

# 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.*



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*Emeritus Pastor ~ Charlie Magill*

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

*Church Office Administrator ~ Sally Nowotarski*

*Music Director ~ Martin Hain, Organist ~ Carolyn Pillsbury*

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Offering

Offertory

“Born Is Jesus”  
(Arr, by Paul R. Ladd Jr.)

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!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

**All good gifts around us come from you, O God. And your greatest gift is the Christ child. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.**

**Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper)**

**Epiphany Hymns during Communion**

“Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light”  
“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”  
“As With Gladness Men of Old”

**Life and Mission of the Church**

**\*Hymn**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
(Hymnal #206)

## **Going Out to Do God's Word**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“March of the Three Kings”  
(French Traditional The Three Kings ((Flemish Carol))

\*Please Stand if you are able

**Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact [donnafellinger@steeple.org](mailto:donnafellinger@steeple.org)  
(802-355-1700)**

**NOTE:** The lighted flame entering the sanctuary at the beginning of worship symbolizes the Light of Christ coming into our midst. The pastor follows the Light in this procession, seeking to reflect that Light in leading the worship service.



## 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](mailto:kmstonevt@aol.com)

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**Dear Friends:** I have tentatively scheduled a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission trip to Florida for the week of April 15 to 21, 2018. I picked Florida because we haven't worked there before, it is frequently affordable to travel to, and Puerto Rico is not yet organized to receive volunteers. There is much hurricane recovery work to be done throughout the world.

If this fits your calendar and you'd like to go, please let me know. I will know details about where we should fly to, what the costs will be, and how many can be in the group as time goes by. As you know, we probably won't know what the work is until a week or so before we travel, perhaps not until we arrive. My hope is that it will not be ALL ceiling work, as our last New Jersey trip was.

I hope to hear from several of you. Feel free to distribute this note widely.

God's blessing,  
Charlie Magill

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**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 or Carol Bouchard.

*Liturgical resources: The **Call to Worship** and **Opening Prayer** were adapted from "Prayers for the Festival of Epiphany" written by Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Faith Formation: Curator for Worship and Liturgical Arts, United Church of Christ (UCC), found at UCC "Worship Ways" [http://www.ucc.org/worship\\_worship-ways](http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways). The Communion liturgy was adapted from "Liturgies Online" by Rev. Moira Laidlaw, Uniting Church of Australia, found at: [http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/liturgies/main/index.php?ch\\_table=link3&PID=19&SID=&year](http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/liturgies/main/index.php?ch_table=link3&PID=19&SID=&year)*

*The Powerpoint presentation of projected images was prepared by our Church Office Administrator, Sally Nowotarski.*

**Greeters:** Charlie and Ruth Magill **Coffee:** Sally Metro

**Ushers:** Charlie and Ruth Magill

**Scripture Reader:** Charlie Magill

## Williston Federated Church ~ Week of January 7, 2018

**Tuesday, Jan 9** ~ 1:30pm Bible Study; 6:00pm Christian Ed; 7:00pm Official Board

**Wednesday, Jan 10** ~ 6:00pm Youth Ministry; 6:30pm Finance Committee; 7:30pm AA Meeting

**Thursday, Jan 11** ~ 8:00am Centering; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, Jan 12** ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, Jan 13** ~ 9:00am Alanon

**Sunday, Jan 14** ~ 9:30am Worship Service

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## Dear Pastor Staff Committee and Women of the Church:

Thank you, thank you for the beautiful baskets! Once again you spoil us with delicious treats and thoughtful gifts. It is truly our pleasure to work with all of you. Thank you for the privilege!

Blessings,

Paul, Martin, Ashley, Carolyn, Cindy and Sally

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**Today is the degreening of the church.** The Music and Worship committee is asking the congregation to assist in this process. After the worship service there will be plastic bags etc available and members of the committee will give guidance.

### **Membership Opportunity Coming Soon**

All are welcome here at Williston Federated Church. 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 a new member informational meeting today (Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>) after worship. At this meeting, folks will learn more about this church and its ministries and ways that you might want to become involved.

We will meet after worship in the sitting room for about one hour. Child care will be available. If you are interested in attending and would like a "Membership Information Packet" in advance, or if you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Paul Eyer or a member of the Membership Committee: Carol Bouchard, Ruth Magill, Sally Metro or Vicki Trueman.

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### **January Book Club and Pot Luck**

This month our book club will meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on January 29 at 5:30 p.m.

The book for January is 'The Paying Guests' by Sarah Waters. Susan Lamb and Ann Wadsworth will host the event. Please RSVP to Susan Lamb [susanlambvt@gmail.com](mailto:susanlambvt@gmail.com) at 878-1251. Ann Wadsworth [ann.wadsworth1@gmail.com](mailto:ann.wadsworth1@gmail.com) at 578-8716.

### **Dismas House Dinner Sign Up 2018**

Williston Federated Church is a partner with Dismas House, Burlington, a transitional housing facility serving former inmates, as well as college students and international volunteers.

On the third Tuesday of each month, church attendees volunteer to provide dinner and eat with the members of the residence. There are usually 10-12 folks sitting around a large table, sharing their day and enjoying a meal together. Several longtime members of WFC have participated in this worthwhile outreach program for many years.

There is a new sign-up sheet for the coming year on the bulletin board in the entryway. Please consider getting involved with Dismas in 2018. If you have any questions about the program, logistics, or would like to partner with someone, please contact: Carol Wyatt, [bruce-carol@gmail.com](mailto:bruce-carol@gmail.com), 802-876-7950.

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**New Member Informational January 7th** - All are welcome here at Williston Federated Church. 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 a new member informational meeting after worship beginning at 11:00 AM in the Sitting Room. At this meeting, folks will learn more about this church and its ministries and ways that you might want to become involved. Child care will be available. If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, speak to Pastor Paul or a member of the Membership Committee: Carol Bouchard, Ruth Magill, Sally Metro or Vicki Trueman.