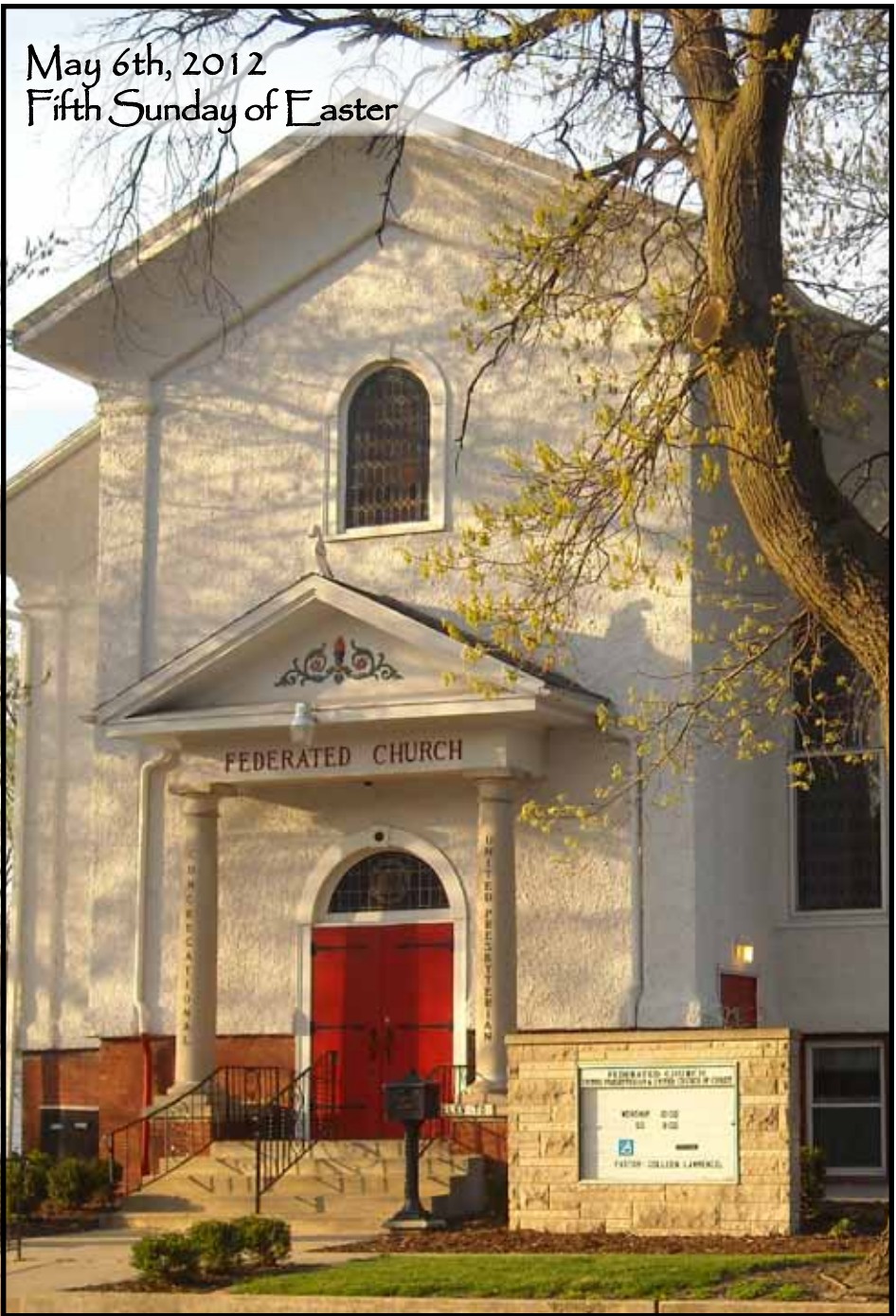


May 6th, 2012
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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)*

John 15

**God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace.
Nurture us with the strength of Christ,
the vine of everlasting life.
Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,
which flows through us today and all days.
Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Prelude

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Opening Hymn *"Lily of the Valley"*

Insert

* Call to Worship *(responsively)*

John 15

One: Come to the vineyard of God.
All: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.
One: Drink from the waters of life.
All: We live in the light of God's grace.
One: Come to the vineyard of God.
All: All are welcome here.

Youth Moment

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

*Offertory

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

PH, #428

*Prayer of Dedication

Mark 9

Time that is precious & money we have earned,
Talents that fill us & skills we have learned--
These are a few of our favorite things.
O Lord, may we offer to you our favorite and our best, &
may all our gifts & our giving be acceptable in your sight.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

***Gloria Patri**

Lectionary Scripture Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21

Anthem

Gospel John 15:1-8

Message

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

1 John 4

Merciful One,

you know when we are afraid to love;

you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy.

Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears.

**Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,
even in the face of our imperfections.**

**Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection,
that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.**

Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Words of Institution

Hymn *"Just As I Am"*

PH, #370

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Gifts

***Closing Hymn** *"Hymn of Promise"*

Insert

***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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 6th

Communion Sunday
Elders - Mike Goudy & Jackie Roy
UCC Assn Mtg, 2:30pm, Manhattan

Wednesday, May 9th

Casserole Supper & Salad with
Bible Study in Church basement,
6:00pm

Saturday, May 12th

Ladies Church Shower for Kara
at Robin's, 10:00am

Sunday, May 13th **Mother's Day**

Mother's Day Appreciation &
Graduate Recognition at Worship,
10:00am

May Birthday & Anniversary
Fellowship following worship



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*

Alan Turner; Jeff & Barb Legener; Marcella Woodworth;
Wayne Niewold; Bill Cofel; 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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