



Williston Federated Church

April 5, 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.)



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

Pastoral (seminarian) Intern – Dr. Jill Irvine

Emeritus Associate Pastor – Charlie Magill

Co-Lay Leaders – Ashley Dubois and Donna-Sue Hain

Church Office Administrator – Pamela Osborne

Music Director – Adam Hall

Pianist/Organist – Suiong Wong

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

April 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Easter 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.)

Entrance	“Road to Life”	Adam Hall, soloist
Music	Music by Anais Mitchell, arranged by Adam Hall	Senior Choir Suiong Wong, piano Brass quartet: Brandon Jones - Trumpet Christy Pickwell - Trumpet Liv Krajnak - Horn Matt Avery - Trombone Howie Kalfus - Drums
Opening Hymn (processional)	“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMC (red) Hymnal #302 (sing verses 1 ,2, and 4) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Congregation Suiong Wong, organ Brass quartet Brandon Jones - Trumpet

Christy Pickwell -
Trumpet
Liv Krajnak - Horn
Matt Avery -
Trombone
Howie Kalfus -
Drums

Call to
Worship

Leader: This is the day

**All: hope tiptoes us awake; light guides us
through the shadows.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord

**All: plants joy in our winter hearts; drowns
out despair's cries with laughter.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

**All: the day grace does cartwheels in
graveyards; resurrection wonder outshines
the brightest sun; an empty tomb fills us with
good news.**

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

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

Prayer for Today	All: Holy One, just as the women came to the tomb to honor you on that early Easter morning, we gather to praise you this day. May our alleluias resound in adoration and shared joy and the promise of new life. May we encounter your glory in this assembled community as we follow you from the empty tomb into the possibilities that await. Amen.	Dr. Jill Irvine and congregation
Anthem	“Fanfare and Canticle for Easter Day” by Benjamin Harlan	Senior Choir Adam Hall, conducting, and Suiong Wong, piano, and brass quartet
Time with Children of All Ages		Pastor Paul Eyer
Scripture	Matthew 28:1-10	Donna Goodheart
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	“Do Not Be Afraid”	Pastor Paul Eyer
Celebrations/ Prayer Requests	Prayer requests may be sent to: WFPrayer44@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 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

Call to
Offering

Dr. Jill Irvine

Offering
Offertory

"My Lord, What a Morning"
Arranged by Gary Davison

Adam Hall, solo
Suiong Wong,
piano

Doxology

UMC Hymnal #94
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Suiong Wong,
piano and
congregation

Prayer of
Dedication

All: As we offer our gifts on this joyous morning, may they bring light to those in the shadows, laughter to all who mourn, and hope to those longing for life anew. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Dr. Jill Irvine and
congregation

Life/Mission
of the Church

Pastor Paul Eyer

Closing
Hymn

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
Songbook #49
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Congregation
Suiong Wong,
organ
Brass quartet
Brandon Jones -
Trumpet
Christy Pickwell -
Trumpet
Liv Krajnak - Horn
Matt Avery -
Trombone
Howie Kalfus -
Drums

Benediction/
Blessing

Pastor Paul Eyer

Postlude

Suiong Wong,
piano

Liturgical
Resources

The **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Dedication** were adapted from
“Liturgy w/ communion for April 5, 2026 (Easter A) [Lectionary
Liturgies](#) by Thom Shuman found at
<https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>
The **Prayer for Today** is adapted from “They Left The Tomb:
Service Prayers for Resurrection Sunday Year A” written by the
Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for
the United Church of Christ, from [Worship Ways](#) United Church
of Christ, found at [https://www.ucc.org/worship-
way/resurrection-sunday-a-april-5/](https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/resurrection-sunday-a-april-5/)

Ushers: Jane Stickney, Carol Wyatt, and Lizzy Pope

Greeter(s): Barb Bristol

Coffee Hour: Ruth Magill

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

Smile!

Once again, we are bringing back our photobooth TODAY! Stop by the hallway next to Fellowship Hall and have your picture taken in your Easter best!

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### **Women's Potluck Breakfast April 11th with Guest Speaker**

#### **Ric Cengeri, Outreach & Communications Specialist for HomeShare Vermont**

Calling all women. Please save the date for the Annual Women's Breakfast: April 11th 8:30 -10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Our guest speakers will include Ric Cengeri, Outreach & Communications Specialist for [HomeShare Vermont](#) who will explain how the program works. Nancy Stone will share her experiences as host with four matches and her current match will discuss his experience as a guest. There will also be a brief business meeting to decide how we might allocate the money we have raised through our two major fundraisers.

A sign-up sheet for planning purposes will be posted on the bulletin board. For more information speak to [Carol Burbank](#) or [Carol Bouchard](#).

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Sunday April 12th is Earth Day Sunday at Williston Federated Church!

Wear green! And we will hold a seed swap!_Bring seeds you no longer need and we will invite people to take home those they can use! If your seeds are still in the packet bring them that way. If not please identify what they are. We will have instructions on how you figure out if the seeds are still good in the bulleting as the Green tip that day!

Check out our Greenworks Ministry Displays at Coffee Hour: There will be free items to take and information on a variety of topics that help us care for the earth, there will also be activities for young people.

Earth Day is April 22nd but that falls during school break so we are moving things up so most can participate on Sunday April 12th. All this is brought to you by your Greenworks Ministry Team.

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**WOW! What a blessing!**

What a gift you are. This year's special offering to support the grace-filled work of our denominational partners through One Great Hour of Sharing and United Methodist Committee on Relief totaled \$1941.00. This is more the double the offering from last year. What a gifted, caring community of faith extending love and compassion so often to so many - neighbors near and far - all children of God. Thank you again.

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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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**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!

Women's Book Club

The women's book club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in Fellowship Hall. Our book for May 20: 'The Marriage Portrait' by Maggie O'Farrell. All women are welcome. For more information, contact Lois Mason 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

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

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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.

## **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)

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 Fellingert at 802-355-1700

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

## **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. 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**

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**

Spring has sprung and warmer temperatures are inviting you outside. Get out and ride the roads to take in the trees budding and the warm sun on your face. If you are not up to riding a bicycle, consider an ebike or emotorcycle.

A great way to reduce your carbon footprint – hop onto an electric-charged, battery-powered ebike or emotorcycle. The ebikes give your own pedal power a boost when you want it. You can go farther, or faster. And you might be eligible for a rebate. But act soon as some rebates end June 2026. Go this website for more information.

[Find Your Incentives - Drive Electric Vermont](#)

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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!



Name	Dedication
Carmyn Stanko	For peace and justice in this world.
The Andrews Family	To Grandma Nancy & Grandma Bonnie, who would love to be here to celebrate.
Kim Hornung-Marcy and Ted Marcy	In Celebration of Christ's resurrection
Jane Stickney	In memory of many very good friends
Nancy Jenkins and Bryan Jackson	Dedicated to Doris and Russell Jenkins
Michael and Sara Moran	In celebration of family and friends
Brian and Gayle Goodwin	In memory of Gayle's father Richard Wendeborn and Brian's mother Claudia Goodwin
Sally and Will Metro	In memory of Patrick Metro
Sally Wagner and LaVerne Potter	In memory of Peter Prior
WFC Congregants	In gratitude for Carolyn and Larry Pillsbury
Vicki and Phil Carleton	Dedicated to Carrie Baker Dedicated to Mickey Baker Dedicated to Kathryn Lerch Carleton Dedicated to Nat & Kay Carleton
Betsy Shuey	Dedicated to our parents Avery & Betty Shuey and Bob & Nellie Green
Matt Bliss	In memory of Dorothy and Lawrence Bliss
Joe and Sylvia Whitman Maloney	In memory of our parents
Sandy Twombly	Dedicated to my parents, Muriel and Frank Rees
Bill, Polly, and Becca	In loving memory of Romaine DeCamp
Shelley Marshall	In memory of my parents and brother
Jill Irvine	In loving memory of Sue Meigs
Carol and Bruce Wyatt	In memory of our parents, Georgine & Art Wyatt and Dot & Bill Cheney and our brothers Michael Wyatt and Hank Cheney.