

***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 grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your spirit that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you. Thank you for this opportunity to share your blessings with others who need you, too. Amen.

The Life and Mission of the Church

***Hymn**

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet
(Hymnal #601)

Going Out to Do God's Word

Postlude

Sonata
(Clementi)

*Please Stand if you are able

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

One More Week to Go 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

Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

July 16, 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

*By taking some time each day to allow the Word to echo,
we may begin to recognize the loving voice of God speaking in our lives.*
Sr Kym Harris, OSB

Prelude

What a Friend We Have In Jesus
(Arr. By Mark Hayes)

Greeting and Announcements

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

*Hymn

The Trees of the Field
(Songbook #27)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship *adapted from Isaiah 55*

One: Hear this promise from the prophet Isaiah: “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and water the earth,

All: Bringing forth life, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

One: So shall God's word go forth. It shall not return to God empty,

All: But it shall accomplish God's purpose.

One: For we shall go out with joy, and be led forth in peace.

**All: The mountains and hills shall burst into song.
The trees of the field shall clap their hands!**

Opening Prayer

Kind and generous God, you have planted and watered the seed of your word in us. Use it to produce a rich harvest in us and through us. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Special Music

Sung by Bob Driver

Come Holy Spirit
(arr. by Bill and Gloria Gaither)

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Scripture:

O.T. Page 685-686

Isaiah 55:6-13

N.T. Page 13-14

Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon

Seasons of Life, Seasons of the Spirit

Pastor Barb

*Hymn

Spirit of the Living God
(Hymnal #393)

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

Be Thou My Vision
(Arr. By Larry Shackley)

WEEKYLEAK #1—continued

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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## A BIG THANK YOU....

A big thank you to all who helped make the BBQ pulled pork and chicken sandwich event a success! We "pulled in" \$1,388 after expenses!

Several folks deserve special recognition. One goes to my husband Michael who did whatever I asked. He hauled tables and chairs from and back to the church. He helped set up the tent and later took it down. He ran errands, helped carry and set up heavy items, and even helped serve the food.

Then there is Vickie Walker who figured out the number of sandwiches we could probably sell and how much meat we needed as well as providing recipes for cooking the meat and for the cookies. She also oriented Paul Bouchard and me to the school kitchen.

Paul and Carol Bouchard were "totally awesome!" Paul was a great kitchen supervisor-and thanks to him, Carlos, Rebecca and Joe, all the sandwiches were wrapped and ready to go. Carol was up early making coffee in the church kitchen when we came for the tables. She helped set up the tent and stayed for the whole event and helped take it down. She also arranged for the WFC tee shirts which really gave us a team look! I want to recognize as well our wonderful church office administrator, Sally, who helped with all the signage.

Again thanks to all of you who helped serve, bake, buy rolls, bought "pigs" and "chickens," and helped with donations to cover costs. .... Sara Moran

## 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 16, 2017

**Thursday, July 20** ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer

**Friday, July 21** ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study; 6:30pm-8:30pm Ice Cream social with candidate and his wife.

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

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

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Pastor Barb's Schedule:

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

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

Vacation July 25 - August 14. *While she is away, Paul Hoffmann will continue to cover pastoral emergencies.*

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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, 879-0243.

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## WEEKYLEAK #4 ~ Thursday, July 13

Candidating Weekend is a little over a week away! The search committee is so pleased that we will be able to introduce this candidate and his wife to our church family as our recommendation for WFC's settled pastor.

This week we thought we would share a few quotes from some of the references that caught our eye. His references truly stood out. We trust you'll be just as captured with them as we are.

"He has a genuine pastor's heart and is very careful with the people in his charge."

"I work with literally hundreds of pastors and church leaders. He is at the top of a very short list of clergy colleagues who inspire my trust and confidence beyond question."

"His commitment to crossing barriers of race, ethnicity and faith traditions to bring together people as the body of Christ ... is a cornerstone of his ministry.... His leadership is both visionary and sensitive to the needs of all persons."

"He has a reputation and record of excellence, initiative, resolve and hard work in everything undertaken. He will be a tremendous asset wherever he serves."

"With a remarkable gift for diplomacy, combined with a deep reservoir of respect that he has earned ... he has been invaluable in helping to overcome those occasional misunderstandings that arise among church folk."

"He is relentlessly hope filled and embodies the good news of the gospel in ways that inspire and motivate longtime church members and new Christians alike."

In Excited Anticipation,  
Your Search Committee

## 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.

Answer: Just kidding! They are all true!

Sincerely,

The Search Committee

## 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.

## 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!