

# THE STEEPLE

## Williston Federated Church

*An Open and Affirming, Reconciling Congregation*

### Pastor's Message

Dear members and friends of Williston Federated Church,

*Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isaiah 55:1*

As I write this page, the first day of fall has begun! Signs of autumn are beginning as the leaves weave their journey from green to various hues of red, orange, gold and brown. And there's another sign of fall - pumpkins for sale at roadside farm stands.

One of my favorite memories from fall is our family's first fall in Vermont in 1986. On Warm Brook Road, in the village of Arlington there live three sisters, the Johnson sisters. They are elders of the community and have lived in the same house they were born. That first autumn, Gary and I piled our four children into the van and went in search of pumpkins. The Johnson sisters have planted and sold pumpkins for as long as anyone can remember. We pulled up alongside the road next to the Johnson farm, eagerly jumped from the van, and went to carefully select our pumpkins. None of the sisters was to be seen. There was a small table with a cigar box on it - honor system - in the spirit of Vermont farm stands. A big hand-lettered sign read, "all pumpkins, two dollars; if you can't afford that, then one dollar. If this is still too much, they are free." Whenever I see pumpkins, I think of that first autumn and the invitation to come...and not leave empty handed.

So it is with this invitation to "Bring a Friend to Church" on Sunday October 12. This invitation is for *all* of us - young and elders - to invite someone to join you for worship. A motto of the United Church of Christ is, "no matter who you are and no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." Being a part of a faith community is not all about doctrine and "right" beliefs - being a part of a faith community is about a spiritual journey within the context of people who strive to love God, neighbor, and self. If you feel a warm welcome here; if you find through worship, fellowship, and service, a deeper meaning for your life, then perhaps you want to extend an invitation to a neighbor, a friend, a family member - to come and attend "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday" on October 12. You belong in God's loving family. And so do others.

The scripture passage from the prophet Isaiah is an *invitation* to abundant life. Let us share that abundant life with others.

Peace,



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Sunday Worship  
Service:  
9:30 AM

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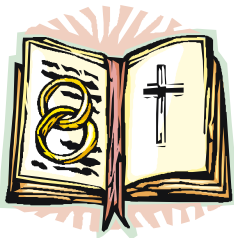
### All Church Meeting – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

There will be an all church meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> shortly after church in the sanctuary. There are two agenda items. The first is for the Congregation to give input and vote on the recommendation of the Official Board that space be rented for use of a cell tower in our Steeple. The expected income is \$1,500 a month. If you have specific questions before the meeting you may contact Tony Lamb, Ken Stone or the office for details. The second purpose is to hear and act upon the Official Board's Budget Plan for the coming year. There will be time for members to raise other issues of interest. Please attend. There will be daycare and refreshments.

### Chicken Pie Supper

The Church's Annual Chicken Pie Supper will be Sat Oct. 11, 2008 with seatings at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00. Take-out will also be available. \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. All meals, including take-out, are by reservation only. A sign up sheet for help is on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. There are lots of slots so sign up early to get your favorite job! This is always a fun event that requires the entire church family to be involved to make it work. Your mission is to: Tell all your neighbors and friends, call Carol Bouchard for reservations 862-7400. (Call early, we always sell out) and sign up to help. All proceeds go to support mission projects. Any questions call Donna-Sue Hain, 878-7865 or email dshainvt@yahoo.com.

**Summer Youth Program** ~ We want to extend our deep appreciation to the members of the Williston Federated Church for giving so generously of your time and financial support to the campers participating in the St. George Summer Youth Program. Together, you helped give these twenty first through ninth graders the time of their lives. First and foremost, we want to thank *Ruth Magill* for securing donations to support the meal program and full scholarships, and for recruiting teams of wonderful WFC volunteers to help out at the Town Office and with food preparation each day. These capable, caring extra hands on deck each day made all the difference in setting up these children for a successful camp experience. WFC volunteers included: *Suzi Ange-Roland, Carol Burbank, Marcia Cadmus, Robin Coletta, Donna Fellingner, Stephanie Fraser, Jason Hibbeler, Sarah Hibbeler, Ruth Magill, Ruth Painter, Barb Powell, Jane Stickney, Susan Veith, Micaela Wallace* and *Mary Ann Wolf*. Special thanks to *Polly Malik* and *Sarah Hibbeler* and other adults who, with children from the Federated Church, sponsored the successful lemonade stand to help fund nutritious snacks for the campers, and to *Micaela Wallace* whose craft projects inspired the teen campers. Thank you more than we can say for all you have done to enrich the St. George Summer Youth Program in countless ways. Together, you have truly made a difference in the lives of these children. Sincerely, *Lucinda Ransom*, St. George Summer Youth Coordinator With *Caroline Jalbert, Nancy Carlson, and Stacie Charbonneau*.



### LECTIONARY

Each Sunday we join Christians from many faith communities in hearing God's Word as selected from the *Revised Common Lectionary* ~ readings that over a period of 3 years take us through much of the Bible. Following are the Lectionary readings for this month ~ one or more are read aloud during the service.

#### October 5

Exodus 20:1-4, 12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

#### October 12

Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

#### October 19

Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
I Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

#### October 26

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
I Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

## **Peace and Non-Violence Task Force Potluck Supper and Film**

~ On Saturday, October 4th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at Williston Federated Church. Holly Stadler of Dream Catcher Films of Huntington will present her film, "Finding Our Voices". The film tells compelling and inspiring stories of people who proclaim with their lives that "peace is patriotic" and dissent is the responsibility and birthright of a truly democratic people. From a grandmother who lost her son at the WTC on 9/11 and didn't want his legacy to be one of more innocents dying, to a congressman, a diplomat and soldiers who fought in Iraq, this film reveals the sacrifices and motivation of very different Americans who spoke out for peace. Discussion will follow the film. Suggested donation \$10.

## **You're Invited!**

Please join us for a pot luck Fall party on Sunday, October 5th from 2-5pm at the Bishop Booth Conference Center next to Burlington High School. Kids 4 Peace is an interfaith, cross cultural education for peace program for Jewish, Christian and Muslim kids ages 10-12 and community members. The kids from Kids 4 Peace will share their experiences and invite you to learn more about this important peace program. All ages are welcome! Come to meet, mingle, share food, and make new friends with your Abrahamic neighbors. Enjoy some music, make an art project! Please bring a Halal, Kosher or vegetarian dish and serving utensils to share. A Halal/Kosher barbeque will be provided. to Libby Hillhouse at [redloul@fairpoint.net](mailto:redloul@fairpoint.net) or 802-592-3547.

## **Katrina Mission Trip**

The Vermont House project: We have a family and plans for the house we are to build. It is for a grandmother and her two adopted high school age grandchildren. Their house was hit by a tree during the Katrina Hurricane and never properly repaired. It is now listed as uninhabitable although it is still being lived in. We leave October 19th to begin work on October 20th. We will be building a three bedroom home. We are closing in on our goal of \$45,000. There are offering envelopes in the pews. We have 70 volunteers filling 83 spaces over three weeks. We still have some room for additional volunteers-contact Tony Lamb 878-1251 or Ken Stone 879-0243 for information. Thank you for your support for this mission. There will be a pot luck supper to report on this trip on November 14, 2008. For details and regular updates and pictures see our blog at <http://thevermonthouse.blogspot.com/>. You can subscribe and be emailed when we add information. Our expectation is that we will provide daily updates during the trip.

## **Dishes**

If any of the dishes next to the microwave are yours, please pick them up as soon as possible. They need to find their way home before the Chicken Pie Supper. Any that are left behind will be donated. Thank you.

## **Mission Committee News**

Sunday, October 5th. Please be generous in response to a special offering of both the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ. Your offering will be equally divided between the UMC which provides scholarships for U.S. and international students with a priority given to those who are studying in the areas of global health, elimination of poverty, and congregational development. The UCC "Neighbors in Need" offering supports ministries of justice and compassion through the U.S. including the Council for American Indian Ministry and justice and advocacy projects.

## **Urban Ministry Seeks Candidates for Part-time Program Coordinator Position**

~ JUMP, the Joint Urban Ministry Project, an interfaith outreach ministry representing more than twenty congregations, at First Congregational Church, UCC, Burlington, Vermont, is conducting a search for a part-time professional staff person to serve as a part-time Program Coordinators. The JUMP Program Coordinator is responsible for leadership of the staff/volunteer JUMP team in providing pastoral care, direct assistance, hospitality and referrals to individuals and families who seek assistance. The open position currently involves one weekday morning of direct service and potential substituting on other mornings. To request an information packet about the position - please send your name, address, phone and email to: Bronwyn Rider, President; JUMP Board of Directors; 38 South Winooski Avenue; Burlington, Vermont 05401 or email the same information: [bronwynkd@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:bronwynkd@burlingtontelecom.net).

## **Adult Study Opportunities**

A *Lectio Divina* group will meet for 5 weeks on Friday, beginning October 3 and concluding October 31, from 9-10:30 am in the Sitting Room. *Lectio Divina* is Latin for "holy reading" and represents a Christian practice of prayer and scriptural reading intended to study, ponder, listen, and pray. ~ An adult book study, *My Mother, Your Mother, Embracing Slow Medicine, the Compassionate Approach to Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones* by Dr. Dennis McCullough will meet after worship on the following Sundays: November 2, 9, 16, and 23. If you wish to purchase a copy, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Copies will be available for \$12.00. Pastor Joan will facilitate both of these opportunities.

## **Thinking about Membership?**

An information meeting for those interested in learning more about church membership will take place after worship on Sunday, October 12 in the sanctuary. Members of church committees and groups will be present to share information. If you plan on attending, please call the church office and let us know. New members will be received on November 9th.

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**Come, Meet Christ, Go Serve**

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#### **Sitting Room Make Over!**

Our sitting room has been cleaned out and made over. The goal was to make a pleasant gathering space in the church for meetings, education and reflective time. It is also hoped that families can gather there before weddings and funerals. Thanks to all those who worked on the project: Trudy Anderson, Cathy Michaels, Evan Rounds Michaels, Deb Beckett, Troy Chipman, Lois Mason, Susan Lamb, Tom Vieth, Tony Lamb and Shirley Rounds. We are looking for some donations to pay for new lighting. If you are interested in contributing contact Trudy Anderson.



## Christmas Bazaar November 22nd 9 AM - 3 PM

The Christmas Bazaar is coming soon. Here is a list of the various tables at the bazaar and ways in which you can help. If you would like to help or if you need more information contact any of the people listed below. A sign up will appear the end of October. on the bulletin board near the kitchen. All proceeds from the Bazaar, with the exception of the Silent Auction, go to various local and world wide missions.

The Silent Auction money will benefit the youth groups.

**Craft Table** - Chairperson, Carol Bouchard 862-7400 - We need hand made items such as mittens, scarves, ornaments, jewelry, wooden items, Christmas or other holiday decorations. If you need ideas, call Carol.

**Bake Sale Table** - Chairperson, Rebecca Dubois 658-2865 - We need all sorts of baked goods including pies, cakes, cookies, breads, jams, pickles, fudge etc. The bake sale table is one of the most popular.

**Plant Table** - Chairpersons - Romaine Decamp 288-9114 & Polly Malik 879-6968 - We need houseplants, dried flowers, wreaths, gourds, gifts for gardeners. If you have grapevine growing in your yard, we would like some to make wreaths.

**Attic Treasures** - We are looking for "antique type" linens, jewelry, and other small attic treasures.

**RAADA Cutlery** - Chairperson, Jan Lawson 985-3355 - Here you will find great kitchen knives and utensils.

**Silent Auction** - Proceeds from this event will go to the youth group - Donations of goods and services of all types are needed - Be creative! (see Silent Auction article)

**Lunch** - Chairperson Vicki Watson, 434-5637 - We will be serving home made soups, bread, chili & hot-dogs. Donations of soup are needed.

**Pie Baking** - Friday, Nov. 21st 9-12 - Please come peel apples or roll out pie crust. All the supplies are provided - but bring your favorite peeler.

**Set Up** - Thursday 1-4 and Friday 9-4 - Card Tables and holiday table cloths needed. Bring your donated items and come help us set up.

# Youth Ministry Calendar

## Youth Covenant & Health Release Form

All youth MUST have one on file PRIOR to the start of an event!

Fill one out first thing this fall and have it done for the rest of the year.

Year runs September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009

## October 5 Night Light

Youth praise service  
here @ WFC

Yes, we are hosting this month!

Choosing a guest speaker, running the power point, leading worship and music.

5:00pm Arrive; practice music; set up  
5:30pm Ice breaker/games  
6:00pm Pizza; announcements  
6:30pm Worship service  
7:30-8pm Fellowship

RSVP to a youth advisor for each Night Light.  
There is a \$4 donation for pizza and a drink.  
Remember a can for the food shelf.

## October 12

### Come help give the sprinkler pipes another coat of paint!

Bring your painting clothes and a paint brush to church and we'll call in for pizza for lunch. We'll plan on painting until 3 or 4pm.

## Serving Consecration Meal at North Ferrisburg UMC

Arrive for the beginning of church here at WFC, then carpool to NF and arrive there by 10:45am. Serve their meal and clean up. So far on the list is Jordan Marcy, Andrew Lemieux, Ted Marcy & Liz Lemieux, & Kayla Purvis. There is one more spot available. Interested? See Ashley or Laurie

## October 19-25

Please keep in your prayers all the youth and adults who are traveling to Mississippi for this week.

Ellie Beckett, Miranda Haskell, Konrad Herath, Andrew Lemieux, Leah Leister, Jordan Marcy and Laurie Chipman, Deb Beckett, Kim Horning-Marcy, Tony Lamb, Charlie & Ruth Magil, Ken Stone and many more.

## October 19 CROP Walk

Bring a bag lunch to church!  
11am Ultimate Frisbee?  
Lunch and then CROP Walk

## October 24-25 LOCK IN ?

Are you around?

## Friday Night to Saturday Noon

JH & SH YOUTH

RSVP to Ashley, Trent or Laurie

## October 25 or 26?

## Raking Leaves @ Williston Woods

Weather and Schedule dependant.  
More information coming soon!

## Coming Soon!

Mark Your Calendar!

## November 7 & 8 YAC

## Youth Autumn Celebration

For 8th-12th graders  
South Glens Falls, NY

Wayne Kerr will be the guest leader  
[www.waynekerr.com](http://www.waynekerr.com)

## Youth Ministry Committee:

Laurie Chipman ([laurie@steeple.org](mailto:laurie@steeple.org)), Trent Coletta,  
Ashley Dubois ([ashley0705@hotmail.com](mailto:ashley0705@hotmail.com)),  
Liz Lemieux (YM treasurer)

# Christian Education

## Class Breakdown for 2008-09

Preschool—Kindergarden

Leader—Carolyn Carlson Helper—Beth Goss

First & Second Grade

Leader—Mary Lue Rodes Helper—Wendy Bliss

Third Grade

Leader—Sarah Hibbeler Helper—Karen Allen

Fourth & Fifth Grade

Leader—Karen Round Helper—Kelly Pashby

Junior High—Sixth, Seventh & Eighth

Leader—Jim Wallace Helper—Heather Herath

Senior High—Ninth—Twelfth

Leader—Robin Coletta Helper—Vickie Walker

## Substitute Teachers & Helpers

Are you willing to be a sub for a Sunday school teacher? Please add our name to the yellow sheet on the table. Our Sunday school leaders and helpers have signed up for a full quarter this fall. We would like to have coverage for them if they need a Sunday off. Thank you so much to those of you have sign up already. Your time is appreciated.

Substitute Teachers: Sandy Connolly, Polly Malik, Barb Powell, Melanie Saia

Substitute Helpers: Sandy Connolly, Laura Gigliotti, Donna Goodheart, Traci Howell, Polly Malik, Jan & Carlos Mejia, Barb Powell, Melanie Saia

## Bible Sunday was September 21

A parent introduced their child and said was story they have been enjoying reading. Then Pastor Joan handed Bibles to Davis Allen, Justin Brideau, Jessica Brideau, Jenna Camineti, Erika Dubin, Natalie Durieux, Alyse Fife, Rachel Howell, Bella Rieley and Megan Watson. Absent was Julia Neeld who will receive her Bible in class. The Bible Bookmark ministry continues thanks to Rebecca Dubois, Donna Goodheart and . All the children's Bibles were marked at Matthew 22:36-40. Laurie Chipman began the scripture reading verse 36, then all in worship joined in reading together. The children departed for Sunday school after learning and singing the song The B-I-B-L-E. A 'Bible Sunday' cake was shared at fellowship time after worship and Sunday school.

## Registration Form

### Sunday School & Youth Programs

Thanks to many of you who have filled out your new registration form for this year. If you have not done so yet, you can find them on the table in the hallway. Please drop them in the box provided or place them in the Laurie Chipman's mail box down past the church office. Thank you.

### Education Committee Members for 2008-09

Polly Malik (chair), Laurie Chipman (DCYM), Sarah Hibbeler, Traci Howell, Jan Mejia, Kelly Pashby, Melanie Saia, Cindy Thurston, Eli Thurston (youth representative).



## Adult Study Opportunities

A New Earth by Eckhart Tolle. Starting on September 21st after Worship

My Mother, Your Mother: Embracing "Slow Medicine". Starting on November 2nd.

Lecto Divina 9-10:30am on October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

Men's Bible Study. Every Friday at 6:30am in the sitting room.