

CONNECTION CARD

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Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.
- ☐ I would like to receive care from a Stephen Minister.

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
- ☐ Confirmation ☐ Wedding
- ☐ 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

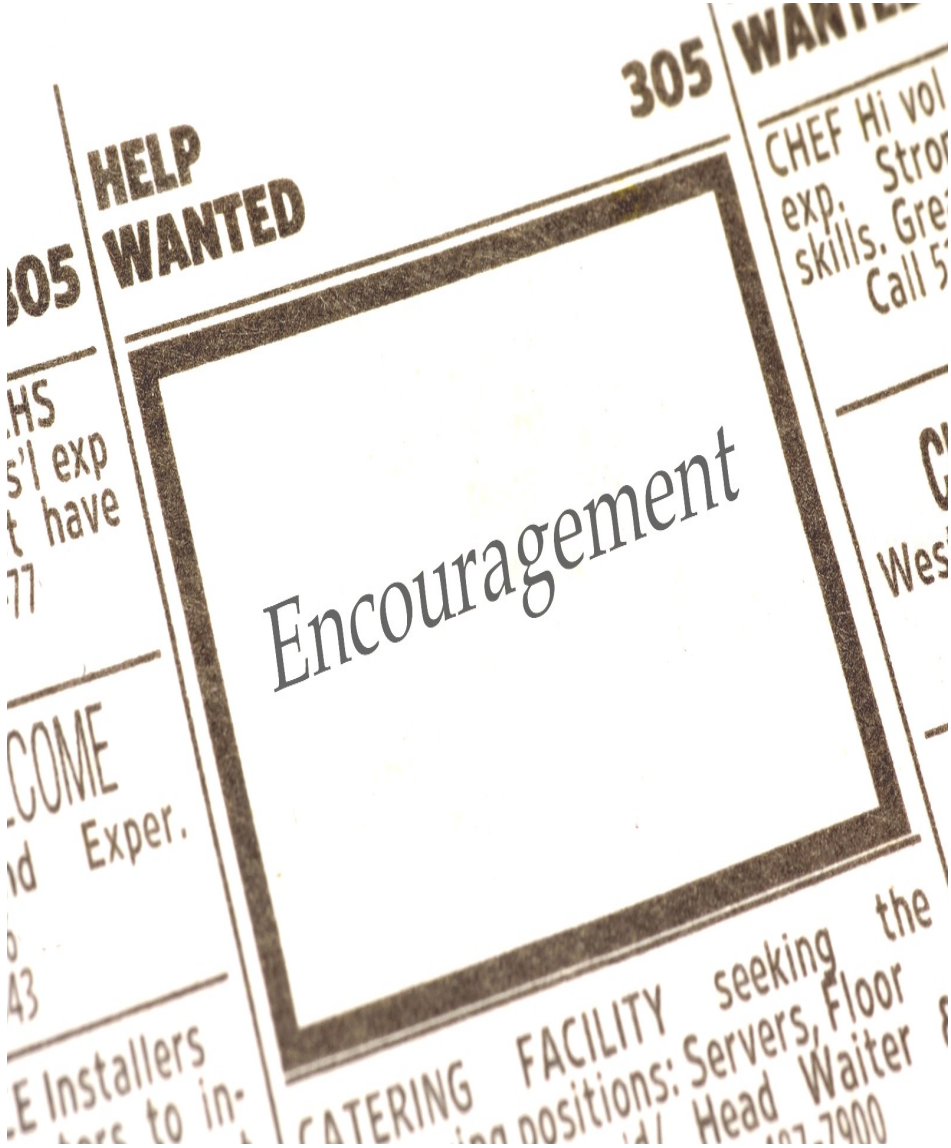
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

Office 315-445-0331  
Pastor on Call (24/7) 315-303-2308

Helpful Links

Website: [www.dewittchurch.org](http://www.dewittchurch.org)  
Facebook: DeWitt Community Church



“Son of Encouragement”

Acts 11:19-26

Saturday, June 16 & Sunday, June 17, 2018

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church  
Saturday, June 16 & Sunday, June 17, 2018  
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thoughts for Today

“A word of encouragement from a teacher to a child can change a life. A word of encouragement from a spouse can save a marriage. A word of encouragement from a leader can inspire a person to reach her potential.” - John C. Maxwell

Prelude

Announcements

Invitation to Worship and Greeting

\*Opening Hymn Come, Great God of All the Ages (#548)

\*Responsive Call to Worship  
Leader: Lord, we are thankful for those who have encouraged us in life and faith.  
People: We give thanks for fathers, for men, and for women who have believed in us and helped us to grow.  
Leader: Help us to hang on and remember the words of those who have cheered us on.  
People: Help us to let go of and forgive those who have hurt us and caused damage to our souls.  
Leader: Help us to be like Barnabas, who was a son of encouragement.  
People: Help us to lift up and encourage others, even when it has no personal benefit for us.

\*Unison Prayer  
In this competitive world where we are in constant competition with others, help us to see the power of lifting others up. Help us to see how God can use the gift of encouragement to give others confidence and hope. Use us to lift up our brothers and sisters. Use us to encourage children and youth. Use us as people who are more eager to plant seeds of greatness in others, then to seek what will glorify ourselves. We give thanks for the people who have planted seeds in our lives, now help us to plant seeds in the lives of the people around us. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer The Gift of Love (#397)

Ministry Moment Video

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 Acts 11:19-26 (NIV) (p. 1122)  
Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music "All Creatures of Our God and King" by David Crowder

Message “Son of Encouragement” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

\*Closing Hymn Lord of All Hopefulness (#469)

\*Blessing

Postlude

Worship Assistant: Nic MacLane/Ben Hahn  
\*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](http://www.dewittchurch.org/give) on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

### Summer Vacation Bible School

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 13 through Friday, August 17** and the theme will be Shipwrecked! **Please visit [dewittchurch.org/vbs](http://dewittchurch.org/vbs) for information**

### Young Adult Gathering @ The Rudnick's

**Sunday, June 24, 4:30 PM-6:30PM**  
**4485 Huntington Ln. Manlius**

We'll have food and make your own sundaes. Please bring drinks. **Please RSVP to the church office by June 21: [office@dewittchurch.org](mailto:office@dewittchurch.org) or 315-445-0331.** There will be outdoor activities for kids and adults in our large side yard.

### Summer Servants

Summer Servants will be the week of **July 15-19** 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, and make a difference in your community. We eat our meals, join in free time and fellowship as well as worship together.

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

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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