

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, October 6th World Wide Communion Sunday

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:30am (Elder, Kammy Johnson)

(We are hosting Methodist neighbors)

October Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship after worship

Tuesday, October 8th

Office Hours, 3-7:00pm

Bible Study, 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 9th

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, October 10th

Office Hours, 8-12:00pm

Friday, October 11th

Fancher/Smith Rehearsal

Saturday, October 12th

Fancher/Smith Wedding

Sunday, October 13th

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

October

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday, October 6th will be our monthly celebration to honor the birthdays & anniversaries which take place in October.

4th - John Goudy

7th - Deanne Silence

14th - Mike Struss

19th - John & Delores Turner Ann.

21st - Steve Satterlee

22nd - Brian Funk

24th - Lovonna Bane

30th - Russ Taylor

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

Marcella Woodworth, Kitty Anderson, Brent Lawrence,
Robin Niewold, Priscilla Andreae, Jeff & Barb Legener

Continued Health of Cancer Treatment Patients

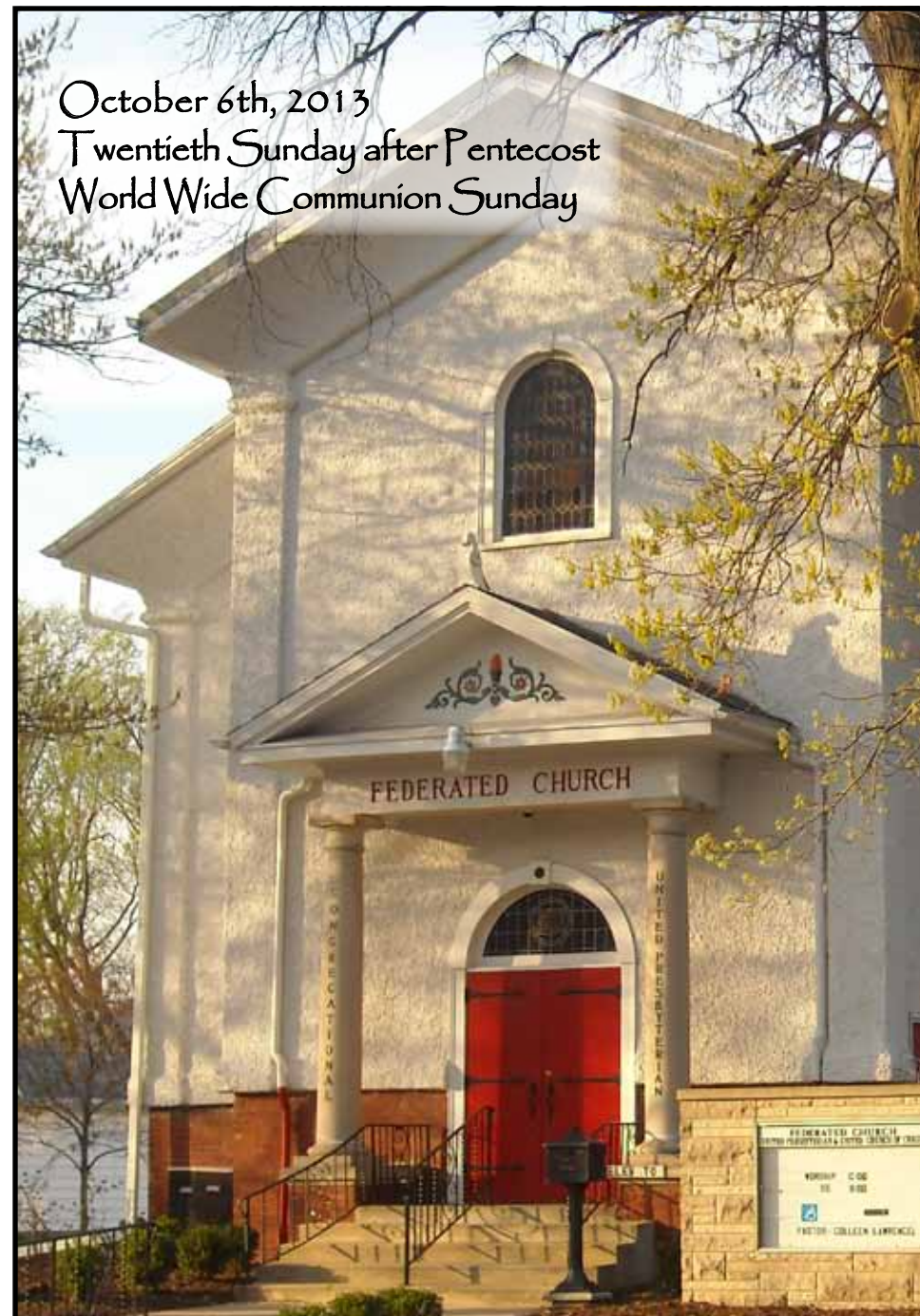
Janet Goudy, Alan Turner, Ivan Andreae

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

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For the month of October, please bring peanut butter, cereal,  
pancake mix & syrup for the Food Pantry.  
*As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.*

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October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Wide Communion Sunday



The Federated Church of Paxton  
10:30 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 *(unison)*

Gentle Savior, we often feel afflicted by the woes of this world. We find it difficult to praise you in what feels like a foreign land. As a mother feeds her child, or a father protects his child, you care for us filling us with grace, mercy and peace. Turn not your ear from us, but restore our hearts, and raise our voices with your praise once more. Amen.

## Silent Prayers

### Prelude

### \*Bringing in the Light of Christ

\*Opening Hymn *“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”* PH, #398

### \*Call to Worship

ONE: In Jesus, All Christians are one body.

ALL: But we feel isolated from one another, separated by Center Street, by denominational customs and beliefs.

ONE: In Jesus, all Christians are one body.

ALL: But we do not worship alike, and we like our own sanctuaries.

ONE: In Jesus, all Christians are one body.

## Children’s Time

## Investment of Time, Talent and Treasures

Offertory *“Beautiful Savior”*

## Prayer of Dedication

Lectionary Scripture Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

## Message

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

A Lament *(responsively)* Lamentations 1, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1

ONE: Although Jesus is named the Prince of Peace, we see countries, churches and folk destroyed by hatred and war.

ALL: How can we sing God’s song in a land of violence?

ONE: We are told to feed the hungry and clothe the poor, but day by day, more die by starvation, and poverty still plagues us.

ALL: How can we sing God’s song in a land of affliction?

ONE: Jesus crossed the land healing the sick. Modern medicine heals many, but diseases continue to threaten us, leaving us looking for answers.

ALL: How can we sing God’s song in a land of illness?

ONE: The Apostle Paul called the church the body of Christ, in which there was union, not division, but the church fights within itself, excluding some and condemning others.

ALL: How can we sing God’s song in a broken land?

ONE: We wait, O Lord, how long must we wait? We feel empty, afraid, distressed, weak and vulnerable. Our eyes grow cloudy with tears.

ALL: BUT!! Our eyes are set upon you. ONLY in you may our hope be renewed like the rising sun.

ONE: God recalls our tears and will fill us with joy! Let us rekindle God within us, for God did not give us a spirit of fear, but rather a spirit of power and love.

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* PH, #513

## Prayer

## Sharing of Gifts

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”* Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

## Refrain

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.

## Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.

## Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

## Refrain

## \*Taking Out the Light of Christ

### \*Benediction

ONE: Though fear is not gone,

ALL: there is HOPE!

ONE: Though violence persists,

ALL: there is LOVE.

ONE: Though death threatens,

ALL: there is PROMISE.

ONE: Though all is not right,

ALL: God hears our cries and blesses us with GRACE through Jesus Christ.

## \*Postlude

*We welcome our Methodist neighbors this morning to worship, communion, and a fellowship meal after service.*

Pianist, Judy Voorhees • Organist, Priscilla Andreae  
Soloist, Kammy Johnson  
Pastor Terry Westerfield & Pastor Colleen Lawrence