



Williston Federated Church

October 26, 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

Pastoral (seminarian) Intern – Jill Irvine

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!

October 26, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Reformation 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: This is the day the Lord has made: All: a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity. One: This is the time God has given us: All: a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening. One: This is the life to which God calls us: All: a life of service, a life of faith, a life of trust.	Ashley Dubois, Lay Leader, and congregation
Introit/ Processional	"Song of Acceptance" ("Christ Accepted You")	Senior Choir Adam Hall, conducting, and Suiong Wong, piano
Welcome/ Greetings		Pastor Paul Eyer
Words of Peace		Pastor Paul Eyer

Lighting the Peace Candle/ Sharing the Peace/Passing of the Peace	One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
Opening Hymn	"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMC (red) Hymnal #152 (sing all verses) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Congregation and Suiong Wong, piano
Prayer for Today	One: Pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, O God: All: so your grace might strengthen us for service; One: so your peace might calm our troubled souls; All: so your hope might mend our broken hearts. One: You are in our midst, Spirit of wholeness. All: You enable us to cling to faith, when hope runs through our fingers like sand. One: You open the gateways of our hearts morning and evening, All: that we might sing our praises with all creation.	Dr. Jill Irvine and congregation
Anthem	"Zwingli's Plague Hymn" (crafted and compiled by Adam Hall) "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"	Senior Choir, conducted by

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
“O Love, How Deep”)

Ulrich Zwingli
(or is it
Adam Hall?)
Suiong Wong,
piano

Time with
Children of all
ages

Pastor Paul

Scripture

Joel 2:23-32

Lizzy Pope

Prayer of
Illumination
(adapted from
Psalm 19:14)

**All: May the words of my mouth and the
meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy
sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Pastor Paul
Eyer and
congregation

Sermon

“More Than Enough”

Pastor Paul
Eyer

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

Pastor Paul
Eyer

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**

Pastor Paul
Eyer and
congregation

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.

Offering
Offertory

Suiong Wong,
piano

Doxology

UMC Hymnal #94
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Congregation
and Suiong
Wong, piano

Prayer of
Dedication
(unison)

All: O God, we seek to share our lives, our love, our gifts with you. May you receive these gifts, Holy God, bless them, and use these gifts to share your love for all. Amen.

Dr. Jill Irvine
and
congregation

A Moment
from the
Pastor/Staff
Committee

Sara Moran

Life/Mission of
the Church

Pastor Paul
Eyer

Closing Hymn

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” Songbook #162
(sing all verses , but sing refrain only after
verses 2 and 4)
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Congregation
and Suiong
Wong, piano

Benediction/
Blessing

Pastor Paul
Eyer

Postlude

Suiong Wong,
piano

Liturgical
Resources

The **Call to Worship, Prayer for Today, and Prayer of Dedication** were adapted from “Liturgy w/communion for October 26, 2025 (Proper 25 -C)” from [Lectionary Liturgies](https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/) by Thom Shuman, found at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

Ushers: Lizzy Pope and Kyle Sala
Greeter(s): Julia Wick and Ivan Wimple
Coffee Hour: Cindy Thurston
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 Altar 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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**New Ministry for Widows or Widowers**

The Williston Federated Church (WFC) Caring Circle is pleased to announce a new Ministry for those among us who are Widows or Widowers. This special WFC Support Group will be focused on providing empathy and understanding from others who have lost a spouse. Meetings will be held monthly. The first meeting will be held this Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 11-1:00 PM in the Choir Room. Kathy Quesnel is the group leader with team support from Carol Burbank and Ursula White from the WFC Caring Circle. We invite people who are interested in "Sharing the Journey" to come and join us.

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Trunk or Treat TODAY!

The Williston Federated Church and the Williston-Richmond Rotary Club are once again teaming up to host a Halloween Trunk or Treat event this afternoon, Sunday, October 26, from 2:00-3:30

PM at the Community Park behind Williston Central School. This is a free event open to children of the area. Come and enjoy the excitement of our children in a safe and friendly environment. Decorated trunks and costumes are optional but encouraged.

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### Save the Date for the **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Here is a preview for the Christmas Bazaar on **November 22nd**, sponsored by the Women of the Church. [Please sign up here](#) or on the bulletin board at church.

- **Craft Table** - Chairperson, [Carol Bouchard](#) - We need hand crafted items such as mittens, scarves, ornaments, jewelry, wooden items, Christmas ornaments or other holiday decorations.
- **Bake Sale Table** - Chairperson, [Rebecca Dubois](#) - We need all sorts of baked goods including pies, cakes, cookies, candies, breads, jams, pickles, fudge etc. The bake sale table is one of the most popular. ***Please package cookies, bars, fudge etc. in small packages.***
- **Plant Table** – Chairperson [Sally Metro](#) - We are looking for houseplants, dried flowers, bulbs, wreaths, gourds, gifts for gardeners.
- **Attic Treasures** – Chairperson, [Sylvia Maloney](#) & [Shelley Marshall](#)– We are looking for ***small*** items: collectibles, old linens, jewelry, Christmas decorations, small treasures.
- **Soups To Go** - We are seeking soups pre-packaged in containers (to be provided) & delivered cold to church Friday or Saturday morning.
- **Nancy Stone** - will be selling her artwork
- **Tasha Pashby-Rockwood** - will be selling her knit hats and more.
- **JJ Garcia** - will be selling his crafty creations.
- **Partners in Adventure** - will be selling granola.
- **Carter Smith** - *will be selling pickles & relish*
- **Set Up** – Thursday, November 20th 11-2 and Friday, November 21st 9-1 - Bring your donated items and come help us set up.

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Christmas Pageant – Save the date!

This year's Christmas pageant, "Christmas Store Window," will be presented on December 21st. Rehearsal schedules and casting details will be shared soon. We look forward to celebrating the season together through this special story of light and hope.

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## **Is Choir Calling Your Name?**

Do you like to sing? Adult choir rehearsal takes place each Thursday at 6:45pm in the church sanctuary. The children's choir (Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) rehearses at 9am each Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

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Women's Book Club

The book club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in Fellowship Hall.

The book choice for November 19 is 'The Mountains Sing' by Nugyen Phan Mai, December 17 is 'Queens of Crime' by Marie Benedict.

Lois Mason loismason418@gmail.com.

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## **Sunday School Coordinator Needed**

The church is looking for a Sunday School Coordinator who would plan and supervise Sunday School for children aged four years through eighth grade.

Principal duties would include:

- Recruit, train and support Sunday school teaching volunteers
- Provide outreach to children who have attended WFC in the past two years
- Assist with teaching Sunday school when needed
- Welcome new families and supervise Sunday school registration
- Assist the Education committee with special programs, such as fall kickoff, Christmas pageant, Mardi Gras brunch and various mission programs
- Attend monthly meetings of the Education committee
- May also include facilitating parent discussions group and coordinating summer vacation bible school

For more information, contact Brian Goodwin at 802-238-4180 or by email at

[Goodwinjsd@gmail.com](mailto:Goodwinjsd@gmail.com)

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Thank you

Thank you again for all you do as a faith community extending love beyond the walls of our building. Together -- we collected \$1389.00 to support our denominational partners through our World Communion Sunday/Neighbors In Need offering. That collection will help fund scholarships for disadvantaged ones, it will support on-going ministries serving native American communities in our country as well as supporting justice and witness ministries through grants to local churches. Together -- we make a difference. What a gift you are.

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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 [donnafellingervt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellingervt@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. 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

Every third Tuesday of the month volunteers from Williston Federated Church provide a meal to the residents and staff at Dismas House in Burlington. We’d like to thank October's volunteers, Dan and Kris Clark as well as Cindy and Don Thurston for making meal components and sharing dinner with Dismas. We continue to welcome offers for future months. You can find the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. One volunteer does not need to be responsible for the entire meal, teamwork is always possible! Volunteers can join those at Dismas for the meal, or they can drop the meal off, whatever works best. Thank you

to everyone for supporting this very meaningful outreach! Please reach out to Lizzy Pope at lizzypope@gmail.com with questions.

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

**Maintain Your Heating Systems as Cooler Weather Approaches**

Here are some tips for saving energy costs as the weather turns cooler. Schedule routine service for home heating systems. Replace furnace and heat pump filters once a month or as needed. Regularly clean the flue vent of wood and pellet burning heaters and clean the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that it is heating efficiently. Stay efficiently warm!!

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Do you have 2-4 hours to transform a low-income neighbor’s life?

Three non-profits are cooperating to help low-income Vermonters get the free weatherization they qualify for. United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Development (CVOEO), and 350Vt are in partnership to provide volunteers to help cut the two year wait time.

Volunteers work the days/times that work for their schedule. We move items out of attics and three feet from basement walls. Most items are less than 5 lbs. Our help frees up the skilled weatherization crews to do their magic and not waste time on moving stuff.

CVOEO data shows homeowners go on to save up to \$1,000 a year—that alone is life transforming. But there is more: the weatherized home is more comfortable year-round, safer, healthier, worth more, and we reduce air pollution, and greenhouse gasses.

To sign up go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwIHLxil2G9Xd0aPB772igUe_ljjV6gbt7xKGOSK3_OHZoGg/viewform

If you have questions email Rev. Kim Hornung-Marcy at: khmarcy@comcast.net

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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!