

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 12th

Worship, 10:00am

Mother's Day & Graduation Recognition
May Bday & Ann. Fellowship

Monday, May 13th

Church of Ministry in Gilman, 9-2pm

Tuesday, May 14th

PC out of town (*No Office Hours*)

Bible Study, 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 15th

Youth Group, 7:00pm

Thursday, May 16th

Church Office Hours, 8am-12pm
Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm in
Church Basement

Sunday, May 19th-Pentecost

Worship, 10:00am (Elder, Mike Goudy)

May

Birthdays & Anniversaries

21st - Theresa Struss

23rd - Colleen Lawrence

28th - Mike & Theresa Struss Ann.

30th - Deana Niewold

Summer Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, May 26th the summer
schedule of **9am Worship** begins and
continues THROUGH Labor Day Sunday.

Pastor Colleen and Theresa Struss will
attend the UCC 2013 Illinois Conference
Annual Celebration in Oakbrook, IL June
14-15, 2013. A donation of six dozen
cookies is needed for this event. Please
bring cookies labeled in a disposable
container to the church by Thursday, June
13th. (Sugar free, nut free, and gluten free
options are needed also). Thank you!

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

Laura Adkins, Red Adkins, Priscilla Andreae, Ivan Andreae,
Millie Sutton, Janet Goudy, Mike-Active 101st Airborne 
Alan Turner, Jeff & Barb Legener, and Marcella Woodworth

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

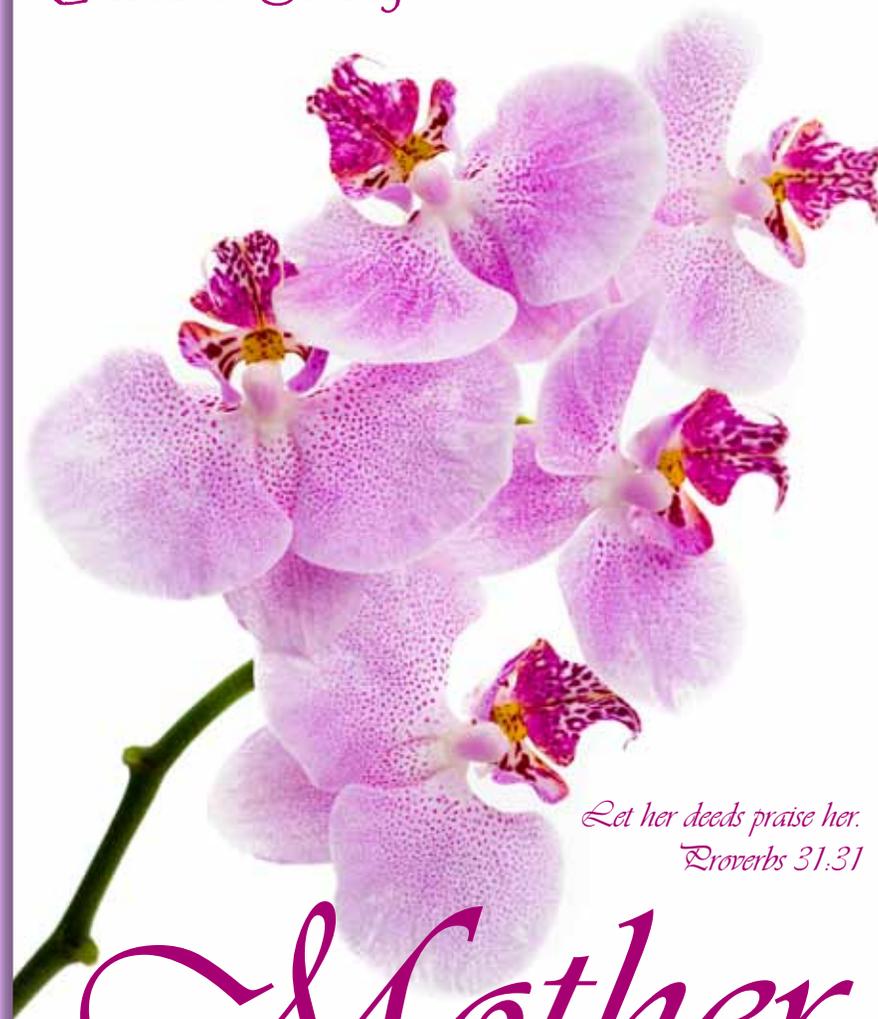
Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

For the month of May, please bring *peanut butter, canned
vegetables, & canned fruit* for the Food Pantry.

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

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May 12th, 2013
Mother's Day
Graduation Sunday



*Let her deeds praise her.
Proverbs 31:31*

Mother



The Federated Church of Paxton
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Welcome to our guests!

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

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Silent Prayers

*Prelude

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Opening Hymn "Morning Has Broken" #38

Memorial for Wanda Spencer Larson

Scripture

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17:20-26

Prayer

Investment of Time, Talent and Treasures

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

*Gloria Patri

Honoring Our Graduates

*Hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" #1

Prayer

Honoring Mr. & Mrs. Wil Kinzinger

Prayer

Celebrating Mother's Day

Proverbs 31:10-31

*Hymn "Faith of Our Mothers"

*Benediction

Heavenly Father, in the spirit you intended; may we go forth with the source of strength from motherhood, may the spirit of motherhood guide us in times of decision, may it be a motivator to act against injustice and to build a Christian community of caring, in Christ's name. Amen.

*Postlude

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

The Flow of Life

It is a fearful and wonderful thing to bring a new life into the world--to be a mother or a father. Becoming a parent, you become a link in the long chain of the generations. As a strong link you become a blessing, as a weak link you become a blight. Better that a millstone be hanged about your neck and you be drowned in the depths of the sea, said the Lord, than that you should be a weak link and be wanting in faithful parenthood.

It is not difficult to give rapt adoration to a sleeping child cuddled in his crib; it is more difficult to rhapsodize over an old man dying of cancer. Existence is a mingling of life and death. And in Longfellow's words, "... our hearts, though stout and brave, are beating funeral marches to the grave."

If life had no other boundaries than birth and death, it would be of questionable honor to be a link in its long chain.

But life can have an added dimension.

For God can place within each man who breathes another "breath of life" and transform him from a creeping creature of earth to an eternal child of His. The flow of this life moves on through the caverns of death out into the sunshine of an everlasting heaven. To have been a partner with God in this newness of life is a mother's, and a father's, highest honor.

(This poem was found on the back of a bulletin from Mother's Day, May 11th, 1958. The bulletin was found in a book belonging to Bud Larson in our back bookcase.)