

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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City, State, & Zip Code _____

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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.

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, Adjunct 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
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services
Alyssa Eighmey, Office Manager
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper
Ellen Butler, Office Assistant
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff
Liam McDonough, 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



"Fearfully Favored"

Luke 1:1-14

Saturday, December 30 & Sunday, December 31, 2017

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, December 30 & Sunday, December 31, 2017
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thought for Today

“Do we dare to take seriously this Christmas the familiar words “Fear Not” and allow ourselves, like the actors in the first Christmas story, to trade our fear for fearlessness? Do we have the courage to make ourselves available for God’s unexpected and always surprising purposes in our world? “
-Dr. Shirley A. Mullen

Prelude

Announcements

Greeting & Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#185)**

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: O God, You have made us to have dominion over all the earth

People: May the Spirit of Christ so dwell within us that we may be inspired for service to others.

Leader: May we find joy in doing Your will.

People: In our daily tasks grant us Your power.

Leader: In our follies, Your rebuke.

People: In our darkness, Your light.

Leader: In our perplexities, Your guidance.

People: In our laughter, Your joy.

*Unison Prayer

O Lord our God, we would end this year and begin a new year with Your worship; we would seek to adore You with all Your church; we would in quietness recognize Your presence. Let the whole earth be filled with Your glory. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN!

Hymn of Prayer **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (#221)**

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 **Luke 1:1-14 (NIV) (pp. 1040-41)**

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the

certainty of the things you have been taught. In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. Once when Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Just Beyond the Manger” by Joseph M. Martin
Liam Fitzpatrick

Message

"Fearfully Favored"

Rev. William A. Carlsen

*Closing Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (#218)

*Blessing

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Chapman/Dot Hall

*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 portal www.dewittchurch.org/give on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

New Preaching Series:

What is GOD CALLING you to in 2018?

Within the Bible there is this big idea that God calls all of us to do something. In the Old Testament God called Abraham to start a nation & Moses to lead his people out of slavery. In the New Testament God called a variety of men and women to make a difference for God by stepping out in faith. Starting on the weekend of January 6 & 7 we will begin a six week series of messages on “The Call” looking at God’s call on the life of St. Paul and what it means for us today as people who seek to follow Christ.

New Study

"Religious Literacy: Understanding the 5 Major World Religions"

January 7, 21, 28, Feb 4, and 11 - Room 6, lower level by the gym

Contrary to popular belief, the world is becoming more spiritual/religious. The 5 major world religions continue to grow but do you really know what each religion believes? Many think that all religions have the same basic message but this is not true! Each has its own claim to a divine truth. In this 5-week series, Pastor Alan Rudnick will lead participants through the importance of religious literacy, basic beliefs of world religions, and how each religion addresses living a life of faith. Come with an open and inquisitive mind.

**WINTER BREAK VBS—Maker Fun Factory
Created by God, Built for a Purpose**

Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure! At Maker Fun Factory VBS kids discover not only that god made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Kids take a Bible learning adventure with Sciency-Fun Gizmos, games, cool songs, and tasty treats, just to name a few. February 19-23, 2018, Monday through Friday 9AM-12PM + Sunday Morning Celebration! Register at dewittchurch.org/vbs