

CONNECTION CARD

Tear off and drop in the Offering Jar
or in one of the Internal Mailboxes.

Today's Date: _____

Name _____

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City, State, & Zip Code _____

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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 8:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 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



"Authentic Companionship"

Ruth 1:1-18

Sunday, July 8, 2018

10:00 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Sunday, July 8, 2018 — 10:00 AM

Thoughts for Today

“The most authentic thing about us is our capacity to create, to overcome, to endure, to transform, to love and to be greater than our suffering.” -Ben Okri

Prelude “Symphonie No. 6: Cantabile” by Charles-Marie Widor

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#496)**

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, on our journey through the uncertainty of this life, protect us and guide us to find our way.

People: Help us to care for ourselves and those we love to the best of our abilities through Your leading, Your empowering and Your enfolding us in love.

Leader: Renew our hearts so that we are open to receiving Your love, O God, as well as the love of others.

People: Open our hearts to embrace the unknown with hope and to look forward to the blessings You have in store for all those that love and serve the Lord.

Leader: When we feel bitter, angry or hurt, take away the pain and plant in us seeds of faith.

People: Lord, in Your grace, let us be renewed and restored.

*Unison Prayer

Lord God, You are a redeeming God. It is not Your desire that any of Your children should suffer. You hear our cries and You come from heaven to save. As we gather to remember Your saving purposes for all who are oppressed, give us minds, hearts and wills to hear Your words to us, and then to live them. Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Your great mercy free us from selfishness that we may choose Your will and seek to embrace our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Greeting & Announcements

If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the Welcome Center as you leave the sanctuary. Look for the orange “Connect” banner.

Mission of the Month Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County

Hymn of Prayer **O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (#589)**

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.

Invitation To Give

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.

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving (#34)

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1-18 (NIV) (p. 1177)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem. When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD’s hand has turned against me!” At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music “Home” by Heather Sorensen

Message “Authentic Companionship” Rev. Cindy Mapstone

*Closing Hymn **Just a Closer Walk With Thee (#504)**

*Blessing

Postlude “Symphonie No. 6: Finale” by Charles-Marie Widor

Worship Assistant: Rev. Alan Rudnick

Song Leader: Matt Green

*Congregation stands

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Gilbert Porter from his loving wife, Shirley.

**Please Volunteer for the Samaritan Center
Sunday, July 15**

We need 14 more volunteers! Plan on being there from noon until about 3:00PM. If you are interested in volunteering please email Craig Mabbett at cmabbett88@gmail.com or call 315.436.0429.

**Summer Vacation Bible School
Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17** and the theme will be Shipwrecked! **Please visit dewittchurch.org/vbs for information**

Pedaling With Pastor Mark

This year will be Pastor Mark’s 13th year of doing a week long bicycling trip. This year we will raise money to support our 2019 mission trip to Africa.. We invite you to contribute to Pedaling with Pastor Mark by using the white pew envelopes and placing your contribution in the offering plate or jar. Please write “pedaling with Pastor Mark” on the offering envelope or on the memo section of your check. You can also mail a check to the church or call the church office to make your contribution by credit card. Thanks for your willingness to give to this special project and for giving Pastor Mark a little extra motivation for his ride!

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

Event: _____

Name: _____

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