



Williston Federated Church

April 19, 2026

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.)

He took bread, blessed and
broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened
and **they knew Him.**

- Luke 24:30-31



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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

April 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter / Communion Sunday

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for children up to age three.

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

Leader: We have come from many places,
following different roads.

Donna-Sue Hain,
Co-Lay Leader,
and congregation

**All: We come hungering for greater
understanding.**

Leader: We have come to hear the wisdom of
Scripture.

**All: We come seeking companions in the faith.
We come to grow as disciples in Christ.**

Leader: We have come to discover the One
revealed in the breaking of the bread.

All: Come, let us worship God.

Prelude

Suiong Wong,
piano

Welcome/
Greetings

Pastor Paul Eyer

Words of
Peace
Lighting the
Peace Candle

Pastor Paul Eyer

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	“Open the Eyes of My Heart” Songbook #136 (sing as written) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Congregation and Suiong Wong, piano/organ
Prayer for Transformation	One: Loving God, you are the light of the hearts that love you, the life of the souls that serve you, the inspiration of those who seek you. You are abundant in grace and truth. To turn from you is to fall and to turn towards you is to rise up. All: In your mercy, O God, forgive us where we have gone and point the way to who we can be. In Jesus’ name we pray.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
Silent Confession		
Words of Grace	One: On the Emmaus road, Jesus met friends who were discouraged and disoriented by his death. Yet when he spoke God’s word to them, their hearts burned within them. Hear God’s word of forgiveness today. May the fire of God’s love warm your hearts with God’s promise of peace and new life. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer
Anthem	“In Remembrance of Me”	Senior Choir

Words adapted from scripture (Matthew 6:10 and I Corinthians 11:23-25) by Ragan Courtney
Music by Buryl Red

Adam Hall,
conducting
Suiong Wong,
piano

Time with
Children of
All Ages

Pastor Paul Eyer

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

Chris Burns-
Dibiasio

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

“Breaking Bread”

Pastor Paul Eyer

Celebrations/
Prayer
Requests

Prayer requests may be sent to:
WFCPrayer44@gmail.com or if you are online,
[place them in the chat](#)
Private prayer requests may be sent to:
pastoreyer@gmail.com

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.

Call to Offering		Pastor Paul Eyer
Offering Offertory		Suiong Wong, piano
Doxology	UMC Hymnal #94 (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Suiong Wong, piano and congregation
Prayer of Dedication	All: As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
Service of Holy Communion / the Eucharist / the Lord's Supper	(see bulletin insert)	
Communion Hymn	"O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread" UMC (red) Hymnal #613 (sing all verses)	Suiong Wong, piano and congregation

(sung during
communion)

Life/Mission
of the Church

Pastor Paul Eyer

Closing
Hymn

“On the Day of Resurrection”
UMC (red) Hymnal #309 (sing all verses)
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Suong Wong,
piano and
congregation

Benediction/
Blessing

Pastor Paul Eyer

Postlude

Suong Wong,
piano

Liturgical
Resources

The **Call to Worship, Prayer for Transformation, and Words of Grace** are adapted from “Worship Planner: 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2026, Year A” by the Presbyterian Church in Canada found at <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/>
The **Prayer of Dedication** is adapted from “Liturgy w/communion for April 19, 2026 (Easter 2-A)” from [Lectionary Liturgies](https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/) by Thom Shuman found at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

Ushers: Sylvia & Joe Maloney

Greeter(s): Vicki and Phil Carleton

Coffee Hour: Vicki and Phil Carleton

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

2026 Stewardship Campaign

The very wise and kind Rev. Fred Rogers said "It's not what you have in this life that matters, it's what you do with it. Each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's

one of the things that connects us as neighbors. In our own way, each of us is a giver and a receiver." Many thanks for your past giving to Williston Federated Church and please consider Mr. Rogers' most famous quote - "Won't you be my neighbor" - as you plan your future giving commitment. Our upcoming annual Stewardship Campaign will be taking place in May culminating on Consecration Sunday, May 17 and while you can pledge at any time, we would like to include your pledge in our prayer of dedication that day. Please watch your mailbox for a mailing by the end of April with details on how you can participate in this year's campaign. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask any of the Finance Committee members. With our sincere thanks from Pastor Paul Eyer, Jan Demers, Barb Bristol, Susan Lamb, Simone O'Flaherty, Amy Vaughan, Joan Ebbeson, Shelley Marshall, Sandy Twombly, Dan DiBiasio, Jason Shi and Ivan Wemple.

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### **Thank you from HomeShare Vermont**

At the Saturday April 11 brunch, the Women of the Church hosted Ric Cengeri who described the mission of HomeShare Vermont through a video and PowerPoint. Then Nancy Stone, WFC member, reflected on being a host to 4 HomeShare matches over the years. Soon Khawar Shafi spoke about moving from London, discovering HomeShare Vermont, and his experiences as Nancy's current guest....(Think deep conversations, flying kites and chasing sunsets).

Ric sent this lovely letter to Nancy, reflecting on the gathering of 40 women from the church and community:

*I must tell you, that was the warmest, most beautiful group I have ever presented to. They were entirely respectful during the presentation, laughed at all the right places (and even sighed audibly in spots) and spent time with me afterwards asking more questions and offering more help. I left on a cloud of love and hope.*

*Please send my sincere thanks to every one of the group for welcoming me and allowing me to share the story of what we do. I could tell from everything they said to me that they all are committed to helping others and making our community better. I feel like I made a new roomful of friends!*

*Also, thanks for the contribution to HomeShare Vermont. Another unexpected plus that came from being there on Saturday.*

*Ric Cengeri, HomeShare Vermont (802) 863-5625*

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Food Drive May 9th

Community-Wide Food & Hygiene Drive to benefit the Williston Community Food Shelf May 9th, 9-11am in the church parking lot. In addition to basic food items there is a big need for feminine

hygiene items. If you can't make it on the 9th, you can leave your donations on the table near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed on the 9th. Please sign up on the bulletin board or speak to [Carol Bouchard](#)

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**Annual Meeting Reports**

The Annual Congregation Meeting of Williston Federated Church will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, June 14. Mark your calendars for this important meeting to which all are invited. Committee chairs should have their reports in to the office by May 15.

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Faith Fellowship Fun!

Join us this summer at Illumination Station where we shine a light on who Jesus really is! Mark your calendars! Friday July 10th through Sunday July 12th.
"I am the light of the world..." - John 8:12 Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

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**Ministry for Widows or Widowers**

The WFC Widow/Widower Support Group Monthly Meetings will be held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM in the WFC "Sitting Room" just past Pastor Paul's Office. This is a caring and empathetic group that supports each other through active listening, compassion, and understanding. Ministry Leaders: Kathy Quesnel, Carol Burbank and Ursula White

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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 8th 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 Women's Book Club meets each month in the fellowship hall at 2 pm. Please join us to read and discuss the following books:

May 20: 'The Marriage Portrait' by Maggie O'Farrell.

June 17: 'Snow Flower and the Secret Fan' by Lisa See.

All women are welcome. For more information, contact Lois Mason [loismason418@gmail.com](mailto:loismason418@gmail.com).

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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 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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### **Sunday School Coordinator Needed – Paid Position**

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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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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### **Sunday School Helpers Needed**

We are looking for adults who would be willing to spend 30 fun minutes with our youth as a Sunday School Helper. Our teachers prepare the lesson plans—you simply assist in the classroom and help create a welcoming, supportive environment for the children. This is a flexible opportunity and helpers are only scheduled occasionally to fit your availability.

If you are interested in helping or would like to learn more, please contact Brian Goodwin at 802-238-4180 or by email at [Goodwinjsd@gmail.com](mailto:Goodwinjsd@gmail.com)

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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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### **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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Morning Centering Prayer Group

The Centering Prayer Group meets on Fridays on Zoom, opening at 9:45. The meeting begins at 10am and includes 20 minutes of silent prayer, reading of the Gospel Bible passage of the day and centering on a particular part of the passage and sharing personal impressions about the passage. For zoom link or questions contact Donna Fellingner at 802-355-1700 or 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 by ZOOM ONLY every Monday afternoon from 1:30-2:30. If you'd like to join us, have questions, or 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 in Fellowship Hall. 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 Sitting Room 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 March's volunteers Dan & Kris Clark as well as Carol & Bruce Wyatt for sharing dinner with Dismas, and 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](mailto:lizzypope@gmail.com) with questions.

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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**

Bring in your cans, bottles and batteries for recycling

Just a reminder to bring in your bottles and cans for recycling, there's a collection area near the coat racks (thanks, Don Thurston!) and to bring in your dead batteries, there's a collection bucket inside the church's parking lot entryway.