

The Steeple Newsletter – October, 2025



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.)



Cathy Connelly – October 16th

Joseph Dubois, Thomas Beach and Ruth Magill – October 20th

Michael Wayman – October 21st

Chloe Barges – October 22nd

Judy Pillsbury – October 26th

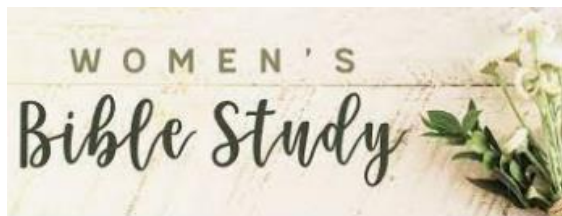
Logan Vaughan – October 28th



Dan & Judy Pillsbury – October 19th

We rejoice with and give thanks for these members of our church family who are celebrating birthdays in October. 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



Women's Bible Study

Dr. Sally Stockwell Metro facilitates a group that has been meeting regularly since early 2022. This women's Bible study meets both in person in the Sitting Room (near Church office) and on ZOOM on Mondays from 1:30-2:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Sally at ssmetro9@gmail.com.



Women's Book Club

The book club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in Fellowship Hall.

The book choice for October 15 is 'Gather' by Kenneth Cadow, November 19 is 'The Mountains Sing' by Nugyen Phan Mai, December 17 is 'Queens of Crime' by Marie Benedict.

Lois Mason loismason418@gmail.com.



Blessing of the Animals - October 5

Calling all pets! Bring your favorite animals (furry, fishy, or otherwise) to our annual observance of the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. We will plan to meet on the recreational path near the volleyball courts at Village Community Park (formerly Williston Community Park). Is your four-legged friend not a fan of the great outdoors? Feel free to bring a photo or other representation for Pastor Paul to bless. Please see Cathi Brody for more information. We hope to see you - and your pets - at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5.



Choir for All Ages!

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!



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner and Kid's Movie Night October 11th 5:30 PM

Join in this fun event where no one knows where they will dine until that night and the hosts won't know who is coming to dinner until the guests arrive at their door. Hosts will provide the main course. Guests will bring an appetizer or a dessert. Hosts will be notified by 10/7 of the number of guests to expect and any dietary restrictions. Guests will be notified of what they should bring.

Fill out the confidential form available from an usher or on the bulletin board and drop it in the offering or in the envelope hanging on the bulletin board. No peeking! Or you may sign up online. Once your reservation appears online, the information will be transferred to a paper form and deleted from the site. This will aid us in keeping the participants a mystery to all. Please indicate if you want to host or be a guest or are flexible. If you are willing to host, how many guests can you accommodate? Also, please note any dietary restrictions.

Guests will stop by the church at 5:30pm on the 11th and be given an envelope with the name and address of their host. Children will stay at the church for dinner and a movie hosted by Heather & Dean Lewis. Pickup time for children is by 8:00 pm.

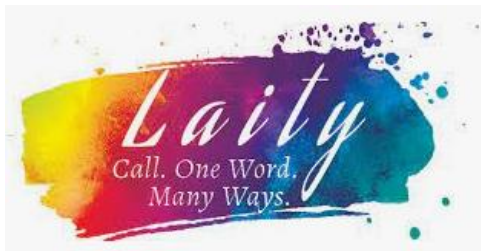
When the evening is over, guests head home happy, filled and fulfilled and hosts will be basking in the glory of offering hospitality for stronger connections – stronger community.

Deadline to sign up is October 5th. Speak to [Gary Lewis](#) with any questions.



Baptism October 12

The baptism of Amelia Lodge has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 12. (Amelia is the daughter Xander and Natalie Lodge and the sister of Jack and Finn Lodge.) Come celebrate this joyous occasion during our worship service that Sunday.



Laity Sunday, October 19

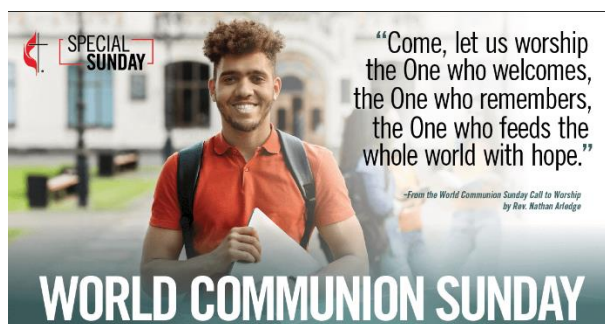
On October 19, lay people will lead the worship service at Williston Federated Church, with our own Sally Stockwell Metro preaching. You don't want to miss this special on Sunday, October 19. Our children's choir will be singing in worship that Sunday as well!



World Communion Sunday, October 5

Traditionally we decorate the altar with a variety of breads. This year the members of Music and Worship invite the members of the congregation to contribute breads that we can donate to the Williston Food Shelf. Breads can come in all sizes, shapes and types. Maybe there is a family recipe you have,

or a special bakery you go to buy a specific bread. Maybe Wonder bread is your favorite! Or maybe you like rolls or a quick bread. Whatever you like, please bring the bread wrapped and sealed in a plastic bag or wrap. Bring it Sunday, October 5 before the service and we will place it on the altar. Thank you!



Better Together

World Communion Sunday, October 5, will give all of us an opportunity to not only receive the gift of communion but to extend the gift of love to the world through our World Communion Sunday/Neighbors In Need offering. Through our two denominational connections our offering, which will be split evenly between them, will

help fund educational opportunities focusing on equity and inclusion nationally and world-wide, as well as providing support for Native Americans and providing grants to local churches offering programs focusing on justice and witness ministries. One offering from one congregation, joining others to make a difference around the world. Checks can be **made out to the church with a memo "WCS-NIN"**. **For your convenience you can use this QR code to access a "donation" form.** Thank you ALL!





Save the Date for the **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Here is a preview for the Christmas Bazaar on **November 22nd**, sponsored by the Women of the Church. A signup will appear late October.

Craft Table - Chairperson, Carol Bouchard - We need hand crafted items such as mittens, scarves, ornaments, jewelry, wooden items, Christmas ornaments or other holiday decorations.

Bake Sale Table - Chairperson, Rebecca Dubois - We need all sorts of baked goods including pies, cakes, cookies, candies, breads, jams, pickles, fudge etc. The bake sale table is one of the most popular. ***Please package cookies, bars, fudge etc. in small packages and deliver to church on Friday or by 8:30 Saturday***

Plant Table – Chairperson Sally Metro - We are looking for houseplants, dried flowers, bulbs, wreaths, gourds, gifts for gardeners.

Attic Treasures – Chairperson, Sylvia Maloney – We are looking for ***small*** items: collectibles, old linens, jewelry, Christmas decorations, small treasures.

Soups To Go - We are seeking soups pre-packaged in containers (to be provided) & delivered cold to church Friday or Saturday morning.

Nancy Stone - will be selling her artwork

Tasha Pashby-Rockwood - will be selling her knit hats and more.

JJ Garcia will be selling his crafty creations.

Partners in Adventure will be selling granola.

Set Up – Thursday, November 20th 9-12 and Friday, November 21st 9-1 - Bring your donated items and come help us set up.



Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed for October 26th

The Williston Federated Church and the Williston-Richmond Rotary Club are once again teaming up to host a Halloween Trunk or Treat event on October 26th from 2:00-3:30 PM at the Community Park behind Williston Central School. We are seeking volunteers to participate by attending and handing out treats from your vehicle. This is a free event open to children of the area. Come and enjoy the excitement of our children in a safe and friendly environment. Decorated trunks and costumes are optional but encouraged. Pre-registration is required. [Please sign up here](#) or on the bulletin board at church.



Pastor – Reverend Paul Eyer
Pastoral (seminarian) Intern – Jill Irvine
Emeritus Associate Pastor – Charlie Magill
Lay Leader – Ashley Dubois
Church Office Administrator – Pamela Osborne
Music Director – Adam Hall
Organist – Carolyn Pillsbury
Choir Accompanist – Suiong Wong
Nursery Caregiver – Michelle Davis