

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today, September 18th

Communion Sunday  
Sunday School Kickoff &  
September Birthday & Anniversary Coffee Hour  
after Worship

## Wednesday, September 21st

Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

## Sunday, September 25th

Asta Care Service at 1:30 p.m.

## Monday, September 26th

October Newsletter Deadline

## Wednesday, September 28th

Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

## Sunday, October 2nd

Communion Sunday

## Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

September - Morris, J. Niewold, Woodworth

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Rev. Dr. Robert Ross, Pastor Emeritus

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

Theresa Struss - recovering from surgery;

Marcella Woodworth - bad knees;

Don Lawrence - kidney troubles; Lee Lampe;

Jeff Legener; Brent Lawrence

## Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore - c/o J. Schmidt, 511 Ridge Lane, Eureka, IL 61530  
(309-467-2826)

Donald Rhodes

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

Eloise Shear at Gilman Nursing Home, Gilman

For the month of September, please bring  
canned vegetables, fruit & peanut butter for the  
Food Pantry. As always, all non-perishable  
food items are welcomed.

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> - Glenn Vermette

4<sup>th</sup> - Kelly Satterlee

8<sup>th</sup> - Anna Anderson

11<sup>th</sup> - Janet Niewold

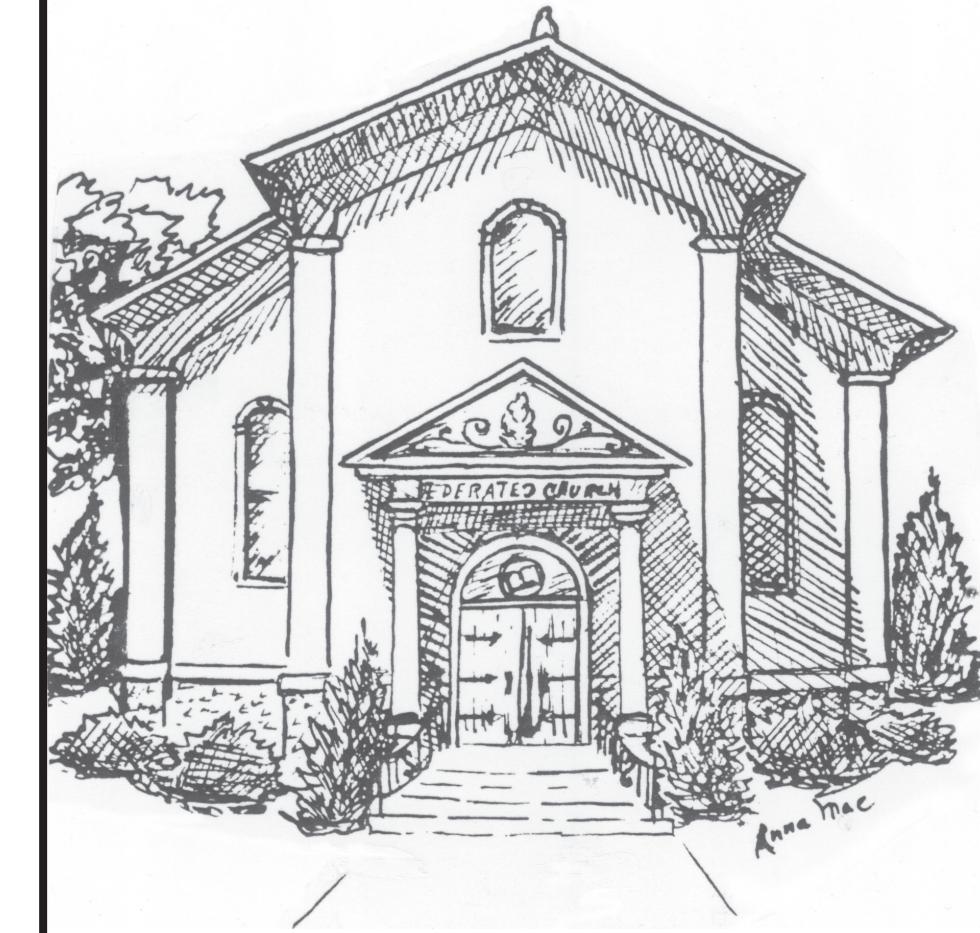
19<sup>th</sup> - Kalli Goudy

24<sup>th</sup> - Ted Scott

25<sup>th</sup> - Kammy Johnson

29<sup>th</sup> - Kitty Anderson

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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.

**Unison Song**      "This is the Day"

Insert in pew

**Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns**

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**      Exodus 16, Psalm 105

Hungry, we seek nourishment,  
as we wander in the wilderness of our lives.  
Comfortable, we seek assurance,  
as we search for the challenge of authenticity.  
Center our hearts on right relationships with you,  
with one another, and with your created world,  
that we may be instruments of your realm  
on earth as in heaven. Amen.

**Prelude**      "Serenity"

MacDonald

**\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*Opening Hymn**      "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

PH, #144

**\*Call to Worship (responsively)**

Psalm 105, Matthew 20

One: The realm of God is like this:  
the last will be first and the first will be last.

**All: Give thanks to God.**

**Make known God's deeds.**

**Call on God's name.**

One: God's abundance is heavenly food,  
revealed as the morning dew rises.

**All: Sing to God, sing praises to God.**

**Tell of God's wonderful works.**

**Let those who seek God rejoice!**

**Youth Moment**

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

God of life and wisdom,  
we lay before you the idle grumblings  
that often overtake us.  
When daily annoyances come,  
may we be aware enough of your abundance  
that joy may overcome bitterness.  
Where we have real complaints,  
grant us first the grace of self-examination  
and then the gifts of careful, honest speech  
and listening hearts.  
And when the answer is unexpected—  
like manna instead of fleshpots,  
or the last paid first—  
help us discern the signs, wonders,  
habits, and ways of your coming realm.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As  
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.

**Lectionary Scripture**

Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Philippians 1:21-30

**Anthem**

"Seek Ye First"

Exodus 16, Matthew 20

**Gospel**

Matthew 20:1-16

arr. Wagner

**\*Hymn**

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

PH, #508

**Message**

**Celebration of World Wide Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

Let the women bring the flour and the salt,  
and let the men bring the yeast. Many guests will come,  
those who are on the margins, those who live with infirmities,

those of differing abilities, rich and poor alike.

Come quickly; let us follow the recipe of the Lord. Let all of  
us knead the dough together with our hands. Let us watch with  
joy as the bread rises and expands.

**Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Gifts of our Lord**

**Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Response**      "Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
                          Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen."

**Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures**

**\*Hymn**      "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (one verse)      PH, #428

**Offertory**      "Moderato"      Dubois

Philippians 1, Matthew 20

**Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

Gracious God,  
accept these gifts,  
as fruits of our own labor.  
May these gifts be our prayer  
for the fruitful labor of the church,  
for progress and joy in faith,  
for the coming of your realm  
in all creation. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**      "Great is Thy Faithfulness"      PH, #276

**\*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

Philippians 1, Matthew 20

**Benediction**

Live your life in a manner worthy  
of the gospel of Christ:  
standing firm in one spirit,  
striving side by side with one mind,  
watching for signs of the realm of God.  
Go in peace. Amen.

**\*Postlude**      "Maestoso"

Hopkins

Organist - Priscilla Andreae