

CONNECTION CARD

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Today's Date: _____

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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, 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

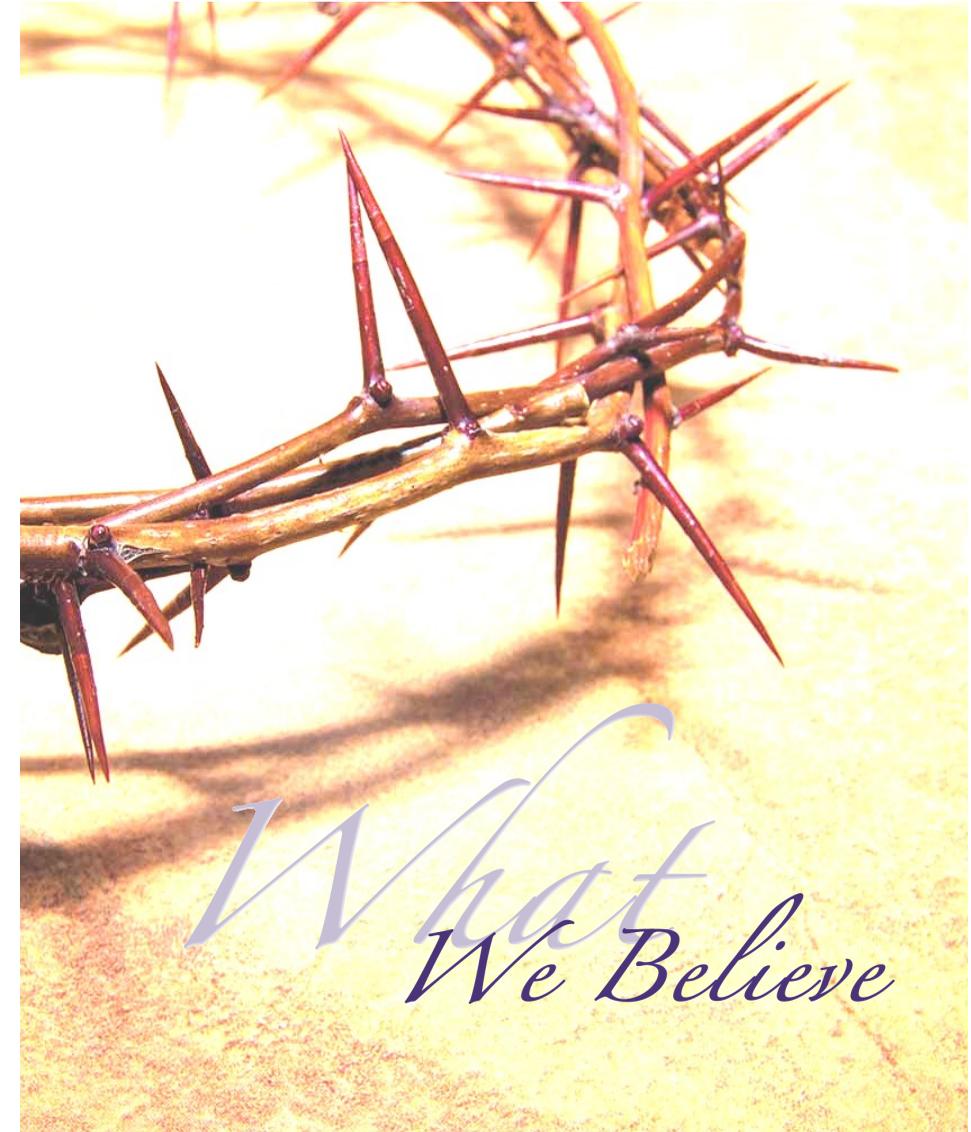
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

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Helpful Links

Website: www.dewittchurch.org



"What We Believe... Forgiveness of Sins"

Romans 3:21-31

Sunday, March 18, 2018

11:00 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Sunday, March 18, 2018 — 11:00 AM

Thoughts for Today

“Original sin is that thing about man which makes him capable of conceiving of his own perfection and incapable of achieving it.”
-Reinhold Niebuhr

Prelude “My Song is Love Unknown” arr. by Peter Pindar Stearns

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Our Father, We Have Wandered** (#371)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

People: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

Leader: God continues to make us new through the power of His grace and mercy.

People: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

People: We come with thankfulness for the wonderful ways in which God both loves us and forgives us.

*Unison Prayer

How incredible is Your love, O God! We have been made new in Your love and we are reconciled to You and to each other through Your grace. Be with us this day as we hear Your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve You more fully all of our days. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Greeting & Announcements

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

Baptism Logan Joseph Kemp

Hymn of Prayer **Refiner’s Fire** (#374)

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 on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

Offertory **"In Christ Alone"** by Keith & Krystyn Getty

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving (#34)

Scripture Reading Romans 3:21-31(GNT)(pp. 1147-8)

But now God’s way of putting people right with himself has been revealed. It has nothing to do with law, even though the Law of Moses and the prophets gave their witness to it. God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to all who believe in Christ, because there is no difference at all: everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. But by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with him through Christ Jesus, who sets them free. God offered him, so that by his blood he should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven through their faith in him. God did this in order to demonstrate that he is righteous. In the past he was patient and overlooked people's sins; but in the present time he deals with their sins, in order to demonstrate his righteousness. In this way God shows that he himself is righteous and that he puts right everyone who believes in Jesus. What, then, can we boast about? Nothing! And what is the reason for this? Is it that we obey the Law? No, but that we believe. For we conclude that a person is put right with God only through faith, and not by doing what the Law commands. Or is God the God of the Jews only? Is he not the God of the Gentiles also? Of course he is. God is one, and he will put the Jews right with himself on the basis of their faith, and will put the Gentiles right through their faith. Does this mean that by this faith we do away with the Law? No, not at all; instead, we uphold the Law.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem **"Ah, Holy Jesus"** arr. by Donald McCullough

Message “What We Believe:...Forgiveness of Sins”
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Communion

Today we invite you to receive communion at one of the communion stations at the front or back of the sanctuary or in the balcony. If you are on the main sanctuary level, an usher will invite you to receive communion at one of these communion stations. You will be offered a piece of bread. Please take your piece of bread and partially dip it in the cup to receive both elements together. Please feel free to respond by saying: “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the serving plate. Those who are unable to receive communion at a station can be served in their pew.

*Closing Hymn **What Wondrous Love Is This** (#257)

*Blessing

Postlude **“Passacaglia in c minor”** by J.S. Bach

Worship Assistants: Rev. Cindy Mapstone/Rev. Alan Rudnick

*Congregation stands

Lenten Study and Dinner "Angels, Demons, and Satan: Separating Myth from Fact" Dinner at 5:30 PM, Study at 6:15 PM March 21- Miller Commons

There are a lot of ideas out there about angels, demons, and Satan but are those ideas grounded in scripture? This week’s exploration will include a study of Satan in the Old and New Testaments. March 21 is the last study & dinner.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Christian Forgiveness: What it is, what it isn't, and how to do it Sundays @ 10AM in Room 10 with Pastor Alan

"Forgive and forget" - That's what our mothers taught us. Is this sage advice or does it actually lead to further hurt? Just about every Christian knows they have to forgive but most struggle to forgive or ask for forgiveness. In this study, we'll examine what the Bible teaches about redemptive forgiveness, unforgiveness, shocking realizations of what forgiveness isn't, and explore practical ways to embody this Christian practice. You will be surprised how freeing forgiveness can be when properly understood from a biblical and Christian perspective. Come learn, ask questions, and explore! **Last Class March 25.**

The Next Middle Adult Gathering Friday, March 23 at 6PM At the Home of Jeff & Rachel Roney.

The Middle Adult Group is generally comprised of people who are in their 40' 50's and 60's. We gather every month to six weeks in different homes for dinner, conversation and a brief devotional thought. It is a casual and relaxed time where people can meet new friends and continue to build supportive relationships. Usually the host home provides the main dish and everyone brings a dish to pass. For more information and to RSVP please email office @dewittchurch.org or call 315-445-0331..