



Williston Federated Church

July 23, 2023

Open and Affirming, Reconciling Pledge

We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation (adopted by the Williston Federated Church congregation in 2006).



Pastor – Reverend Paul Eyer phone: 802-878-5792 email: pastoreyer@gmail.com

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Lay Leader – Ashley Dubois

Church Office Administrator – Pamela Osborne

Music Director – Adam Hall

Organist – Carolyn Pillsbury

Choir Accompanist – Carol Schein

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

July 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

“Flood Relief Sunday”

Childcare is available downstairs for our youngest children.

Hearing assistance devices are available—please ask an usher for assistance.

A Fellowship time follows worship—please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Mission Statement

Our church is a community which seeks, welcomes and gathers people to share the Gospel of God’s love, enables people to find fullness of life through Jesus Christ, goes into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ, and responds actively to human need.

Call to
Worship

One: When storms rage,
All: we seek God’s peace.

One: When rain is unceasing,
All: we seek God’s hope.

One: When damage seems so widespread,
All: we seek God’s strength.

Ashley Dubois,
Lay Leader
and
Congregation

Gathering
Song

“Spirit of the Living God”
UMC Hymnal (Red) #393 (sing twice)
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Pastor Paul
Eyer and
Congregation
Carol Schein,
piano

Welcome/
Lighting the
Peace Candle

Sharing the Peace of Christ:
One: The peace of Christ be with you
All: And also with you.

Pastor Paul
Eyer and
Congregation

Prayer for the
Day

All: Loving God, we come to you trusting in your mercy and knowing that your steadfast love endures forever. Look with mercy on those who are harmed or displaced by flood waters. Give them your strength to meet the days ahead, your peace which passes all understanding and new hope in the

Pastor Paul
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Congregation

resurrection. Inspire those who are able to give aid, that we may be your hands and heart on earth. Be with all who offer assistance, may your Spirit uphold them. As you have made water a sign of your kingdom, and of cleansing and rebirth, grant your people new vision to see new life on the other side of disaster. In anticipation of the work you can accomplish through our willing hands, we pray. Amen.

Time with
Children of
All ages

Sara Moran

Scripture Genesis 28:10-19a

Nancy Stone

Special Music

Adam Hall,
tenor
Carol Schein,
piano

Celebrations/
Prayer Prayer requests may be sent to:
Requests/ WFCPrayer44@gmail.com
Prayers of the Private prayer requests may be sent to:
People pastoreyer@gmail.com

Silent
Reflection

Lord's Prayer	All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Offering/ Offertory Hymn	"It is Well with My Soul" by Philip P. Bliss, Arr. By Joel Raney	Carol Schein, piano
Doxology	UMC Hymnal #94 (copyright reprinted with permission under under ONE LICENSE #A-740093 and/or CCLI #176957 and #20480319)	Carol Schein, piano
Prayer of Dedication (unison)	All: We offer our gifts so that others may not feel alone, but that they may be surrounded by your grace and love through us and the lives we faithfully seek to live. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Life/Mission of the Church		Pastor Paul Eyer
Closing Hymn	"We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" UMC (red) hymnal #418 (Sing verses 1, 4, and 5) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carol Schein, piano

Liturgical
Resources:

The **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of the Day** wa adapted from a liturgy by Kay Braun as part of “Worship Resources for Natural Disasters” from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, found at <https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Worship Resource Natural Disasters.pdf> . The **Prayer of Dedication** was adapted from “Liturgy w/ Communion, May 18, 2014 (Easter 5-A)” from Lectionary Liturgies by Thom Shuman, found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2014/05/liturgy-wcommunion-for-may-18-2014.html>

Ushers: Jan Mejia & Rebecca Dubois

Greeter: Ruth Magill

Coffee Hour: Ruth & Charlie Magill

Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach

Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois

This Week and Beyond at Williston Federated Church

The Green Altar Cloth

The lovely green altar cloth was given to the church by member Louise Whitcher, now deceased, who was known for her outreach to people in need and for her kindness and caring.

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**A Note about the Time with Children**

We are delighted to welcome children into our worship service! And we have a special time during the service aimed especially at the youngest among us—and the young at heart! We welcome children to participate in the “Time with Children ” in any of the following ways: remain seated in the pew with their family; gather on the first pew; or sit on the chancel steps. Remember that the worship service is being live streamed to social media. So if you would prefer that your child not appear in this video on our church’s Facebook page, you can keep the children with you in the pew or have them sit on the first pew with their back to the camera. If you have no objection to your child appearing in this live streamed video feed, then all of the options are open to you.

And then following the Time with Children, the younger set can head off to join members of the Education Committee who will engage with the children for a time of crafts and learning. It is a joy to welcome children in our midst!

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye

For those who would like to hear the worship service better, we encourage you to sit in one of the first four pews.

You are not alone! There are also 2 hearing devices available to use. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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## **Prayer cards**

Prayer Cards are available to write prayer requests. (You may find them in the pew rack in front of you.) You are invited to place your completed prayer cards in the Prayer Box (crafted by Chris Stewart) that is now positioned on a table in the Gallery area (the space between the stairs and the hallway to the sanctuary. Additional prayer cards can be found on that table as well.) Written prayers entered in the Prayer Box will be lifted to God in prayer by Pastor Paul throughout the week.

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Thursday morning Centering Prayer Group

Thursday mornings at 8:30am, the Centering Prayer group gathers via Zoom ONLY for silent prayer and Bible discussion. This gathering lasts about one hour. For Zoom code or questions call/text Donna Fellingner 802-355-1700 or email at donnafellnergvt@gmail.com

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## **Assisting Vermont flood victims**

Both denominations with which Williston Federated Church is affiliated are actively responding to the flooding across the state earlier this week.

To make a SPECIAL OFFERING through the United Methodist Church:

- Send a check to the New England United Methodist Conference. Indicate “Fund 802” or “VT Floods” in the memo line. Send check to NEAC, PO Box 419371, Boston MA 02241-9371.
- Make an electronic payment at <https://www.neumc.org/churchpaymentsonline> Choose 802 - VT FLOODS 2023.

To make a SPECIAL OFFERING through the United Church of Christ:

- make an electronic payment here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4FF/campaign/C-128W3>
- send a check to:

Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ  
36 North Main Street  
Randolph, VT 05060

Donations of any size are welcome!!!

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Dismas House

For information about the mission, or to offer to volunteer, please contact Lizzy Pope at lizzypope@gmail.com or Peet Grobler at peetgrobler@aol.com or (802) 881-9007. We continue to welcome offers. One volunteer does not have to be responsible for the entire meal. Team work is always a possibility. Just this past Tuesday(July 18th) a team, Lizzy Pope, Jane Stickney,

Carol Burbank and Barb Bristol, provided the “Third Tuesday” meal to Burlington Dismas House. Thank you, team! The residents and staff at Dismas House, appreciate and enjoy when volunteers join them at the table. Sharing the meal is deeply meaningful for all. Delivering the meals is always an option as well.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance to Williston Federated Church to facilitate offering to volunteer. The next three “third Tuesdays” fall on August 15th 2023, September 19th 2023 and October 17th 2023. We welcome offers. There is more information about this mission on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church.

Thank you for the support and enthusiasm with what our community of faith embraces the Dismas House mission and thank you for considering to participate.

The coordinating team, Lizzy Pope and Peet Grobler. Your Missions and Social Concerns Committee

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### **COVID-19 Guidance for Worship Services**

At worship services, masks are respected and optional. If you aren't feeling well, please stay home and worship with us online

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Summer children’s church

The Education Committee is looking for summer volunteers to supervise the children during the church service during the summer. We will provide a video for them to watch and the rest of the time can be playing outside. We hope some folks will volunteer for one or two Sundays. Thanks!

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### **Stewardship Campaign**

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for the very encouraging response to the Stewardship mailing sent out at the end of April. Your generosity allows Williston Federated Church to continue its mission of service to the community and beyond. Your Estimate of

Giving is welcome if you have not already provided it. We thank you all for your previous and future giving.

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Smile For The Camera

The Membership Committee is seeking a candid photo of your family to include in a new pictorial directory. Most everyone has a cell phone capable of taking quality digital photos. Have a friend take a photo of your family, or we can take your photo one Sunday at church or a home visit can be arranged. Email your photos to [Carol Bouchard](#) by August 1st.

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**Ice Cream on the Town Green this Summer**

Join us July 26th, as well as August 9th & 23rd, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Town Band Concert. We will be on hand to greet concert goers and serve ice cream. Sign up on the bulletin board at church. Contact [Carol Bouchard](#) for more information. Sponsored by the Vitality Team.

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Messages from the Board of Trustees

PRESCHOOL SPACE.

The new space over the Fellowship Hall is finished. We are working through obtaining final permits and inspections. This has taken longer than expected but is moving ahead. This latest delay has made juggling spaces a necessity in order to accommodate all of the programs scheduled for this summer

ACCESS TO ZOOM IN ANOTHER MEETING ROOM.

Thanks to a donation from an anonymous donor, we have installed a second portal TV device and a large screen TV for Zoom meetings in the choir room. This is a temporary set up that will enable zoom meetings when the Fellowship Hall is otherwise occupied. We will have access to more meeting spaces after the Preschool moves.

PARTNERS IN ADVENTURE SUMMER CAMP

Partners in Adventure, the group that works with people with disabilities, is scheduled to hold their “Summer Camp” beginning June 26th and continuing for eight weeks. It is from 9am to 4pm each day. They have made arrangements so as not to disturb Rotary and BNI on Thursday mornings. This is possible in part because they schedule a lot of field trips to places around Chittenden County.

You will see their trailer in our parking lot by the bike path. It holds the adaptive bicycles they use. You might also see the campers if you are around the church during this time. Feel free to introduce yourselves and then observe or even participate in some of the activities.

KeyBank is a supporter of Partners in Adventure. Their employee volunteer group helped them set up part of the camp and even did a little landscaping around the church.

This program will be a real test of our adaptability and flexibility.

STORAGE

Part of the preparations is to reorganize furniture and other things stored in the Fellowship Hall. The sitting room furniture will be moved to the new Preschool space until they move in and then will be placed in the sitting room. Other things will be moved to the new "storage room". If you have left unidentified things in the Fellowship Hall and cannot find them please contact Susan or Tony Lamb.

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## **Vacation Bible Camp Invitation from First Congregational UCC in Essex Junction, VT**

Dear Church Neighbors & Friends,

We would like to invite the families from your congregation to attend our Vacation Bible Camp here at First Church in August. You can register for the morning from 9am to 12noon or the full day from 9am to 4pm.

*Campers:* You & Me Toddler (those who are not potty trained attend with an adult), Preschool up thru those who just finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade travel in peer groups

*Youth:* current 6<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> graders are morning helpers and/or apply to work the afternoon

Scholarships are available for full day/afternoon session.

Registration & more info can be found here: <https://www.fccej.org/v5/grow-in-faith/vacation-bible-camp/vb-camp-registration/>

Early registration is encouraged by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

We run a volunteer background check on all our adult volunteers.

Information is also on the bulletin board in the church foyer about this invitation from our sister church in Essex Junction.