

# THE STEEPLE

## Williston Federated Church

*An Open and Affirming, Reconciling Congregation*

### Pastor's Message

Dear members and friends of the Williston Federated Church family,

I write this page with a profound sense of past, present, and future.

**Past.** "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough." (Meister Eckhart) My prayer is a prayer of sincere "thank you" to this congregation for all your good wishes and generosity in celebrating the 25th anniversary of my ordination on June 13th. There were so many surprises - the lovely new stole with the message, "Here I am Lord, Send Me" - thanks to the members of the Membership Committee - the plaque presented to me by Tony Lamb (on the wall of my office reminding me to go for 25 more!), the wonderful cake - and to my great surprise...the extraordinary gift of \$1,800 to purchase airplane tickets so that Gary and I may visit two of our children who live in California (Anna and Joe) and now, a third child (Josh) who moves there this week! I've bought the tickets and we'll spend 10 days in late July with our children. Thank you for the sacred privilege of serving as your pastor.

**Present.** Making lists and starting to pack for the mission trip to Nicaragua. Praying for this opportunity. Thank you to Ashley Dubois for all of her planning and coordination for this mission with both teenagers and adults. We are so excited about visiting Project Chacocente - a place where Ashley has visited a number of times. You can find out more information about the Project by visiting [www.outofthedump.org](http://www.outofthedump.org) where you will read the Mission Statement:

*"Project Chacocente moves families from the city dump of Managua, Nicaragua to the clean air and fertile soil of rural Masaya, where the people learn skills for living independently. Chacocente is a non-profit, integrated project that aims to transform people, not just give them food and/or housing.*

*[We are a 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated in the State of Massachusetts.]*

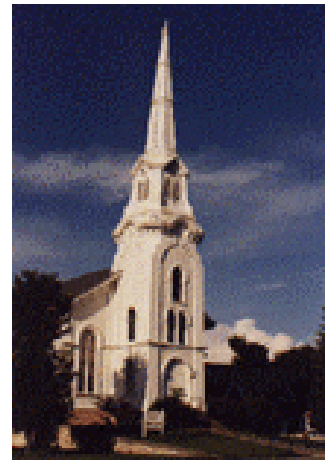
*The families sign a contract promising to "work" with us for five years, at which time they receive the house they build and about two acres of land. Working with us means learning to read and write, to build, to farm, to solve problems, to govern themselves, to be more knowledgeable parents, and to start a small business.*

*The goal is to reintroduce the families into a society in which they have not participated in many years, and to teach them the skills they need to be self-sufficient. Literally, the project takes people out of one culture and shows them how to live in another."*

**Future.** "I don't know what the future holds...but I know the One who holds the future." A prayer. A thought to close this page. That quote is not mine - it belongs to the famous "anonymous." May you enjoy the warmth of the summer, the opportunity to spend time in a garden, dip into the water, kayak or sail on a lake, visit with family and friends, rock in a chair on the porch, read a good book(s), and ponder the beauty of God's creation in all it's splendor.

Peace,

Pastor Joan



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**With Great Thanks** ~ Ursula White and I wish to sincerely thank the many WFC people who so willingly contribute food and/or assistance at the Memorial and Funeral Receptions. Your contributions, usually with short notice, are so greatly appreciated not only by our committee but by the families and those attending. Their words of gratitude which we always hear are extended to you for you make it all happen. With sincere appreciation, Carol Burbank.

**Thank You** ~ I would like to thank everyone for the donations to the Williston Food Shelf which I delivered on June 6th as part of my high school class on Activism." In addition to two large boxes and four bags of food, I was able to present Sally Metro with a check for \$103.00 Thank you for your generosity! Ryan Allen.

**Dear Williston Federated Church Family** ~ Thank you so much for filling our toiletry shelves to the brim! They've been low lately, so to see shampoo, soap, deodorant and all the other items that our JUMP clients need in good supply is heartening. These items are not only important for good health, but they are also morale booster for those in need. In gratitude, JUMP Operations Committee.

**Celebrating a Life Well-Lived** ~ Art Tuthill died on Sunday, June 20, 2010, surrounded by his family. He was 93. As a member of the Williston Federated Church, he served on the Official Board and Board of Trustees, and was Superintendent of the Sunday School. Arrangements are with the Corbin and Palmer Funeral Home. Calling hours will be on Saturday, June 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Family Home on 8939 Williston Rd., Williston, Vt. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 10 at 2 p.m. at the Williston Federated Church.

**Celebrating a New Baby!** ~ May God's blessings be with Adele Anna Margaret Freebern, born on June 14 to Meg and Shawn, at Fletcher Allen Hospital. Big sister Eleanor is thrilled!

## Mission Trips Planned:

### Cedar Rapids Iowa

Jack Hill is organizing a team to return September 25 to October 3 and continue efforts to rebuild houses in Cedar Rapids Iowa that were flooded. Maximum cost is estimated to be less than \$400. If you are interested or want more information, contact him at [vfhills@yahoo.com](mailto:vfhills@yahoo.com)

### Return to Vancleave, Ms. and the Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville, NC

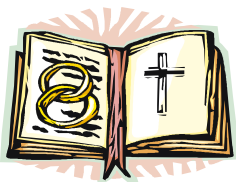
Jay and Cathie Dunkleberger will lead a team to this area from October 10 to 16. It will be a mixed team, with some construction/maintenance work and some other skills needed. Some will be working in the community, some working at the center, and some working at the domestic abuse center operated thrift store. Cost is expected to be \$250. plus your transportation. Some car pooling will be arranged.

### Vermont House

A group of thirty will be traveling to Vancleave Ms. the week of October 17-23, 2010 to work on homes in the area. We plan to visit the Vermont House while we are there. Space is limited to 30 so if you are interested let us know as soon as possible. This Teacher Convention week, a short week for school and the trip is suitable for youth. Cost is estimated at \$500 including air fare. Contact Tony Lamb, 878-1251 [alamb@alamblaw.com](mailto:alamb@alamblaw.com) for details, or Ken Stone.

### Hurricane Relief in Gulfport, MS.

A group of fifteen will be joining the North Ferrisburg Methodist Church working in Gulfport MS on homes damaged by hurricanes the week of February 20-26. This is school vacation week and ten youth from North Ferrisburg are expected to attend. Cost is estimated at \$500 including air fare. Contact Tony Lamb, 878-1251 [alamb@alamblaw.com](mailto:alamb@alamblaw.com) for details, or Ken Stone.



## 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.

### July 4

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### July 11

Amos 7:7-17  
Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

### July 18

Amos 8:1-12  
Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### July 25

Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15  
Luke 11:1-13

*Please Join Us for Worship at the Old Brick Church  
(You can see it in color when you come! We are saving money with black and white.)*



*Sunday, July 4th, 2010 at 9:30am*

**Kids4Peace Vermont 2010 Summer Camp** ~ Kids4Peace Vermont will hold its third annual interfaith camp this summer, July 23-Aug. 1, 2010 at the Bishop Booth Conference Center in Burlington, VT. Twenty four campers – 12 girls and 12 boys – ages 11-13 from Jewish, Christian and Muslim families in both Vermont and Israel/Palestine come together for 10 days of camp, fun and interfaith understanding. We provide a full schedule of regular summer camp activities (games, music, hiking, swimming, trips, bonfires, crafts) with a healthy dash of cultural flair plus daily opportunities for respectful observation listening, experiential learning about peace-making and child-led discussions of faith practices. For more information, please go to [www.kids4peacevt.org](http://www.kids4peacevt.org) or contact our Summer Camp co directors: Ronen Schechner at [ronen@kids4peacevt.org](mailto:ronen@kids4peacevt.org) or at 802- 985-2597 or contact Connie Saeger Proctor at [connie@kids4peacevt.org](mailto:connie@kids4peacevt.org).

**Ronald McDonald House** and the Ronald McDonald Family Room are in need of volunteers 18 years old or older. Both facilities are open from 9am to 9pm. Volunteer screening and training provided. Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more information can contact Deanna at 862-4943 or [Deanna\\_Cameron@comcast.net](mailto:Deanna_Cameron@comcast.net).

**4th Annual NAMIWalk has moved to Waterfront Park, Burlington September 11, 2010!** ~ Get involved in NAMI-Vermont's largest fundraising event of the year - NAMIWalks VT 2010! NAMI-Vermont has exciting news! The 4th Annual NAMIWalk is moving to Burlington this fall! This change is a result of a great opportunity we have to make the 2010 Vermont NAMIWalk the best ever! We plan to take advantage of this change to begin to build a bigger, stronger base of advocates as we reach more deeply into our communities to raise awareness and the much needed funding in order to provide the free programs that NAMI offers to our friends & neighbors. How can you help? Join the Walk Committee ~ come help us plan Walk Day 2010, Sponsor the Walk ~ become a corporate Sponsor ~ levels begin at just \$250, Be a Team Captain ~ gather your friends or coworkers and form a Walk Team, Just Walk ~ Join a Team or register an individual walker or Just Donate ~ support other walkers. To register for the Walk and / or to donate online go to: <http://www.nami.org/namiwalks/VT> or call (800) 639-6480. Please let your friends, family and neighbors know about the WALK's move to the fall and the special opportunity that this presents for all of us! With your talents and enthusiasm, we can reach (and even surpass!) our 2010 goal of at least \$50,000 with 50 teams walking!

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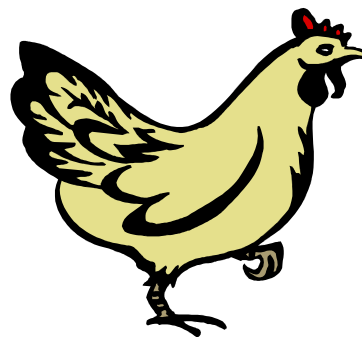
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**This Year's Annual 4th of July Chicken BBQ is on July 3rd!** ~ Please join us for the July 3rd Chicken Barbecue that takes place at the Williston Central School (approximately 11:30am) right after the

Town Parade. The menu includes a half chicken or a quarter for child-size dinner), coleslaw, cranberry sauce, a roll and butter, lemonade, coffee and a giant homemade oatmeal, chocolate chip or sugar cookie for desert. Adult dinner \$9, chicken only \$6, Child's dinner \$6.

## Notes from Ashley Dubois, Senior High Youth Leader.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the church family for all the support you have given this year in preparation for the Senior High Youth Group trip to Project Chacocente in Nicaragua. After a weekend full of Independence Day festivity 14 youth and adults will be boarding a plane at 6:00am on July 5<sup>th</sup> to experience and work at a project that has been a huge part of my life for the past 7 years.

As many of you know, I have been involved with Project Chacocente since 2004 and have had the opportunity to come home each time and share my experiences. It gives me great joy to finally be able to load up the plane with my own church family so members of this family can experience my second home and the people who are so dear to my heart. Although those of us on the trip will be working hard through blood (hopefully not much), sweat, and tears, I ask that you all also continue to work here in the United States with us and for us by praying for us on our journey.

The youth on the trip are Lillian Coletta, Meaghan Goodheart, Miranda Haskell, Andrew Lemieux, and Leah Leister from Williston Federated Church, Kenny John and Krissy John from Albany, NY, Carrie Sheeran from Ballston Spa, NY, Mary Gage, Megan Schweid, Gen Van Voohis from Rochester, NY. The fearless adults are Joan O’Gorman, Rebecca Dubois, and myself.

We will return on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30pm with many stories and look forward to being able to share the laughter, love, community, and friendship that we will find on this 10 day journey.

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July 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Ashley Dubois will be representing the Northeast Jurisdiction at the United Methodist Global Young People’s Convocation in Berlin, Germany. This convocation happens every four years and is an opportunity for United Methodist youth and young adults ages 13 through 32 to come together from around the world and hold a Legislative Assembly to discuss and vote on current issues and the future of the United Methodist Church.