

DeWitt Community Church

A Christian Church for all People



FAMILY MINISTRY

Here at DeWitt Community Church, our Family Ministry seeks to provide a safe, loving environment where children and youth can experience God's love, learn His truths, and grow in community together. We look forward to having all children and youth join us for fun and learning as we dive into God's Word, explore His truths and play music together.

Nursery is available for infants-preschool in Room 45 from 9 AM to noon. Our nursery is staffed with highly capable and thoroughly vetted individuals. Pagers are available so that parents may be reached if need be.

Our music ministry program offers time to reach young hearts and touch tender lives through the experience and expression of music. We align ourselves with the vision of DCC, providing musical opportunities where children are encouraged to connect, grow and serve in the knowledge and love of God, following Christ through love for each other and all of God's children. Musical excellence, combined with a feeling of service and purpose makes this children's music program a unique experience. We minister to the whole child physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. We encourage church involvement through musical presentations; in worship, the annual Christmas Pageant Celebration, as well as the 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Family Worship Service.

Sunday School classes for children ages Pre-k through 5th grade meet every Sunday at 10:55 in Miller Commons. A rotational Sunday Curriculum allows for a diversity of activities and fosters learning through several different modes of presentation including drama, games, crafts and science. It is a time of celebration and song where we learn about God, lift our voices in worship and deepen our faith in Christ through love for each other and all of God's creation.



9:00-10:00 AM - Nursery Care - Room 10
9:00-9:20 AM - Musikgarten - Room 9
 All children ages 3 - 5

9:45-10:15 AM - Young Singers - Room 9
 All Children Elementary through Grade 8 (able to read words)

10:00-11:00 AM - Nursery Care - Room 10
10:00-11:00 AM - Confirmation Class - Room 8
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 AM - Sunday School - Miller Commons
Parents: Please note that drop off and pick up for Sunday School is in Miller Commons.

11:00 AM - Youth Worship - Room 7
 Middle and High School Age Youth

11:15 AM - Epic Bible Adventures - Room 6
11:15 AM - The King's Imagination - Gym

God's Love Helps US STAND STRONG

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

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.

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WEEKLY IN OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

Chapel Service
(Miller Commons)

10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (Room 42)
Alan's Bible Study
(Miller Commons)
Confirmation Class (Room 8)

11:00 AM

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

MONDAY

5:30 PM

Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)

6:30 PM

Women's Bible Study
(Miller Commons)

TUESDAY

1:30 PM

Program Staff Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM

Bible Study (Rm 42/Parlor)

10:45 AM

Stay & Play (Gym/Offsite)

THURSDAY

12:00 PM

Bulletin Inserts (Library)

6:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 6)
Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

FRIDAY

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY

8:30 AM

Food Addicts Anonymous (Rm 7)

5:30 PM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)

COMING SOON

Friday, October 5

• 6:00 PM

Stephen Ministers Retreat
(Miller Commons)

Saturday, October 6

• 9:00 AM

Stephen Ministers Retreat
(Miller Commons)

Sunday, October 7

• 12:00 PM

Starting Point (Library)

• 12:30 PM

Women's Fellowship Event
(Miller Commons)

Monday, October 8

Columbus/Indigenous Peoples
Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, October 9

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)

• 9:30 AM

IF:EQUIP (Miller Commons)

Wednesday, October 10

• 7:00 PM

Christian Caring Committee
Meeting (Library)

Thursday, October 11

• 9:00 AM

Ruth Circle of Friends meeting
(Room 42)

• 12:00 PM

Naomi Circle of Friends
meeting (Parlor)

Saturday, October 13

• 9:30 AM

Women's Association Retreat
(Miller Commons)

Sunday, October 14

• 12:30 PM

Planned Giving Seminar (Miller
Commons)

Monday, October 15

• 11:30 AM

Sub Shop and Friends (Parlor)

• 6:00 PM

Compassion Cooks Care
Packages (Gym Kitchen)

Tuesday, October 16

• 6:00 PM

Stewardship Team Meeting
(Library)

Wednesday, October 17

• 6:30 PM

Property Management
Committee (Library)

Thursday, October 18

• 1:00 PM

Africa Mission Trip Meeting
(Library)

Friday, October 19

• 9:30 AM

DCC Book Club
(Panera Fayetteville)

• 2:00 PM

Confirmation Class (Rm 8)

Saturday, October 20

Confirmation Fall Retreat

Sunday, October 21

• 8:00 AM

Pancake Breakfast (Gym)

• 12:30 PM

Membership Gathering
(Miller Commons)

Tuesday, October 23

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)

• 9:30 AM

IF:EQUIP (Miller Commons)

Wednesday, October 24

• 7:00 PM

Property Management
Committee (Library)

Thursday, October 25

• 10:00 AM

Cut Ups (Room 6)

Saturday, October 27

Syracuse University Faith &
Family Football Outing

Sunday, October 28

• 12:30 PM

Youth Halloween Party
(Miller Commons)



Generally we will meet on the first Sunday of each month. You can pick up a list of all the dates at the meeting. Come on by Miller Commons for a few minutes or a few hours. Have a nibble with friends, old and new. Relax and enjoy! If you have questions, or if you'd like to volunteer contact Petie Rein at 315-637-0510 or petie7471@yahoo.com. If you need childcare, please contact Petie one week in advance. Thanks and see you October 7!



October 13, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Miller Commons

Please plan on joining together to enjoy fellowship and an inspirational speaker. Jana Biesanz will be sharing with us her thoughts on Prayer and Contemplation in our Daily Lives. There will be sign-up tables after services the weekend Oct. 6 & 7 for those planning on attending. The retreat will conclude with a brief communion service.

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



Each fall we start the new program year out with a message series that we believe will connect with people in our community who do not presently attend a church. It is during this time that we especially want to encourage those who are active at DeWitt to invite their friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join us in worship. Cards and e-mails have been sent to people in our area inviting them to join us for the series.

Our invitation is not one of institutional need (we need more people to fill our pews and contribute), rather, we want to invite people because we know that the words of Christ, the presence of God's Holy Spirit, and the power of God at

work in our community is transformational. People are searching for meaning and purpose and we believe that God is alive and at work in us and through us as a local congregation.

Please make it a priority not only to attend during this five week message, but to invite people to join you.

Rejoicing Always!

Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Senior Minister



ANNOUNCING A NEW BIBLE STUDY



Religion and Politics, Uneasy Fellows: Finding a Way Forward

Sundays @ 10am, Miller Commons

Our parents taught us that there are two things you don't talk about at parties: Religion and politics. With an election year upon us, how do we as Christians respond to the call to be faithful to God and seek the common good of others in

our selection of public officials? Can we talk about politics without a conversation ending in a shouting match? In this study, Pastor Alan will guide participants through navigating how Christians can be both a people of faith and seeking the common good for society

utilizing study of scripture, discussion, listening, and video. This study will draw upon the work of Christian authors, Philip Yancy and Reinhold Niebuhr. No matter if you are a Republican, Democrat, independent, or have no political affiliation you will benefit from this study as a way to navigate faith and politics with other Christians, friends, coworkers, and family. Each session is stand alone.

Love and Grace,

Rev. Alan Rudnick



OCTOBER 27

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**FAITH & FAMILY
DAY**

Syracuse University
Football

TICKETS \$5

Contact Mary at 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org

NEWS & NOTES

International Students and Fellowship of Christian Athletes

As we continue to reach out to students at Syracuse University, LeMoyne College and Onondaga Community College we are looking for individuals and families who would like to play a part in helping these students feel at home in the Syracuse area. It may be helping with an event, adopting a student or two, or a willingness to host a dinner during holidays for students unable to travel home. If you are interested, please let us know. **For International Students**, contact Jane Hahn jhahn@dewittchurch.org **For Athletes**, please contact Mark Sommers drmarkes@umich.edu.

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

We will be having our next membership gathering on Sunday, October 21, at 12:15 PM in Miller Commons. At the gathering we will explore what we as a church believe and the meaning of membership. We will rap up no later than 1:30. The gathering allows you to explore membership with no obligation to join. Please RSVP to office@dewittchurch.org so we know how many people to prepare for. If you are unable to join us on this date, but would like to attend a future membership gathering, please let us know so we can plan an alternative date.

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. **Sign up online at dewittchurch.org/samaritan**. 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, contact Craig Mabbett at cmabbett88@gmail.com, or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation arrangements can be made.

Upcoming dates: November 11, January 6.

Back by Popular Demand!!!
Fall Planned Giving Speaker
Brought to you by the Stewardship Team

Leaving a Legacy of Love

Planned Giving at DCC

- Did you know that planned giving and estate planning is a topic for all ages, young and old?
- Are you interested in learning ways to protect your assets should you need long term care either at home or in a nursing home?
- Would you like to learn about ways you can do something wonderful to support your community and family at the same time?
- Are you aware that you can achieve significant tax savings with planned giving?
- Are you aware of the main estate planning legal documents that everyone should have?

Sunday, October 14th 12:15 PM Miller Commons

Scott Koldin, esq. of the Koldin Law Center will be holding a presentation on the basics of estate planning, long term care asset protection strategies and legacy planning strategies. The presentation will last approximately one hour with time for Q&A following. You are welcome to bring a guest!

Questions and RSVP
office@dewittchurch.org - 315.445.0331



DISCIPLE

Mondays @ 5:30 PM in the Parlor

Bible Study

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM
in Miller Commons

Women's BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Daytime Bible Study

IF: EQUIP

Second and Fourth Tuesdays through December 11
Miller Commons, 9:30 - 11:00 AM

REGISTER NOW AT DEWITTCHURCH.ORG/IF

FAMILY MINISTRY



Gloria Trode-Director of Children's Music
gtrode@dewittchurch.org

Sunday Music Ministry for Young People

Musikgaten 9:00-9:20 AM
Children ages 3-5

Musikgarten introduces children to the joy of music and effectively guides them toward lifelong, active participation in music.

Dewitt Community Church Children's Choir 9:45-10:15AM

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

Young people experience and share their joy of singing, express their love of God, and establish a commitment to excellence through sacred music education and performance. Weekly rehearsal attendance will prepare the children to share their musical offering in worship.

Treble Makers 10:20-10:50AM

All children Kindergarten through Grade 3

Treble Makers make music in a fun, safe, no-pressure environment. Kids learn the art of handbell ringing, as well as basic note and rhythm reading.

Young Ringers 10:20-10:50AM

All Children and Youth Grades 4 and up

Children and teens who have played an instrument or have been in chime choir or young ringers for at least a year are invited to join this fun group. They will continue learning bell techniques and music reading.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:55 PM

All Children Kindergarten through Grade 5

Sunday School is a gathering time of celebration and song. We lift our hearts and voices, growing in the knowledge and love of God, following Christ through love for each other and all of God's creation.



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!

October 21
8 AM to 1 PM
in the Gym
\$8/Person
\$25/Family
\$5/12 & Under

Our Youth Ministry team is partnering with Hope for Ariang to provide an

unforgettable bottomless breakfast of Pancakes, Bacon and Fresh Fruit! Gluten Free Pancakes will also be available. There will be activities for the kiddos too! All proceeds will support our Africa Mission Trip and Youth Ministry programs. Please invite your friends! RSVP to Mary at mchirello@dewittchurch.org.



Rev. Cindy Mapstone

Family & Congregational Care Minister
cmapstone@dewittchurch.org



Mary Chirello-Youth Ministry Director

Email: mchirello@dewittchurch.org

Call/Text: 315.247.0060

Middle and High School Programs

Youth ministry is involved with our local young life branches, community events, church outings and mission trips. Middle school and high school students connect and bond over faith, friendship and a commitment to pursuing the goodness of Christ through service in our local community. If you would like more information or would like a copy of our events calendar, please contact Mary Chirello: mchirello@dewittchurch.org

Youth worship is made up of both middle school and high school students and gathers during the 11AM worship time in room 7. All students participate in group games or activities before splitting into two groups. Middle school is in one classroom and high school in another. Every Sunday is an opportunity for teens to get to know one another and dig deeper into their faith through Bible study, actives, crafts and games.

Confirmation Class

This class meets on Sunday mornings at 10AM in room 7 to discuss big faith questions and learn more about the foundation of faith. Typically this class is geared toward 8th grade students looking to commit to their faith and become a confirmed member of the church. However, if there is a high school student who hasn't been confirmed that would like to participate, they are welcome!

It is co-led by Mary Chirello and Rev. Cindy Mapstone.

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 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 a 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, paulsenk@dewittchurch.org.

Thank You For Supporting the Pie Sale

I am grateful to so many folks who helped this year's pie sale raise over \$1200. Funds will cover expenses for the Women's Association retreat on October 13th and will benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to the staff at DCC for promoting, creating forms, answering calls and being available on baking days to offer help: Mark, Alan, Cindy, Pete, Alyssa, Jane, Mary, Mick, Liam, Reinaldo and Jim. Thank you to those of you who donated supplies or money to buy them. Thank you to the shoppers and pickers; Petie Rein, Angela Todisco, Jaylenne Moore and Craig Mabbett. Thank you to the pie preparers; Nick and Cathy Loziponi, Susan Meyers, Angela Todisco, Carolyn Martin, Janet Willis, Nora Ruthig, Marcia Wooten, Ginger Prill, Julie Rimel, Adriana Becker, Ellen Dupree, Heather, Robert, Kaitlyn and Alyssa Cavalluzzi, Nataline Mabbett, Jaylenne Moore, Amy Zilberman and Marianna Redd. Thanks to Sybil Smith for being the clean-up crew, to Marcia and Ginger for selling and delivering pies, and to Jim Schunck, our "chairman of the tasting committee." Many hands made the work lighter.

There are a few large pumpkin and mini apples pies frozen. Anyone wishing to purchase one should contact me at 315-345-6442.

With appreciation to all of you, I am anticipating another great sale next year.- Judi Wilson

Compassion Cooks Care Packages

On Monday, October 15, 2018 Compassion Cooks will be preparing College/Military Care Packages. Please join us in the Gym Kitchen from 6-7:30 PM. We are also collecting supplies to put in the boxes.

We are looking for individually packaged non-perishable items like:

- Mini snack bags of candy, munchies, crackers, chewing gum, beef jerky or slim jims
- Small packs of tissues, small packages of wipes
- Cookies wrapped in individual size packages
- Individual drink mix packets
- Microwave popcorn
- Granola Bars



Please leave your donations in the church office or contact Pastor Cindy Mapstone to collect them. She can be reached at 315-447-0613 or at cmapstone@dewittchurch.org.



Blood Drive

Dewitt Community Church

Fellowship Hall
3600 Erie Blvd. East - Syracuse

Saturday, November 10, 2018
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION



*"And we've been takin' care of business, every day
Takin' care of business, every way
We've been takin' care of business, it's all mine
Takin' care of business and working overtime"*

-Randy Bachman; Bachman-Turner Overdrive

This past September the Trustees held their first meeting of the program year and got down to the hard work of our church's business. Our Nominating Committee has been resurrected, lead by Dave Pridgen, and we approved nominations for two new Board members: Jeff Roney (Finance), and Shirley Myrus (Alter Guild). Welcome! I also offer thanks to all the Trustees who give of their free time for the benefit of our church.

A significant part of the meeting discussion revolved around the

church's outstanding debt, which I had outlined in last month's Newsletter. One of the measures approved creates a task force, lead by our Treasurer Mark Hills, to develop options for financing and payments. We will hear these options at our October meeting and consider the best approach.

We heard about the activities of several committees. Of particular note - Rev. Allen reported on our church's participation in the candlelight vigil for the two Chili's restaurant workers who had been senselessly murdered across the street from the church. At the conclusion of that report, Rev. Dr. Sommers commented that the support we showed for the victim's families, friends, and co-workers is a good example of what a community church looks like.

Happy Fall and Blessings to you all! -Eric W. Witschi, President

DEWITT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mission of the Month: Operation Northern Comfort



In 2005 after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Operation Southern Comfort (OSC) was formed. 50 trips were taken to the ravaged parts of Louisiana and Mississippi to rehabilitate, rebuild and repair homes – and lives. 2200 volunteers, including 1200 students, participated in the 9-day events – traveling the 1400 miles on the weekend, working for 5 days, and returning (1400 miles again!) the following weekend. OSC built 4 homes and worked on over 200 more; planted 13000 trees, donated 3 trailers full of school supplies, books, clothing and musical instruments and brought hope to thousands of Gulf Coast residents.

In 2012 it became apparent that there were people in CNY that could use help. That is how Operation Northern Comfort was born. We fix bathrooms, enlarge doors, build ramps – whatever we can physically do, we do. In 2014 we built a home after a fire destroyed one – our first house build in CNY. As we grow, we are partnering with Tiny Homes for Good to build homes in Syracuse for people, including veterans facing homelessness.

Anyone can send in a request for help; those requests are forwarded to the jobs committee, which will contact the requester and review the project. Any request received is considered.

Operation Northern Comfort is a non-profit organization committed

to serving individuals and our surrounding communities by providing labor, donations, and support to those in need.

Operation Northern Comfort:

- has no paid staff and welcomes volunteers of all skill and experience levels; no job is too small
- will do whatever they can to help – delivering furniture, painting, rebuilding a house, or constructing ramps (25+ so far)
- brings together high school and college students, faith communities, individuals, and local businesses and organizations who share a desire to empower and give hope to those in need
- is committed to working and partnering with any and all organizations who share our goals and commitment to the community



There are a variety of jobs where your services would be invaluable including the following areas: construction / rebuilding (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, etc.), fund raising, general labor, organization / planning, cooking, financial / accounting. Of course, donations are always welcome. We value your skills, expertise and spirit of generosity!

Contributions to our organization come in all shapes and sizes. Some of our support comes from our volunteers who give their time and sweat to help us reach our goals. Others show their support with monetary contributions. Both are very much needed and extraordinarily appreciated.

This is a team effort...your ideas, suggestions and feedback on how we can improve will be welcomed and appreciated. We would love to have you friend ONC on Facebook!

Thank you for helping us fulfill our "Promise of Hope"!





October Worship

Mission of the Month - Operation Northern Comfort

"Faith Not Fear: Failure is Not Final"

Rev Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday October 6

Sunday, October 7

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Mission of the Month

"Faith Not Fear: Future Hope"

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday October 13

Sunday, October 14

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

"Faith Not Fear: Finding God in the Storm"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday October 20

Sunday, October 21

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

12:15 PM Membership Gathering/MC

Communion at all 3 services

Welcoming New Members

Pancake Breakfast

"Abundant Living: What Are You Chasing"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday October 27

Sunday, October 28

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional 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/Family & Congregational Care Minister*

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

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

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*

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. Please plan ahead as the newsletter deadline is the 15th 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. 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.