

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

The service I usually attend is:

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 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!

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### Helpful Links

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



*“Being a David in a Goliath World”*

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-33, 38-49

**Saturday, June 23 & Sunday, June 24, 2018**

**5:30 PM & 8 AM**

# Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Saturday, June 23 & Sunday, June 24, 2018

5:30 PM & 8:00 AM

## Thoughts for Today

“Everyone of us is shadowed by an illusory person: a false self. We are not very good at recognizing illusions, least of all the ones we cherish about ourselves... Our reality, our true self, is hidden in what appears to us to be nothingness...We can rise above this unreality and recover our hidden reality...God, Himself begins to live in me not only as my Creator but as my other and true self.”

-Thomas Merton, *New Seeds of Contemplation*

Prelude

**“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”**

Announcements

Invitation to Worship and Greeting

\*Opening Hymn

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (#405)**

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: In a world that the strong and powerful rule...

**People: We are reminded that Jesus came into the world humbly, lived simply, and sought to serve.**

Leader: It is easy to think that we can overcome life's challenges with brute force.

**People: But the way of the Spirit filled life places God's ways first.**

Leader: In many ways, we are like David living in a Goliath world.

**People: May we be like David, who was able to be true to God in order to overcome immense challenges.**

\*Unison Prayer

**Almighty God, we live in a world that tells us to be self-assured, tough, and ego driven against life's problems and challenges. Help us shed our false self and embrace our true self, which is found at the center of You. May we let go of pride, fame, and recognition in order to respond to the call to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Amen.**

Hymn of Prayer

**The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well (#73)**

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

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-33, 38-49 (ESV) (pp. 292-93)

And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and

his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.” And the Philistine said, “I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together.” When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. And David said to Saul, “Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth.” Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off. Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand.” When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Message

**“Being a David in a Goliath World”**

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Communion

\*Closing Hymn

**Be Thou My Vision (#502)**

\*Blessing

Postlude

**“I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

**Worship Assistant:** Elizabeth Wimer/Kim Buchanan

**Song Leader:** Bruce Paulsen

\*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**

## Pedaling With Pastor Mark

This year will be Pastor Mark's 13th year of doing a week long bicycling trip. Each year we have used this trip as an opportunity to raise funds for a special project around the church and we will be doing the same this year. This year we will raise money to support our 2019 mission trip to Africa.. We invite you to contribute to Pedaling with Pastor Mark by using the white pew envelopes and placing your contribution in the offering plate or jar. Please write “pedaling with Pastor Mark” on the offering envelope or on the memo section of your check. You can also mail a check to the church or call the church office to make your contribution by credit card. Thanks for your willingness to give to this special project and for giving Pastor Mark a little extra motivation for his ride!

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

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