

CONNECTION CARD

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or in one of the Internal Mailboxes.

Today's Date: _____

Name _____

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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
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

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



"It's About JOY: There's Something About Mary"

Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 24, 2017

11:00 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Sunday, December 24, 2017 — 11:00 AM

Thought for Today

"You are what you do, not what you say you'll do." — C.G. Jung

Prelude "Mary, Did You Know" arr. Lloyd Larson
Cecilia & Gloria Trode

Invitation to Worship

*Processional Hymn **Once in Royal David's City** (#183)

*Responsive Call to Worship (inspired by Luke 1:46-55)

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

People: God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.

Leader: God's mercy is for those who are in awe of him from generation to generation.

People: God has shown strength with His arm. God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

People: God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Leader: Come, for God is doing a new thing!

People: Come, let us worship God!

*Unison Prayer

O Lord, as we remember Mary, we give thanks for her faithfulness, courage and obedience as she played a part in the fulfillment of Your plan. We pray that her example might be the pattern of our lives. We pray that the whispers of Your Spirit break through the noise of this world, that we might be ready to listen, and then to act. Give us the faith to believe and the willingness to obey. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Greeting & Announcements

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent (see insert) The Rayland Family

Hymn of Prayer **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** (#191)

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

Offertory

"Rejoice Greatly" by Healey Willan
Laura Enslin and Kay Paulsen

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(#34)

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV) (pp. 1043-4)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

"The Heavens Delight" by Gwenyth Walker

Message

"It's About JOY: There's Something About Mary"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Recessional Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (#198)

*Blessing

Postlude

"Personent Hodie" by Pamela Decker

Worship Assistant: Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

*Congregation stands

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