

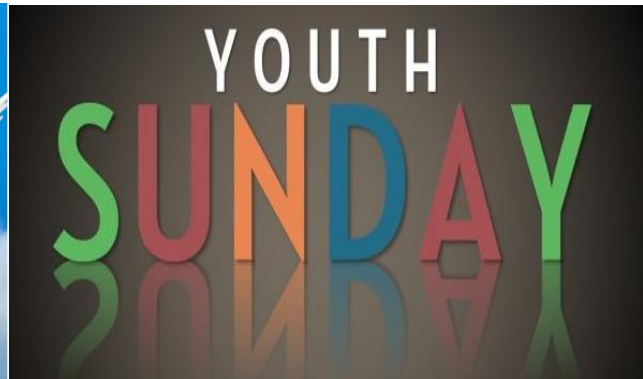


# Williston Federated Church

June 8, 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.)*



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# Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

June 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

## Pentecost Sunday / Youth 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 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: Come, Holy Spirit, with your language of wonder: <b>All: so we may mingle our words together to scatter the gospel of grace to all around us.</b> One: Come, Holy Spirit, with the music of your heart. <b>All: may we sing songs filled with memories, and may we listen to songs sung by children.</b> One: Come, Holy Spirit, to rattle the windows of our souls: <b>All: to burst through the closed doors of our hearts, and dance with us in the fire of renewal.</b> One: Come, Holy Spirit, we pray! <b>All: Come, Holy Spirit, to us this day!</b>	Ashley Dubois, Lay Leader, and congregation
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Prelude	"Prelude" by J.F.Bach	Carolyn Pillsbury
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Welcome/ Greetings		Pastor Paul Eyer
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Words of Peace		Rev. Paul Eyer
Lighting the Peace Candle		Thad Elek (assisted by Pastor Paul Eyer)
Sharing the Peace/Passing of the Peace	One: The peace of Christ be with you. <b>All: And also with you.</b>	Peter Areson and congregation
Introduction of Opening Hymn		Chloe Barges
Opening Hymn	“Spirit Song” UMC (red) Hymnal #347 (sing all verses) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carolyn Pillsbury and congregation
Prayer for Today	<b>All: As on that first Pentecost, O God, you send flames of hope to dance upon those whose hearts are frozen with fear and doubts; you breathe new life into all who have come to believe there is no future for them; you break into our closed-off souls to fill us with joy beyond imagination and peace which transforms us. Amen.</b>	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation

Anthem	“Shadrack”	Children’s Choir Adam Hall, conductor Suiong Wong, accompanist
Special Appreciation		Ezra Dickin
Time with Children of all Ages		Pastor Paul Eyer
Scripture	Acts 26:1-21	Henri Rousseau, Matthias Escorpizo, Thad Elek, and Connor Lewis
Sermonic Hymn	“Spirit of the Living God” UMC (red) Hymnal #393 (sing one verse) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Suiong Wong, piano
Reflections	(offered by two of our graduating high school seniors)	Ruby Hall Alex Wemple
Celebrations/ Prayer	Prayer requests may be sent to: <a href="mailto:WFCPrayer44@gmail.com">WFCPrayer44@gmail.com</a> Private prayer requests may be sent to: <a href="mailto:pastoreyer@gmail.com">pastoreyer@gmail.com</a>	Pastor Paul Eyer

Requests/  
Prayers of the  
People

Silent  
Reflection

Lord’s Prayer	<b>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.</b>	Rev. Paul Eyer and congregation
Offering Offertory	“Who At My Door is Standing” by Edward Broughton	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)	<b>All: As you would transform our doubts and set us free from our fears, so we pray these gifts we offer might bring hope to those who despair, might feed those who hunger for hope as well as food, and might gather them into your community of wonder and joy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.</b>	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation

Life/Mission of the Church		Pastor Paul Eyer
Closing Hymn	“O Spirit of the Living God” UMC (red) Hymnal #539 (sing all verses) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carolyn Pillsbury and congregation
Benediction/ Blessing		Rev. Paul Eyer and the youth
Postlude	“Trumpet Processional” by D.F. Callender	Carolyn Pillsbury
Liturgical Resources	The <b>Call to Worship, Prayer for Today, and Prayer of Dedication</b> are adapted from “Liturgy w/communion for June 9, 2019” from <u><a href="https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/06/liturgy-with-communion-for-june-9-2019.html">Lectionary Liturgies</a></u> by Thom Shuman, found at <a href="https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/06/liturgy-with-communion-for-june-9-2019.html">https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/06/liturgy-with-communion-for-june-9-2019.html</a>	

*Greeter(s): Sandy Twombly*  
*Coffee Hour: Membership Committee Members*  
*Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach*  
*Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois*



*To give online, use the QR code above.*

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### **This Week and Beyond at Williston Federated Church**

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Congregation Meeting of Williston Federated Church will take place immediately following worship today, Sunday, June 8. All are invited.

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#### **Stewardship Campaign**

The Finance Committee has prepared an aspirational budget for the upcoming fiscal year to be presented at the WFC annual meeting today. It's never too late, you can pledge to the Church at any time. If you did not receive the mailing with details on how you can participate in this year's

campaign, we can provide those materials for you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Finance Committee. With sincere thanks, Pastor Paul Eyer, Barb Bristol, Jan Demers, Dan DiBiasio, Joan Ebbeson, Susan Lamb, Shelly Marshall, Simone O'Flaherty, Sandy Twombly, Amy Vaughan

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### **Memorial Service for Mary Ann Wolf**

A memorial service for Mary Ann Wolf will take place on Saturday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. at First Congregational UCC in downtown Burlington, VT. Officiating at the memorial service will be Williston Federated Church Pastor Paul Eyer and Ava Bilton, Director of Congregational Life for First Congregational UCC. (Mary Ann was an affiliate member of our congregation while retaining her membership at First Congregational.) The memorial service will also be available via live-stream at <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV>.

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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 June 15th & 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 June 18th, 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 book club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue through the summer. On June 18, we'll discuss 'American Street' by Ibi Zoboi. This is a young adult book about a young girl from Haiti. Her mother is detained by immigration,

leaving her to navigate the rest of her trip to her relatives. I hope that you will join us for these meetings. Lois Mason. 879-7263.

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### **Take Me Out to the Ball Game!**

On Sunday, June 22nd, join us at the field as we cheer on the Lake Monsters! Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids. We have a section of tickets saved for our group. You can pay and pick them up at Will Call. Game starts at 5:05pm. Kids can run the bases and play catch on the field after the game! Sign up on the bulletin board or at <https://forms.gle/v1BMNcbuQdBjX3W96> so that we know how many tickets to reserve. Let's go Monsters!

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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!**

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 <https://forms.gle/wG9hBxhXySA6qhgw6>



### **FFF Volunteers!**

We are looking for adult and youth Navigators to join our team for Faith Fellowship Fun! If you are interested in food, games, crafts, science or music, please check out the sign up on the bulletin board downstairs. Let's have some 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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### **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 [donnafellinger@vt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellinger@vt@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](mailto: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 three “Third Tuesdays” will fall on: June 17th, July 15, and August 19th. Poly Malik offered to provide the main course, the Groblers a side dish and Carol Pierce dessert for the meal on June 17th. Kris and Dan Clark offered the main course for the meal on July 15. Natalie Lodge and family offered a main course and dessert for the meal on August 19th. Thank you, Polly, and Carol; Dan & Kris and Natalie & family.

“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**

Protect your health if wildfire smoke gets to orange or red levels. You can download the free AirNow app on your smart phone run by the EPA. This will let you know what level PM2.5 gets to, using a color code. This pollutant is very bad for lungs, brain, and heart health. People with asthma, COPD or other lung/ heart issues will need to watch levels carefully. There are many good room air filters on the market. These can be set up in rooms with windows closed and will purify your air. If levels get to red or beyond; or If you go outside, do not engage in heavy exercise. The K95 masks that protect against the Covid virus will also protect your lungs from PM2.5 and can be worn outside if levels get to red or above. Consult with your doctor if you start having difficulty breathing.