

Offering
Offertory

“Let Your Living Water” (Songbook #41)
Congregation is invited to sing along.

*Presentation of Gifts (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 light and beauty, every gift is from you. Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love. We offer you what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace. Amen.

Going Out to Do God’s Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

Recessional

(The Pastor will lead the congregation outside down the front steps for the Steeple Dedication. (You might want to bring your coat with you!) You are invited to position yourself along the grassy areas on either side of the stairs or along the sidewalk, or along the stairs themselves. If you prefer not to navigate the stairs, you are welcome to remain in the entry way to the church. The doors will be open for this brief time of dedication so that you can hear, see, and participate in the proceedings.)

Prayer of Dedication of the New Steeple (see insert)

Hymn “Give Thanks” (Songbook #3) (see insert)

Benediction

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

Greeters: Lois Mason **Coffee:** Membership Committee
Ushers: The Potter Family
Scripture Reader: Tony Lamb

Williston Federated Church

United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ – Federated 1899
An Open and Affirming, Reconciling Congregation

November 11, 2018

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.



Ministers ~ The People of the Church

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

Emeritus Pastor ~ Charlie Magill

Lay Leader ~ Ashley Dubois,

Church Office Administrator ~ Sally Nowotarski

Music Director ~ Martin Hain, Choir Accompanist ~ Carol Schein

Organist ~ Carolyn Pillsbury, Nursery Caregiver ~ Michelle Davis

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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

November 11, 2018 ~ 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.

(Note: the hearing devices pick up only the amplified spoken portions of the worship service.)

*Where the asterisk appears you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Centering Wisdom

"Hard as it may be to believe in these days of infectious greed and sabers unsheathed, scientists have discovered that the small, brave act of cooperating with another person, of choosing trust over cynicism, generosity over selfishness, makes the brain light up with quiet joy."
Natalie Angier, 20th Century

Welcome / Call to Worship

Ashley Dubois, Lay Leader
Williston Federated Church

Call to Worship

One: What do you bring before the Lord this day?

All: We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord

One: What do you seek?

All: We seek peace for our weary souls.

One: You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.

All: Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace. Amen.

Prelude "Thou Whose Unmeasured Temple Stands" (Arr. By Healey Willlan)

Introit "Come, We That Love the Lord"

Greeting

Veterans Day Recognition

Lighting the Peace Candle

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

***Opening Hymn** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (Hymnal #101)

Prayer for the Day

All: Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. Amen.

Anthem "Think on These Things" by Mark Patterson

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages / Dedication of Thanksgiving Baskets

Steeple Recognition

Scriptures I Kings 17:8-16 Old Testament Page 324

Sermon "Abundance" Pastor Paul Eyer

***Hymn** "We Are the Church" (Hymnal #558)

Responding to God's Word

Celebrations & Concerns and Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord of Life and Love,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Bible 101: “So You Want to Know Your Bible!” In response to popular demand, Pastor Paul will be leading a five-week study offering **an overview of the compelling—and sometimes confounding—stories of scripture.**

Weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., continuing through November 15, we will enjoy a light meal and conversation about the stories of our faith (some uplifting, some upsetting) found in the Old Testament. A similar series focused on the New Testament is planned for the Fall of 2019.

Join us for soup and scripture each Thursday starting October 18!

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**United Methodist New England Jurisdiction Team Forming for Puerto Rico Recovery** UMVIM Jurisdictional Coordinator, Tom Lank will be leading a team to Puerto Rico for the recovery effort from **May 13-20, 2019**. This will be a Monday-Monday journey. In accordance with the guidelines published by the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (MCPR), all team members must be over 18 and have had Safe Sanctuaries training and clearances. The MCPR has expressed a particular desire for volunteers with roofing skills, but all applicants will be considered regardless of skill. If you are interested in joining the team, contact [coordinator@umvimnej.org](mailto:coordinator@umvimnej.org)

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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

Christmas Pageant Director Needed: It is so much fun to direct the Christmas Pageant!! The children are great to work with and the pageant always helps us remember the Christmas message. You could be the director or assistant director this year! Please contact Susan Lamb for details: 878-1251, susanlambvt@gmail.com

*Liturgical resources: The **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of the Day** are adapted from a liturgy written by Nancy Townley, an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. The **Prayer of Dedication** is adapted from “The Abingdon Worship Manual” edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Abingdon Press.*

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of November 11, 2018

Tuesday, Nov 13 ~ 6:00pm Christian Education; 6:00pm Missions; 7:00pm Official Board Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 14 ~ 6:00pm Youth Group; 7:30pm AA Meeting

Thursday, Nov 15~ 8:00am Centering Prayer; 11:00am Membership Meeting; 5:30pm Bible 101; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Nov 16~ 7:00am Men’s Bible Study

Saturday, Nov 17~9:00am Alanon; Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, Nov 18~ 9:30am Worship Service; 4:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at WFC

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service ~ November 18th at 4:00pm ~ Four area churches will gather for worship followed by a time for fellowship, bread and home-made soup. This year our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held here at Williston Federated Church. Please join us as faith communities worship together: Williston Federated, Immaculate Heart of Mary (Williston), Richmond Congregational UCC and Holy Rosary (Richmond). A combined choir of the churches will sing and we have the gracious opportunity to worship together.

Soups and bread are still needed for our fellowship time - please sign up on the bulletin board.

Christmas Bazaar

November 17th 9 AM - 2 PM

Here is a preview for the Christmas Bazaar November 17th, sponsored by the Women of the Church.

Please sign up on the bulletin board. Contact [Carol Bouchard](#) if you have questions.

Craft Table - Chairperson, [Carol Bouchard](#) - We need hand made items such as mittens, scarves, ornaments, jewelry, wooden items, Christmas or other holiday decorations.

Bake Sale Table - Chairperson, [Rebecca Dubois](#) - We need all sorts of baked goods including pies, cakes, cookies, candies, breads, jams, pickles, fudge etc. The bake sale table is one of the most popular.

Please package cookies, bars, fudge etc. in small packages.

Plant Table – Chairperson, [Sally Metro](#) - We are looking for houseplants, dried flowers, wreaths, gourds, gifts for gardeners.

Attic Treasures – Co-chairs, [Peet Grobler](#) & [Sylvia Maloney](#) – We are looking for *small* items: collectibles, old linens, jewelry, Christmas decorations, small treasures.

Silent Auction - Sponsored by the youth – Contact [Matt Bliss](#) or [Ashley Dubois](#) - Donations of goods & services are needed. Some ideas are: yard work, computer help, babysitting, pies, art work, tickets to a local sporting event, a weekend at a camp, a dinner in your home. Be creative. Proceeds benefit the youth group. Follow this [link](#) for the on line form.

Ready to Go Meals – Co-chairs Vicki Walker & Polly Malik. A variety of take home meals will be available. This will be our only sale of Take Home Meals so stock up on your favorites. We also have canned goods - your favorite jams and pickles. Proceeds to benefit the Community Dinner Fund

Solmate Socks – Brenda Howley is selling these mismatched socks to benefit Dragonheart Vermont, a breast cancer survivor group.

Lunch - We will be serving home made soups, pulled pork sandwiches and chili. Donations of soup are needed.

Set Up – Thursday, Nov. 15th 1-4 and Friday, Nov. 16th 9-4 - Card Tables and holiday table cloths are needed. Bring your donated items and come help us set up.

Holiday Decorating:

As you are going through your decorations for the upcoming holidays, please look for “wreath rings”, preferably 20”, that you might have taken home last year when you degreened. We will be needing them this year !

TAIZE Service is November 11th at 7:00pm

at St Paul’s Cathedral on Battery and Cherry Street in Burlington. This service combines sung and spoken prayer, silent reflection and music from the TAIZE community creating a space for stillness and connection with God.

Listening Session for The Way Forward

You are invited to an important conversation about the future of the United Methodist Church and its position on issues related to the LGBTQ community on

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 899 Dorset Street, in South Burlington.

Rene Wilbur and Rev. Leigh Goodrich, Vermont delegates to United Methodist General Conference, will host a time to listen to your concerns and questions as they prepare for the special session of General Conference Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.

At that February meeting of the United Methodist General Conference, a decision will be made on the future of the denomination relating to same-sex unions and LGBTQ ordination.

NOTES

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People: For this steeple that calls us home, we give thanks, O God.

Pastor: For the ways in which this steeple symbolizes faith,

People: For the ways in which this steeple represents community,

All: We give thanks, O God.

Pastor: O God, we are grateful for all those who helped to make this new steeple a reality:

People: For steeplejacks and coppersmiths and crane operators;

Pastor: For congregation members and community members who have given generously;

People: For church leaders who gave of themselves;

All: We give thanks, O God.

Pastor: For the ways in which this spire inspires us,

People: For the ways in which this steeple speaks to people,

All: We give thanks, O God.

Pastor: May this steeple continue to proclaim a message of community and faith and hope for all whose eyes gaze upon it.

People: May it be so!

All: Amen.

“Give Thanks ”

(Songbook #3)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ,

His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong!”

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