

# THE STEEPLE

## Williston Federated Church

### A Message From The Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

The feeling of fall is truly in the air with these pleasant and cool temperatures. With this season comes the start up of our Sunday school and Youth Ministry programs. I look forward each fall, as many of you probably do, to seeing everyone and sharing what is new in our lives as we gather in God's house and feel the spirit move among us. Please take a moment, the next time you arrive at church, to pick up a new registration form on the downstairs table for your children and/or youth and a youth covenant and health form, both are good for the full school year. They will only take a moment and are so important to our Sunday school and Youth programs here at WFC.

We will be following the Revised Common Lectionary and using the same curriculum, as last year, in all our Sunday school classes that begin on September 10. The preschool class through grade 5 will be using 'Life Together'. Grades 6, 7 and 8 will make up the junior high class this year and will be using a web based curriculum called "Faith Lens" which relates the scripture lesson to current topics going on in the world today. Grade 6 was added to the junior high class to help the youth get to know each other better and to help grow in size. The senior high class will be staying in worship until after the message as they did last year and then moving to the upper room for a discussion time. Both junior and senior high will be staying in the full worship service on our communion Sundays. Many have enjoyed hearing the same story in class as was read during the worship service. This lets us continue to grow in faith with the conversations that you have with young children, youth and adults of the church. Whether we see each other in the community, in your homes or here at church later in the week – let us be open to the spirit moving among us so that we talk about what we have heard in worship, Sunday school class or witnessed during the week. Our worship bulletin can help remind you of the lesson, as well as your child's Sunday school paper.

Two Youth Ministry events are already on the calendar for September. The first is an All Youth and Parent Potluck Supper on Sunday, September 17 at 6 pm. Come be a part of the fellowship and see a slide show of last year's events and talk about what is coming up this year. The second is a Youth Ministry Thank You Breakfast on Saturday, September 23 at 9am. Many of you in the congregation have supported the youth here at WFC with your time, talents and energy. So, please come be a part of this celebration and bring a story to share.

Let us continue to celebrate our God who blesses us, nurtures us, and rejoicing in us as we minister together in Christ!

God's peace to you!  
*Laurie Chipman*

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## Congratulations To.....

## Choir Rehearsals

- ◆ Jean Doherty, who celebrated her 89th birthday on August 24. Jean has also become a great grandmother!
- ◆ Neil Jackson and Amy Stoll who were married at WFC on August 12.
- ◆ Katie and Chris Marino upon the birth of a son, Ryan William.

## Our Sympathy and Prayers are Extended To....

- ◆ Kim Kilmartin upon the death of her mother

## Women of the Church Book Discussion Group

Women of the Church - potluck supper and book discussion, Monday, September 11 at 5:30pm. Ruth Magill will host and the book is "On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon" by Kaye Gibbons. A novel about a southern woman during the American Civil War. It might be interesting to re-read "The Red Badge of Courage" for another view of that disturbing war. All women welcome, call Ruth (879-6238) for directions to her house.

## Chicken Pie Supper Date Has Been Set

This year our fabulous Chicken Pie Supper will be held on Saturday, October 14. As always we need lots of help! Look for a sign up poster to appear soon on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway. Reservations can be made by calling Carol Bouchard at 862-7400.

Choir and Contemporary Music Team rehearsals will start on Tuesday, September 5. Junior Choir rehearses from 6:00 to 6:50 pm. Senior Choir rehearses from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Contemporary Music Team rehearses from 8:15 to 9:00 pm. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays until the middle of November. Junior Choir is open to children in the 3rd through 8th grades. New members are always welcome. Contact Martin Hain for more information.

## Dismas House Meals

Williston Federated Church has agreed to provide a meal for the residents of Dismas House every third Tuesday of the month. We need two people to attend, someone to prepare the main meal (usually for 12), a salad, and a dessert. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board just before the stairway to the Sanctuary. Many thanks to all the folks who help out. Questions may be directed to a member of the Missions & Social Concerns Committee.

## Antidotes to Creeping Consumerism

Take God shopping.

Buy only what we're willing to cherish.

Cultivate an attitude of gratitude for the abundance we already have.

Concentrate on God's presence and the people around us.

## LECTIONARY

Each Sunday we join Christians from many faith communities in hearing God's Word as selected from the *Revised Common Lectionary* ~ readings that over a period of 3 years take us through much of the Bible. Following are the Lectionary readings for this month ~ one or more are read aloud during the service.

September 3, 2006

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
Or  
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 10, 2006

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
Or  
Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

September 17, 2006

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
Or  
Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1  
Or  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-8  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

September 24, 2006

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
Or  
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22  
Or  
Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37



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10 9:30 am Worship <b>Sunday School Begins</b>  11-12:30 Youth Ministry Meeting  6-8 pm Sr. High Youth Night	11 7 pm Search Committee	12 10-12 Senior Exercise  7:00 pm Official Board  Choir 6,7, 8:15	13 7:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Education	14 7:30 am Rotary  10-12 Senior Exercise	15 6:30 am Men's Bible Study	16
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**Greece Thank You Dinner**

On Saturday, September 9 from 5:30-8:30 pm there will be a Greek Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Come out for a fun evening of food and a slide show presentation of Greece. Brett and Laurie Chipman will talk about their trip to Greece in July—"The Journey's of Paul". Emily Morton will also talk about her experience in Greece while on a school trip last April. All are welcome.

**Youth Ministry Breakfast**

All adults and youth who have been involved with Youth Ministry are invited to breakfast at WFC on Saturday, September 23 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.



**September 17**

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