

# The Steeple Newsletter – June, 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

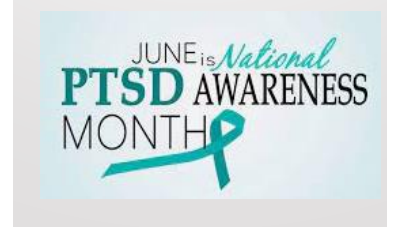
*We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability as well as racial,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



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)

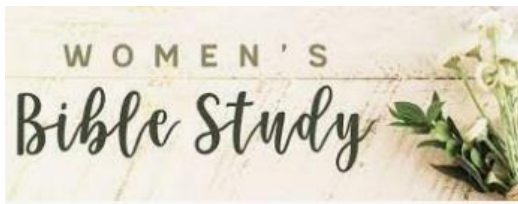


# What's Happening



## Thursday afternoon Centering Prayer Group

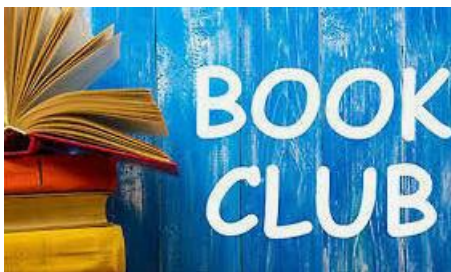
The Centering Prayer Group moved back to Thursdays with a start time of 2:00pm. The Centering Prayer group gathers via Zoom ONLY for silent prayer and Bible discussion. For Zoom code or questions call/text Donna Fellingner 802-355-1700 or email at [donnafellnergervt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellnergervt@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto:ssmetro9@gmail.com)



## Church Book Club

Our book club will continue through the summer. On June 18, we'll discuss 'American Street' by Ibi Zoboi. This is a young adult book about a young girl from Haiti. Her mother is detained by immigration, leaving her to navigate the rest of her trip to her relatives. I hope that you will join us for these meetings. Lois Mason. 879-7263.

Pastor Paul.



## Annual Congregational Meeting

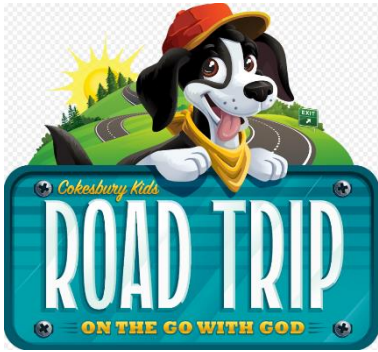
The Annual Congregation Meeting of Williston Federated Church will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, June 8. Mark your calendars for this important meeting to which all are invited.



### Acolyte Training

Our worship is enhanced by the role of children and youth who light the candles that grace the altar at the beginning of each Sunday morning worship service. The official liturgical name for these candle-lighting youth is “acolyte.” If you are in the third grade or higher and are interested in training to become an acolyte, let Pastor Paul know.

## Faith + Fellowship ♥ Fun



This summer, we invite you to join us around the campfire! Children ages 3-12 are invited to Camp Firelight! Through stories, games, crafts and science experiments, Campers will learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings.

Mark your calendars! Friday July 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 for Faith Fellowship Fun, please visit <https://forms.gle/wG9hBxhXySA6qhgw6>

### FFF Volunteers!

We are looking for adult and youth Navigators to join our team for Faith Fellowship Fun! If you are interested in food, games, crafts, science or music, please check out the sign up on the bulletin board downstairs. Let's have some smooth sailing on our Road Trip!



### Smile for the Camera

The Membership Committee is putting together an updated pictorial directory, and we need your help. Please email a family photo to [Carol Bouchard](#) by July 15th.

- If you prefer, Heather Lewis will be on hand June 15th & 22nd before & after church to take your family photo. She will have her Easter photo booth set up (minus the Easter eggs).

- For any who are happy with the photo from the 2023 directory,

let [Carol](#) know and we will use that one.

- If you prefer not to be included, please let [Carol](#) know.

Copies of the new directory will be available in September.





It was a joy and a privilege to welcome these new members on April 27th.  
(Not pictured is Sara Brennan.)



**Kathy Quesnel** was born in Underhill. VT on the Rawson Farm. Her work career has been varied and includes: The Federal Government; DOD, NSA, & the FBI as well as Middlebury college. Her husband passed away in 2022 from Alzheimers. She has 4 children & 6 grandchildren, She keeps busy in retirement by volunteering for Therapy Dogs of Vermont. She and her canine companion, Bailey, visit hospitals, schools, the State Police and businesses.



**Thomas Beach** and his wife, Nancy Aitken, have been married 35 years, They recently moved to Williston. Thomas was born in Washington DC. He enjoys reading, playing & composing music, golf & writing. He & Nancy have one son. Thomas states that he felt part of the Williston Federated Church from the first time he walked in the door.



**Rev. Dr. Lynn Bujnak** was born in Belleville IL and resides in Burlington. She currently serves as the Conference Minister for the VT Conference of the United Church of Christ. She has four grown children, and seven grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys playing mountain dulcimer, fly fishing, making greeting cards and the Burlington Bike Trail.



**Betsy Shuey & Bob Green** - Bob was born in Connecticut but grew up in Randolph VT. He has three siblings: two in Vermont and one in Kansas. Bob enjoys music, fishing, boating and reading. Both Bob & Betsy have been members of the UCC their entire life. Betsy was born in San Jose, CA. She grew up on a rural ranch in Northern CA. She has one brother who lives in CA and extended family across the country. Betsy enjoys flower arranging, traveling, time at camp in the Adirondacks, boating, swimming, music, the arts, time with friends and family, and pets. She and Bob have been married almost 30 years.





### **Summer Sunday School!**

We need you to step in as Summer Sunday School teachers for our Elementary class!

- Video lessons are provided to make teaching easy and enjoyable.
- It's a fun and rewarding experience where you can connect with kids and share in their growth.
- Your support helps give our regular teachers a much-needed break.

Sign up on the bulletin board downstairs or online

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BA5AA29A5F58-50996369-sunday#/>



### **Take me out to the ballgame!**

On Sunday, June 22nd, join us at the field as we cheer on the Lake Monsters! Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids. We have a section of tickets saved for our group. You can pay and pick them up at Will Call. Game starts at 5:05pm. Kids can run the bases and play catch on the field after the game! Sign up on the bulletin board or at <https://forms.gle/v1BMNcbuQdBjX3W96> so that we know how

many tickets to reserve. Let's go Monsters!



### **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!



## 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. 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 ROC (Rooted Organizing Community also formerly known as Refugee 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 Town Green this Summer**

Join us June 18th, July 16th & 30th and Aug. 13th 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](#) for more information. Sponsored by the Vitality Team.



Pastor – Reverend Paul Eyer  
 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





The Missions and Social Concerns Committee invites you to a  
baby shower in celebration of

**Catherine Riziki and her family**

As they are anticipating twins at the end of June.

Catherine is our Congolese neighbor residing next door at the  
Mace House.

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-11:30 AM**

**Fellowship Hall**

Suggested gifts include: diapers NB- 12 months, wipes, sleep  
sacks, onesies, swaddling blankets, pack 'n play sheets, etc.

If you would be interested in contributing to a larger gift  
item such as a stroller, pack 'n play or high chairs, please  
contact Carol or Sue.

**RSVP by May 30:** Carol Wyatt- [brucecarol@gmail.com](mailto:brucecarol@gmail.com)

Sue Hook- [hooksuzanne4@gmail.com](mailto:hooksuzanne4@gmail.com)