

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 in the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Congregation is invited to sing along. "Without Seeing You"
(Songbook #122)

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)

God of splendor and might, you lead us across the wilderness of our lives, setting our hearts aflame; you teach us the ways of life and death and send us prophets to bless us with understanding and wisdom. May these offerings show our commitment to grow ever deeper in your ways, through the one who leads us into life. Amen.

Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn "Majesty"
(Songbook #51)

Going Out to Do God's Word

Benediction

Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"
(J.S Bach)

*Please Stand if you are able

Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact donnafellinger@vt@gmail.com
(802-355-1700)

NOTE: The lighted flame entering the sanctuary at the beginning of worship symbolizes the Light of Christ coming into our midst.

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.



Pastor ~ Reverend Paul Eyer 878-5792, pastoreyer@gmail.com

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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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

January 28, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for young children.

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

Centering Words

"I'm religious not because I'm ignorant. I'm religious because I'm in awe."

Howard Smith, 20th century scientist

Words of Welcome/ Call to Worship

Bob Driver

Official Board Chair, Williston Federated Church

One: Come and sit at the feet of our teacher.

All: Christ reveals the ways of God.

One: Come and see that God's kingdom has drawn near.

All: God sets the captives free and fills the needy with good things.

One: Come and praise our source of courage and strength.

All: The Spirit leads us in wisdom and truth.

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord.

Prelude

“Larghetto”

(Johann Franck)

Introit

“Sing Praise to God”

Greeting and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Candle

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

*Hymn

“O Worship the King”

(Hymnal #73)

Opening Prayer *(unison)*

God of mystery and might, when your presence overwhelmed your people, you sent prophets, teachers, and guides to call them back to life; when we wandered in the shadows, you sent your Son, Jesus, to open our eyes, that we might see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds this day, that we might understand your holy mysteries and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. Amen.

Anthem

“Down by the Riverside”

(arr by Moses Hogan)

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Scripture readings

Gospel:

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Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

“As One with Authority”

Pastor Paul Eyer

Reception of New Members (see Bulletin Insert)

Les Allen

Ellie Casey

Paul Eyer

Jackie Lingelbach

Bob Driver

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*Hymn

”Awesome God”

(Songbook #38)

Responding to God's Word

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People. Response: Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

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

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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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The National Alliance for Mental Illness VT (NAMI VT) will offer a free 12-week class for families of people with a mental health condition starting March 5th. For more information, contact NAMI VT at (802) 876-7949 or email nickmartin@namivt.org.

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*Liturgical resources: The Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, and Prayer of DEDICATION were adapted from B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (Kindle Locations 499-507). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.*

*The Powerpoint presentation of projected images is the result of a collaborative effort involving our Church Office Administrator, Sally Nowotarski, Heather Lewis, a member of the Communications Task Force, and Pastor Paul Eyer. Carmyn Stanko is serving as the remote control operator today.*

**Greeters:** Carmyn Stanko **Coffee:** Mission Committee

**Ushers:** Paul and Carol Bouchard

**Scripture Reader:** Joe Maloney

### **Williston Federated Church ~ Week of January 28, 2018**

**Monday, Jan 29** ~ 5:30pm Womens Book Group

**Tuesday, Jan 30** ~ 1:00 pm Bible Study

**Wednesday, Jan 31** ~ 7:30pm AA Meeting

**Thursday, Feb 1** ~ 8:00am Centering; 6:00pm Music & Worship; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal; Finance Meeting

**Friday, Feb 2** ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, Feb 3** ~ 9:00am Alanon

**Sunday, Feb 4** ~ 9:30am Worship Service

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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.

Sledding Party

The Education Committee will host a sledding party and hot dog cookout after Church on Sunday, January 28. We will meet at Rossignol Park after Church for sledding, a campfire, hot dogs, hot chocolate, marshmallows, etc. (If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be postponed to February) Hoping for a great turnout of the young and young at heart!

Habitat Open House ~ The purpose of Habitat for Humanity is "To Demonstrate the Love and Teachings of Jesus Christ." Habitat for Humanity demonstrates that message through working in partnership with people who have no other way to qualify for home ownership. To see some of what the local affiliate, Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, is doing,

You're Invited to an Open House at our soon-to-be completed Triplex!

When: Saturday, January 27 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Where: 57 Park Street Essex Junction, VT

I hope you can join us to tour a triplex of homes that local donors, volunteers and businesses have made possible for three low-income working families in Chittenden County.

“Somber” and “sweet” on the same day: Call it a quirk of the liturgical calendar. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, meaning that the official start of the Lenten season (often a time of reflection and repentance) coincides with Valentine's Day. Indicative of our inclusive spirit, Williston Federated Church will offer opportunities to observe Ash Wednesday (and still allow time for you to celebrate Valentine's Day with your loved one.

On Wednesday, February 14, the church sanctuary will be open for anyone who wishes to receive the ashes between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Then at 6:00 p.m., a brief Ash Wednesday service will take place in the sanctuary, during which the ashes will also be offered. Please feel free to join us for this meaningful time.

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, brucecarol@gmail.com, 802-876-7950.

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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.