

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, September 8th

Worship, 10:00am at Jim & Robin's Home
Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship
after worship

Knight's Templar Service, 1:30pm
(Elder, Kammy Johnson)

Tuesday, September 10th

Church Office Hours, 3-7pm
Bible Study, 7:00pm

Thursday, September 12th

Church Office Hours, 8-Noon

Sunday, September 15th

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am
Worship, 10:00am

Monday, September 16th

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

September

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Glenn Vermette

4th - Kelly Satterlee

8th - Anna Anderson

11th - Janet Niewold

11th - Marcella Woodworth

19th - Kalli Goudy

20th - John & Janet Goudy Ann.

24th - Ted Scott

25th - Kammy Johnson

29th - Kitty Anderson

30th - Don (Dusty) Rhodes

*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

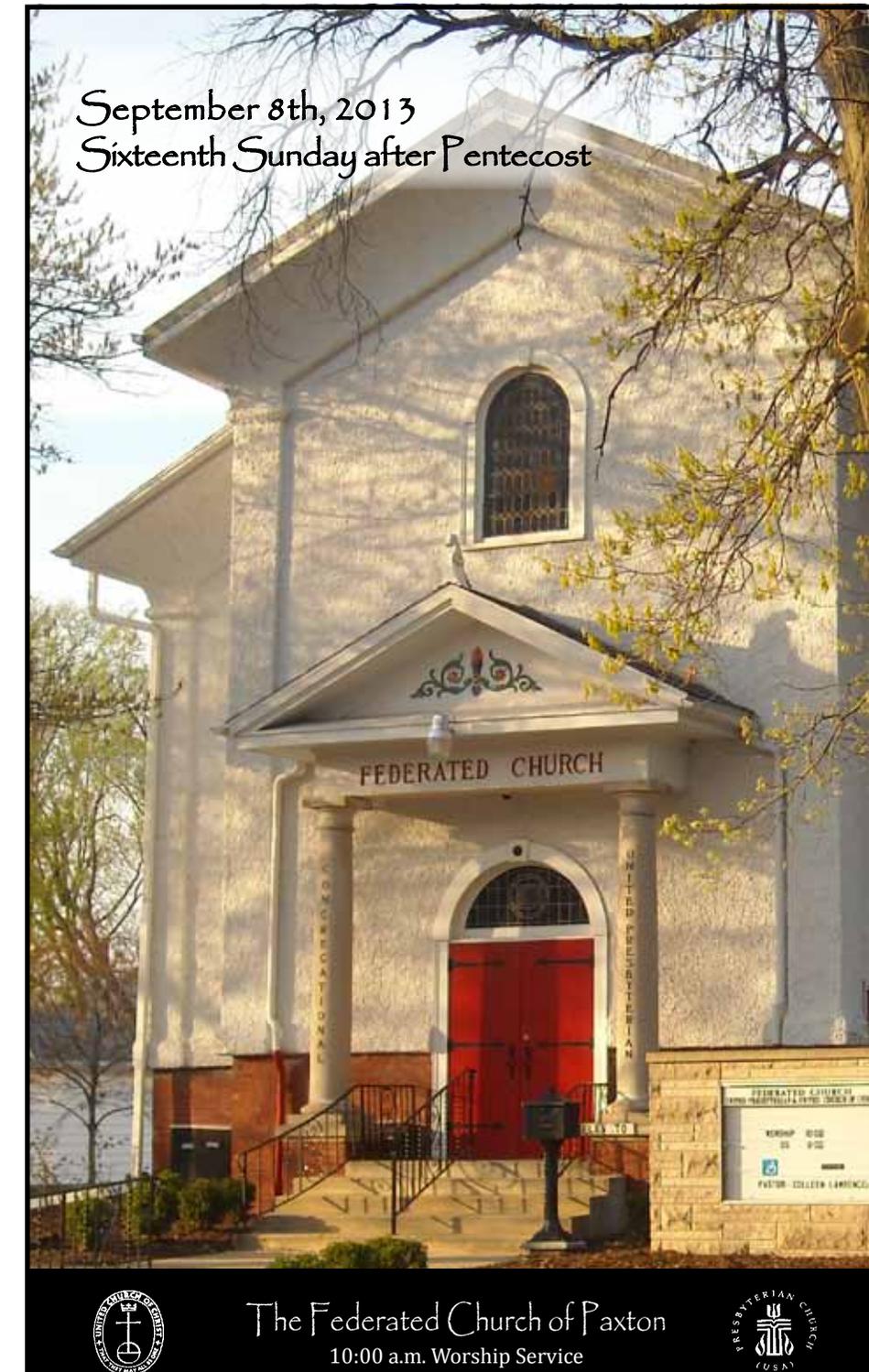
Janet Goudy, Alan Turner, Ivan Andreae

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

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

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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

***Call to Worship**

ONE: Let us gather together and hear what the Lord will speak. The words of the Lord are like rain on the earth,

ALL: where muddy furrows have no choice but to sprout and grow.

ONE: Today the Lord speaks Shalom--blessing, wholeness, peace

ALL: to all those belonging to God, who do not chase their own tails like a foolish pup.

ONE: Still, God will rescue those who have not lost their sense of awe.

ALL: Even our land is filled with God's glory, the soil is alive with creative power.

ONE: Loving grace will shake hands with faithfulness

ALL: Justice and peace will greet each other as old friends.

ONE: Faithfulness shall germinate and grow from the land,

ALL: justice and righteousness shall shine on us from heaven.

ONE: To be sure that the Lord will yield all that is good

ALL: and our land will yield a harvest.

ONE: God has spoken the future--Righteousness goes before the Lord

ALL: and makes a road to our hearts, sustaining us with peace.

***Doxology**

Confession and Absolution

The WORD of the Lord is true. Grace shines down on all people and rain falls on the just and the unjust. We gather now to confess our failings, not to guarantee prosperity, but so that we might be turned back to God and be healed. Hear our petitions, gracious creator, for failing you, one another, and the good creation you have given us.

ALL: Lord God you have called and gifted us to bear fruit in the world but instead of LOVE

ONE:

ALL: Instead of JOY

ONE:

ALL: Instead of PEACE

ONE:

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

ALL: Instead of PATIENCE

ONE:

ALL: Instead of KINDNESS

ONE:

ALL: Instead of GOODNESS

ONE:

ALL: Instead of FAITH

ONE:

ALL: Instead of GENTLENESS

ONE:

ALL: Instead of SELF-CONTROL

ONE:

ALL: Lord we confess these failings as individuals and as a community. We seek your forgiveness and ask you to stand us upright after our storms of life, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we might yield a bountiful harvest for you in this world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Scripture

Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3: 1-13

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, [a] knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loin cloths for themselves.

⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the

presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

Message

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Celebration of Retirement and moving to a new church family

Gayle Dunahee has decided to retire from the work force at the U of I and move into retirement, also to move from us to be with her son & daughter-in-law and an array of farm animals and seek out a new church family. Gayle, would you please come forward?

Sharing

Prayer (*unison*)

Father, we offer thanks for the time, energy, and commitment Gayle has given over the years to the work force. We celebrate all that she gave in service to the various places she was employed. We ask that she may feel the release of the frustrations of work and reclaim peace and blessing. We know that retirement brings with it loneliness and loss of identification, and ask for your tenderness during this time of transmission for Gayle. We pray for your grace in the anticipated and unexpected blessings of the days and years to come, and for opening new horizons of new ways to experience meaning and service to you and others. we pray this through Jesus Christ, who served others as a carpenter, Rabbi, teacher, healer and friend. AMEN.

Hymn

Benediction

Now may God, who sustains our future with hope, bless all of you in your time at this place. May the good news of Jesus Christ come to you as refreshing rain, may the Holy Spirit root you in the firm and fertile soil of the WORD, and may the face of God shine on you with grace and mercy for a new day. Amen.