

THE STEEPLE

Williston Federated Church

An Open and Affirming, Reconciling Congregation

How to Plant Your Garden

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses...

**For the Garden of your daily living,
plant three rows of peas:**

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient

Lettuce Really Love One Another

No garden is without turnips:

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden
because you reap what you sow.

Tomkinsville 2009

*Read by Maude Cameron at Susan Vieth's June, 2010
Women of the Church Garden and Hat Party.*



**August
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No. 8**

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Carolyn Pillsbury
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Michelle Davis

Dear Williston Federated Church ~ On behalf of all members of Homespun Theater, I would like to thank you very much for helping us to make our Spring 2010 Performance of "Voyage Aboard the *Charming Sally*" the smashing success that it was. At Homespun Theater we strive to give local children a quality theatrical experience, while keeping it fun. I can't tell you how very much we appreciate your generosity in letting us rehearse in your community Fellowship Hall. Thank you again for helping us bring theater to children!! With Warmest Regards, Cheryl M. Owens-Executive Director, The Homespun Group, LLC ~ Homespun & Hands -On / Homespun Theater.

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

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 for details, or Ken Stone.

Hurricane Relief in Gulfport, MS.

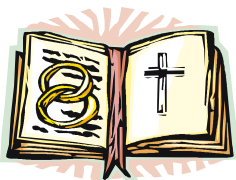
A group of fifteen will be joining the North Ferrisburg Methodist Church working in Gulfport MS on homes damaged by hurricanes the week of February 20-26. This is school vacation week and ten youth from North Ferrisburg are expected to attend. Cost is estimated at \$500 including air fare. Contact Tony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

A **Benefit Golf Tournament on August 1st** to support Saturday Samaritans and Project Chacocente, two non-profit organization providing aid to those in need both in our local community and in Managua, Nicaragua. Shotgun start at 2 p.m. 9 holes at Catamount Country Club in Williston. Cost \$40 per person which includes BBQ and prizes. E-mail Kelly Pashby at pashrock5@msn.com OR Deb Beckett at debslvt@aol.com to reserve your slot ASAP.

Women and Girls: Mark your calendar for Friday September 24. The men of the church are going to treat you to a gala banquet.

Men and Boys: Once upon a time the men of the church would have a "Mother / Daughter dinner every year. To be more inclusive, this September 24 we will present a "Women and Girls Banquet." Please sign up to help: buy food, cook, take reservations, serve, entertain, clean up, etc. Contact Charlie Magill at cmagillvt@aol.com or at 879-6238.

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.



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.

August 1

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 8

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22, 23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 15

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 22

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 29

Jeremiah 12:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Peace and Non-Violence Task Force News ~ The Peace and Non-Violence Task Force continues to meet on the front steps of the church on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:15pm. We sing, we talk about war news and peace events, and we pray. This is the prayer from the May meeting. Regardless of how you feel about the war, please join us in praying for an end to it. *“God of Love and Great Patience for us when we falter, We bring again our plea for peace in your world, peace among all of your children. We understand that peace is so much more than the absence of warfare. First, we need peace in our own world, among neighbors and nations. This peace can only come from peace in our hearts, and that peace requires honesty, trust, and respect. Your message to us is that we must communicate with others at the deepest level, with love, which is beyond words, beyond speech, and beyond concept. This will lead us, not to a new unity, but to discover an older unity. We, and the rest of the world, are already one. But we imagine that we are not. We have to recover our original unity. What we have to be is what we are. Lord, we pray for vision and the feelings of brotherhood. Amen.”* ~ Yvonne Alexander ~ 5/5/10

Summer Sunday School is here! If you have talents you wish to share with our children and youth such as cooking, crafts or music, please consider signing up for one or more Sundays this Summer. If you have any questions, contact Polly Malik at 879-6968 or ptmalik@myfairpoint.net. The sign-up sheet can be found on the entryway bulletin board.

Volunteers Needed ~ We need summer volunteers for coffee hour and for greeters. Please sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the entryway. Thanks!

Summer Music ~ As our music director, Martin Hain and our organist, Carolyn Pillsbury, take a much deserved break over the summer, I will be organizing the music for the church services in July and August. Please let me know if you would like to add something musical to the services such as singing or playing a musical instrument. You can reach me at ckendall@gmavt.net or 482-4095. Thanks! Connie Kendall.

Women's A Cappella Choir Rehearsal Schedule ~ We will be meeting for three more rehearsals before we sing on August 15th. If you have any questions, contact Connie Kendall at 482-4095. August 5th ~ Thursday at 7:00pm, August 8th ~ Sunday after church and August 12th ~ Thursday at 7:00pm

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!

Office Calendar ~ When reserving times on the calendar in the hall by the office for use of the Fellowship Hall, Sitting Room or the Sanctuary, please include the times the room(s) are needed and a contact person and phone number. When available times are not checked carefully, it sometimes results in double booking and contact information is vital to make arrangements that work for both parties. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Bulletin / Office Help ~ Would you be willing to help produce the Sunday Worship Bulletin in the event that there is a week when no one else is available? Do you have a little Office Publisher 2007 experience or some time to come in to the office to see how it is done with a pre-made template? There is also some need once in awhile for someone to come in for a couple of hours to answer phones, take messages and to greet people that come into the office. If you are interested in either, please give Suzi a call at the office at 878-5792 or e-mail her at office@steepl.org. Thanks so much!

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Bible Studies to Begin at the End of September ~ Sunday mornings after worship and during the week, either evening or daytime. A nine week *Invitation to the New Testament* ~ is planned as well as other possibilities. Signup sheets are in the gallery. Please indicate preferences. Questions? Contact Ruth or Charlie Magill, 879-6238 or cmagillvt@aol.com

Exciting news from the Christian Education Committee

This Fall we will be introducing a new twist to our Sunday School programming for grades pre-K through 5th. It's called the **Workshop Rotational Model**. We will be teaching major Bible stories and concepts for 4 week periods using kid friendly multimedia workshops such as art, drama, cooking, games, music, story-telling and puppetry. The idea is that each Sunday School class will rotate through every work station over a 4 week period.

Our first rotation will center around the **Beatitudes**. The four workshops for this rotation will consist of art, cooking, a board game and drama. We will begin on September 12th and finish on October 3rd. The next rotation in October will be about the **Life of Abraham!** We are so excited about our new curriculum but we need your help. Beginning in August our committee will start recruiting people to lead these workshops. Please consider teaching, learning and having fun with the children of the church!

Save the Date - September 12th

In order to kick off our **new Rotational Workshop Curriculum** in conjunction with a **new Sunday School session**, the Christian Education Committee will be organizing a church wide potluck breakfast starting at 8am. **This is for everyone!** Sign-up sheets for attendance and food will be posted as the date draws near.