

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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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



"Freedom Isn't Free... or Is It?"
2 Corinthians 3:1-4,10,12-14,16-18

Saturday, June 30 & Sunday, July 1, 2018

5:30 PM & 8 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Saturday, June 30 & Sunday, July 1, 2018

5:30 PM & 8:00 AM

Thoughts for Today

“That which gives us true freedom and true happiness is the compassionate love of Christ.”
-Pope Francis

“Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways.”
-Pope John Paul II

Prelude

Announcements

Invitation to Worship and Greeting

*Opening Hymn **In Christ There Is No East or West** (#603)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks to God, the giver of all good gifts.

People: For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to the new world, we thank You Lord.

Leader: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation, we exalt You Lord.

People: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledge liberty and justice for all, we praise You Lord.

Leader: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town, we glorify You Lord.

People: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice, we honor You Lord.

*Unison Prayer

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows, we are thankful. For the artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good, we are grateful. For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far, we say thank You Lord. Dear God, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice. May we always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray. Allow us to be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness. Gracious God, Father of all people, bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us Your grace and compassion; Almighty God, our rock and our salvation. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer **The Church of Christ in Every Age** (#623)

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

2 Corinthians 3:1-4,10,12-14, 16-18 (NLT) (p. 1177)

Are we beginning to praise ourselves again? Are we like others, who need to bring you letters of recommendation, or who ask you to write such letters on their behalf? Surely not! The only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves. Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This “letter” is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts. We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through Christ. If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away. But the people’s minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Message “Freedom Isn’t Free... or Is It?” Rev. Cindy Mapstone

*Closing Hymn **America, the Beautiful** (#727)

*Blessing

Postlude

Worship Assistant: Nic MacLane/Mary Chirello

Song Leader: Laura Enslin

*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.

Summer Vacation Bible School

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 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. Each year we have used this trip as an opportunity to raise funds for a special project around the church and we will be doing the same this year. 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: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____