

# DeWitt Community Church

*A Christian Church for all People*



## SALT AND LIGHT WITH A WINTER VBS

The words of Jesus on that mountain many years ago embody the mission of our Children's Ministry program here at the Dewitt Community Church. We try to change the life of every youngster who enters our doors! We want to radiate, we want to illuminate, and we want to "let our light shine before others". No one can ever truly understand another person's past. There is no way to truly encapsulate who they are or what they've been through as a human being. The one thing we do have control over, however, is how we treat them. We want to make days better and turn frowns into smiles. Then maybe one day that same child will look back and remember the people of our Church, remember the impact we had on their life, and serve others as we served them.



Our Winter Vacation Bible School was nothing short of spectacular! To our knowledge, this was the first time a Winter VBS had ever been attempted in the Syracuse area by any Church. And even though we knew it was going to be a huge undertaking (we had a Summer VBS in late August), we decided to give it a shot. As you can see from the smiles in these pictures, our light sure did shine!



60 children attended our Winter VBS. 29 of those 60 were not affiliated with our Church as regular Children's Ministry attendees. The VBS student body was also a stunning display of diversity as nearly one third of our group was compiled of Asian-Americans, Bosnian-Americans, Indian-Americans, Pakistani-Americans, and African-Americans. The outreach to our Community is something that we can all pride ourselves upon!

Finally, we would like to thank our volunteers. We had over 20, at a time when volunteers are scarce. At this time of year, many are on the first plane OUT of Central New York for Winter Break and 2018 was no different. Many of our VBS volunteers were middle school age DCC Youth Group members who willingly gave up their vacation time to serve our Church. SALT AND LIGHT!

But most of all, we'd like to thank our Director of Children's Music and VBS Director, Gloria Trode. Gloria worked tirelessly in both the weeks leading up to and the week of the event. Without her hard work and dedication to our Church, none of this could have been accomplished. Thank you, Gloria, from all of us at the Dewitt Church! You have served the Lord with all of your might! Yeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeow!



### Pastor On-Call

One member of our Pastoral Care Staff will be on call 24/7, 365 days a year to respond to crisis situations or emergencies in our church family. The emergency phone number is: (315) 303-2308. Please leave a message and your contact information and the pastor on-call will return your call as soon as possible.



*Connecting people with Christ through community  
Helping people grow in faith  
Serving God by using our gifts to serve others*

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## WEEKLY IN MARCH

Please check the Weekly Announcements for any changes to the Church schedule.

### SUNDAY

#### 9:00 AM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)  
Financial Peace University (Library)

#### 10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (Room 42)  
Alan's Bible Study (Room 6)

#### 11:00 AM

Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
Youth Worship (Room 7)  
Nursery – Ages 0-3 (Rm 45)  
Children's Sunday School (Room 44)

### MONDAY

#### 3:00 PM

Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)

#### 5:30 PM

Women's Community Bible Study (Miller Commons)

#### 7:00 PM

Embassy Bell Choir (Choir Room)

### TUESDAY

#### 1:30 PM

Program Staff Meeting (Library)

#### 6:00 PM

Stephen Minister Training (Rm 42)

### WEDNESDAY

#### 9:00 AM

Bible Study (Rm 42/Parlor)

#### 10:45 AM

Stay & Play (Gym)

### THURSDAY

#### 6:00 PM

Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### 7:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### FRIDAY

#### 9:00 AM

Bulletin Inserts (Library)

#### 5:30 PM

Yoga Happy Hour (MC)

### SATURDAY

#### 5:30 PM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)

## COMING SOON

### Wednesday, March 7

• 5:30 PM

Lenten Dinner & Bible Study (Miller Commons)

• 7:00 PM

Christian Caring Committee (Library)

### Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Spring Ahead 1 Hour

### Tuesday, March 13

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Parlor)

• 12:00 PM

All Staff Meeting (Parlor)

• 5:30 PM

Advisory Meeting (Library)

### Wednesday March 14

• 5:30 PM

Lenten Dinner & Bible Study (Miller Commons)

### Sunday, February 25

• 12:00 PM

Starting Point (Library)

### Tuesday, March 20

• 9:30 AM

IF:EQUIP (Miller Commons)

### Wednesday, March 21

• 5:30 PM

Lenten Dinner & Bible Study (Miller Commons)

• 6:30 PM

Property Management Committee (Library)

### Thursday, March 22

• 10:00 AM

Cut-Ups (Room 6)

### Friday, March 23

• 6 PM

Compassion Cooks (Room 10)

• 6 PM

Middle Adult Gathering (Off Site)

### Saturday, March 24

• 9:00 AM

Altar Guild (Sanctuary/Miller Commons)

### Tuesday, March 27

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Parlor)

• 5:30 PM

Lenten Dinner & Bible Study (Miller Commons)

(Miller Commons)

### Saturday, March 31

• 9:00 AM

Altar Guild (Sanctuary/Miller Commons)

*During the Season of Lent, the weekend messages will be focused on What Christians Believe and will be based on the Apostle's Creed. The series begins on the weekend of February 17 & 18 and will conclude on Palm Sunday weekend, March 24 & 25. I think this series will help us all grow in our faith as we explore the core beliefs of the Christian faith. - Dr. Sommers*

### Samaritan Center Volunteers

We need 4 volunteers to arrive at 10:30 AM for prep work, and for the rest of our volunteers to arrive at 12:15 PM. If you can volunteer, consider bringing a friend. If you are interested in volunteering for our next trip to the Samaritan Center, or would like to be contacted about future opportunities to serve, please email Craig Mabbett at [cmabbett@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cmabbett@twcny.rr.com), or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation arrangements can be made.

**Upcoming dates: April 22, June 17, July 15, August 5.**

### Starting Point

Starting Point is the place for getting acquainted with DeWitt Community Church - finding a small group, learning about our ministries, and meeting church staff. Starting Point lasts for approximately 20 minutes and children are welcome to attend. Please feel free to grab some refreshments and join us in the Library. If you plan to attend Starting Point, please contact the church office: 315-445-0331 or [office@dewittchurch.org](mailto:office@dewittchurch.org).

**Starting Point sessions will be held on: March 18, April 15 & May 6**

# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



In the 46th Psalm there are these simple, but powerful words

*"Be still, and know that I am God"*

During this season of Lent, changing up our daily routine helps us to focus on our relationship with God as we prepare for Easter. Reflecting on our relationship with God requires us to slow down and shutdown all the back ground noise that distracts us.

I got thinking the other day about just how hard it is to disconnect and to "be still" in this modern world. I can remember a time when the only method people used to make contact was either by a landline phone or by US Mail. (and I'm not all that old)

Now days people can connect to you in a number of different ways, including;

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| Facebook   | Linked In     |
| Instant Messenger  | Twitter       |
| Snap Chat  | Instagram     |
| Skype  | Caring Bridge |
| Tumblr   | Cell Phone    |
| US Mail ( yes it still comes 6 days a week at home & work) |               |

There are literally several hundred social media platforms that people can use to connect with you. While it is nice to connect and to be connected with people, sometimes it is just way too much. We all know the dangers of driving while distracted, and now I think we need to pay attention to the dangers of Distracted Living...

*...where we are pulled in so many directions the we lose the ability to reflect and to focus on what is truly important.*

My prayer for you as this season of Lent continues is that you will make time to pull away, to disconnect, to be still and to seek the still and small voice of God.

Rejoicing Always!



Dr. Mark E. Sommers  
Senior Minister

Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS

## Mission of the Month-Hopeprint

It started with a vision... thousands of people stretching as far as the eye could see down an urban street dressed in their wide array of ethnic attire drawn together in some common identity. I (Nicole) was towards the back of the seemingly endless parade with a face covered in sheer joy, beckoning those on the sidelines to come and join this triumphant, hopeful journey.

Several years later, we now have two homes on Syracuse's North Side with 10+ people who have inten-

tionally moved into the neighborhood for the mission and vision of Hopeprint. Hundreds of people from our neighborhood and the community at large have joined what we call our "Hopeprint Family." While we offer various programs and opportunities several days a week now to invest in the lives of our neighbors, every part and piece of what we do goes back to its roots

of relationships. Relationships change lives, becoming a people of hope empowered to thrive. We dream of the day our collective will be the catalyst for a unified neighborhood rich in culture and community.

Hopeprint's focus is on the empowerment of resettled refugees to thrive. While there are a number of entities working hard to

with community resources that exist to support their endeavors. Think of it as the guides and fellow journeymen along the pathway from a life of survival to a life of thriving.

Some of the excellent support services for survival needs as well as tools needed in order to thrive are provided through some

of the other great organizations in our community, and we seek to connect our family members to those resources without duplicating services as much as possible! We are

grateful to serve on the Refugee Alliance and Community Integration Coalition that further facilitates that connectedness, and to be part of the tapestry of resources available in this community to make our vision a reality together!

Please visit [Hopeprint.org](http://Hopeprint.org) to get involved by volunteering or making a donation.

HOPEPRINT  
empowering resettled refugees to thrive

assist resettled refugees in surviving (i.e. food access, government services, health-care, etc), we are focused on the post-resettlement time period and empowering them along the next steps towards a thriving life. We welcome them into our "family" through our hospitality gatherings and homes, mentor them along the steps to their goals for a thriving life, and connect

## Lenten Study and Dinner

### "Angels, Demons, and Satan: Separating Myth from Fact"

March 7, 14, 21 - Miller Commons

There are a lot of ideas out there about angels, demons, and Satan but are those ideas grounded in scripture? In this 5 week study, Pastor Alan will cover the identity, power, and abilities of angels, and demons from the Bible. Exploration will include a study of Satan in the Old and New Testaments. Each session is standalone.



## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY- Christian Forgiveness: What it is, what it isn't, and how to do it

Sundays @ 10AM with Pastor Alan – Room 10



"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 is March 25

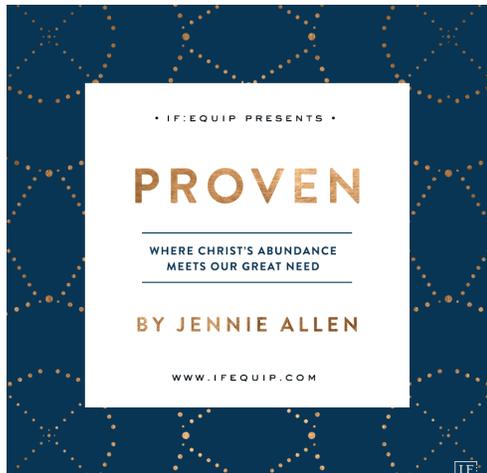
## IF:EQUIP Women's Daytime Bible Study

First and Third Tuesdays - March through June

Begins March 6, Miller Commons, 9:30 - 11:00 AM

In this 8-session study, Jennie Allen walks through key passages in the Book of John to demonstrate how only Jesus is enough. We don't have to prove anything because Jesus has already proven everything. Discover how our thirsty hearts can only be quenched by the Living Water.

Snacks, drinks, and childcare provided.



## Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Mondays, March 12 – April 23, 6:30-8:30 PM - DCC

This spring we will engage with Pricilla Shirer's Armor of God study, which is based on Ephesians 6. All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. God offers to provide you with everything you need to be ready, equipped and victorious! We'll begin on March 12 and go through to April 23. The cost is \$20 and no payment is due until you pick up your books on the first night. Not limited to DCC Members. We encourage you to invite your friends! Contact Kym Staab at [kstaab1@aol.com](mailto:kstaab1@aol.com) for information or to register.



## Happy Hour Yoga

Every Friday through March 23, 5:30-6:45 PM - Miller Commons



Gentle Dharma Yoga is a slow moving beginner's yoga class. This class is open to all ages and is highly beneficial for those returning from an illness or injury, or who haven't moved in a long time. It is recommended for those who are looking for a gentle and easy class or are prenatal. Everyone will leave feeling refreshed & relaxed.

## 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's 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](mailto:office@dewittchurch.org) or call 315.445.0331.



# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



**Mary Chirello**-Youth Ministry Director  
**Email:** mchirello@dewittchurch.org  
**Call/Text:** 315.247.0060

*Make a Difference!*  
**DONATE**

## Donations Needed

Anneke Van Slyke is collecting new and gently used books, games, cards, puzzles, coloring books and crayons for kids ages 12-17 years old. Anneke is working in partnership with St. Joseph's Health Hospital Youth Psychiatric Division to make patients' days go by faster and encourage hope while they are there. This project is a part of Anneke's Girl Scout Gold Award which focuses on youth mental health awareness. Donations will be greatly appreciated! Boxes will be located in the youth wing beginning February 4.

## Sweet Frog Thursdays

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Mary at Sweet Frog frozen yogurt in Fayetteville on March 15 from 3-4PM. Join us for a little mid-week pick-me-up! Contact Mary if you need a ride!



## Palm Sunday Pretzel Sale

Sunday, March 25, we'll be holding our annual Confirmation Pretzel Sale for Palm Sunday. All confirmation students are required to attend and help out but if any other youth want to volunteer to help we'd love to have you! Contact Mary to let her know if you're able to volunteer, 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org.



## Summer Servants 2018

This year, DCC will be participating in Summer Servants the Week of July 15-19. All high school students are eligible to attend and I encourage those adults interested in volunteering to pray about helping out with this trip. It's an experience more powerful than can be put into words. If you would like to participate, or you have questions, please contact Mary.



**Ben Rayland**-Children's Ministry Director  
**Gloria Trode**-Director of Children's Music  
**childrensministry@dewittchurch.org**

**SATURDAY 5:30 PM**- Child care available during the service  
**SUNDAY 9AM**-Child care available during the early service  
**10AM**-Child care available during the Adult Education Hour

**11AM**-Nursery and Sunday School for all ages

## Sunday Morning Music Ministry for Young People

**9:00-9:20 AM - Musikgarten - Room 9**

All children ages 3 - 5

**9:45-10:15 AM - Children's Choir - Room 9**

All Children Elementary through Grade 8 (able to read words)

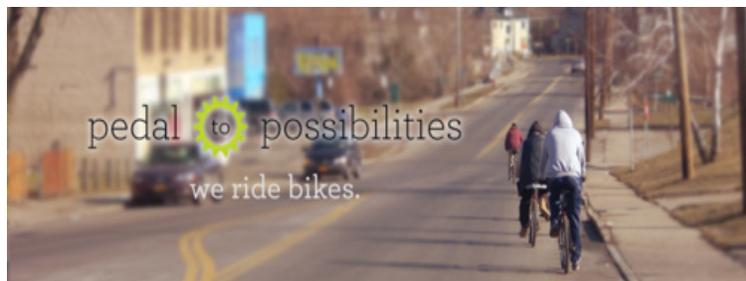
**10:20-10:50 AM - Treble Makers - Room 7**

All Children Kindergarten through Grade 3

**10:20-10:50 AM - Young Ringers - Room 9**

All Children and Youth Grades 4 and up

**10:55-11:15 AM - Praise Kids - Miller Commons**



## Teen Service Opportunity

**Good Friday, March 30, 8 AM at the Brady Faith Center**

Join us on Good Friday at the Brady Faith Center in Syracuse. We'll be serving a pancake breakfast to the homeless and less fortunate and also joining them on a bike ride. This is a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in a different part of Syracuse while giving back to the community. We're looking for teens and parents who would like to donate items, prepare the meal and/or go on a bike ride with the Pedals to Possibility men and women. If you are willing to donate, please drop off items to the church's main office by March 26

- 2 boxes Aunt Jemima original pancake mix
- 1 carton eggs
- 2 containers donut holes
- 3 packages sausage
- 1 large bowl mixed fresh fruit
- 3 maple syrup
- 1lb butter
- 1 package cupcakes
- 2-orange juice
- 2-gallons of milk Skim or 1%

Looking to borrow: 2-electric grills for pancakes

If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Mary Chirello 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org. We will need to have a final count of people attending by March 25.

# COMPASSION MINISTRY

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? Consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. You can create shawls for those who are ill or experiencing loss or a square for military to wear in their helmet. For more information contact Nancy Bond, [nancybond3@gmail.com](mailto:nancybond3@gmail.com) for yarn and patterns.

## Prayer Request Cards

Prayer Request Cards are available at various locations in the church. If you have a prayer request you would like to share, please fill out the yellow card and drop it in a communication box or leave it in the office.

## Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is group of members who commit to pray consistently for requests that come in the form of an e-mail. If you would like to receive prayer requests or no longer receive them, please alert Kay Paulsen, [paulesnk@dewittchurch.org](mailto:paulesnk@dewittchurch.org).

## Stephen Ministry Training Class 2018

A class of four participants is actively training to join our Stephen Ministry Team. Please pray for Nancy Dowling, Nataline Mabbett, Jaime Suarez and Lauren Suarez as they learn how to come alongside someone going through a transition or crisis.



## New Stephen Leaders

Dot Hall and Rev. Cindy Mapstone attended 70 hours of Stephen Leadership Training in January and have joined Kay Paulsen, Nancy Bond, Judi Wilson and Paul Bakke to form a solid leadership team for our Stephen Ministry Program. Please congratulate them on their accomplishment.



## The IF:LOCAL Experience

*Not only did I learn how I can apply God's word to my life and pass that on to others, but I was able to share in fellowship and worship with amazing women of all ages in a relaxing atmosphere. It was just a wonderful experience all around!*

*IF:Gathering was a great experience to bond with other women in the church and feel the holy spirit work within each one of us. It was also a great opportunity for some of our teen girls to participate in fellowship and we can't wait for next year!*

*I arrived Friday night at the IF: event pretty tired from the week; by the time I drove home Sunday morning, I was completely refueled and invigorated. This is an experience i can't wait for every year! What makes this weekend so meaningful is the fellowship with other women, the IF: speakers, engaging in conversations with friends about God in our lives, and my favorite part, the reflection time to be with my thoughts and renew myself spiritually..*



# WHY OUR FORGIVENESS FALLS FLAT



Lance Armstrong, the seven-time winner of the Tour de France, admitted to doping after years of denying it. He admitted using blood transfusions and a cocktail of drugs to cheat. Armstrong admitted to lying as millions tuned their television in to watch Oprah asked all the questions we wanted to ask. Shock and anger have been the reaction of choice to the man who founded an organization to “Live Strong” but cheated.

It is hard to admit you are wrong and that is what Armstrong did. He lied to us, threatened his accusers with lawsuits, and won verdicts of defamation in court. When he admitted to lying and using drugs, he sheepishly told Oprah, “I will spend the rest of my life trying to earn back trust and apologize to people.”

Did Lance Armstrong’s friends and the public ever forgive him?

Forgiveness is a messy business because it requires us to move beyond hurt and sin to redemption. That is not an easy process. For Christians, we know Jesus’ commands on forgiveness. In Matthew 18, Peter asked Jesus how many times should he forgive a brother who sins against him. Jesus replied, “Seventy times seven.” In other words, Peter should forgive his brother more times than his brother deserves.

As Christians, we wonder, how do we go about forgiving the way Jesus taught? To answer that question, we must understand the nature of forgiveness. Author Lewis Smedes wrote about the very nature of forgiveness and how it needs to be done the right way:

It is human to err, yes, but not to forgive; forgiving is divine... Forgiving is not for everybody. It has to be done by the right person or it will not do the work it was invented to do. Forgiving has to be done in the right way and for the right reason and at the right time, and above all by the right person. [1]

As humans, we struggle with doing forgiveness the right way. Our forgiveness falls flat because we do not want to trust that person again who hurt us. Only through a change of our inner spiritual heart and an understanding of how to forgive, can we begin to forgive the right way. We need forgiveness because we need our marriages to continue, our families to support us through tough times, and our friends to encourage us. Forgiveness is one of the most redeeming qualities that God gave us.

During Lent, I'm leading a Sunday morning series on forgiveness using Bible characters who met forgiveness with both success and failure. Through this series, I hope you will come on Sunday mornings with a willingness to be open to how God calls us to forgive. On Sundays March 4, 11, 18, & 25 @ 10 AM in room 6 (near the gym, lower level) I will lead us in a time of examination of scripture passages that teach forgiveness in a deeper way.

It is my prayer that you will journey with me in this Lenten sense through the lens of forgiveness. If you are open and honest, God will open your heart to a new world of reconciliation and redemption.

Love and Grace,

*Alan Rudnick*

Rev. Alan Rudnick

[1] “The Art of Forgiving” Lewis B. Smedes, pg. 38.

## A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION



Hello Friends,

I hope that this note finds you all well and, hopefully, seeing the light at the end of the tunnel for Spring! Many of us have taken advantage of the February school break by either enjoying the outdoors of Upstate NY or finding warmer climates to enjoy. Now back to our CNY reality focusing on Lent and the preparation for Easter!

As we move forward, one topic that I would like you to join me in thinking about is ‘what can I do to add to the overall DCC church experience’? There is so much to do as we grow and evolve into what we are focused on becoming and led to do.

- Can I contribute a little bit more?
- Can I try serving as an usher and increase my exposure to other members or guests?
- Can I dedicate myself to watching for new people and welcoming them?
- Can I always offer a warm smile and greeting to my fellow members?
- Can I participate in our Congregational Care Ministries? (Compassion Cooks, Prayer Chain, etc.)

- Can I try one of the bible study / small group sessions that are offered?
- Can I volunteer to serve on a committee or in a leadership role?
- Can I assist with the Alter Guild or Women’s Association?
- Can I offer to serve others as new community volunteer opportunities present themselves?

Please remember my friends that DCC is not the Ministers. It is not just the Board of Trustees. Or the incredible staff that we employ. Or the dozens of dedicated volunteers that serve unselfishly. It is, quite simply, ALL OF US. Each and every one of us. Participating, working together, caring for each other, worshiping as one and spreading our Christian beliefs to the community at large. That is DCC. And it is why I love being a member here and am honored to serve in any way I can. In this season of Lent please consider giving a little more of yourself and join us as we reach for new heights.

WE are DCC.

God bless you all,

Rick Hall- President DCC Board of Trustees



## March Worship

### Mission of the Month - Hopeprint

#### What We Believe... The Holy Spirit

Rev. Cindy Mapstone

Saturday, March 3

Sunday, March 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

#### Mission of the Month

#### What We Believe... The Church

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, March 10

Sunday, March 11

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

#### What We Believe... The Forgiveness of Sins

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, March 17

Sunday, March 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

#### Communion

#### Starting Point

#### What We Believe... The Resurrection Bible

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, March 24

Sunday, March 25

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

#### Palm Sunday

#### Maundy Thursday - Remembering the Last Supper

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Thursday, March 29

7:00 PM Worship Service/Miller Commons

#### Good Friday

Rev. Cindy Mapstone

Friday, March 30

12:00 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

7:00 PM Musical Observance of Good Friday

"Seven Last Words of Christ"/Sanctuary

#### Easter Weekend

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, March 31

Sunday, April 1

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Early Service/Sanctuary

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

### DeWitt Community Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark Sommers *Senior Minister*

Rev. Alan Rudnick *Executive Associate Minister*

Rev. William Carlsen *Adjunct Associate Minister*

Rev. Cindy Mapstone *Associate Minister*

Rev. Edwin "Ted" Taylor *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Dr. Landrum "Hap" Wooten *Associate Minister Emeritus*

Dr. Kay Paulsen *Director of Congregational Care*

Gloria Trode *Director of Children's Music*

Abel Searor *Director of Worship Arts Principal Organist*

Nic MacLane *Director of Family Worship*

Mary Chirello *Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator*

Ben Rayland *Children's Ministry Director*

Ally Street *Nursery Director*

Alyssa Eighmey *Office Administrator*

Peter Hawley *Communication Coordinator*

Jane Hahn *Bookkeeper*

Mick Thorpe *Director of Building Services*

Reinaldo Mercado *Building Staff*

Liam McDonough *Building Staff*

Jim Surdam *Building Staff*

### Newsletter Article Submissions

Newsletter article submissions can be made by email to [newsletter@dewittchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@dewittchurch.org). Please plan ahead as the newsletter deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you.

### Communicating with Church Leadership

The Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis and serves to advise the Senior Minister. All members of the Advisory Committee are members of the Board of Trustees. Input, ideas, suggestions, and comments are always welcome and may be submitted by e-mail to [advisory@dewittchurch.org](mailto:advisory@dewittchurch.org). Those without access to email may place messages in the church's internal mailboxes or mail to Advisory Committee, DeWitt Community Church, 3600 Erie Boulevard East, DeWitt, NY 13214.

In order to ensure the integrity of church communications, we are not able to consider anonymous letters. The pastoral staff is always open to discussion of issues and concerns in a spirit of Christian community and respect.