

The Steeple Newsletter – September, 2025



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

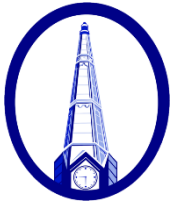
In-person and online

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

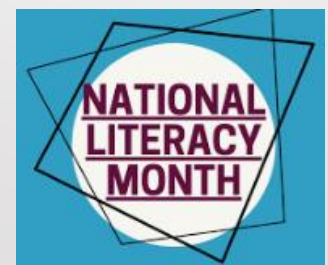
We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability as well as racial, 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.)



- Heather Rivera - September 4th
- Jonah Wayman and Donna Fellingner – September 6th
- Bruce Allen – September 7th
- Bruce Wyatt – September 9th
- William Santor – September 11th
- Carlos Rivera – September 14th
- Meaghan Goodheart – September 17th
- Michael Moran – September 23rd
- Bryan Connelly – September 25th



- Martin & Donna-Sue Hain - September 1
- Bob & Sandy Twombly - September 4
- Rick & Barb Bristol and Tony & Susan Lamb - September 7
- Marty & Cathy Connelly - September 8



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

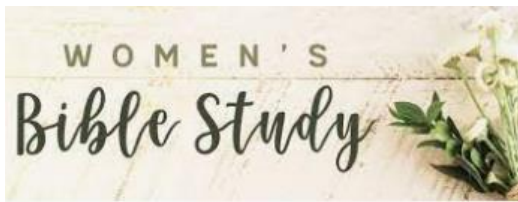
If you would like to be included, please send names & dates to Carol Bouchard, Membership Committee Chair, at carolbouchard@gmail.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING



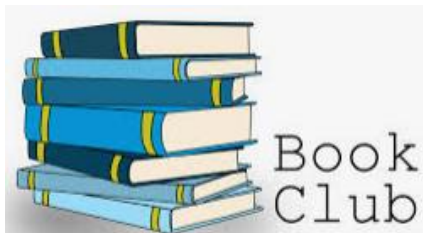
Monday Morning Centering Prayer Group

The Centering Prayer Group meets on Mondays with a start time of 10:45am. The Centering Prayer group gathers via Zoom ONLY for silent prayer and Bible discussion. This is a zoom only meeting. It will open at 10:45; 11-11:20 Silent Prayer; 11:20-12:00 discussion of the Bible Passage of the day along with lunch; 12-1pm continuation of lunch and visiting. For Zoom code or questions, call/text Donna Fellingner at 802-355-1700 or email at donnafellnergvt@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



Church Book Club

The Church book club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in Fellowship Hall. The upcoming book choices are:

September 17: 'Three Days in June' by Anne Tyler

October 15: 'Gather' by Kenneth Cadow

Lois Mason loismason418@gmail.com.



Pride Parade on September 7th

Once again, Williston Federated Church plans to participate in the annual Pride Parade in downtown Burlington TODAY, Sunday, September 7. "Line Up Location" is St. Paul Street between Main and College Streets (across

from City Hall Park). The parade begins at 12 Noon, and we need to be in place prior to that time.



Corn Roast and Sundae Sunday September 14th

Join us September 14th right after worship as we bid a fond farewell to summer, celebrate the beginning of a new program year and welcome the return of the Senior Choir.

We will gather on the church lawn, weather permitting, or in Fellowship Hall. Corn on the cob, burgers, hot dogs, salad, watermelon and ice cream Sundaes are on the menu.

Help is needed with setup, grilling & cleanup. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or [follow this link to an online signup](#). Co-sponsored by the Education and Membership Committees.



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) will resume rehearsals at 9am each Sunday in Fellowship Hall, beginning next Sunday, September 14. Let us make a

joyful noise to the Lord!



Welcome Jill Irvine!

We are delighted to welcome to Williston Federated Church Dr. Jill Irvine, who will be serving as a pastoral (seminarian) intern with our congregation this coming academic year. Jill is currently a Master of Divinity student at Moravian Theological Seminary. (Moravian Seminary is now formally connected with Lancaster Theological Seminary, whose alumni/ae include Pastor Paul, his wife Jackie Lingelbach, and Gary Lewis of our congregation.) Jill's remarkable background includes a Ph.D. from Harvard and career in academia at the University of Oklahoma. Enjoy getting to know Jill in the coming weeks and months!



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