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NEWSLETTER

July

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2018



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PROGRAMS FOR TODDLERS TO PRE-K AND GRADES K TO 5

SHIPWRECKED August 13-19
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*Connecting people with Christ through community
Helping people grow in faith
Serving God by using our gifts to serve others*

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COMING SOON

WEEKLY IN JULY

Please check the Weekly Announcements for any changes to the Church schedule.

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

Chapel Service
(Courtyard/Miller Commons)

9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (Room 42)

10:00 AM

Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Nursery – Ages 0-3 (Rm 45)
Children's Sunday School
(Room 44)

MONDAY

No Scheduled Events

TUESDAY

1:30 PM

Program Staff Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM

Bible Study (Rm 42/Parlor)

10:45 AM

Stay & Play (Gym/Offsite)

THURSDAY

6:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 6)

FRIDAY

9:00 AM

Bulletin Inserts (Library)

SATURDAY

5:30 PM

Chapel Service
(Courtyard/Miller Commons)

Sunday, July 1

• 12:30 PM
Youth Water Wars
(Front Lawn)

**Wednesday, July 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
- OFFICE CLOSED**

Saturday, July 7

• 8:00 AM
Red Cross Blood Drive
(Gym)

Tuesday, July 10

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)

**Sunday, July 15
through Thursday
July 26**

Summer Servants (Lower
Level)

Tuesday, July 17

• 12:00 PM
All Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, July 18

• 7:00 PM
Property Management
Committee (Room 42)

Tuesday, July 24

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)

Thursday, July 26

• 10:00 AM
Cut-Ups (Room 6)

Thursday, August 9

• 6:00 PM
YoungLife (Gym)

Saturday, August 11•

• 11:00 AM
Mid York Doll Club (Rm
6)

Sunday, August 12

• 11:00 AM
Confirmation Meeting
(Miller Commons)

**Monday, August
13 through Friday,
August 17**

Vacation Bible School
(Lower Level)

Tuesday, August 14

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)

Wed, August 15

• 7:00 PM
Property Management
Committee (Room 42)

Thursday, August 23

• 10:00 AM
Cut-Ups (Room 6)
• 6:00 PM
YoungLife (Gym)

Tuesday, August 28

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)

Congratulations Graduates

Jordan DuPree Glazier graduated from Fayetteville Manlius High School. He will be attending Siena College majoring in Business.

Taylor Roadarmel graduated from Jamesville DeWitt High School. He will be attending Siena College.

Parker Wing graduated from Jamesville DeWitt High School. He will be attending Elmira College.

Alexandra Street graduated from Faith Heritage High School. She will be a missionary in the Dominican Republic.

Ryan Van Slyke graduated from Indiana University with degrees in Music Performance and International Relations..

Nina Purkiss graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS from SUNY Potsdam.

Victoria Roney graduated from the College of Wooster with a double major in Anthropology and Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies. She achieved honors in both her majors.

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



In this edition of the newsletter I want to honor the spouses of our clergy who often serve out of the spotlight at DeWitt Community Church. My wife Kathlyne often hosts dinners in our home and joins me in meeting people for dinner as a way fo connecting with people in the church. She serves with Compassion Cooks and with the Hospitality Ministry and helps with the Circle Garden as well as being involved with "IF" and the Samaritan Center Team.

Like many lay volunteers at DCC, she serve in addition to her "day job." Kathlyne is Director of Human Resources at American Food and Vending, a nationwide food service and hospitality company that is headquartered in Syracuse. Many people are not aware that Kathlyne made a big sacrifice in her own career in order for us to move to Syracuse in 2008 leaving behind an opportunity to be Vice President of Human Resources for Mahle / North America. Thank You Kathlyne Sommers... You Rock!

A big thanks to Chrissy Rudnick who has been a driving force behind "IF" as well as serving in the Children's Ministry, South Sudan Mission Trip and with the Young Adult group. All this in addition to her own

Samaritan Center Volunteers

We need 4 volunteers to arrive at 10:30 AM for prep work, and for the rest of our volunteers to arrive at 12:15 PM. If you can volunteer, consider bringing a friend. If you are interested in volunteering for our next trip to the Samaritan Center, or would like to be contacted about future opportunities to serve, please email Craig Mabbett at cmabbett@twcny.rr.com, or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation arrangements can be made.

Upcoming dates: July 15, August 5, November 11.

Middle Adult Group Road Trip

Dave and Candee Schneckenburger have invited the Middle Adult Group up to their camp on 4th Lake for the day on Saturday, August 18. Its about a 2 hour drive from DeWitt. Please RSVP to office@dewittchurch.org or 315.445.0331 & we will provide driving directions and details..

Pedaling With the Pastor

For the past 13 Years Pastor Mark has traveled with a group of friends bicycling somewhere between 350 to 637 miles in a week. This year Pastor Mark & his Cohorts will be pedaling from "HELL TO PARADISE" covering somewhere about 365 miles (if they don't get lost). Each year while at DeWitt Pastor Mark has used this ride as a way to raise funds for a special project around the church; from the Video Screens in Miller Commons, Refurbishing our Bells, renovating room 10 into the Kid Zone, and renovating the Children's Wing. This year all gifts to Pedaling with the Pastor will go towards next year's Mission trip to South Sudan. Our Goal this year is \$5,000. We invite you to contribute to Pedaling with the Pastor by using the white pew envelopes and placing your contribution in the offering plate or jar. Please write "Pedaling With the Pastor" on the offering envelope or on the check. You can also pay by credit card by calling the church office.

work and raising three young children. Thanks Chrissy Rudnick... You Rock.

While Mark Mapstone, husband of Cindy is involved in his home congregation as an active lay leader, Cindy constantly praises him for his support in her ministry. Gail Carlsen who is so supportive of the ministry at DeWitt, and of Bill's ministry here.

Thanks Mark Mapstone and Gail Carlsen... You Rock.

So often the contributions of clergy spouses and the spouses of staff members go unnoticed, so I encourage you to say thank you and to let them know of your appreciation for the many ways they contribute to the ministry of DeWitt Community Church.

Rejoicing Always!

Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Senior Minister

Fall Outreach Series Message Ideas

Every fall we have a 4 - 6 week series of messages geared to people who are not presently attending church anywhere. For example, last year we had a series on Religion and Science. The idea is that we make a deliberate attempt to invite people in our community who do not attend church to explore the Christian faith.

So here is the question; what is the topic or theme that your neighbors, friends, coworkers, or extended family members might want to hear about in church? Is there a particular passage of Scripture that comes to mind? As we work on the fall message plans we look forward to hearing from you...what is a topic your unchurched friends would be interested in hearing about. Please e-mail your feedback to Pastor Mark at drmakes@umich.edu



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



My name is Arreina Neptune. I am a native of Syracuse, NY. I have an only child, a son, and two grandsons. Upon retirement, I am involved in several volunteer jobs, such as InterFaith Works and the VA hospital. I enjoy singing in Master's Touch Chorale (a community based choir of approximately 45 members) and my hobbies are reading, movies, travel, and needlepoint. Being the people person that I am, I look forward to bring a part of DCC and whatever leads me to embrace my spiritually with others.



Sean has lived in the Syracuse region since 2009, working as a software engineer. He is the father of two children: Ian (19 years old) and Juliana (16 years old.) Sean's hobbies include music, and he can be spotted singing in the choir here at DCC. He likes to spend his spare time learning new music or working on his bowling game. He is looking forward to serving The Lord here at DCC via music and other community service opportunities.



I am a mother of three, grandmother of three, almost four. I enjoy gardening, cooking, crafts, and my family and friends. I have worn many hats through the years giving me a variety of work experiences and skills. I would really like to be able to share that experience in service to others, and make new friends as well



Lee Livermore, is married to Nancy Livermore and they have 2 children, Hannah and Marcus. They live in Syracuse, New York. Lee has a bachelor's degree in business and has several certifications in communication, training, organizational development and personality profile assessments.

Lee is a Public Education Coordinator for the Upstate New York Poison Center. Lee enjoys additional work as a professional speaker, consultant and Life Coach. Lee is devoted to the pursuit of Personal Mastery. He is the author of "The Practitioner", an innovative model for personal and professional development. A simple, yet powerful program deeply rooted in systemic thinking and the four core principles of Purpose, Ownership, Responsibility and Accountability. His interests are life-long learning, exercise, music, and golf.

Nancy is married to Lee Livermore and they have 2 children, Hannah and Marcus. They live in Syracuse, New York. Nancy is a nurse at Saint Joseph's Hospital. She is passionate about caring for people and reminding them that they make a difference. Nancy's interests are cooking, exercise, caring for her family, reading, music, and enjoying life..



Formerly the senior pastor of the Fabius Christian Church, Cindy grew up in Central New York, graduated from Bishop Grimes High School and received her Bachelor Degree in Accounting from

the University of Scranton and Masters of Divinity Degree from Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, NY. She is married to her husband Mark, an agricultural business consultant and they reside in Cazenovia, New York with their three daughters, one dog and two cats. Her hobbies include swimming, boating, knitting, and crocheting. She is an avid fan of Syracuse University Sports and the New York Yankees. Her favorite music includes Queen, Stevie Wonder and Billy Joel.



My name is Robert Bob Remesz. I am married to Meg Caroline, have one son, Kevin: and four grandchildren, Nick, Katie, Samantha and Alex. My wife and I have lived in Michigan and Virginia and moved to New York our year and a half ago. I am a semi-retired teacher. I retired after 30 years in the Detroit public schools, have taught in Charlottesville, Virginia and at 5 universities where I supervised student teachers. Currently, I am a teacher/tutor in Lemoyne's Upward Bound Program and supervise student teachers for various universities. My grandkids say that I have flunked the course in retirement sense, by their count, I have retired 9 times already. In May 2018, I will have achieved one of my life goals. I will have taught for 50 years. For fun, I love to read and have my own library of over 2,000 books. I also love to play softball and have been playing since I was in my 20s. This past summer, I met another one of my life goals in that I played softball when I was in my 70s.

Having been raised Catholic, been an elder in the Presbyterian Church and attended a missionary and non-denominational church, I am drawn to DeWitt Community Church because it is 'A Christian Church for All People' committed to serving its members and encouraging its members to serve each other all in the name of Our Lord. I am looking forward to my time here at DCC.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



Mary Chirello-Youth Ministry Director
Email: mchirello@dewittchurch.org
Call/Text: 315.247.0060

Register Now for Confirmation 2019

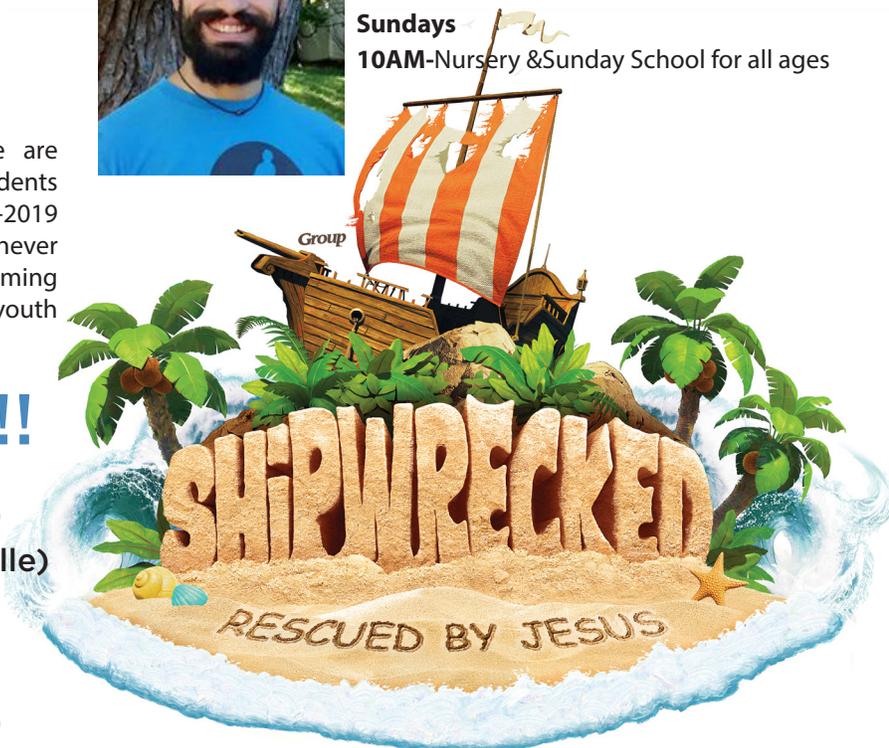
Calling all 8th grade students! We are looking to get a head count for all students that would like to participate in confirmation for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are in 9th grade or above and were never confirmed but would like to be, we'd love to have you this coming year. For questions and more information, please contact our youth director, Mary Chirello.



Ben Rayland-Children's Ministry Director
Gloria Trode-Director of Children's Music
childrensministry@dewittchurch.org

Sundays

10AM-Nursery & Sunday School for all ages



SAVE THE DATES!!!!

July 12 - Middle School Wildlife event
6-7:30PM - DCC (Meet at back parking lot)

July 26- SweetFrog from 3-4PM (Fayetteville)

August 5 - High School Beach Bible Study
12PM-1PM

August 9-Middle School Wildlife event -
6-7:30PM - DCC (Meet at back parking lot)

August 12- Confirmation Information Meeting
11AM (Parlor) With light lunch

August 17- Middle School Pool Party August 31-
High school Bonfire Kick Off 6-8PM

Summer Servants Prayers

During the week of July 15-19, our youth will be participating in a local mission trip. As these children and staff embrace the journey ahead of them, please pray for safe travels, transformative experiences and a deeper love for Christ.



I was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, and moved to the Syracuse area in 1988. Although I have lived more than half my life now in Syracuse, Dayton will always be home. I have 1 beautiful daughter, Taylor Anne, who is entering her senior year at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. I am employed with Drs. Callahan, Flanagan, Smith & Stock Orthodontics where I enjoy working as their Treatment Coordinator. In the fall I enjoy Directing the fall play production for the Cicero-North Syracuse High School and in the spring I choreograph the dance numbers for their spring musicals. I also teach tap in Dewitt at the Ballet and Dance Center and enjoy visiting my daughter and watching her dance performances at school.

We started attending at the DCC in 2012. What attracted us to this church was the children's ministry. Today the children's ministry Always greets us with hugs and smiles!! My children are happy and growing in faith every week. I know and trust their foundation is in the right hands . I look forward to seeing my children grow into young adults, prepared for life with the tools they have learned here. As a woman here at the DCC I am most excited to see such a Great growth in the women's ministry. When it comes to a family going to church the mother is usually the organizer. Focusing on the person that brings the family to the church is an excellent step to the future. I've been a part of a small group of women that started as apples of gold. These women are have impacted my faith in every way. I feel blessed to have a church or should I say home and we as the Johnson family are so excited to become members. Excited about growth and the women's ministry. Youth group. And mission to South Sudan next summer



Kelly & Erica Johnson

COMPASSION MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? Consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. You can create shawls for those who are ill or experiencing loss or a square for military to wear in their helmet. For more information contact Nancy Bond, nancybond3@gmail.com for yarn and patterns.

Prayer Request Cards

Prayer Request Cards are available at various locations in the church. If you have a prayer request you would like to share, please fill out the yellow card and drop it in a communication box or leave it in the office.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is group of members who commit to pray consistently for requests that come in the form of an e-mail. If you would like to receive prayer requests or no longer receive them, please alert Kay Paulsen, paulsenk@dewittchurch.org.

Honoring Dr. Kay Paulsen

As many of you know, Dr. Kay Paulsen retired on June 30 after serving for 10 years as Director of Congregational Care. Kay has made a tremendous impact in the life of our congregation and we will be honoring her at Homecoming, on September 16. We want to say thank you to her as a congregation by giving her a special gift. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please mark on your check or envelope "HONORING KAY," or you can call the church 315-445-0331 to put your gift on a credit card



Mission of the Month: Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County

Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County (MOWEOC) is grateful to be selected as July's Mission of the Month. Because of your continued financial generosity and support for this wonderful organization I am pleased to report good news!

Since May 2017 when we added East Syracuse, Minoa, Kirkville and Bridgeport clients to our existing large service area, we expanded to 13 routes and have delivered over 58,000 nutritious, freshly made meals to keep our neighbors food secure in their home!

We also recognize that there is much more that needs to be done to reach out to our community and spread the word about the benefits that Meals on Wheels provides. Therefore, we have just hired an Executive

Director who works part-time and has the experience and expertise to guide us as we work to better fulfil our mission.

As you know, Meals on Wheels EOC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which relies greatly on its 150 volunteers, many of whom are members here at DCC. At this time we do have need of additional volunteer help in several areas: special events/occasional office assistance, meal preparation/packaging in the kitchen, and delivering the prepared meals to our clients. Please call Terry Davis, our Director of Operations, at the MOW facility in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Rt. 92 – (315) 637-5446 – if you'd like more information about becoming a volunteer. You'll meet some wonderful people!

Upcoming MOW events to mark on your calendar:

*Bottle Drives held at Sno-Top in Manlius and the DCC Cemetery parking lot, Saturday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, December 8, 2018.

*Election Day Pasta Dinner (Nov. 6th) Catered by Carrabba's! Fellowship Hall from 3 – 8 PM, dine in or take-out. It's become a tradition!

We value the strong and ongoing relationship between Meals on Wheels and DCC. As Pastor Mark said in his recent State of the Church message, "DCC's #1 goal is connecting with our community". That, too, is our goal at MOW and you are helping us achieve it.

A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION

Hello Friends,

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy..."

George Gershwin & DuBose Heyward

For the leadership at DeWitt Community Church summertime is traditionally a time of transition and preparation. The program year has come to a close, and the Board of Trustees renewed at the Annual Meeting through the election of new and returning members. Now is the time for us to celebrate successes of the past year, and consider the future. We give thanks to our past President, Rick Hall, and all the other volunteers who served on the Board

this past year. The Trustees, Officers and I are grateful for the faith you've placed in us to guide the church and support its mission. We'll be planning for the upcoming program year that starts in September: setting goals, identifying challenges, and planning actions. But let's not forget the benefits of taking some time off - to "rise up singing...spread your wings...and fly to the sky!" Just remember to join us when you can and come back home to DeWitt Community Church, refreshed and renewed.

Eric W. Witschi,

President DCC Board of trustees

GOD IS AT WORK!



Summer is usually the time when things so down a bit at church, but it is also the time that we pause to reflect on where we have been this year and what's ahead. Here are some highlights:

Active Sunday Education for Adults

I've been leading a Sunday morning bible study and topical class that has explore such topics as "How to Read the Bible",

"Where Did the Bible Come From?", "Understanding the 5 Major World Religions" and "Revealing Revelation". Each week we have had 18-40 people learning, dialoguing, and studying. Look for a new study starting in September.

New Women's Groups

We've had a number of intergenerational women's Bible studies meeting during the week and weekends. These women have met for study, community, service, and spiritual growth. In addition, this was the second year that DCC women attending the "IF" retreat. This has been a growing and popular ministry in our church. New gatherings are being planned for the coming program year.

Disciple Bible Study

Last month a group of 10 of us finished the Disciple Bible Study which goes through most of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This 8-month study helps any Christian understand the Bible in a clear and single story of God's people. Look for another group to be forming in the fall.

Samaritan Center

We've seen an increasing interest from our church in serving at the Samaritan Center, a mission partner of our church. We've added more serving opportunities to serve at the Samaritan Center. The next two are (add dates for July and August). If you are interested in serving or want to learn more please contact Craig Mabbet at 315.436.0429..

2019 Africa Mission Trip

We are in the planning stages to travel to South Sudan and serve with our mission partner Hope for Ariang. We have held several meetings and are expanding our team to include those who are going to Africa and those who will stay and support the trip logistics. We are looking for anyone who is has a compassionate heart, health care workers, teachers, or anyone who loves working with children. If you are interested in learning more contact Elizabeth Wimer @ erwimer@gmail.com.

God is doing many amazing and wonderful things in our congregation. It's an exciting time to be here at DCC and I pray that you will prayerfully ask God how you can connect, grow, and serve!

Love and Grace,

Rev. Alan Rudnick

Women's Fellowship Questionnaire

Which one of these time frames best suits your schedule?

Saturday - 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Sunday - 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Sunday - 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Any of these times works for me

(Remember Ladies, this is only ONCE A MONTH, and you aren't committing to the entire 2 hours!)

Do you need childcare while you attend the Women's Fellowship?

YES

NO

Would you like to help as a hostess on occasion?

Perhaps provide a snack?

YES (Great! Please provide your contact info below)

Name _____ phone # _____

Email address _____

NO I can't commit at this time

That's it, Ladies! Thanks for taking the time to complete our survey. Please return it to the office by August 1, 2018.

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF DEWITT COMMUNITY CHURCH!

The church wants to provide an opportunity for women to gather for fellowship on a monthly basis starting in the fall of 2018. The goal is to help foster communication and friendship among the women who attend three separate worship services, and from several generations as well.

The plan is to schedule a "drop-in" coffee/tea opportunity on a weekend day once a month. (Refreshments WILL be served!) The time span of the event will be 2 hours, but you can come and stay as long as your schedule allows. There will be no scheduled program, no prepwork, no study - just come as you are and enjoy each other! We will meet in Miller Commons.

If you would like to participate, even if only occasionally, please turn over this insert and complete the brief questionnaire.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of us:

Petie (petie7471@yahoo.com) 315-637-0510

Mary (mchirello@dewittchurch.org) 315-445-0331



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July Worship

Mission of the Month - Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County

"Freedom Isn't Free...Or is It?"

Rev. Cindy Mapstone

Saturday June 30

Sunday, July 1

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard
8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard
10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

"Authentic Companionship"

Rev. Cindy Mapstone

Saturday July 7

Sunday, July 8

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard
8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard
10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Mission of the Month

"Forever Friendships"

Rev. Cindy Mapstone

Saturday July 14

Sunday, July 15

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard
8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard
10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Communion at all 3 services

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday July 21

Sunday, July 22

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard
8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard
10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

"A Healing Touch"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday July 28

Sunday, July 29

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard
8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard
10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary



DeWitt Community Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark Sommers *Senior Minister*

Rev. Alan Rudnick *Executive Associate Minister*

Rev. William Carlsen *Adjunct Associate Minister*

Rev. Cindy Mapstone *Associate Minister*

Rev. Edwin "Ted" Taylor *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Dr. Landrum "Hap" Wooten *Associate Minister Emeritus*

Dr. Kay Paulsen *Director of Congregational Care*

Gloria Trode *Director of Children's Music*

Abel Searor *Director of Worship Arts Principal Organist*

Nic MacLane *Director of Family Worship*

Mary Chirello *Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator*

Ben Rayland *Children's Ministry Director*

Ally Street *Nursery Director*

Alyssa Eighmey *Office Administrator*

Peter Hawley *Communication Coordinator*

Jane Hahn *Bookkeeper*

Mick Thorpe *Director of Building Services*

Reinaldo Mercado *Building Staff*

Liam McDonough *Building Staff*

Jim Surdam *Building Staff*

Newsletter Article Submissions

Newsletter article submissions can be made by email to newsletter@dewittchurch.org. Please plan ahead as the newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. Thank you.

Communicating with Church Leadership

The Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis and serves to advise the Senior Minister. All members of the Advisory Committee are members of the Board of Trustees. Input, ideas, suggestions, and comments are always welcome and may be submitted by e-mail to advisory@dewittchurch.org. Those without access to email may place messages in the church's internal mailboxes or mail to Advisory Committee, DeWitt Community Church, 3600 Erie Boulevard East, DeWitt, NY 13214.

In order to ensure the integrity of church communications, we are not able to consider anonymous letters. The pastoral staff is always open to discussion of issues and concerns in a spirit of Christian community and respect.