

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/Family & Congregational Care 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
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Family Worship
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

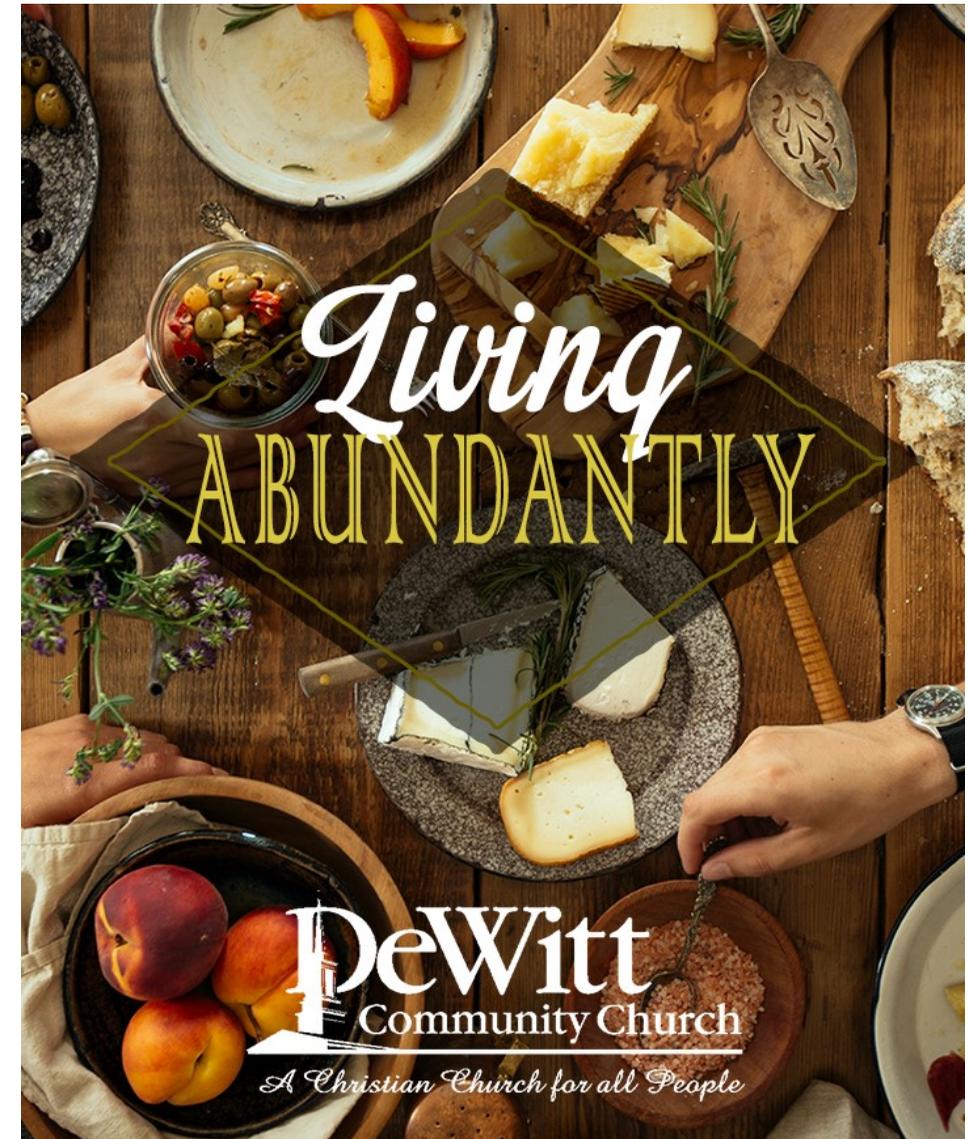
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

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



“What Are You Chasing”

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Saturday, October 27 & Sunday, October 28, 2018

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, October 27 & Sunday, October 28, 2018
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thought for Today

“When you stop chasing the wrong things you give the right things a chance to catch you”
- Lolly Daskal

Prelude **“I’d Rather Have Jesus”**

Announcements

Invitation to Worship and Greeting

*Opening Hymn **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (#82)**

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: There are so many things we can pursue with this one life that we have.

People: We can pursue pleasure, we can pursue power, and we can pursue all that glitters.

Leader: We can find ourselves enticed by the things of this world, and chase them with great passion.

People: But where does that leave us?

Leader: It leaves us chasing after the wind.

People: It leaves us exhausted and empty, always wanting more.

*Unison Prayer:

Lord God, we know it is so easy to get caught up in the things of this world—things like power and status, money and possessions. We somehow think these things will make us happy, yet we know down deep that chasing after worldly gain is like chasing after the wind. Help us to find true satisfaction not in the things the world chases, but in the gifts that You give to us each day. Help us to be thankful for what we have, be it a little or a lot. Help us to live a life that is full and abundant regardless of how we measure up to one another. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer **Seek Ye First (#349)**

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.

Stewardship Video

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11 (NLT) (pp. 683-4)

I said to myself, “Come on, let’s try pleasure. Let’s look for the ‘good things’ in life.”
But I found that this, too, was meaningless. So I said, “Laughter is silly. What good

does it do to seek pleasure?” After much thought, I decided to cheer myself with wine. And while still seeking wisdom, I clutched at foolishness. In this way, I tried to experience the only happiness most people find during their brief life in this world. I also tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards. I made gardens and parks, filling them with all kinds of fruit trees. I built reservoirs to collect the water to irrigate my many flourishing groves. I bought slaves, both men and women, and others were born into my household. I also owned large herds and flocks, more than any of the kings who had lived in Jerusalem before me. I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings and provinces. I hired wonderful singers, both men and women, and had many beautiful concubines. I had everything a man could desire! So I became greater than all who had lived in Jerusalem before me, and my wisdom never failed me. Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors. But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music **"Great Are You Lord"** by All Sons & Daughters

Message Living Abundantly: “What Are You Chasing?”
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn **All for Jesus! (#460)**

*Blessing

Postlude **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

Worship Assistant: Nic MacLane/Rev. Alan Rudnick

*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

give.dewittchurch.org on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

The Altar Flowers are given in honor and gratitude for your generous financial support by Bellevue Heights Methodist Church and Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church weekend feeding program for Delaware School.

Starting Point

Sunday, November 11, 12 PM, Library

Starting Point is a great, quick introduction to the church and its values, ministries, and more. For many, this is the first step towards membership, though no commitment is required. Join us in the Library for a small presentation and conversation. See you there!

Please Volunteer for the Samaritan Center
Sunday, November 11

We need 4 volunteers to arrive at 10:30 for prep work. The other volunteers who arrive at 12:15 should plan on being there until about 3:00PM. Sign up online at dewittchurch.org/Samaritan. If you are interested in volunteering for our next trip to the Samaritan Center, please email Craig Mabbett at cmabbett88@gmail.com, or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation from the church to the Samaritan Center and back, car pool arrangements can be made for you.

NEW Study

Uncovering the Parables of Jesus
Nov. 4, 11, & 19 @ 10 AM, room 10

In this study taught by Pastor Alan, we will uncover: 1. What does God want us to learn from these parables? 2. What do these stories have to do with me and what can I learn? 3. How can I apply these truths and parables to my life? 4. What is the background to these stories?

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

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