

## 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



*“Finding God in the Storm”*

Isaiah 43:1-5

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**11:00 AM**

# Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

October 21, 2018 — 11:00 AM

## Thought for Today

“There are some things we learn on stormy seas that we never learn on calm smooth waters. We don't look for storms but they will surely find us. The "God of the Storm" has something to teach us, and His love always drives His actions.” — Danny L Deaubé

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

\*Opening Hymn **O Worship the King (#2)**

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: In the middle of life's storms... God is there.

**People: In the middle of the winds and waves of life... God is there.**

Leader: God, give us courage and strength for the storms that come.

**People: God, give us a peace that transcends all human understanding.**

Leader: May we know of Your presence, Lord, and take refuge in Your strength.

**People: May we always place our trust in You.**

\*Prayer of Confession:

**God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where You are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in You, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on You and on the ministries to which You have called us. In the name of Christ we pray. AMEN.**

\*Words of Assurance:

**Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives. We place our trust in God, always.**

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.*

Welcoming New Members

Spotlight on Ministry Gabriel Deng, Hope for Ariang

Hymn of Prayer **Lamb of God (#281)**

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

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving (#34)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43: 1-5 (GNT) (p. 744)

Israel, the Lord who created you says, "Do not be afraid—I will save you. I have called you by name—you are mine. When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you. For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you. I will give up Egypt to set you free; I will give up Ethiopia and Seba. I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me and because I love you and give you honor. Do not be afraid—I am with you!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem **"Fear Not, the Lord Is With You"** by Douglas E. Wagner

Message Faith Not Fear: "Finding God in the Storm"  
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

\*Communion Hymn **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (#470)**

Communion

\*Closing Hymn **How Firm a Foundation (#411)**

\*Blessing

Postlude

**Worship Assistants:** Rev. Alan Rudnick & Rev. Cindy Mapstone

\*Congregation stands

## 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](http://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](mailto: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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