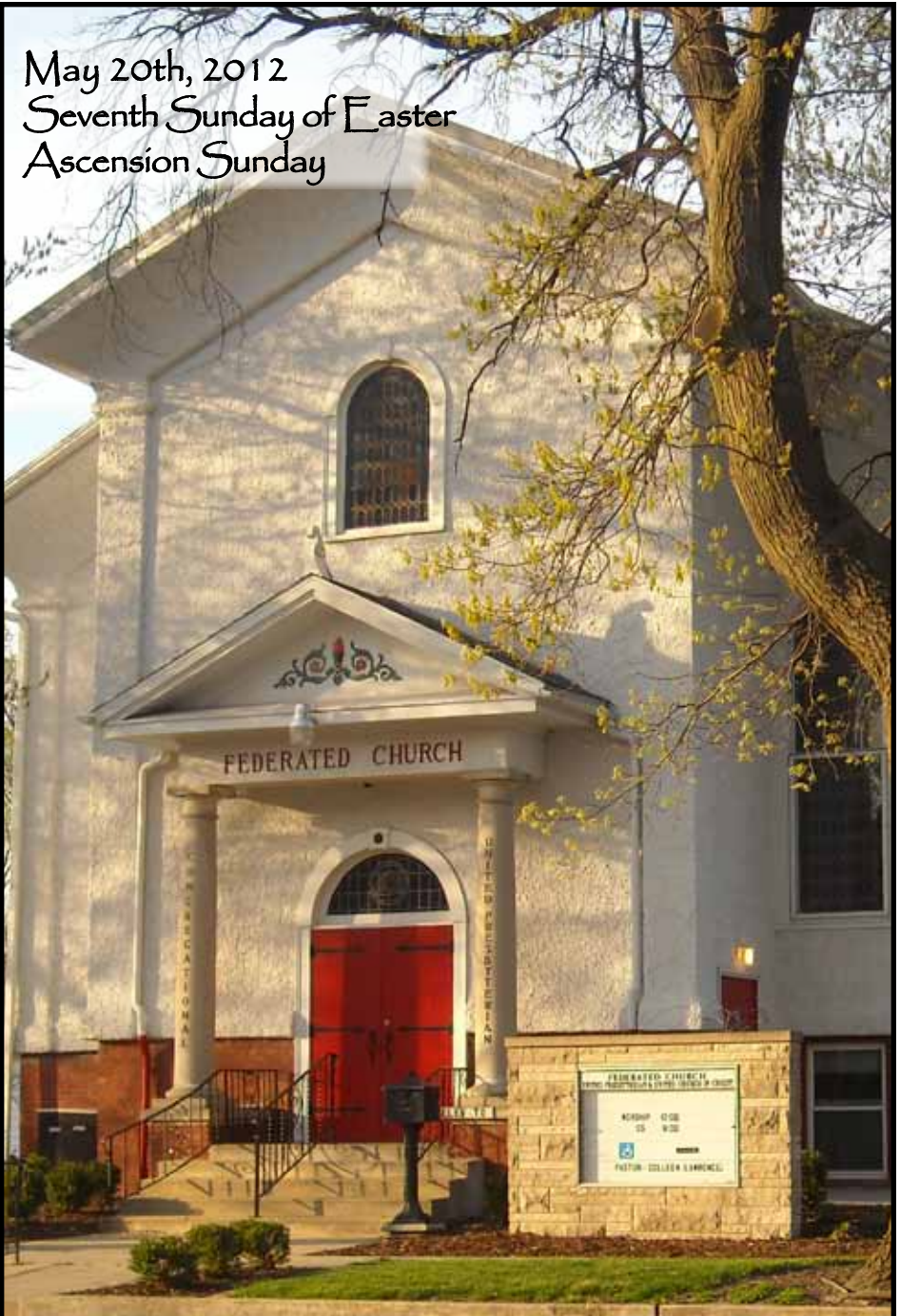


May 20th, 2012
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday



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

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Acts 1, Luke 24

**Most High God,
as Christ ascended into the heavens,
may our hearts ascend to you.
Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit,
that we may strive for more
than the pedestrian ways of this world.
Open our lives to the fullness of your power,
that we may be clothed with power from on high.
Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit,
that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.**

Prelude *"Prayer"*

Leon Boellmann

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Opening Hymn *"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"*

FOG, #32

* Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Psalms 47:1, 6

One: Clap your hands, people of God.

All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

One: Sing your praises, people of God.

All: Sing praises to our king, sing praises.

One: Look to the heavens, people of God.

All: See the power of the Most High God.

One: Clap your hands, people of God.

All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Youth Moment

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

Offertory *“Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide”*

***Hymn** *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (one verse)*

PH, #428

***Prayer of Dedication**

Psalm 47

O God,
we praise you for your power and might;
we praise you for your love and mercy;
we praise you for giving us your Spirit;
we praise you for your every blessing.
In gratitude and thanksgiving,
for all we have received from your hand,
we return to you the fruit of our industry,
in the name of the one who ascended to heaven,
that we might have fullness of life
here on earth. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

***Gloria Patri**

Lectionary Scripture Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn *“Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending”*

PH, #6

Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Message

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Response *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

***Closing Hymn** *“Standing on the Promises”*

FOG, #48

***TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Benediction**

Live a bold Easter faith that claims resurrection as
a reason for the affirmation of hope,
a resource for the restoration of wholeness,
a power for the fulfillment of promise. Amen.

***Postlude** *“Maestoso”*

Hopkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 20th

Ascension Sunday

Wednesday, May 23rd

Bible Study, 6:30pm
Church Basement

Thursday, May 24th

June Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 27th

Pentecost Sunday

****Worship at 9:00am****

(Wear your "reds, yellows,
oranges & blues")

Heartland Healthcare Service,
1:30pm (Elder, Kammy Johnson)

Summer Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, May 27th the
summer schedule of **9am Worship**
begins and continues THROUGH
Labor Day Sunday.



May



Birthdays & Anniversaries

21st - Theresa Struss

23rd - Colleen Lawrence

28th - Mike & Theresa Struss Ann.

30th - Deana Niewold

Greeters **L**iturgists **U**shers **E**lders

May

J. Goudys

Andreae

Cole

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

Russ Taylor; Mary Ann Wojnowski; Alan Turner; Jeff & Barb Legener;
Marcella Woodworth; Wayne Niewold; John Lateer

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Wayne Niewold, Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes
Jani Fraim, Wanda Larson, Marcella Woodworth

For the month of May, please bring *ketchup, mustard, pickles, mayonnaise &
peanut butter* for the Food Pantry.

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

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