA Care
September 25, ASTA Care
October 23, Heartland
November 20, Heartland
Christmas Day, Knights Templar

It would be greatly appreciated if you could volunteer to go to the Nursing Home to help Pastor and Priscilla with worship. May you find it in your heart to call Greg or Pastor with this help.



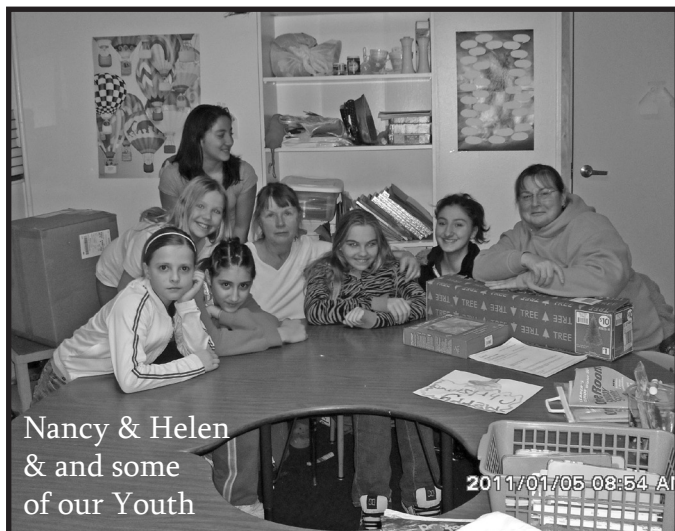
For July, please bring cereal, peanut butter & hamburger helper for the Food Pantry.

As always, any non-perishable item is welcome and will be used.

Deadline for August newsletter

The deadline for the *August* newsletter is *Monday, July 25th*.

Please send in your news/photos to lynn@protypeprinting.com or drop them off at the church by that date so we can share the news of our church family.



Nancy & Helen & and some of our Youth

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Ainsley Niewold, age 8 months, messing up Grandpa Jim's hair on Fathers' Day. :))))

JOHN CLARK TRUESDALE

June 22, 1833 - November 30, 1904

(Big Woods Cemetery was part of an indenture between James & Anna Brown of Winfield, and Langdon Miller, James Brown, Timothy Woodward, William Currier & William Todd, Trustees of Meeting House & Burial Ground of the Big Woods Society...and their successors, dated June 3, 1850. The Meeting House eventually became Big Woods Congregational Church, in Mornings; the New Life Apostolic Church meets here at 6 pm Sunday evenings.)

I am the spirit of JOHN CLARK TRUESDALE past, June 22, 1833 - November 30, 1904. Died at 71 years of age.

I was number 15 of 16 kids in our family. We all grew up on a farm in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, in northeastern Ohio, north of the Mason Dixon Line. My great-grandfather, John, my namesake, came from County Down in Northern Ireland, and settled in Sherman's Valley, Cumberland County, in south central Pennsylvania, in 1773. My grandfather, Hugh, fought in the American Revolutionary War.

After education at the Mt. Nebo school, the academy at Edinburg, Franklin College, and Xenia Theological Seminary, I was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Richmond in 1857 and ordained as pastor of the Brookville, Pennsylvania church two years later. While there, I seemed to have gained a reputation for my views on the abolition of slavery. On one account, I was said to be "highly esteemed and cordially hated." In any case, on November 8, 1859 Mary Louise Freeman and I were married in Madison, Indiana. We had seven sons together, including James, a Lawyer, WW. in insurance, & David, a Presbyterian Pastor.

We were abolitionists. I remember my father riding to the polling place year after year and amid the jeers & jibes of his neighbors he voted the Abolitionist ticket. He often predicted a long and bloody war between the states, and taught us all to stand up for the Union. Three of us boys and seven of our sons served in Union Armies. As for me, in 1863 I was a private in the 57th Pennsylvania Militia during Lee's invasion on Gettysburg and Morgan's raid through Kentucky, Indiana & Ohio.

With a theological education, I was appointed

the next year as Chaplain to the 105th Pennsylvania Veteran Infantry, in the Grand Army of the Potomac. We were in 38 of the pitched battles, and we were 9th on the list of regiments in all the Union armies to lose the most officers and men killed or mortally wounded in action. My father was right, and we were in the thick of that long and bloody war.

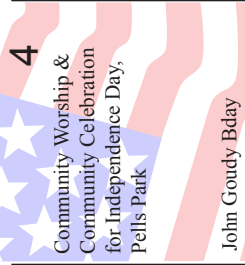
August 9, 1864 I narrowly escaped the horrendous explosion of our arsenal at City Point, Virginia, General Grant's headquarters. "Such a reign of shot, shell, bullets, pieces of wood, iron bars and bolts, chains and missiles of every kind was never before witnessed." A barge loaded with 30,000 artillery shells and 75,000 rounds of small arms ammunition was detonated, leaving 43 people killed instantly and 126 wounded, so that the death toll was ultimately estimated at about 300. The warf was almost entirely destroyed and the damage was set at \$2 million.

We learned later that it was a case of rebel sabotage. But within 9 days we were back in full operation with improved security, and in the end I got to be part of the Grant Review at Appomatox, May 23rd, before being mustered out with my regiment July 11, 1865. At last, it was all over.

Later that year I took the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Paxton, Illinois, some 20 miles north of Champaign. Then it was Watseka, 75 miles south of Chicago. Other Pastorates followed in Sharon, PA, Apple Creek, OH; then in Atlantic and Stanwood, Iowa. I retired from the pastorate near Aurora, Illinois, due to poor hearing and gave up my earthly life on the last day of November, 1904.

One wonders what impact one has made, during one's earthly existence, and I'm both embarrassed and gratified by one glowing account. "John Truesdale is an avid abolitionist in and out of the pulpit," it said, and "that made him both loved and hated. He also fearlessly stood for prohibition as an eloquent minister of the Gospel." According to another, Truesdale is a man of fine scholarship, striking personality, a true poetic instinct, and rare gifts as an orator, yet modest and unassuming. He scorned fawning and plotting for place and power. He could care less about praise or blame of those around him, so long as his conscience approved. He helped make the world better, and the nation greater!

JULY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:00 am Worship Communion Sunday July Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship after worship	4  Community Worship & Community Celebration for Independence Day, Pells Park John Goudy Bday	5	6 12:00 pm PAMA Meeting 6:30 pm VBS @ ASTA	7	8	9 Jessie Niewold Bday
10 9:00 am Worship	11 Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	12	13 6:30 pm VBS @ Knights Templar	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Worship	18 Janet Goudy Bday	19	20 6:30 pm VBS @ Heartland	21 6:30 pm ~ Prayer Shawl Group Gathering	22	23 Doug & Deana Niewold Ann.
24 9:00 am Worship Knights' Templar Service @ 1:30 pm	25 August News letter deadline	26	27 7:00 pm Youth Meeting	28	29 Matt Anderson Bday	30 Pat Tipsord Bday
31 9:00 am Worship						

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Sundays:
Church School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 10 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS!



New Members

Don Lawrence, Glen Vermette & Alan Turner



Graduates

Angie Ellis-Smith, Brock Johnson & Victor Johnson