



Williston Federated Church

June 22, 2025

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

Emeritus Associate Pastor – Charlie Magill

Lay Leader – Ashley Dubois

Church Office Administrator – Pamela Osborne

Music Director – Adam Hall

Organist – Carolyn Pillsbury

Choir Accompanist – Suiong Wong

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

June 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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 an inclusive community which enthusiastically welcomes and gathers all people to share the wonder of God's love. Together we seek to find fullness of life through Jesus' teachings, to reach out into the world to live lovingly and justly as followers of Christ, and to respond actively to human needs. (Adopted by the Williston Federated Church congregation in 2024.)

Call to Worship	One: What are we doing here?	Ashley Dubois,
	All: We are here this morning to meet God, to pray, to listen, to communicate our hopes, our needs, our thanks and our praise, immersed in God's Spirit.	Lay Leader, and congregation
	One: What are we doing here?	
	All: We are here this morning to meet kindred spirits, to talk together, to share the events of our lives with people who listen and care.	
	One: What are we doing here?	
	All: We are here this morning to meet ourselves, to reflect within, to listen to the sacred, still small voice within each of us.	
	One: This time of meeting is precious and sustaining.	
	All: We worship with gratitude and gladness the God who draws us together.	

Prelude	"Chapel Chimes" (David Paxton)	Carolyn Pillsbury
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Welcome/ Greetings		Rev. Gary Lewis
Words of Peace		Rev. Gary Lewis
Lighting the Peace Candle/ Sharing the Peace/Passing of the Peace	One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.	Rev. Gary Lewis and congregation
Opening Hymn	“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” #544 Red Hymnal (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carolyn Pillsbury and congregation
Prayer for Today	A Litany of the Spirit One - From out of our silent depths into visible acts of love, All - Come, Holy Spirit, Come. One - Gathering our church into a living icon of the redeeming, reconciling, prophetic Christ, All - Come, Holy Spirit, Come. One - Bonding together a variety of people, ages and stages, hopes and dreams, experienced failures and successes, All - Come, Holy Spirit, Come. One - Radiating the power and the light of our rainbow hued people, All - Come, Holy Spirit, Come.	Rev. Gary Lewis and congregation
(Adapted from the Chalice Hymnal p. 246 by Harold Johnson - Disciples of Christ church executive)		

One - Revealing your presence in and among us who have felt 'less than' wounded, lonely or angry,

All - Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

One - From different spaces and places we gather as one - one in the Spirit - one in Christ.

All - Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Anthem	"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" by Gordon Young	Senior Choir Adam Hall, conductor Suiong Wong, accompanist
Time with Children of all Ages		Rev. Gary Lewis
Scripture	1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-16	Polly Malik
Prayer of Illumination (from Psalm 19:14)	May the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.	Rev. Gary Lewis and congregation
Sermon	"Sacred - Sounds of Silence"	Rev. Gary Lewis
Celebrations/ Prayer Requests/ Prayers of the People	Prayer requests may be sent to: WFCPrayer44@gmail.com Private prayer requests may be sent to: pastoreyer@gmail.com	Rev. Gary Lewis

Silent
Reflection

Lord's Prayer	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.	Rev. Gary Lewis and congregation
Offering Offertory	"Prelude in E Minor" (J.S. Bach)	Carolyn Pillsbury
Doxology	UMC Hymnal #94 (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carolyn Pillsbury and congregation
Prayer of Dedication (unison)	All: O ever-speaking, ever-hoping, ever-loving God. We pray that these offerings be used to grow bridges of peace here and around the world as your living word of belonging and love offers energizing hope, care, and compassion for all. Amen.	Rev. Gary Lewis and congregation
Life/Mission of the Church		Rev. Gary Lewis

Closing Hymn	“Be Still, My Soul #534 Red Hymnal (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carolyn Pillsbury and congregation
Benediction/ Blessing		Rev. Gary Lewis
Postlude	“Voluntary III Allegro” (John Stanley)	Carolyn Pillsbury

Ushers: Ursula White and Chris Stewart

Greeter(s): Barb Bristol

Coffee Hour: Carol Burbank

Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach

Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois



To give online, use the QR code above.

This Week and Beyond at Williston Federated Church

The Green Alter Cloth

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

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**Welcome Twins!**

As Pastor Paul announced in worship last week, our Congolese neighbors next door have now welcomed twin girls into the world--and into our community!

On June 11, 2025, Catherine (the mother) gave birth to twin girls:

    Etu Kabonga

    Ugwa Kabonga

We rejoice in the arrival of the twins in our midst, and pray God's blessings upon them, their mother Catherine and grandmother Jeanne, and the entire family!

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Smile for the Camera

The Membership Committee is putting together an updated pictorial directory, and we need your help. Please email a family photo to [Carol Bouchard](#) by July 15th.

- If you prefer, Heather Lewis will be on hand today, June 22nd before & after church, to take your family photo. She will have her Easter photo booth set up (minus the Easter eggs).
- For any who are happy with the photo from the 2023 directory, let [Carol](#) know and we will use that one.
- If you prefer not to be included, please let [Carol](#) know.

Copies of the new directory will be available in September.

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

Join us July 16th & 30th and Aug. 13th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Town Band Concert. We will be on hand to greet concert goers and hand out ice cream. In case of rain, the concert will be in the WCS auditorium, and we will be outside under the portico. It's a great community outreach. Sign up on the bulletin board at church. Contact [Carol Bouchard](#) for more information. Sponsored by the Vitality Team.

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Church Book Club

Our Church Book Club is continuing its monthly meetings throughout the summer. Here are our book choices for the coming months:

July 16: 'The Briar Club' by Kate Quinn. We will meet at Jane Stickney's house at 32 Hickory Hill Rd. And on August 20: 'James' by Everett Percival.

I hope that you can all attend our summer meetings. Lois Mason loismason418@gmail.com.

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### **Ice Cream Social July 3rd on the Town Green**

WFC is once again hosting Williston's Independence Day Ice Cream Social, to be held July 3rd beginning at 6:30 PM on the town green. The event runs concurrently with the band concert, as well as the Friends of the Library Book Sale. It has been a popular Williston tradition for many years. Volunteers are needed to prepare a hot chocolate topping, set up, serve ice cream & toppings, accept donations, and clean up. Proceeds will benefit CVU's ROC (Rooted Organizing Community also formerly known as Refugee Outreach Club). Sign up on the bulletin board or [follow this link to an online sign up](#), Coordinators for this event are [Matt Bliss](#) & [Cathi Brody](#).

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Join in the Fun on July 4th and Walk in the Parade

Walking as a group in the July 4th parade has been a Williston Federated Church tradition for many years. Park your car at the church and walk to the Johnson Farm, 8627 Williston Rd. by 9:30 am. Seed packets with FFF information will be provided to pass out along the parade route. The

parade is about 1.1 mile through the village, ending on Old Stage Rd. Contact [Cathi Brody](#), our group organizer, to let her know you plan to walk or if you have any questions.

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**Faith Fellowship Fun! - Register Now at [www.steeple.org](http://www.steeple.org)**

This summer, we invite you to join us on a Road Trip! Children ages 3-12 are invited to travel on an exciting journey with us! Through stories, games, crafts and science experiments, Travelers will discover new places, new friends, and see God’s goodness and presence everywhere.

Mark your calendars! Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

Friday kickoff starting with FREE dinner 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm snacks and lunch will be provided

Sunday 9:30am worship service followed by a cookout celebration

To register for Faith Fellowship Fun, please

visit [www.steeple.org](http://www.steeple.org) or <https://forms.gle/wG9hBxhXySA6qhgw6>

**FFF Volunteers!**

Our group of Roadies is coming together, but we still need some more travelers to join us! We are looking for adult and youth Navigators to join our team for Faith Fellowship Fun! Want to help lead some games or crafts? Ever wanted to try your hand at puppetry? Please check out the sign up on the bulletin board downstairs. Many hands make for smooth sailing on our Road Trip!

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Summer Sunday School!

We need you to step in as Summer Sunday School teachers for our Elementary class!

- Video lessons are provided to make teaching easy and enjoyable.
- It's a fun and rewarding experience where you can connect with kids and share in their growth.
- Your support helps give our regular teachers a much-needed break.

Sign up on the bulletin board downstairs or online

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BA5AA29A5F58-50996369-sunday#/>

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**Request for Summer Music**

Do you have a musical talent you would like to share with us this summer? Williston Federated Church has Sundays in July and August where we would love to have you perform during the anthem time while the choir is on vacation. It could be playing an instrument, singing a solo or as a group, or even a dance and song routine. No auditions are required. We are also looking for those who could play piano, organ or keyboard during summer Sundays.



Please contact Ted Marcy at 802-578-3797 or by email at tmarcy@uvm.edu if you are interested in either opportunity or you would like to learn more.

Thank you, The Music and Worship Committee

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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 two hearing devices 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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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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**Fellowship Time After Worship**

Each Sunday after the worship service, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) for coffee and light refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity for informal conversation and building community.

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Monday Morning Centering Prayer Group

The Centering Prayer Group meets on Mondays with a start time of 10:45am. The Centering Prayer group gathers via Zoom ONLY for silent prayer and Bible discussion. This is a zoom only meeting. It will open at 10:45; 11-11:20 Silent Prayer; 11:20-12:00 discussion of the Bible Passage of the day along with lunch; 12-1pm continuation of lunch and visiting. For Zoom code or questions, call/text Donna Fellingner at 802-355-1700 or email at donnafellnergvt@gmail.com

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### **Monday Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study chooses books of the Bible to discuss, and we have a great time listening to each other as we try to discern God's word. We meet in person and by ZOOM every Monday afternoon from 1:30-2:30. If you'd like to join us, have questions, wish you knew more about the Bible, please contact Sally Metro at [ssmetro9@gmail.com](mailto:ssmetro9@gmail.com). All are welcome!

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Men's Social Breakfast

All the men of the church are invited to breakfast and chat the last Wednesday of every month. Breakfast starts at 8:00 am; cooking at 7:30 am. Come for one or both. Charlie Magill, cmagillvt@aol.com.

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### **Friday Men's Bible Study**

Men gather weekly to discuss and try to understand God's Word and how it effects our lives. Join the group in the Fellowship Hall every Friday morning at 7:00 am. The sessions are also on Zoom.

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Longevity Gathering

For those who want to live a long, healthy, and happy life, you are invited to be part of the conversation! Helena Katz is leading a "Longevity Gathering" that meets in the choir room the first Sunday of the month following worship. The gathering gets started at 11:00am so that people have a chance to enjoy fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Please also see the Longevity Gatherings page on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@LongevityGatherings> Please subscribe to our channel. (NOTE: The choir room is located past the gallery space just beyond the hallway that connects with the sanctuary here on the upper level of the church.)

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### **Dismas House**

The next two "Third Tuesdays" will fall on: July 15, and August 19th. "Third Tuesdays" calendar & sign-up sheet for 2025 is posted on the bulletin board. We continue to welcome offers. One volunteer does not have to be responsible for the entire meal, teamwork is always a

possibility. 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, although delivering the meal is always an option as well.

Thank you for all the support and enthusiasm for this very meaningful outreach.

Thank you for considering to participate.

The coordinating team, Lizzy Pope and Peet Grobler.

Your Missions and Social Concerns Committee

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Opportunities For Service

Are you feeling energetic? Need to get some more steps in? Do you feel the desire to serve this church, but can't make another long-term commitment? Are you new to the church or just returning from being away? Or are you only going to be in the area for a short time? Whatever your motivation, we'll take it!!! We are working on a new way to communicate opportunities for folks to serve this church and our community. They are "Opportunities to Serve". Not on a committee or a board but as a person who appreciates this church and wants to give back, by doing some small bit of work, sharing a talent or ability, or simply lending a hand when another member has a bit of labor that needs doing. There will be a bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs as you exit after worship towards coffee hour or out the door by Fellowship Hall. On it will be written opportunities to serve the church. If you find one there that fits your abilities and your calendar, take it with you. Make contact with the person whose name is on the card and make a plan for how you will fulfill this opportunity. How good it feels to help out!

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**Greenworks Ministry – Green Tip for the Week**

Properly controlling your home's heating and cooling is a surefire way to keep energy costs down. An easy way to do so is with a smart thermostat. These Wi-Fi-enabled devices let you control your home's temperature remotely. They cost more than traditional thermostats, but the energy savings — and thus the return on investment — can be significant. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the DOE's Energy Star program, you can save 8 percent on energy costs. Savings may be greater in parts of the country that experience cold and long winters like us!