

***Presentation of Gifts**

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

.Prayer of Dedication

God of wonder and God of greatness, please use these gifts for the healing and safety of all who need them. We give our gifts from our hearts, knowing that your Church will use them wisely in your name. Amen

The Life and Mission of the Church

***Hymn**

It Is Well With My Soul
(Hymnal #377)

Going Out to Do God's Word

***Benediction**

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.**

Reinhold Niebuhr, American theologian, 1892-1971

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine
(Jazz arrangement by Mark Hayes)

*Please Stand if you are able

Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact donnafellinger@vt@gmail.com

Upcoming Candidating Weekend

July 21, Friday, 6:30pm-8:30pm Ice Cream social with candidate and his wife.

July 22, Saturday, 9:30am-11:30am light brunch with candidate and his wife.

July 23, Sunday 9:30am candidate will be leading Worship Service; after service Congregational Meeting to vote.

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, barblemmel@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

Church Office: (802) 878-5792, e-mail address: office@steeple.org, Website: www.steeple.org

Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

July 9, 2017 ~ 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.

Centering Words

“Every time we draw a line between others and us Jesus is on the other side of it.”

Nadia Bolz-Weber, Pastrix

“...nothing is easier than to denounce the evildoer and nothing is more difficult than to understand him.” William Sloane Coffin, Credo

“Every time we choose the good action or response, the decent, the valuable, it builds incrementally to renewal, resurrection, the place of newness, freedom.” Anne Lamott, Stitches

Prelude

Morning Has Broken
(Celtic Arrangement by Larry Shackley)

Greeting and Announcements

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

*Hymn

How Great Thou Art
(Hymnal #77)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship (based Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

All: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

One: For the Lord is good;

All: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, Thank you for all that we have and all that we are. We come to you in humility, with our heads bowed and our hands raised, to hear your words of love, redemption, and reconciliation. Please be with us, Lord, today and every day, as we struggle to live as you would have us live. Bless us, Lord, with your peace. Amen

Special Music

Sung by Gayle Goodwin

The Holy City

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Scripture:

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Psalm 145:8-14

N.T. Page 101

John 8:1-11

Sermon

Serenity, Courage, and Wisdom

Sally Metro

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
(Hymnal #474)

Responding to God's Word

Celebrations & Concerns Response: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Brother James Air (The Lord is My Shepard)
(Arr. By Larry Shackley)

JUMP IS LOOKING FOR: 5K RUN COORDINATOR

Payment: \$1000. Start date pending Run Coordinators experience.

Primary areas of Responsibility

The Run Coordinator will manage all aspects of the 5K run being held on

September 23rd, at Burlington North Beach, including:

- Meet with RUN Event Director (JUMP Director) 2-3 weeks prior to discuss work plan
- Prepare (mark) the race course
- Provide RUN Event Director a list of equipment and volunteers needed
- Show up on Race day, introduce him/herself to the volunteers
- Manage the set-up and the Race

How to Apply...Contact ASAP:

Wanda Hines; Director

JUMP, 38 So. Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401

E-mail: director@jumpvt.org or call Cell # (802) 777-3821

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## **Bystander Intervention**

There will be a training program for Bystander Intervention at our church on Thursday, July 13 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, led by Elizabeth and Marion Magill, trained Bystander Trainers.

Training Active Bystanders (TAB) is a two hour training designed to help participants recognize when they are bystanders, analyze the situation in which they find themselves, and decide on an appropriate action they can take to interfere with interpersonal oppression and bullying as it happens.

Active “bystandership” does not mean aggression but rather helping people in need. The program presumes we can change our communities by encouraging active bystander responses. Suggested donation is \$10 per person.

Contact Charlie Magill, [cmagillvt@aol.com](mailto:cmagillvt@aol.com), to enroll or for further information.

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SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES will be in FELLOWSHIP HALL

We need assistance setting up and putting away chairs for the service.

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of July 9, 2017

Thursday, July 13 ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer; 6:30 pm Bystander Intervention

Friday, July 14 ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, July 16 ~ 9:30am Worship Service with Pastor Barb In Fellowship Hall

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### **Pastor Barb's Schedule:**

July 7, Friday ~ 9:00 to 12:00, Church Office

July 11, Tuesday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

July 13, Thursday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

July 18, Tuesday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

July 20, Thursday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

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Services for the Month of July and August in Fellowship Hall

July 16, 9:30am, with Pastor Barb

July 23, 9:30am, Candidate for Settled Pastor **in Sanctuary**

July 30, 9:30am, with Sue Leister

Aug 6, 9:30am, with Charlie Magill

Aug 13, 9:30am to be announced

Aug 20, 9:30am, with Elizabeth Magill

Aug 27, 9:30am, with Pastor Barb

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**Friday Morning Men's Bible Study**, 7:00am, in the sitting room. The men spend time every Friday considering the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday and are looking at the Marcus Borg book *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. All the men of the church and their friends are welcome. Following the study those who are available go for breakfast and coffee together. For more information contact Ken Stone, [kmstonevt@aol.com](mailto:kmstonevt@aol.com), 879-0243.

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Missions and Social Justice Committee

In June, the Missions and Social Justice Committee donated \$800 in scholarship money for a child to attend Camp Agape, a residential summer camp program for Vermont youth with an incarcerated parent. We also supported the Williston Summer Recreation Program, with another \$800 gift. Both donations were made possible thanks to the generosity of Terry and Howard Carpenter, longtime members of Williston Federated Church. Upon their passing, they established the Carpenter Fund, for music and mission related projects and programs. We are extremely grateful for their bequest and the opportunity for disadvantaged youth in our community and state to have a truly memorable summer in the outdoors this summer.

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## **WEEKYLEAK #3 ~ Thursday, July 6**

A little information about our Candidate's background!

One of the following statements is NOT true. See if you can figure out which one it is. The answer is at the bottom of the email.

He has been active in Baptist, Lutheran and UCC churches

He was a practicing lawyer for many years.

He worked with Senator David Boren on the Social Security Amendments Act of 1983 and was invited to witness the bill signing ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House.

He led a council that cosponsored Regional Prayer Summits which allowed an understanding and openness between groups culminating in a prominent African American pastor standing next to the Chief of Police and with a key leader of the Black Lives Matter Movement nearby, offering prayers for the Chief during the racially charged summer after the death of Michael Brown of Ferguson, Missouri.

He opened the church doors and greeted "trick or treaters" on the church steps using offering plates to hold the candy one Halloween.

He is currently a member of the faculty/staff at a Theological Seminary.

He loves to walk.

Sincerely,  
The Search Committee

Answer: Just kidding! They are all true!

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WEEKYLEAK #2 ~ Thursday, June 29

Our Candidate's Passions!

Preaching and leading worship.

Joining people on their Christian Journey.

Connecting people with each other and with the possibilities of God's redemptive love.

Sharing the Good News of Justice, Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Grace, not only within the church, but beyond the walls of the church as well.

Reaching across barriers: racial, cultural and theological

Inspiring people to see the world beyond themselves filled with opportunities for mission and service.

Leading a community that seeks to respond to God's call to help change the world.

Watch next week's "Weekyleak" for more information about our candidate.

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## **WEEKYLEAK #1 ~ Thursday, June 22**

Candidating weekend!

So everyone's excited, but what is it and why should I care?

Candidating weekend is the time for the congregation to meet the candidate that the Search Committee has chosen after nearly 18 months of work preparing our own congregational profile, scouring potential pastor profiles, prayer, discussions, interviews, more prayer, discernment, more discussions, more prayer and a unanimous decision on whom to call.

It is a time for our candidate to meet the congregation and have an opportunity to get to know us! He's met the search committee, seen the church, the parsonage and the town, but he and his wife want to meet all of you!

There will be two opportunities for more informal interactions with the candidate and his wife. Friday July 21, 6:30pm – 8:30pm we will be having a meet and greet ice cream social. Saturday morning, July 22, from 9:30 – 11:30 will be an opportunity for conversations with the candidate and his wife while enjoying a light brunch.

On Sunday, July 23, the candidate will lead worship. Following the service we will have a congregational meeting during which the search committee will present a report summarizing our search process, explain the reasons why we chose this candidate, answer questions and have a church wide vote on calling this candidate as our Settled Pastor. After the vote (assuming it is affirmative ...) the candidate will come back to the sanctuary to be formally welcomed.

A new settled pastor can be an opportunity for new growth and renewal in spirit, programs, missions, members, music and more for our church. Don't miss this chance to contribute your voice to the future of the WFC.

Stay tuned for more information about our candidate in the weeks ahead.

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