

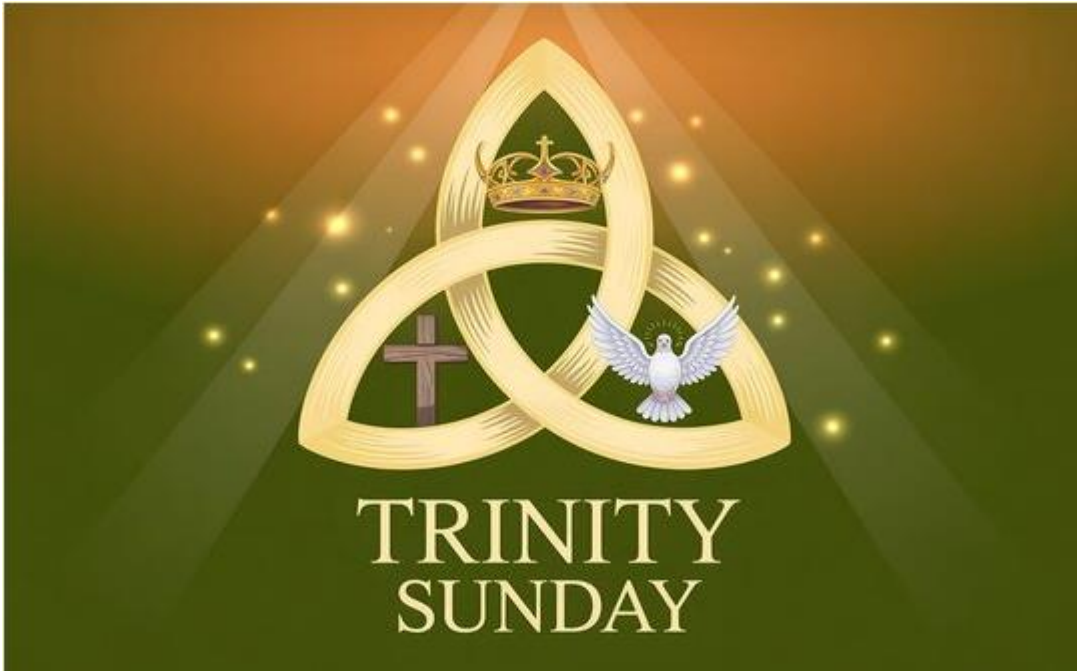


Williston Federated Church

May 31, 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 – Carol Schein

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

May 31, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday / Baptism

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, whose imagination saw all that is good, beautiful, and loving,
All: continues to see us as beloved children in the divine family.

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

Leader: The Word which called forth the stars
in every universe,

All: speaks to us of giving ourselves through the baptismal life.

Leader: The Spirit, which moved over creation,
breathing life into all things,

All: fills us with peace and patience, with hope and healing to share.

Prelude

Carol Schein,
piano

Welcome/
Greetings

Pastor Paul Eyer

Words of
Peace

Pastor Paul Eyer

Lighting the
Peace Candle

Opening Hymn	<p>“How Majestic is Your Name” Songbook #54 (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)</p>	Carol Schein, piano and congregation
Prayer for Today	<p>One: O God, You poured your imagination into chaos, stirring all your dreams, hopes and placing them on that palette called your heart. You began to paint on the blank canvas of creation, azure for clear morning skies, bright yellows for marigolds, deep green for grass in the meadows, red and orange tickling lazy sunsets. Simply, faithfully, graciously, all was offered to those created in your image. All: But sometimes we would turn aside from your glorious creation and creativity, and would paint our lives in death’s greyness. One: You sent prophets and artists, singers and poets, to point us back to your beauty and art, All: but there were times when we preferred the bleak mirages offered by temptation and foolishness. One: Finally, you appealed to your Word to bring us the good news of your irrepressible loving heart. All: With those who see and worship, as well as those who doubt and despair, we offer our songs of praise to you. Amen.</p>	Dr. Jill Irvine and congregation
Anthem	“Psalm 23: A Song of Hope”	Senior Choir

Composed by Heather Sorenson

Adam Hall,
conducting
Carol Schein,
piano

Time with
Children of
All Ages

Pastor Paul Eyer

Baptism of
Kai Stone

Today we baptize Kai Stone, son of Eric Stone
and Elke Reichelt, grandson of Nancy Stone,
Patricia Dantzschler, Kurt and Laura Reichelt

Pastor Paul Eyer
and congregation

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*Pastor: Do you, who witness and celebrate
this sacrament, promise your love, support,
and care to Kai Stone as he lives and grows in
Christ?*

**People: We promise our love, support and
care.**

Baptismal
Hymn

“I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry”
Songbook #127 (sing all verses)

Carol Schein,
piano and
congregation

Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20

Ursula White

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

“Making Disciples”

Pastor Paul Eyer

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	
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	"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMC (red) Hymnal #402 (sing all verses, with the third verse sung <i>a capella</i>)	Carol Schein, piano/organ
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: God of overflowing love, receive our gifts as signs of our love and commitment to live for you. Bless our gifts and our lives, that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as we follow Jesus, equipped by the Spirit to serve you well and wisely. Amen.	Dr. Jill Irvine and congregation
Life/Mission of the Church		Pastor Paul Eyer
Closing Hymn	“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” UMC (red) Hymnal #584 (sing all verses) (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	<p>The Call to Worship and Prayer for Today are adapted from “Liturgy w/ communion June 11, 2017 (Trinity - A) from <u>Lectionary Liturgies</u> by Thom Shuman, found at https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2017/06/liturgy-with-communion-for-june-11-2017.html</p> <p>The Baptismal Liturgy was adapted from the <i>Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ (1986)</i> at pages 127-144 and from “Liturgy for the Celebration of Life” by Rev. Rex A.E. Hunt, the <i>Uniting Church of St. James, Curtin, Australia</i> at http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/special_liturgies/baptism.html</p> <p>The Prayer of Dedication was adapted from “Worship Planner, 1st Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026, Year A” from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, found at https://presbyterian.ca/worship/</p>	

Ushers: Donna Goodheart and Dan Clark
Greeter(s): Cindy Thurston
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

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.

This Sunday marks the resumption of what is known as Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar, so 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 (which continues until Advent). 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 2 at 7:30 p.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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### **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, also at 6:30pm. Matt Bliss will be spearheading our participation in the annual ice cream social.)

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Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 14

The Official Board has scheduled the annual congregational meeting of Williston Federated Church to take place on 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

Passcode: 458003

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Join by SIP

• 87850084599@zoomcrc.com

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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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

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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

[donnafellnergvt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellnergvt@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!

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How Might You Share Your Gifts & Talents?

The Nominating Committee has begun the process of inviting folks to serve on a church committee for the 2026-2027 fiscal year which begins July 1st. WFC plays a vital role in our lives and our response to the needs of our community and the wider world. We are asking that you prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to share your gifts and talents. Most committees meet monthly, and many take a break in the summer. Terms can be from 1-3 years. Committees include: Official Board, Trustees, Pastor Staff Relations, Finance, Education, Membership, Music & Worship, Missions & Social Concerns & Youth Ministry. There is a handout on the table in the gallery that gives a description of each committee. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about any of these committees, please speak to a member of the Nominating Committee: Rebecca Dubois, Donna Goodheart, Carol Bouchard or Pastor Paul.