

CONNECTION CARD

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Today's Date: _____

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E-mail

- I am new to DCC.
- I am a returning guest.
- I would like to receive the monthly newsletter.
- I would like to receive the weekly e-mail announcements.
- I am updating my contact information.
- I would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Staff.
- I would like to attend Starting Point.
- I would like to receive care from a Stephen Minister.

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

The service I usually attend is:

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM
- Sunday 11:00 AM

I would like to know more about:

- Children's Ministry (Birth-5th Grade)
- Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade)
- Small Groups
- Worship Arts
 - Choirs Handbells Drama
- Baptism Membership
- Confirmation Wedding
- Starting Point
- Other _____

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- Hospitality Team
- Ushers
- Youth Ministry Sunday School
- Children's Ministry Sunday School

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers, Senior Minister
Rev. Alan R. Rudnick, Associate/Executive Minister
Rev. Cindy Mapstone, Associate Minister
Rev. William A. Carlsen, Adjunct Minister
Rev. Edwin F. Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus
Dr. Landrum H. Wooten, Associate Minister Emeritus

Staff

Abel Searor, Director of Worship Arts/Principal Organist
Gloria Trode, Director of Children's Music
Dr. Kay Paulsen, Director of Congregational Care
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Family Worship
Ben Rayland, Children's Ministry Director
Ally Street, Nursery Director
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services
Alyssa Eighmey, Office Manager
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff
Liam McDonough, Building Staff
Jim Surdam, Building Staff

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

Office 315-445-0331
Pastor on Call (24/7) 315-303-2308

Helpful Links

Website: www.dewittchurch.org
Facebook: DeWitt Community Church



"God and Country"

Matthew 22:15-22

Saturday, May 26 & Sunday, May 27, 2018

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Saturday, May 26 & Sunday, May 27 2018

5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thoughts for Today

“The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe with blood for centuries.”

-James Madison

“I believe in the separation of church and state, but I do not believe in the separation of politics from religion.”

-Rick Warren

Prelude **“This Is My Song”** by Jean Sibelius

Announcements

Invitation to Worship

A Time for Greeting

*Opening Hymn **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (#728)**

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks for the freedom that we have to worship You, and even the freedom to not worship.

People: Today we remember and give thanks for the men and women who have given their lives in the service of this country.

Leader: Help us to never forget that our freedom comes at a great cost.

People: We honor those who have served and those who are serving our country.

Leader: We pray for the leaders of our country.

People: We pray that they might lead with integrity and wisdom, and that they might seek Your guidance.

*Unison Prayer

God of ages past and hope of years to come, we offer our gratitude for those who have served our country, defended our freedoms and given their lives. Help us to never forget the great price of freedom. Comfort us in our sorrow, and help us to see both the cost of war and the importance of working for peace. As we pray for our nation on this day, help us to understand the religious liberty that is foundational to who we are as a people. Guide us and our leaders so that our ways might be both morally right and just in Your eyes. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer **Eternal Father, Strong to Save (#74)**

Prayers of the People

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV) (p. 1007)

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

"Jesus Paid It All" by Fernando Ortega

Message **“God and Country”** Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn **Let There Be Peace on Earth (#614)**

*Blessing

Postlude **“It Is Well With My Soul”** by Horatio Spafford

Worship Assistant: Bruce Paulsen/Sandy Gunn

*Congregation stands

Offerings from today’s service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands. Your generosity makes a great difference in our ability to do God’s work as a congregation.

Please feel free to give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving site www.dewittchurch.org/give on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

DCC Mission Trip to Africa Next Meetings
Thursday, June 14 from 10 - 11 a.m.
or Sunday, June 17 from 9 - 10 a.m. in the library

We need volunteers to help in 3 main areas - fundraising (ideas and implementation), budget planning and travel logistics - come ready to sign up for one of those areas. Please RSVP below.

Annual Meeting & Dinner
Wednesday, June 13, 5:30 PM
Miller Commons

This year’s Annual Meeting will include a delicious dinner! Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend as we discuss a variety of important church business. The main dish, beverage and side dish will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. RSVP below.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

The Children's Ministry Department is pumped to announce that we have chosen a date for our upcoming Summer 2018 Vacation Bible School! The official dates are **Monday, August 13th through Friday, August 17th** and the theme will be Shipwrecked! We are also openly accepting donations as we are strongly considering running another Winter VBS next year! Visit dewittchurch.org/vbs to register or volunteer.

For info on any event, fill out the form below and drop it in the Offering plate or internal mailbox.

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Name: _____

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