



Williston Federated Church

June 14, 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.)

All beginnings are
delightful; the threshold is
the place to pause.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

June 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

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: God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

Ashley Dubois,
Lay Leader and
congregation

All: God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.

Leader: God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

All: God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.

Leader: God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

All: God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of your miraculous works all around us.

Prelude		Suiong Wong, piano
Welcome/ Greetings		Pastor Paul Eyer
Words of Peace Lighting the Peace Candle		Dr. Jill Irvine
Opening Hymn	<p>“Be Still My Soul” UMC (red) Hymnal #534 (verses 1-3) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)</p>	Suiong Wong, piano and congregation
Prayer for Today (adapted from a “A Blessing for the Road Ahead,” by Jan Richardson)	<p>One: May the Divine who has carried us through seasons of planting and harvest, through years of questions and years of clarity, remain with us now as we stand on the threshold of what comes next.</p> <p>All: May we remember that no faithful step we have taken together has been wasted.</p> <p>One: Every prayer spoken in hope, every hand extended in care, every act of courage, every moment when we chose love over fear—all of it has shaped the ground beneath our feet today.</p> <p>All: May we trust that the future is not something we must force open by our own strength alone.</p>	Dr. Jill Irvine and congregation

One: The same Spirit that gathered us in the beginning is already moving ahead of us, preparing paths we cannot yet see, opening doors we have not yet reached, and planting seeds that will grow in their time. When decisions feel difficult and the road seems uncertain, may we listen deeply—for the quiet wisdom among us, for the voices that call us toward compassion, for the gentle prompting of the Divine who so often speaks in patience and in peace.

All: May we have the courage to release what has completed its season. May we have the imagination to welcome what is being born among us. May we discover again and again that our greatest strength is not in having all the answers, but in walking faithfully together. Amen.

Anthem	“Peace Pilgrim's Prayer” by Shawn Kirchner	Adult Choir Adam Hall, conducting Suiong Wong, piano
Children's Time		Pastor Paul Eyer
Scripture	Genesis 18:1-18	Ashley Dubois

Prayer of Illumination	All: Come Holy, Spirit, come. Take our lips and speak through them. Take our minds and think through them. Take our hearts and set them on fire. In Christ’s name we ask. Amen.	Dr. Jill Irvine and congregation
Sermon	“To Pause at the Threshold”	Dr. Jill Irvine
Celebrations/ Prayer Requests/ Prayers of the People	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	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 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		Pastor Paul Eyer
Offering Offertory Hymn		Suong Wong, piano/organ

Doxology	UMC Hymnal #94 (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Suiong Wong, piano and congregation
Prayer of Dedication (unison)	All: God of grace and goodness, your world is full of gifts that sustain our lives. We offer our gifts in gratitude. Bless them and make them signs of your presence at work in the world, touching lives in need with your love and strength. Amen.	Dr. Jill Irvine and congregation
Life/Mission of the Church		Pastor Paul Eyer
Closing Hymn	“We Walk by Faith” Songbook #157 (verses 1,3,4 and then repeat verse 1) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Suiong Wong, piano and congregation
Benediction/ Blessing (adapted from “A Blessing for the Road Ahead” by Jan Richardson)	One: As we enter into an important threshold moment in the life of our church, our annual meeting, let us see this as a time of wondering and possibility, as a beautiful new chapter in the life we share. So go forward with hope. Go forward with grace. Go forward with open hearts. And may the blessing of the Divine go with us now and in every step to come. Amen.	Dr. Jill Irvine
Postlude		Suiong Wong, piano

Liturgical Resources

The **Call to Worship** was adapted from Discipleship Ministries, The UMC
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/forming-a-family-preparing-a-people/week-2-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-2-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-liturgical-resources> “

The **Prayer for Today** was adapted from "A Blessing for the Road Ahead" by Jan Richardson

The **Prayer of Dedication** was adapted from "Worship Planner, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, June 14, 2026, Year A" the Presbyterian Church in Canada found at
<https://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

The **Benediction** was adapted from "A Blessing for the Road Ahead" by Jan Richardson

Ushers: Heather and Dean Lewis

Greeter(s): Shelley Marshall

Coffee Hour: Louise Kyle

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

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, the decision has been made to take a temporary step back from the practice of "passing the peace" during our worship services.

As we resume what is known as Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar, this might be a meaningful moment to experiment with worship services that do not include a "passing the peace" component. (We will of course still pray for peace and light the peace candle each Sunday.) **And at the conclusion of the worship service, you are invited to share greetings of peace with those around you and beyond.**

NOTE: This is an experiment which we will undertake during this new liturgical season. Your feedback is welcome.

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

Prayerfully,

Pastor Paul

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### **Faith Fellowship Fun!**

This summer, we invite you to join us at Illumination Station! Join us as we shine a light on who Jesus really is through music, games and crafts. We have something for all ages, adults too! Nursery provided.

Mark your calendars! Friday July 10th through Sunday July 12th

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, please visit: [www.steeple.org](http://www.steeple.org) or scan the QR code.

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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 next on Tuesday evening, June 30 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.

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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.

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Cathi Brody, our group organizer, to let her know you plan to walk or if you have any questions.

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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 New American 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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**Ice Cream on the Village Green this Summer**

Join us June 24th, July 16th & 29th and Aug. 12th 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 or Dan Clark for more information. (Of course, the annual ice cream social will take place on Friday, July 3. Matt Bliss will be spearheading our participation in the annual ice cream social.)

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Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for TODAY! Sunday, June 14

The Official Board has scheduled the annual congregational meeting of Williston Federated Church to take place TODAY Sunday, June 14, immediately following the worship service. The annual meeting will be hybrid. in-person in Fellowship Hall and online via Zoom. (See the Zoom access information below.)

Among the many great things about Williston Federated Church is that the congregation members have such a significant voice in important decisions. This is your chance to be part of those conversations!

We hope that you will be part of this meaningful meeting on June 14.

Zoom access information:

Williston Federated Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: annual congregational meeting

Time: Jun 14, 2026 10:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87850084599?pwd=Bza1yMCJsBbdaQUhLAhsaCokVvi8Wv.1>

Meeting ID: 878 5008 4599

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Join by SIP

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Join instructions

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meetings/87850084599/invitations?signature=KExzCPaEkt97xtWz6pFSjppDJu2rXTyHsCKnk1AQlvc](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meetings/87850084599/invitations?signature=KExzCPaEkt97xtWz6pFSjppDJu2rXTyHsCKnk1AQlvc)

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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:

June 17: 'The Light Pirate' by Lily Brooks-Dalton

July 15: 'The Listeners' by Maggie Stiefvater

August 19: 'The Correspondent' by Virginia Evans

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

Summer is finally here! And while we've had plenty of rain lately, it never hurts to save water. Here's a couple of reminders:

- Water your lawn or garden in the early morning or evening to minimize evaporation.
- Raise your lawnmower blade, longer grass promotes deeper root growth and helps the soil retain moisture.
- Add mulch around plants and trees to reduce surface water evaporation and prevent weed growth.

And you could save 2-3 gallons per day by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth !!!

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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 is on Friday mornings opening at 9:30am and beginning at 9:45am. The Centering Prayer group gathers via ZOOM ONLY for silent prayer and Bible discussion. For Zoom code or questions call/text Donna Fellingner 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 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](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 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 April's volunteers Dan Clark, Kris Clark, and Sara Moran 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 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!