

***Presentation of Gifts with Doxology**

Hymnal #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts:

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts;

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God, may these gifts offer hope where there is despair, love where there is indifference, life where there is death. And may our own hearts be opened ever wider to embrace Your promise and live Your joy. Amen.

Going Out to Do God's Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

***Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision
(Hymnal #451)

***Benediction**

Postlude:

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
(Arr. By Lowell Mason)

Greeter: Dot Woods

Welcome for Rev. Lemmel: Barb Bristol, Pastor Staff Committee

Usher: Carol and Paul Bouchard

UPLIFTING THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.....

*Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest
later. Og Mandino*

Williston Federated Church

United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ – Federated 1899

An Open and Affirming, Reconciling Congregation

Mission Statement

Our church is a community which seeks, welcomes and gathers people to share the Gospel of God's love, enables people to find fullness of life through Jesus Christ, goes into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ, and responds actively to human need.



*Interim Pastor ~ Reverend Barbara Lemmel 881-3267, barblemel@mac.com
Minister of Pastoral Care ~ Rev. Paul Hoffman 371-9770, plhoff123@gmail.com*

Emeritus Pastor ~ Rev. Charlie Magill

Lay Leader ~ Ashley Dubois, Ministers ~ The People of the Church

Church Office Administrator ~ Sally Nowotarski

Music Director ~ Martin Hain, Organist ~ Carolyn Pillsbury

Choir Accompanist ~ Cindy Thurston Nursery Caregiver ~ Michelle Davis

44 North Williston Road, Williston, VT 05495

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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

September 25, 2016 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for children up to age three.

Hearing assistance devices are available – please ask an usher for assistance.

A Fellowship time follows worship—Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Centering Words:

Such love does the sky now pour, that whenever I stand in a field,

I have to wring out the light when I get home.

- Saint Francis of Assisi

Prelude

Arioso

Duet Carolyn Pillsbury and Cindy Thurston
(J.S. Bach)

Introit

Come Thou Almighty King
(Hymnal #61)

Greeting and Announcements

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (a brief time of greeting other worshipers nearby)

*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(Hymnal #89)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

One: For the potential God sees in us and the possibilities that lie ahead:

All: Christ be before us.

One: For our dreams and their fulfillment, For God's promises and their unfolding:

All: Christ be beside us.

One: For the problems that beset us and the perils that ensnare us:

All: Christ be within us.

One: In all our days and nights, in all our journeys and our coming home,

All: Christ be above us and beneath us, Christ be our guide and strength.

*Worship Prayer by Ruben Alves

Gracious God, make me sensitive to all the evidence of your goodness; and may I, trusting you, free myself of the terror of death, and feel free to live intensely and happily the life you have given me. Amen.

Anthem

The Greatest of These
(by Jane Marshall)

Time with Children of All Ages

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Readings:

N.T. page 210-211

1 Timothy 6:11-19

O.T. page 548

Psalm 91

O.T. page 736

Jeremiah 32:1-3a. 6-15

Sermon

Field of Dreams

Rev. Barb Lemmel

*Hymn

To Know You More
(Songbook #130)

Responding to God's Word

Celebrations & Concerns **Response: Lord hear our prayer**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Telemann Suite II

Message from Karen Allen— Thank you to the Official Board for welcoming everyone back with Family Sundaes Sunday! It was delicious and fun.

We are still looking for teachers for the fall term. We haven't had anyone commit yet so please volunteer. Karen will lead a group activity for the next two weeks. We are hearing the story of Joseph and his multi colored coat. Half the group acted out the story with figures in the sand box and half put on a puppet show. We will continue hearing the story for the next couple of weeks.

We are still collecting art supplies for COW.

Apple Pie Making—Join us in the church kitchen on the following dates: September 26th and Oct. 19th to make apple pies for the Chicken Pie Supper and the Christmas Bazaar. We'll meet at 5:00 PM and work for a couple hours each night. Bring your favorite apple peeler. Pizza will be provided on Sept. 19th. RSVP to [Carol Bouchard](#) or 862-7400. NAMI Vermont **MINDWalk** will be held at City Hall Park in Burlington, Sunday September 25th at 1pm. Carmyn Stanko, Ruth Magill and myself are a team called **MINDS MATTER!**

Please support us by going to www.namivt.org/walk and donating on line, or feel free to write a check made out to anyone of us with NAMI VT written in to the bottom left corner. Consider going to the website at www.namivt.org to learn more about NAMI VT and its many programs and services and to learn more about mental illness. Thank you so much!!
Sara Moran

Missions Committee wants you to be aware thatSunday, October 2, is World Communion Sunday. It is a time when Christians in many countries around the world break the bread and pour the cup to remember that we are a global community of believers and followers of Christ. Some congregations will celebrate the communion liturgy in a magnificent cathedral, others in a meetinghouse, on a hilltop, or even in a storefront. Each congregation may do it in a different way. But we will all celebrate together.

On this Sunday, we will also take a special offering, to commemorate the day. These gifts will be shared equally between the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. The UCC offering, "Neighbors in Need," supports the Council on American Indian Ministry as well as the Justice and Witness Ministries. The UMC provides scholarship assistance to first generation minorities and international students who are pursuing graduate studies. Historically, these groups have not had significant access to higher education. Both offerings serve the marginalized and give hope and support to those in need.

So please give generously on October 2. Thank you in advance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of September 25, 2016

Sunday, September 25- 9:30am Worship with Rev. Barb Lemmel

Wednesday, September 28—7:00am Men's Breakfast

Thursday, September 29—8:00am Centering Prayer & Bible; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 30 - 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, October 2 – 9:30am Worship and Communion with Rev. Paul Hoffman

Schedule of Services—September/October

September 25, Rev. Barb Lemmel

October 2, Rev Paul Hoffman

October 9, Rev. Barb Lemmel

Pillsbury Bible—Judy Pillsbury will be reading from the Pillsbury Bible this morning. It was given to WFC in memory of Mary Pillsbury who lived on the family farm in St. George, Vermont. She was a member of the Federated Church for many years and quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Mary and her husband Caleb always sat in the same pew every Sunday. One parishioner recalled how on first attending the church, they unknowingly sat in Mary's pew. "When she arrived, she looked at the number on the pew, looked at us with a dirty look, and we never sat there again." *Mary lived a long life until she passed away at the age of 105. Four of her children and their families attended the church. She was mother to Henry, Al, Jim and Charlie and grandmother to Larry and Daniel Pillsbury and Faith Giguere.

*Recollections of the Williston Federated Church in the 1940's and 1950's—compiled by Art Tuthill, John Lantman and Howard Carpenter and told by people who attended the church at the time. It is available in the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library.

Music and Worship Committee: October 2nd is World Communion Sunday In order to bring our worship service closer to the world, the music and worship committee is asking the people of the church to bring small items to display on the railing near the altar and in the fellowship hall. Cloth and small items reflecting the art of a particular country are suggested. Also if anyone is interested in providing a type of bread associated with a particular culture please contact Carolyn Pillsbury or someone from the music and worship committee.

Help us update the Williston Federated Church Family Scrapbook

We will soon welcome our new interim pastor, Rev. Barbara Lemmel. She will join Rev. Paul Hoffman, our Pastoral Care Minister, for the next few months. As a way of helping both pastors get to know our church family better, we are updating the Williston Federated Church Family Scrapbook.

Our current scrapbook was created when Rev. Joan O'Gorman came to us about ten years ago. Like many photo albums, it has been sitting on a shelf for a few years. It's time for it to be updated. We invite you to add a page to the scrapbook with a picture of your family and a little personal information that you want to share. If you already have a page in the book and are happy with it, no need to make a new one.

The scrapbook is on the table as you enter the Fellowship Hall. Check out the pages that are already inside for ideas. Take a packet that includes; simple instructions, a piece of card stock and a clear plastic protective cover. Any 8 1/2x11 inch paper will work, so be creative & have fun. When you complete your page, just slip it into the book.

Thanks for your help with this project. If you have any question, contact Carol Bouchard or Cathy Michaels.

Committee members are still needed. Sadly, summer is winding down, but fall is an exciting time in the life of the church. The children are back to school and all church programs & committees are in full gear. There are still a few openings on the various church committees: Education, Music & Worship, Trustees, Membership, Missions & Social Concerns, Official Board & Finance. Interested in learning how you can help? Contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Donna Goodheart, Rebecca Dubois, Sylvia Maloney or Carol Bouchard.

Hopkins Bookshop is CLOSING in November. For those who are not familiar with Hopkins it contains religious and inspirational books. Everything in stock is on sale from 40-80% off. Location is Cherry and Battery Street, part of the Episcopal Cathedral. Free Parking is available.

From the Pastor Staff Committee - Karen Allen has resigned her position as Sunday School Coordinator. She will finish her tenure at the end of December. We wish her well in her future endeavors. ***A big thank you to all the work she has done and her devotion to the children of our church.***

Friday Morning Men's 7:00am Bible Study is looking at the lectionary readings for the week, thinking about them, and discussing their meaning for our lives. After the meetings everyone who has time is invited to go out to breakfast together. All the men associated with the church are encouraged to join the group, for one Friday or for more. For additional information, contact Ken Stone, kmstonevt@aol.com

Coffee Hour Hosts & Greeters - Sunday morning coffee hour is a great time to catch up with friends & to welcome visitors. September is back to church for many who have been busy enjoying family activities during our short summer months. It's also a time when new folks to the community might be "seeking" a church home.

If you are looking for a way to give of your time & talents, 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: Carol Burbank, Ruth Magill, Vicki Truman, Jean Bing or Carol Bouchard.

Church Clutter—If there are no objections, the area around the coat rack will be cleared. There is an abandoned stroller and arm chair that will move to the dump unless someone claims them soon. And if there are no objections one of the wheelchairs will be taken up stairs to be kept in the gallery. Part of the idea is to help open up the bulletin board area. Does anyone have suggestions about where to put the dolly used to haul large items? Or how to use the bulletin boards more effectively?

Been thinking about helping the survivors of the flooding in Texas, WV or Louisiana (or any number of other recent disasters)? This training will equip you to help.

Register NOW for the October 8th ERT Training!!



Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you."

It's hurricane season and winter storms will soon be upon us – are you ready to help your community or others in the event of a disaster? When disaster strikes generally the local church is first to respond. Will you know what to do if a disaster hits your town? The Early Response Team (ERT) are the people who make up the core of our responder group helping the disaster survivors. These responders are the ones on the front line helping to put a tarp on the roof or a survivor. They also remove debris from homes and help clean out the muck.

Early Response Team (ERT) members typically have a sense of adventure and a strong will to help others in need. They enjoy being the hands and feet of Christ to the survivors of disasters. Disaster preparedness, response and recovery are vital parts of our mission which clearly fall within the parameters of our biblical calling to love one another.

Those with training in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)'s Early Response Team (ERT) process are a valuable community resource and you could be one of them! This eight-hour training on Oct. 8, 2016 in N. Reading, MA, will prepare ERTs to help.

Deadline to register is Oct. 1.

[Learn more and register](#)

When:

Saturday, October 8, 2016
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Where:

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
235 Park St. (Route 62)
N. Reading, Ma 01864

Barbara Burnside
Disaster ERT & Missions Coordinator
New England Conference of the United Methodist Church
baburnside@neumc.org
978-682-8055, ext 135

Please register online (click the registration form link above or the button) or send a check for \$30 made out to "NEAC" for your lunch, course materials and T-shirts to: New England Conference 276 Essex St., P.O. Box 249, Lawrence. MA 01842-0449 Attention: Barbara Burnside

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