



ALL ARE WELCOME! (Open and Affirming, Reconciling Statement) :

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 and embraced by the WFC congregation in February, 2006.)

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A STORY OF SAINTS AND OF HALLOWEEN

HOWARD AND TERRY CARPENTER

Terry Carpenter was dedicated to music for the church and for the community. She was organist and director of the junior and senior choirs from 1952-1987. For many years Terry was not paid for her work - it was all volunteer. According to Barb Bristol Terry's favorite activity was the Junior Choir Festival. For many years every spring Junior Choirs from all over Vermont (at times we had over 100 children participate) came to Williston Federated Church to sing together. They would come in the afternoon to practice as one, they brought their supper lunches with them and were ready to sing as one by 7:00pm.



Terry directed the Town Band and gave many young people a start in understanding music with her piano lessons. She inspired many to sing for example Shelley Marshal who has been part of the choir since she was 9yrs old. Shelley especially remembers singing Christmas Carols with the Junior choir. Larry Pillsbury was in her first Junior choir. Ginger Isham was an early choir member; she remembers staying at the Carpenter's house one icy night after rehearsal. Terry offered to help Carolyn Pillsbury learn to play the organ. This gave Carolyn the opportunity and encouragement to learn to play some of the music she loves.

Cathy Yandell and Terry Carpenter started the festival. The 26th Junion Choir was held in 2011. The name has been changed to "Terry Carpenter Junior Choir Festival".

The Carpenters' Contribution

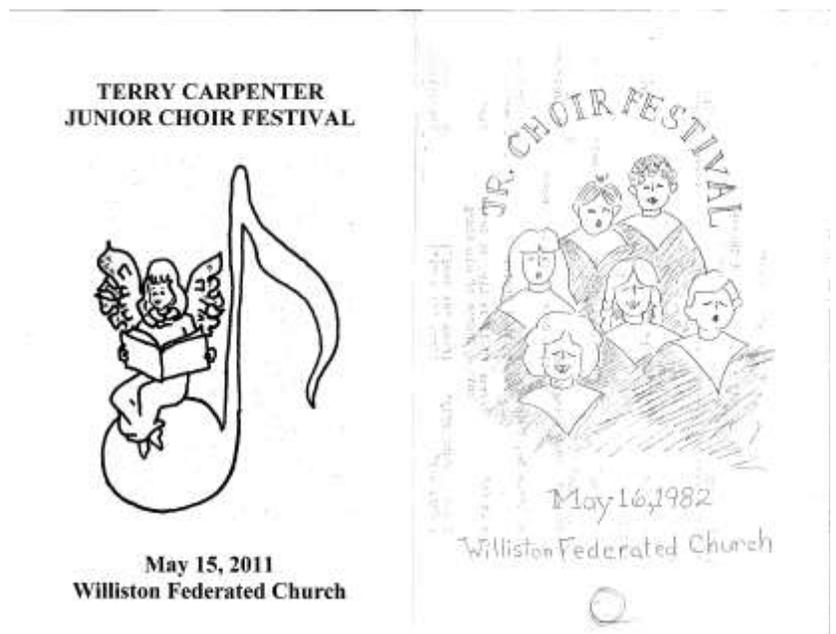
Howard Carpenter had always been interested in the church; Chairman of WFC Official Board, trustee, spearheading the restoration of the steeple in 1998, singer in the choir, and working as volunteer sexton for many years.

In the Williston community he led the following developments: the Town Band, the Ski Association, relocation of the schoolhouse, and the establishment of the retirement units of Whitney Hill. Many may remember Halloween visits to the Carpenter house and talking Mr Pumpkin (a scarecrow figure with a pumpkin head.) The following is the Carpenter's daughter Karen's memory.

Mr. Pumpkin would sit on the front porch and as the children came, he would say "Hello, My name is Mr. Pumpkin. Would you like a trick or a treat?" When the child answered, "a treat", Mr. Pumpkin would say, "Then you need to ring the doorbell." Invariably, the child would turn off the light (there was an old-fashioned doorbell that you had to pull; the light switch was a button that looked like a doorbell.) Then Mr. Pumpkin would say, "Oh no, no, no, I am afraid of the dark. You have to ring the doorbell!" So then they would ring the doorbell and my Mom would answer the door with a bowl of candy.

Here are some of the schools that have participated in the Festival over the years.

Essex Junction Grace Methodist Church
United Church of Hinesburg
Jericho United Methodist
Ascension Lutheran Church
First Congregational Church of Essex Junction



Program covers from previous Festivals

“ The Missions and So-
cial Concerns

Committee would like
to thank all those who
made gifts to the UCC
“Neighbors in Need”
and the UMC “World
Communion” offerings.

Many worthwhile or-
ganizations will be able to assist those in
need both in this country and throughout the
world.”



Navigating the Medical System

Second Sunday. Starting in January and usually happening on the second Sunday of every month Sally Metro and Toby Rockwood will hold a meeting at 11am

after church in the Sitting Room to talk about how to navigate the medical system, how to communicate with your doctor/PA/NP, how to participate in your health care, and to answer any questions you have about your health needs. Deb Beckett will also be available to answer questions about the VA system. Because of other church scheduling the first of these sessions will take place on January 20, the third Sunday. But future meetings will always be on the second Sunday. Please join us, bring your coffee and your questions.

Take Home Meals and Soup – Craft Fair

Get your Take Home Meal or Soup at the Craft Fair on Nov 17th or Nov 18th after church.

For your favorite Take Home Meals we have Baked Beans, Eggplant Marina, Mac & Cheese, Italian Meatballs, Swedish Meatballs, Ham Salad, Pulled Chicken and Pulled Pork. For your favorite

coffee hour treats, we have Braids, Nut rolls or Bread Pudding



For your favorite soups -Beef Stew, Butternut squash, Broccoli Cheddar, Corn Chowder, Gumbo, Minestrone, Split Pea with Ham and Seafood Bisque.

If you want to reserve your favorite, sign up on the bulletin board or email Vickie at vwalker56@comcast.net. Also we will be selling our famous pickles jams and pie fillings at our Table.

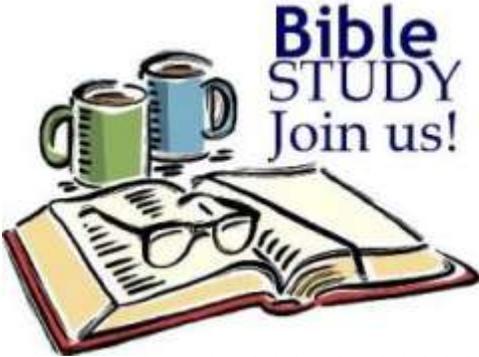
All proceeds from this items goes to feed the homeless.

Contact Vickie Walker at 497-0017 or vwalker56@comcast.net or Polly Malik at 879-6968 or ptmalik@myfairpoint.net if you have any questions



Janet K Anderson is on the move again and will shortly have an Ohio address. Trudy will let us know when she has something concrete. She is currently at Mt St Helen's and expects to start in Ohio November 11th.

Bible 101: “So You Want to Know Your Bible!” In response to popular demand, Pastor Paul will be leading a five-week study offering **an overview of the compelling—and sometimes confounding—stories of scripture.**



Weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., beginning October 18 and concluding on November 15, we will enjoy a light meal and conversation about the stories of our faith (some uplifting, some upsetting) found in the Old Testament. A similar series focused on the New Testament is planned for the Fall of 2019.

Join us for soup and scripture each Thursday starting October 18!



THANK YOU

Carmyn and I want to thank everyone who supported our team Minds Matter 2, and the NAMI VT MINDWalk. The Walk raised \$38,978 to support efforts to help those with mental illness and their families. Your support was greatly appreciated!

Sara Moran

Champlain Association Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ Fall 2018 - Events Schedule

Fall Association Meeting

November 4, 2018

Malletts Bay Congregational Church, UCC
Colchester, VT

12:30 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Association business meeting

2:00 pm U2 Eucharist Worship Service

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

When: November 17th at 4:00 pm
Where: Williston Federated Church
44 Williston Road
Williston, Vt 05495
802 878-5792

Four area churches will gather for worship,
fellowship and refreshments. Please join us as
faith communities worship together.

Williston Federated Church
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
Richmond Congregational Church
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Greening the church !!!

December 1, 2018

What Time

Preparing the Sanctuary for

Advent and Christmas

Pot Luck - Dessert

We suggest that

you bring:

your clippers

and

your gloves





Above: Pride Parade 9/8/2018

Below: Installation of New Steeple
October 9, 2018



Below: Chicken Pie Saturday,
October 20, 2018





Membership Opportunity Coming Early in 2019

All are welcome here at WFC. Being a full member of the church is not a re-

quirement for participation in all aspects of worship, serving on committees, providing outreach and service to others. It is an opportunity to make a public statement of Christian witness. If you are new to the church community, or have been worshipping with us for years, and are interested in joining the church, there will be an informational meeting Jan 13th in the sitting room, beginning right after worship and concluding around noon. Child care will be available. At this meeting you will learn more about what church membership means, hear a bit of the history of WFC and our denominational connections to the United Methodist and the United Church of Christ and have an opportunity to meet with others. If you are interested in attending and would like a "Membership Information Packet" in advance, please speak to Pastor Paul Eyer or a member of the Membership Committee: Carol Bouchard, Ruth Magill, Sally Metro, Elaine Pellechia, Carol Burbank or Vicki Trueman. New members will be received at the end of January or early February during worship. The date is to be determined.

Coffee Hour Hosts & Greeters Are Needed - Sunday morning coffee hour is a great time to catch up with friends & to welcome visitors. Please consider signing up to provide a snack. Coffee hour snacks do not have to be elaborate. The snack can be as simple as a loaf of sweet bread or some crackers & cheese. If you aren't comfortable making coffee, the Membership Committee person in charge that week, can help. Greeters play an important role for anyone visiting our church for the first time. A greeter provides that first word of welcome and directions to the sanctuary. From Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." If you have questions, speak to a member of the committee: Ruth Magill, Vicki Trueman, Sally Metro, Carol Burbank, Elaine Pellechia or Carol Bouchard. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.





Thanksgiving Baskets:

It's that time of year again to start collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets. The Williston Central School has asked for our Thanksgiving baskets on November 12th so we need to start early this year. (Williston Central School is closed Thanksgiving week so they would like to distribute the food prior to their vacation.) The Missions Committee will have sign-up sheets in the hallway for food donations starting October 28th. We would like to continue giving families whose children are home for the entire Thanksgiving week a little extra help which is why there's a "miscellaneous" sign-up sheet for food items such as peanut butter, tuna, cereal, apples, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, canned fruit packs, and granola bars.

Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, November 11th.**

Thank you for your generous support of Missions projects. If you have any questions,

Christmas Pageant Director Needed:

It is so much fun to direct the Christmas Pageant!! The children are great to work with and the pageant always helps us remember the Christmas message.



You could be the director or assistant director this year! Please contact Susan Lamb for details: 878-1251, susanlambvt@gmail.com

A Sommelier and Stewardship

“Sommelier” is a French word for a wine steward in a restaurant.

A Sommelier or wine steward organizes a restaurant's entire wine program, from tasting to pairing of wines with foods the chef might prepare according to meat, seafood, and produce availability, to ordering and keeping inventory, and educating waitstaff about wines. A Sommelier is foremost, a steward.

A steward is a manager who looks after another's property, one employed in a large household or estate to manage domestic concerns. A manager is a person responsible for controlling or administering all or part of an organization. We are God's stewards (managers) first because God created us; He formed our bodies before we were born. We are God's stewards second because God redeemed us and made us His own through Holy Baptism. Therefore, we belong to Him and everything we have belongs to Him.

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Genesis 1:26: Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:15: The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

God has given to His people (His stewards) life and everything we need to live (life's resources) as a trust to manage; that is, we use and take care of everything, including life itself, for God. We do this with joy and with responsibility. God's stewards recognize that their lives are not something they do on their own by themselves. All things we do are personal responses to God. We live all our lives with other Christians so people in the world may know there is a God in heaven and He loves them and so come to faith.

Romans 12:4-5 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

God's stewards recognize that their stewardship flows out of God's act of love for them in Christ, which empowers them, in turn, to love others in acts of Christ-like love.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

God's stewards recognize that taking care of and using God's gifts to them (stewardship) involves a Gospel-powered style of life; this is demonstrated as we serve others no matter where we are or whom we are with.

Galatians 5:13 Serve one another in love.

Finance Committee



Centering Prayer

Silent Prayer and Bible Reflection

The Thursday morning group encounters moments of clearer understanding of the

faith journey, moments of learning and moments of spiritual connections. This group meets from 8am-9am. The group begins with 20 minutes of silence, followed by a sharing of responses to a few Bible verses. The method, called Centering Prayer, will be practiced by some in the group, others will practice whatever form of silent prayer or meditation they choose.

Information about Centering Prayer is available. Anyone is welcome to come once a month, once a year, or once.

If you would like to join the group and are not on the email list, please contact Donna Fellingner - donnafellnergvt@gmail.com 802-355-1700.

Composting

There is a green composting bucket and there are compostable plastic bags in the kitchen. Hopefully **we can reduce our church's load on the landfill by separating things that can be turned into useful soil** from things that are buried forever.

In general, things that have once been alive can be composted. Paper, from trees, and bones, from animals, are examples. But petrified wood, coal, and diamonds are exceptions.

Most paper cups and expensive paper plates have a plastic coating that prevents their being composted; it is possible to buy cups and utensils that are made from corn, cane, or grass that can be **composted**. **Don't put anything in the green bucket you are not sure about, but strive to get and use** things that can be reused, recycled, or composted. Inexpensive paper plates and used paper napkins can be composted.

Do Compost:

table scraps, coffee filters and grounds, paper tea bags, shells, rinds, meat, bones & fish, shellfish, dairy products, fats & cooking oils.

paper napkins & paper towels, uncoated paper plates, oily take-out pizza boxes, wet or soiled paper bags & wet newspaper, unlined flour & sugar bags, uncoated butcher paper.

Do Not Compost:

plastic, glass, condiment packets or cups, waxed paper, metal, foil, straws or swizzle sticks, produce stickers, glossy or plastic-coated paper, twist ties, rubber bands, human or pet waste, dryer lint, coal, diamonds.

Compost, up to 30 pounds, can be dropped off free at the CSWD composting site on Redmond Road. If each of us take a turn, composting should be easy, good for the environment, and reduce the use of the land fill.

Christmas Bazaar

November 17th 9 AM - 2 PM

Here is a preview for the Christmas Bazaar November 17th, sponsored by the Women of the Church. Look for a sign up sheet later in October for workers, soup and baked goods. Contact Carol Bouchard if you have questions.



Craft Table - Chairperson, Carol Bouchard - We need hand made items such as mittens, scarves, ornaments, jewelry, wooden items, Christmas or other holiday decorations.

Bake Sale Table - Chairperson, Rebecca Dubois - We need all sorts of baked goods including pies, cakes, cookies, candies, breads, jams, pickles, fudge etc. The bake sale table is one of the most popular. *Please package cookies, bars, fudge etc. in small packages.*



Plant Table – Chairperson, Sally Metro - We are looking for houseplants, dried flowers, wreaths, gourds, gifts for gardeners.

Attic Treasures – Co-chairs, Peet Grobler & Sylvia Maloney – We are looking for *small* items: collectibles, old linens, jewelry, Christmas decorations, small treasures.



Silent Auction - Sponsored by the youth – Contact Matt Bliss or Ashley Dubois - Donations of goods & services are needed. Some ideas are: yard work, computer help, babysitting, pies, art work, tickets to a local sporting event, a weekend at a camp, a dinner in your home. Be creative. Proceeds benefit the youth group. Follow this [link](#) for the on line form.

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November 17th 9 AM - 2 PM



Ready to Go Meals – Co-chairs Vicki Walker & Polly Malik. A variety of take home meals will be available. This will be our only sale of Take Home Meals so stock up on your favorites. We also have canned goods - your favorite jams and pickles. Proceeds to benefit the Community Dinner Fund

Solmate Socks – Brenda Howley is selling these mismatched socks to benefit Dragonheart Vermont, a breast cancer survivor group.



Lunch - We will be serving home made soups, pulled pork & pulled chicken sandwiches and chili. Donations of soup are needed.

Set Up – Thursday, Nov. 15th 1-4 and Friday, Nov. 16th 9-4 - Card Tables and holiday table cloths are needed. Bring your donated items and come help us set up.



Williston Federated Church, 14 days, Contacts

Nov 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

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