

# THE STEEPLE

## Williston Federated Church

*An Open and Affirming, Reconciling Congregation*

### Pastor's Message

Dear members and friends of Williston Federated Church,

*November.* The month to celebrate Thanksgiving and the bounty of blessings bestowed upon us by God's loving hand.

*November.* The month that 70 volunteers from twelve Vermont churches will travel to Vancleave, Mississippi to build a house for the Pittman family.

*November.* The month that the Williston Food Shelf will open for the first time thanks to a group of faithful volunteers from the community - and many from this church - who have dedicated time and talents to this effort.

*November.* The time to elect a new President. Participation in the electoral process is a responsibility, a right, and a moral obligation. I hope you will vote - either on November 4 - or prior to then by absentee ballot or mobile voting opportunities. I share with you a prayer written by The Rev. Mari Castellanos, Minister for Policy Advocacy, Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ.

### *Be With Us, God of Truth*

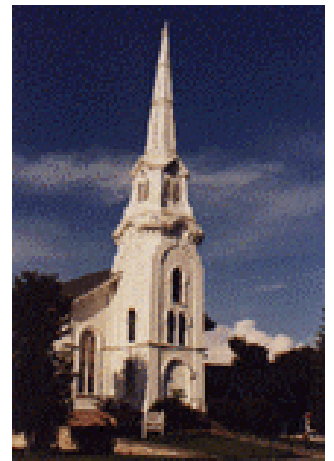
Loving God, we come to you as your people, those who have heard Jesus' call to follow in a life of discipleship. We have the desire to do what is right, but sometimes we lack clarity to evaluate the choices before us.

We seek the guidance of your Spirit to discern the challenges of our world. The issues before us are complex, yet our values are simple: You ask us to be compassionate and just. Help us to see how the principles that guide us in our close relationships can apply to the larger context of public service and righteous governance. We seek to be just and merciful in our families, in our communities, in our nation, and in our world. Guide us, we pray. We have received much, and much will be asked of us. Be with us, God of truth, as we strive to be light in our world, makers of justice and peace. Amen.

Blessings on the journey.

Peace,

Pastor Joan



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Sunday Worship  
Service:  
9:30 AM

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Joan Newton O'Gorman  
**Director of Children's  
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Laurie Chipman  
**Church Secretary:**  
Suzi Ange-Roland  
**Organist and Choir  
Accompanist:**

Carolyn Pillsbury  
**Music Director:**  
Martin Hain

**Nursery Caregiver:**  
Michelle Davis

### 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 9th, 16th, and 23rd. If you wish to purchase a copy, please call the church office by November 4th. Copies will be available for \$12.00. Pastor Joan will facilitate this opportunity.

### Nakba/Founding of Israel

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Nakba/Founding of Israel with Archbishop, Elias Chacour at Saint Michael's College on Monday, November 3 at 7:30pm in the McCarthy Recital Hall. Archbishop of Akka, Haifa, and Galilee of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Elias Chacour is an author and peace-activist dedicated to the cause of Arab/Israeli reconciliation. At the age of eight, he was evicted, along with his whole village, by the Israeli authorities and became a deportee and refugee, but remained in the region. He is the founder of the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, inter-faith schools which are open to Muslim, Jewish, Druze, and Christian youth. His two books, *Blood Brothers* and *We Belong to the Land* have been best-sellers. Archbishop Chacour is the recipient of several international peace awards including the World Methodist Peace Award which is bestowed annually by the World Methodist Council. For more information, please call 654-2205. Sponsored by The Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice, Saint Michael's College Lecture Series, Vermonters for a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel, Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community and Pax Christi Burlington.

### Silent Auction - Youth fundraiser

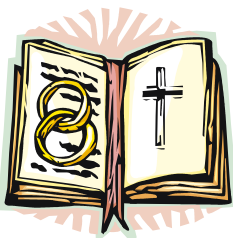
We all have God-given talents...What can you do or provide that someone else would enjoy? Please consider donating to this year's Silent Auction, held in conjunction with the WFC Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd. Proceeds will benefit the WFC Junior and Senior High Youth groups and support their mission trips to Heifer Overlook Farm, regional youth events, and activities. See the bulletin board for forms. Place your completed form in the envelope provided. Thank you.

### The Vermont House project

We have a family and plans for the house we are to build. For details and regular updates 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. We are closing in our goal of \$45,000. There are offering envelopes in the pews. We have 70 volunteers filling 83 spaces. We still have some room for additional volunteers-contact Tony Lamb 878-1251 or Ken Stone 879-0243 for information.

### Mission Committee Potluck

Please join with your friends and neighbors on Friday, November 14 at 6 pm for a potluck supper followed by stories from those who have recently returned from the building of the "Vermont House" in Vancleave, Mississippi. This event is sponsored by the Mission Committee. All ages are invited to attend.



### 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.

#### November 2

Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians  
2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

#### November 9

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians  
4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

#### November 16

Judges 4:3-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

#### November 23

Ezekiel 34:11-16,  
20-24  
Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

#### November 30

Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
Psalm 65  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Luke 17:11-19

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

The Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner. Here is a list of the various tables at the bazaar and ways in which you can help. 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** - Chairperson Romaine Decamp 288-9114 & Polly Malik 879-6968 - We need houseplants, dried flowers, wreaths, gourds, gifts for gardeners.

**Attic Treasures** - Chairperson needed - We are looking for "antique type" linens, jewelry, and other small attic treasures. Space is limited, so please no large items.

**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!

**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.

### **Friday Night Prayer Service**

November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. This informal service, about 30 minutes, will take place while our volunteers in mission are in Vanleave, Mississippi attending prayer services.

### **YAC**

Youth Autumn Celebration will be taking place at South Glens Falls United Methodist Church, Nov. 7th & 8th. Christian musician Wayne Kerr will lead the event which is held annually for Tory Conference youth in grades 7-12. Plan to come and share in the fun: games, singing, youth led worship, new friends. Check out Kerr on his My Space by going to <http://waynekerrmusic.com>. We will be leaving WFC at 4pm, eat supper in Fair Haven, arrive at South Glens Falls around 7pm on Friday. We will return back to WFC around 6:30pm on Saturday. Sign up with Ashley or Laurie. Check out the pictures on the youth bulletin board and see who has gone in the past.

### **Christ Church, Presbyterian presents "Amazing Grace: the Arts and the End of Life"**

Sunday, November 2nd, at 3:00 pm at Christ Church, Presbyterian in Burlington, VT presents "Amazing Grace: the Arts and the End of Life". This unique event is part of the second season of Christ Church's Red Chair Series on Religion and the Arts and explores the use of various art forms to surround those who are dying, their families, and their wider communities with caring. This program features an array of artists who will address the subject of care for the dying from many angles. Stephen Kiernan, author of *Last Rights*, will share stories and comments; Sculptor Melinda White-Bronson will share and remark on her work; Filmmaker Camilla Rockwell will discuss the making of her widely-viewed film *Holding Our Own: Embracing the End of Life*. Throughout the presentation, the Noyana Singers, Burlington's own hospice choir, will demonstrate how they bring music to the dying and their loved ones. Following the program there will be a time for conversation, facilitated by Stephen Kiernan. Call (802) 862-1898 or email [secretary@christchurchburlington.org](mailto:secretary@christchurchburlington.org) for information or reservations. See [www.christchurchburlington.org](http://www.christchurchburlington.org) for directions. \$15 suggested donation.

### **UCC Women to Celebrate "Together Building Bridges"**

United Church of Christ Women from all of New England will gather in Burlington on March 12th, 13th and 14th for their 8th celebration. The theme "Together Building Bridges...a time to break down and a time to build up..." Ecclesiastes 3:3. In 1980 during the Annual Meeting of the New England Women's Fellowship Presidents, five women had a dream, That dream was to reach out to the women in the pews, to involve them in learning and sharing about their faith. The dream was realized in 1982 when the first celebration, "Weaving the Fabric of Our Faith", took place in Portland, Maine. Over 1000 women took part in that event and many looked forward to and participated in similar celebrations which have been held every four years ever since. Over the years, this has become intergenerational event. Celebration VIII—Together Building Bridges offers exciting opportunities for discovering and understanding differences. Topics such as race, immigration, sexuality, economics, Generational Differences, and Worship Choices will be examined. Plan to join us to make new friends and re-establish old ties with people from New England and Beyond. We celebrate our faith, our heritage and our woman-hood, as we pray, sing laugh and learn. We invite you to mark your calendars for March 12th, 13th and 14th, 2010. Be with us to celebrate "Together Building Bridges"!

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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, Karen Rounds and Shirley Rounds. We are looking for some donations to pay for new lighting. If you are interested in contributing contact Trudy Anderson.



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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.

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# The Little Steeple

November 2008

Children may submit  
An article, drawing and/  
or pictures  
for the  
Little Steeple  
by emailing them to  
Laurie Chipman  
laurie@steeple.org  
or by putting them in  
her mailbox.

## The Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

An exclusive interview with Laurie Chipman  
by Jamie, Allie and Alaina.

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: What activities do you like to do?

Laurie: I like to canoe, sing and go walking.

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: What kinds of food do you like?

Laurie: I like all kinds of food.

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: What do you do outside of  
church?

Laurie: I am the manager at Curves in Essex.

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: What are your hobbies?

Laurie: I love to knit, garden, read and play the piano.

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: What is your favorite movie?

Laurie: My favorite movie is Veggie Tales

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: What is your favorite book?

Laurie: My favorite book is Harry Potter by J. K. Row-  
ling.

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: Where were you born?

Laurie: I was born in Jamestown, New York.

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: Do you have any siblings?

Laurie: I have two siblings. One older sister and a  
younger brother.

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: Do you have any children?

Laurie: I have two sons named Brett and Troy

Jamie, Allie and Alaina: Do you have any pets?

Laurie: I have one pet. A dog names Jasmine.

Thank you Laurie, for taking the time to answer all of our  
questions.

### Education Committee 2007—2008

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Melanie Saia  
Eli Thurston, Youth Rep  
Cindy Thurston

# Children's Calendar

## NOVEMBER

11/7 Movie Night 6-8

11/23 Thanksgiving Baskets for local families will be put together during Sunday School.

## DECEMBER

12/7 Christmas Pageant Assignments during Sunday School. Don't miss this one. Here all about the pageant and how you will get to be part of it.

12/14 2- 4 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal and Christmas Cookie Exchange.

12/21 9:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant

12/24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00, 7:00, 9:00.

Special thanks to the following people who helped put together this issue of the little steeple;

Photography: Eli

Interviews: Jamie, Allie and Alaina

Kids Corner: Sierra

If you would like to get involved with the Little Steeple in anyway we would love your contribution. February issue will be due Jan 15, 2009.

Contact Melanie Saia [smsaia@verizon.net](mailto:smsaia@verizon.net)

## Williston Federated Church Music Director, Martin Hain

An exclusive interview by Jamie, Allie, and Alaina  
Jamie (J), Allie (A) and Alaina (A): What is your favorite food?

Martin: I like all kinds of food.

JAA: What is your favorite song?

Martin: My all time favorite song is a 'With A Voice Of Singing' by Martin Shaw.

JAA: What is your favorite book?

Martin: A Tale Of Two Cities by Charles Dickens.

JAA: What is your favorite movie?

Martin: My all time favorite movie is Jurassic Park (1993)

JAA: How do you know the hand motions for directing the choir?

Martin: Both of my parents were music teachers. My mother was a choir director in every church we went to.

JAA: What do you do when you aren't conducting in choir?

Martin: I am an Engineer, I direct musical plays at the Flynn Theater, and I sing in the Vermont Symphony Orchestra chorus.

JAA: Where did you grow up?

Martin: I grew up in Washington, Wisconsin, Texas, California, New York and Vermont.

JAA: Do you have any siblings?

Martin: I have one sibling. Her name is Peggy.

JAA: Do you have any children?

Martin: I have 3 boys. Their names are Ben, Josh and Ethan.

JAA: Do you have any pets?

Martin: I have 6 pets. I have 3 cats and 3 dogs.

JAA: Do you play any instruments?

Martin: Yes, I play the cello, the piano and the guitar.

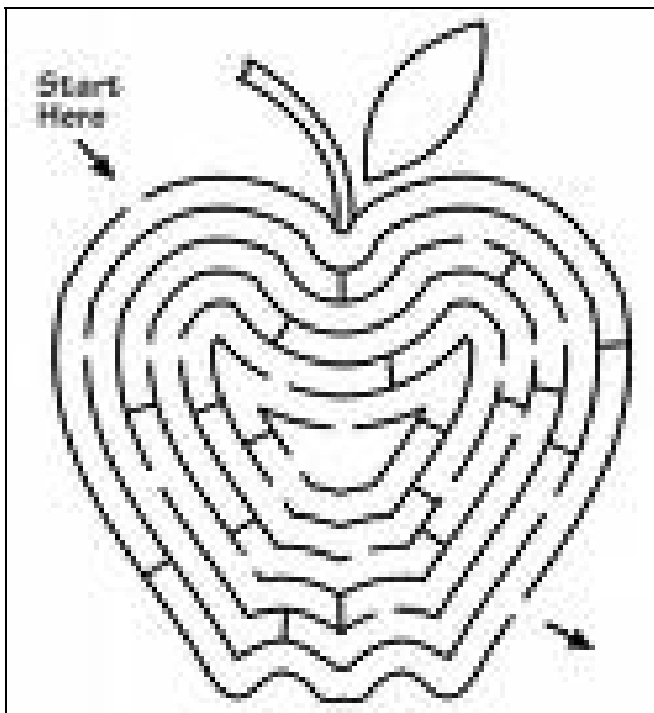
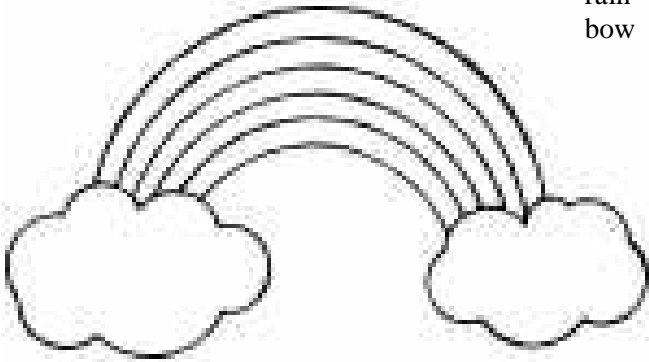
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# Having Fun with the Church Kids!



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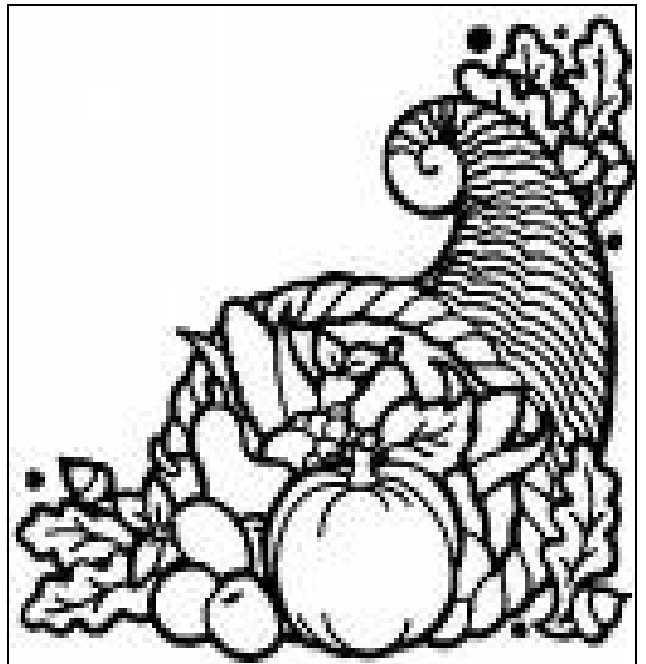
# Kid Corner

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## Try to Find:

Comfort, God, Honesty, Jesus, Learn, Share, Smiles, Together, True, Truth

Thanksgiving is a time we give thanks for people and things we care about, try to think of what you are thankful for, then color the picture.



# KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

## Parents Night Out

Bring your sleeping bag/blanket, comfy pillow, a friend or two, then...  
**Leave your Parents at the door!**

## Alvin and the Chipmunks

Rated G. A fun evening for children in

**Kindergarten through 5th grade**

**When: Friday, November 7, 2008**

**Where: In the WFC Fellowship Hall**

**Drop off: 6:00 p.m.**

**Pick up: 8:00 p.m.**

**Donation: \$ 5.00 per family**

**Popcorn and a beverage will be served!**

Sign up at the Williston Federated Church on the Bulletin board or Contact:

**Sarah Hibbeler 872-0827 [sjhibbeler@verizon.net](mailto:sjhibbeler@verizon.net)**

All proceeds will help fund more children's social events at WFC.

**Kindergarten through 5th grade**