



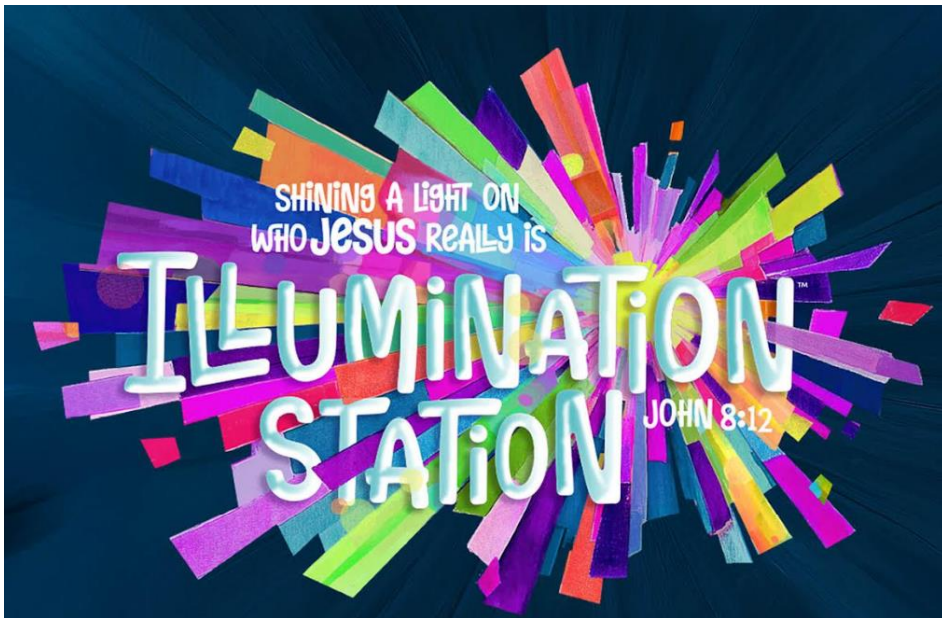
Williston Federated Church

July 12, 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.)

Faith  Fellowship  Fun



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Pastoral (seminarian) Intern – Dr. Jill Irvine

Emeritus Associate Pastor – Charlie Magill

Lay Leader – Donna-Sue Hain

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

July 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Faith, Fellowship, and Fun 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	Leader: One: Praise is due to God, whose ways are the joy of our hearts. All: God holds our lives and our hands. Happy are we who praise the Holy One! One: Jesus models the way of compassion, peace, justice, and strength. All: May we follow in the way of Jesus.	Donna-Sue Hain, Lay Leader, and congregation
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Prelude		Carol Schein, piano
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Welcome/ Greetings		Pastor Paul Eyer
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Words of Peace Lighting the Peace Candle		Pastor Paul Eyer
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Opening Hymn	"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Songbook #49 (sing twice) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carol Schein, piano, and congregation
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Prayer for Today	All: God who gathers us together, we delight to be in community with you and one another. Let us sing songs uplifted by your Spirit. May our prayers be formed in your name and granted by your wisdom. May we know you, Divine Mystery, and come to know ourselves better and deeper because we have entered your presence as a community of faithful, questioning, and hope-seeking participants in your realm on earth. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
2026 Faith, Fellowship, Fun finale	Illumination Station - Shining a Light on who Jesus really is! Focus Scripture: John 8:12	FFF Campers
Passing of the Peace	Pastor (and children): The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
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

Come, Meet Christ, Go Serve with Us

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		Carol Schein, piano
Doxology	UMC Hymnal #94 (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carol Schein, piano, and congregation
Prayer of Dedication (unison)	All: Generous God, receive these gifts that we offer. May they be magnified to bless our community and the world. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
Life/Mission of the Church		Pastor Paul Eyer
Closing Hymn	“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” UMC (red) Hymnal #160 (sing verses 1, 3,& 5) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Carol Schein, piano, and congregation
Benediction/ Blessing		Pastor Paul Eyer
Postlude		Carol Schein, piano

Liturgical Resources

The **Call to Worship, Prayer for Today, and Prayer of Dedication** were adapted from “Drink: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Year “ written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ, found at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-7a-july-12/>

The Faith, Fellowship, and Fun curriculum was drawn from “Illumination Station” from Lifeway Press, 2025 (lifeway.com/vbs)

Ushers: Cathi Brody and Chris Stewart

Greeter(s): Leslie Murray and Don Thurston

Coffee Hour: Cindy Thurston

Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach

Online Prayer Coordinator: Kelly Swartz



To give online, use the QR code above.

This Week and Beyond at Williston Federated Church

Expressions of Peace

Our community of faith at Williston Federated Church includes a wide range of perspectives and opinions about many topics, including worship. In response to input from some in the congregation, we have been experimenting with various practices of "passing the peace" during our worship services.

On June 28, we began passing the peace immediately following the “time with children”. The children will assist in inviting people in the congregation to share in this custom.

NOTE: This is an experiment which we will continue over the next several weeks. Your feedback is welcome.

And, as always, the peace of Christ is with you... Prayerfully, Pastor Paul

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#### **A note from the Caring Circle Concerning a Transportation Need**

Presently, there is a need to provide transportation once a month to and from church for two of our members who live in Essex. Three Sundays are covered, but due to life changes, we need one other person to pick them up once a month and take them home after church. It is a short distance, and their homes are close to each other.

Two other members who live nearby would also be grateful for rider to and from church. If either opportunity might work for you, please contact Carol Burbank at [carolburbank@comcast.net](mailto:carolburbank@comcast.net) for more information and she can send the details.

On behalf of the Caring Circle, thank you for your consideration. Blessings, Carol Burbank

### **Growing in Discipleship: An Exciting Opportunity**

Under the expert coaching guidance of Paul Nickerson, Williston Federated Church is now exploring new ways to offer opportunities for each of us to deepen our faith journey. We will meet again on Tuesday evening, July 14 at 7p.m. in the Sitting Room (across the hall from the Pastor's Study as well as on Zoom). If you are interested in being part of this small group helping us move forward on the path of discipleship, please contact our pastoral (seminarian) intern Dr. Jill Irvine at [jillirvine@gmail.com](mailto:jillirvine@gmail.com).

### **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

### **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:

July 15: 'The Listeners' by Maggie Stiefvater

August 19: 'The Correspondent' by Virginia Evans

September 16: 'The Yellow House' by Sarah Broom

October 21: 'The Berry Pickers' by Amanda Peters

November 18: 'Last Bus to Wisdom' by Ivan Doig

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

### **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.

### **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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**Monday Women’s Bible Study**

The women's Bible study group has adjourned for the summer as of May 25. We will meet again after Labor Day, the exact date to be determined. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please look for the notice as we approach the fall.

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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 June’s volunteers Polly Malik and Janet Rutkowski 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**

Tips for keeping your car cooler this summer.

Are you already wishing for snow and cold??? Well, here's a few tips for keeping your car a bit cooler when it's broiling out there!

- Use a reflective windshield: Sun shades bounce sunlight and UV rays away from your car, helping to cool down the cabin temperature. Some high-quality reflective windshield sun shades can drop the interior vehicle temperature up to 40 degrees.
- Cover Your Steering Wheel And Car Seats: Simply throwing light-colored towels or blankets over your steering wheel and car seats is another way to help keep things cooler inside, as these portions of your car's cabin tend to get the hottest. This will make it far more comfy when you're first getting settled, as the backs of your legs won't feel the burn of the hot seat surface when you're wearing shorts or a skirt.
- Crack The Windows and Park in the Shade: (But you knew that already 😊)