

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.

Open and Affirming, Reconciling Pledge

We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation.

Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

Sunday – August 9, 2020, 9:30 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC “Saraband” from the “Holberg Suite” by Edward Grieg
recorded by Carolyn Pillsbury

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ashley Dubois, Lay Leader,
Williston Federated Church

One: We gather to worship God,

All: who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.

One: We gather to follow Jesus,

All: who encourages to never fear, for he is near.

One: We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

All: who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.

WELCOME

Pastor Paul Eyer

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

HYMN

“Be Still My Soul”
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Hymnal #534

Be Still, My Soul



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

5
 Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past,
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

9
 leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

United Methodist Hymnal 534
 WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)
 MUSIC (FINLANDIA 11 10.11 10.11 10): Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933; Arr. © 1933, renewed 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education

Be Still, My Soul

13
 in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

17
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

21
 through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

United Methodist Hymnal 534
 WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)
 MUSIC (FINLANDIA 11 10.11 10.11 10): Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933; Arr. © 1933, renewed 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Paul Eyer

One: Eternal God, you visit us in dreams, offering us glimpses of new possibilities.

All: Be with us now, as we call on your name. Bless us with courage to follow you, even--and especially--when times are tough. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Dreams and Visions”

by Cliff Airie and Chris Bakriganes

performed by the Oikos Ensemble

(used with the permission of Cliff Airie, Chris Bakriganes, and the Oikos Ensemble)

TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Pastor Paul Eyer

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Bruce Wyatt

(from the New Revised Standard Version)

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.^[a] ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

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¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” ¹⁴ So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” ¹⁶ “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” ¹⁷ The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard

OFFERING

If you're interested in setting up automatic online withdrawals, please contact Matt Bliss who can invite you to set up an account with our online church membership software, Realm. When logged in, select the "Giving" menu on the left hand side and the "+ Give" button on the next screen. Then, enter your giving details and payment information to set up automatic withdrawals from your bank account. Select one of the pledge accounts (e.g., Pledge Jul 2020 to Jun 2021). Frequency should be set to monthly on the 15th. You can follow the same process to make one time contributions too. If you have any questions, contact Matt Bliss at blisswm@comcast.net. Or you can complete a hard-copy registration form (posted on the church Facebook page) and mail it to Matt Bliss at the church.

Credit card contributions can be made on the church website at steeple.org.

OFFERTORY

"Shall We Gather at the River"

recorded by Carolyn Pillsbury

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Pastor Paul Eyer

All: Not only with our lips, but with our lives and with our treasure we will proclaim that you are in our midst, Loving God. Take these gifts, and use them so all might know that your love, your life, your hope, your healing is near to them. Amen.

LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Paul Eyer

- "Virtual" coffee hour via Zoom immediately following worship today
- Music and Worship Committee meets on Wednesday, August 12 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Official Board meets on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Centering Prayer on Thursday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- "How We Respond: congregational conversations about racism" on Thursday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. via Zoom
- online Sunday worship services via Facebook, Sunday, August 16, 9:30 am

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision" hymnal # 451

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BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Pastor Paul Eyer

POSTLUDE “All Through the Night” Welsh Melody arr. by Larry Shackley
recorded by Carolyn Pillsbury

*Liturgical resources: The **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Dedication** are adapted from “Liturgy with communion for August 10, 2014 (Pentecost 9/Trinity 8/Proper 14/ Ordinary Time 19 - A)” at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2014/08/liturgy-wcommunion-for-august-10-2014.html> by Thom Shuman found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2014/08/liturgy-wcommunion-for-august-10-2014.html>. The **Prayer for the Day** is adapted from a liturgy by Mary Scifres, [The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020](#) (Kindle Edition).*

This Week and Beyond at WFC

In addition to prayers offered during our worship services, prayer requests may still be sent to Pastor Paul via email at pastoreyer@gmail.com. These prayers will then be lifted in prayer by the pastor throughout the week. (If you would like to submit prayer requests to be shared during our online worship service, please send those requests to WillistonFederatedYouth@gmail.com or post them as chat comments during our video live-stream of our worship service on Facebook Live on Sunday.)

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### Today's anthem

"Dreams and Visions", today's anthem, was recorded by the Oikos ensemble, a sacred jazz musical group that has performed in churches around the country. At the time of this recording, the members of the Oikos Ensemble included:

Rev. Cliff Aerie, saxophone

Dr. Christopher Bakriges, piano

Arianna Aerie, vocals

Kenneth Walker, bass

Chris Lee, drums

Gabriel Mervine, trumpet

The lyrics to "Dreams and Visions" were inspired by Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. These lyrics read as follows:

*Dream! Dream a world that's just and fair.*

*Free from hatred and fear.*

*Safe without want or care.*

*Love will be our guide—overcoming greed and pride.*

*Unity—dreams and visions set us free.*

*Dare! Dare to lift your voices high. Speaking truth from your heart.*

*Now is the time to start. Hope points to the way—visions of a brand new day.*

*Unity—dreams and visions set us free.*

*Ah... visions and dreams. Ah... visions and dreams.*

*Start now! Right now! Start now! Right now!*

*Sing! Sing a song to change the world.*

*Sing it out in the night. Sing 'til you get it right.*

*Grace abides in you—ready to transform, make new.  
Unity—dreams and visions set us free.*

The goal of the Oikos Ensemble is to provide “music and stories to change the world.” (See <https://mailchi.mp/247fd08b94e2/free-jazz-meditations-during-a-time-of-social-distancing?e=21d0c256fd>.)

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Virtual Bulletin Board

We are happy to share that we have created a [Bulletin Board](#) for announcements and sign ups that will be accessible through our website. We have also created a [tutorial video](#) to guide you through using the bulletin board. Both, the tutorial and bulletin board, can be found on our website.

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### **Access to church building – please note NEW INFORMATION**

Access to the church to building is now allowed subject to the requirements listed in "Opening the Church Building for Prayer, Group Meetings and Limited Special Services". If you would like a copy of this document, please contact Martin Hain at [mhainvt@gmail.com](mailto:mhainvt@gmail.com). All visits to the building must be scheduled and approved in advance. You can schedule a visit by contacting Tony Lamb at 802-343-1544 or [stolat36@gmail.com](mailto:stolat36@gmail.com), Martin Hain at 802-598-6611 or [mhainvt@gmail.com](mailto:mhainvt@gmail.com), or Mike Moran at 802-343-9427 or [mpmoran1a@yahoo.com](mailto:mpmoran1a@yahoo.com). All people entering the building must wear a face mask and must social distance. Please see the document listed above for other requirements.

Remember that the building is closed but the Church is open, carrying out ministry in support of God’s work in the world.

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Kids4Peace is offering virtual summer camps for \$50 each session, kids grades 6-12. To learn more, go to k4p.org for details, looking under “Summer 2020 virtual edition”, for these special opportunities to make new friends and deepen skills to

build peace. Some of the camps are only for youths in the United States; others are international.

- Exploring Social Media and Social Justice
- Lift Ev'ry Voice: Freedom, Patriotism and Democracy
- Life, Animated: Evaluating Meaning and Finding Connection
- Protest Art and other Small Crimes
- Uncomfortable : Race, Racism and Privilege
- All Power to the People
- Facilitation 101–Building Trust and Supporting Dialog
- A Virtual Interfaith Road Trip

DISMAS HOUSE - Every third Tuesday of the month, our community, Williston Federated Church, has the opportunity to plan, prepare and deliver the evening meal to Dismas House in Burlington. Tuesday, August 17th, the 3rd Tuesday of August, will be the next date for volunteer cooks to participate in this meaningful opportunity.

Please call or email Peet Grobler for details regarding this meaningful opportunity:
(802) 881-9007; peetgrobler@aol.com.

Thank you for considering,
Your Missions and Social Concerns Committee, Chairperson, Carol Wyatt.

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Come and participate! Burlington Dismas House, the transitional residence for former prisoners, is running its first **online auction** in August. This auction is in lieu of the 35th Annual Dismas Community Celebration, which was cancelled, due to COVID -19. Over 70 items, including gift certificates to local restaurants and shops, outdoor experiences, apparel, and virtual classes will be featured. All proceeds raised from the event will support its programming and budget. **The goal for the online auction is \$5,000.** More information, including links to the event will be available soon.

Live Online Auction: Friday, August 14-August 28 at 6 PM

Many thanks to the generosity of our local community for their support. Without them, this event would not be possible.

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**Thursday morning prayer (note change in time!):** Thursday mornings at 9am there will be a zoom gathering for silent prayer and Bible discussion. (This meeting time will apply for upcoming Thursdays: August, 13, 20, and 27.) The session begins with a brief reading and then 20 minutes of silence. A picture and participants will appear on the screen. After 20 minutes a bell will ring 3 times. Then the Bible passage of the day will be read three times. Participants will talk of the part of the passage that touched them or had questions or special meaning. The gathering will end at about 10am with the Lord's Prayer also known as the Our Father. The code is 395 928 9957.

Questions call Donna Fellingner 802 355 1700.

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Calling All Mask Makers - Williston Central School & Allen Brook School will need back up masks for students & staff this fall. Please consider making some cotton face masks to be donated to the school. Masks should be individually sealed in a sandwich bag & labeled with the size. If you would be interested in helping with this project,, contact [Carol Bouchard](#).

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**An opportunity for service:** One way to honor the many years of service of Ken Morton as he retires as Fire Chief in Williston would be to identify and encourage capable people to serve our community through the Fire Department. The Department is currently looking for applicants for “on-call” firefighters to augment the full-time career staff at the Fire Department. Here is a message from Lieutenant Matthew Ammann of the on-call staff of the Fire Department:

***One of the worst days a person can have in their life is when they have to call 911.***

***And yet one of the most fulfilling moments in a person's life is when they help another in desperate need, especially during an emergency. The Williston Fire Department answers those calls every day with both full-time Firefighters and "paid on call" Firefighters. For us to continue serving our community, we need to build our team with more on call members. If you are the type of person that wants to experience that most fulfilling moment of helping a neighbor during a crisis, you should visit our website and see how we meet that need for the citizens of Williston.***

***Thanks to Hollywood, what most people think it is like to become a firefighter and respond to emergencies is not quite accurate. It can be exciting and fast-paced, but our on call members lead their normal daily lives, responding to emergency calls only when they are truly available. The Fire Department provides training on a schedule that supports members' busy lifestyles and personal responsibilities. Members have no personal costs as equipment is paid for by the department, and the Town of Williston even pays an hourly wage for on-call members when they are at local training or helping at an emergency call.***

***So if you want to experience that incredible rush of helping another person in desperate need, wish to be part of a team that will treat you like family, and do all of this within your own community, please visit our website at [www.willistonfire.com](http://www.willistonfire.com) for more information to help you decide if being an on-call Williston Firefighter is a title that you would like to hold.***

***Lieutenant Matt Ammann  
Williston On-Call Firefighter***