

## CONNECTION CARD

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- 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/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](http://www.dewittchurch.org)  
Facebook: DeWitt Community Church



*"Failure Is Not Final"*

Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

**Sunday, October 7, 2018**

**11:00 AM**

# Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

October 7, 2018 — 11:00 AM

## Thoughts for Today

“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Success consists of going from failure to failure without the loss of enthusiasm.”

-Winston Churchill

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

\*Opening Hymn **I Sing the Almighty Power of God (#31)**

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: God gives us dreams, God gives us direction, and God calls us to boldness.

**People: And sometimes we run in the other direction.**

Leader: Sometimes God call us to take a risk.

**People: And sometimes we fail.**

Leader: God does not call us to always succeed, but rather to always be faithful.

**People: Lord, help us to see how You use not only our successes, but our failures as well.**

\*Unison Prayer

**Lord, help me let go of my fear of failure. I know the evil one wants to use my fears to hold me back from living boldly for You. Forgive me for not living in faith, and help me from this moment on to live with bold confidence in You. Help me not compare myself to others around me. I pray instead that I can keep my eye on You and live a life that proclaims Your excellence. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Greeting & Announcements

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

Mission of the Month **Operation Northern Comfort**

Hymn of Prayer **Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#72)**

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](http://www.dewittchurch.org/give) on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.*

Offertory **"Hills and Valleys"** by Chuck Butler, Jonathan Smith, and Tauren Wells  
Matt Green

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving (#34)

Scripture Reading Luke 22:31-34, 54-62 (GNT) (p. 1074-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition “Simon, Simon! Listen! Satan has received permission to test all of you, to separate the good from the bad, as a farmer separates the wheat from the chaff. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. And when you turn back to me, you must strengthen your brothers. Peter answered, “Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you and to die with you!” “I tell you, Peter,” Jesus said, “the rooster will not crow tonight until you have said three times that you do not know me.”

They arrested Jesus and took him away into the house of the High Priest; and Peter followed at a distance. A fire had been lit in the center of the courtyard, and Peter joined those who were sitting around it. When one of the servant women saw him sitting there at the fire, she looked straight at him and said, “This man too was with Jesus!” But Peter denied it, “Woman, I don’t even know him!” After a little while a man noticed Peter and said, “You are one of them, too!” But Peter answered, “Man, I am not!” And about an hour later another man insisted strongly, “There isn’t any doubt that this man was with Jesus, because he also is a Galilean!” But Peter answered, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about!” At once, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. The Lord turned around and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered that the Lord had said to him, “Before the rooster crows tonight, you will say three times that you do not know me.” Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem **"Do Not I Love Thee, O My God?"** by Eugene Butler

*Do not I love thee, O my God? Behold my heart and see  
and turn each cursed idol out that dares to rival thee.  
Should e'er the tempter turn my head and cause my feet to stray,  
Lord, wrest me swiftly from his grasp; restore me to thy way.  
Could I but yield my heart to thee, and bind it to thy throne,  
then should I find my soul's delight in thee and thee alone.  
And thus imprisoned by thy love, I should at last be free  
to love my neighbor as I ought, and worship only thee.*

Message **Faith Not Fear: “Failure Is Not Final”**  
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

\*Closing Hymn **How Can I Keep from Singing? (#424)**

\*Blessing

Postlude

**Worship Assistant:** Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

\*Congregation stands

*The altar flowers are in celebration of the birth of Claire Cutler Swieck, born on Oct. 01, 2018 to Jeremy and Valerie Swieck, given by the great grandparents, Earl & Jean Voorhees.*

## Fall Planned Giving Speaker Sunday October 14 12:15 PM

Scott Koldin, esq. of the Koldin Law Center will be holding a presentation on the basics of estate planning, long term care asset protection strategies and legacy planning strategies. Lunch will be served, please RSVP below. You are welcome to bring a guest!

## Pancake Breakfast October 21 8 AM to 1 PM in the Gym

**\$8/Person, \$25/Family, \$5/12 & Under**

Our Youth Ministry team is partnering with Hope for Ariang to provide an unforgettable bottomless breakfast of Pancakes, Bacon and Fresh Fruit! Gluten Free Pancakes will also be available. There will be activities for the kiddos too!. All proceeds will support our Africa Mission Trip and Youth Ministry programs. Please invite your friends! RSVP below.

**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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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL INFO FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FRUIT