

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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- 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.

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
- 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

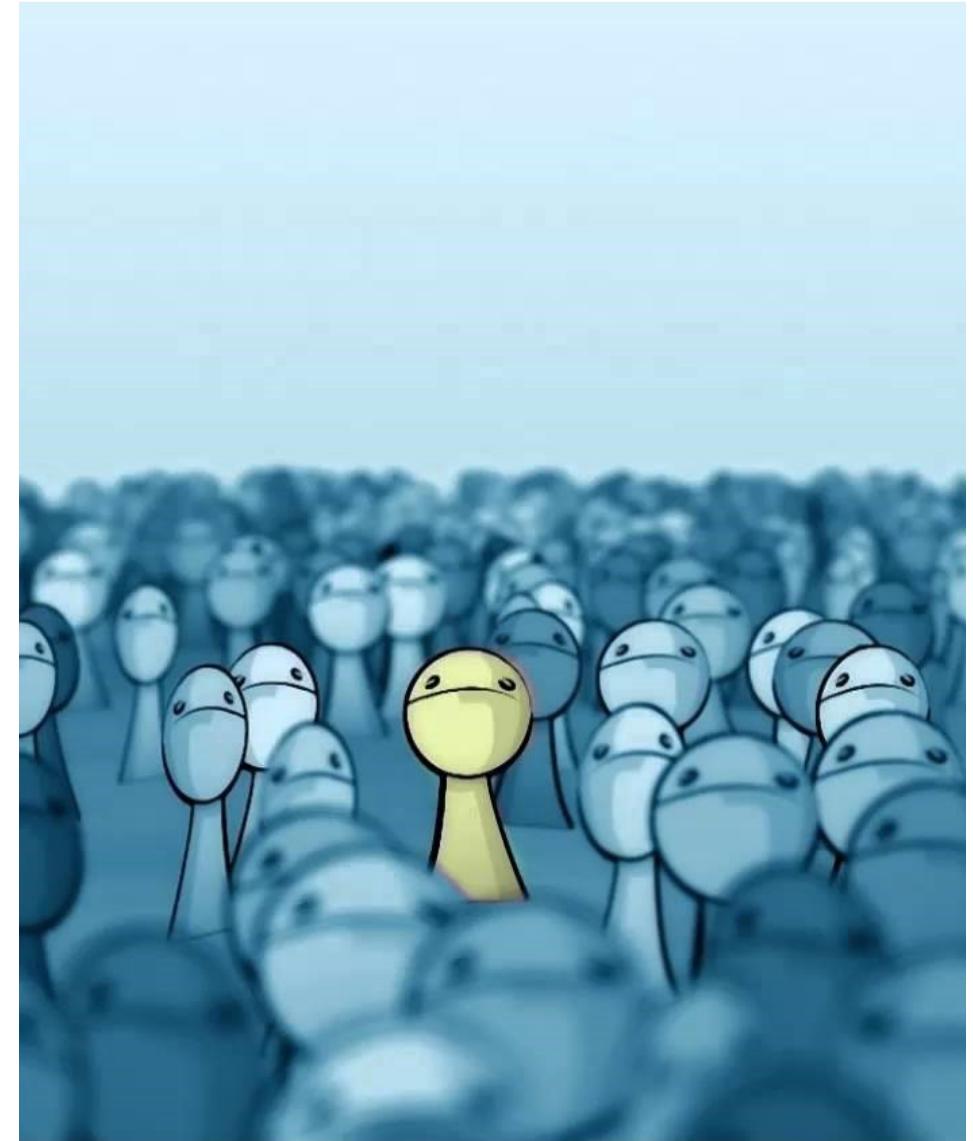
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

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



"Lost in the Crowd"

John 5:1-15

Saturday, April 28, 2018

5:30 PM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Sunday, April 28, 2018

5:30 PM

Thought for Today

“The way you store up treasures in heaven is by investing in getting people there.”

Prelude

Announcements

Invitation to Worship

A Time for Greeting

*Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory (#569)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious God, you are forever seeking us, Your children.

People: Help us to understand Your great desire to connect with all people, everywhere.

Leader: Open the hearts of the people we encounter, so they may know of Your love.

People: Open our lips to share our stories of faith.

Leader: Open our lives to be a conduit for You.

People: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly Your praises.

*Unison Prayer

Merciful God, forgive us that so little of Your blessing reaches others through us. We are guilty of keeping silent when a word is needed. We often treat Your call to be fishers of people as a nice story to be kept at a distance. Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, and empower us to be bold disciples; people who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and through our actions. We pray this in the name Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer

O Jesus, I Have Promised (#458)

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

John 5:1-13 (NIV) (p. 1084-5)

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there

and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ” So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

"Resurrecting" by Elevation Worship

Message

“Lost in the Crowd”

Rev. William A. Carlsen

*Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (#575)

*Blessing

Postlude

Worship Assistant: Bruce Paulsen

*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.

SAVE THE DATE!

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 13th through Friday, August 17th and the theme will be Shipwrecked! We are also openly accepting donations as we are strongly considering running another Winter VBS next year! Please contact Ben Rayland, Children's Ministry Director, for more information!

Summer Servants

Summer Servants will be the week of July 15th-19th and is open to all teens going into 9th-12th grade. The cost for the week immersion service trip is \$250.00. However, we do have scholarships available. This is the chance to serve alongside those in inner city Syracuse, NY and make a difference in your community. We will be staying at DCC from Sunday night until Thursday night. We eat our meals, join in free time and fellowship as well as worship together.

Free Estate Planning Series

Tuesday May 22nd 7:00 Miller Commons

Approaches to Planned gifts (overview of planned giving, real life examples of people using planned gifts): Thomas Griffith, Director of Gift Planning, Central New York Community Foundation

NEW Study: Revealing Revelation

10 AM – Room 6

Many are intimidated by the last book of the Bible. Topics include: Is Revelation literal, figurative, or a bit of both? What's the deal with pre-Millennial, post-Millennial, and a-Millennial? Should I be worried about the book's message? What does this book have to do with me? **Does not meet May 27.**

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

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