

# The Steeple Newsletter – June 2026



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

In-person and online

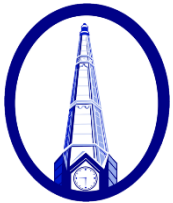
9:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Williston Federated Church offers hybrid worship—both in person and online—each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. You can view our weekly Sunday bulletin and other church activities/communications on our webpage at:

<http://www.steeple.org/>

We continue to live stream our service on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/WillistonFederatedChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WillistonFederatedChurch)



## Williston Federated Church



United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church  
Federated in 1899



### 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.)*



Ginger Isham and Trevor Lewis - June 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Robert Nesbit - June 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Joe Maloney - June 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Barb Bristol and Connor Lewis - June 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Sarah Mason - June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Simone O'Flaherty – June 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Jan Demers – June 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Rick Bristol - June 26<sup>th</sup>



Carol & Paul Bouchard - June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Brian & Gayle Goodwin – June 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Bruce & Carol Wyatt - June 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Kyle Sala & Lizzy Pope - June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Mike & Sara Moran - June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Jon & Kirsten Santor – June 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Ted Marcy & Kim Hornung-Marcy - June 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Betty & Gary Lewis - June 30<sup>th</sup>



We rejoice with and give thanks for these members of our church family who are celebrating birthdays in June. We would love to celebrate your birthday/anniversary in the monthly newsletter.

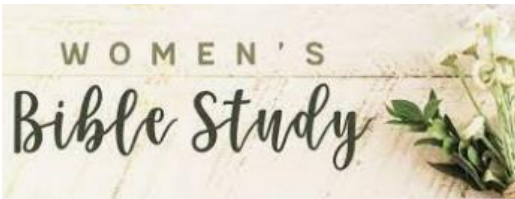
If you would like to be included, please send names & dates to Carol Bouchard, Membership Committee Chair, at [carolbouchard@gmail.com](mailto:carolbouchard@gmail.com)

# What's Happening



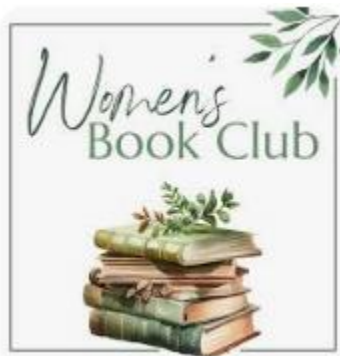
## Thursday afternoon Centering Prayer Group

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)



## 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.



## 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

WIDOW & WIDOWER  
SUPPORT GROUP



## 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



### **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](mailto:cmagillvt@aol.com).



### **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.



### **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.



### **Don't miss Youth Sunday on June 7**

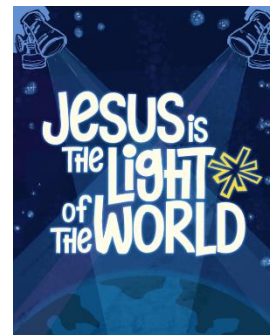
At Williston Federated Church, we recognize that the youth among us are not just the church of tomorrow, they are the church of today. On Sunday, June 7, some of our outstanding young people will lead us in worship. You won't want to miss this inspiring service lead by those who will carry forward God's message of love into the future.

If you or a young person you know, are interested in participating in this Youth Sunday Service, please contact Heather Lewis at [hmlewis06@gmail.com](mailto:hmlewis06@gmail.com)



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.



### 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 or 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!

#### 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

---

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,87850084599#,,,,\*458003# US (Chicago)

+16469313860,,87850084599#,,,,\*458003# US

---

Join by SIP

- [87850084599@zoomcrc.com](mailto:87850084599@zoomcrc.com)

Join instructions

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/87850084599?signature=KExzCPaEkt97xtWz6pFSjppDJu2rXTyHsCKnk1AQlvc>

We hope that you will be part of this meaningful meeting on June 14. Committee chairs are reminded that they should have their reports in to the office by May 15.



### 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.





## 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](#).



## 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.)



Pastor – Reverend Paul Eyer  
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  
Nursery Caregiver – Michelle Davis