

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/Family & Congregational Care 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
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Creative Worship
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
Facebook: DeWitt Community Church



"Walking in the Dark"

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

Sunday, December 2, 2018

11:00 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

December 2, 2018 — 11:00 AM

Thought for Today

“Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness.” — Anne Frank

Prelude “Noel” by Louis Claude D’Aquin

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Blessed Be the God of Israel (#158)**

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: In times of growing darkness, we pray for God’s presence to be with us and give us peace.

People: We give thanks to God who hears our cries and walks with us during times of darkness.

Leader: We worship the Lord with gladness, even when we are afraid and cannot see or understand the future.

People: We worship the Lord and trust in His divine plan.

Leader: Help us ,Lord, to trust in You and Your ways

People: Help us ,Lord, to live with faith in the present and as we look to the future.

*Unison Prayer:

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent, remind us again that in the midst of our darkness, You are bringing us peace. We ask for You to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Help us to focus not on the darkness of this world, but on the light that You bring. Help us to receive Your Son, our Savior and give us the blessings of experiencing Your peace in our spirits. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Greeting & Announcements

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

Mission of the Month JD Ecumenical Food Pantry

Lighting the First Candle of Advent The McNany Family

Reader 1: O God, today we light the first candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We kindle it with hope. We long for You to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

Reader 1: We remember times we longed for You to be present with us, this congregation, and this world. During sickness, tragedies, and times of scarcity, we long for God to be with us.

Reader 2: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God’s people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to You. Let us join together in our Advent response.

People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from You. We ask for Your mercy and reform us in Your image. This Advent, visit us with Your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

Advent Candle Sung Response

In the Bleak Midwinter (#196)

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

Hymn of Prayer

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming (#190)

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

*You can give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving site **give.dewittchurch.org** on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.*

Offertory

“Carol of the Bells” Bell Choir

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(#34)

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (GNT) (p. 814)

The Lord said, “The time is coming when I will fulfill the promise that I made to the people of Israel and Judah. At that time I will choose as king a righteous descendant of David. That king will do what is right and just throughout the land. The people of Judah and of Jerusalem will be rescued and will live in safety. The city will be called ‘The Lord Our Salvation.’”

Luke 21:25-36 (GNT) (p. 1073)

“There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

“Even So Lord Jesus Quickly Come” by Paul O. Manz

Message

“The Christmas Walk: Walking in the Dark” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (#153)

*Blessing

Postlude

“Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland” by Hugo Distler

Worship Assistant: Rev. Alan Rudnick

*Congregation stands

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Richard Redd, from his daughter Rachel, son-in-law Jeff, and grandchildren Austin and Victoria Roney.

Christmas Caroling

December 11 at 6 PM

meet in Miller Commons

We'll be leaving promptly at 6PM but please feel free to come beforehand and have a refreshment. All generations are welcome and encouraged to participate! We hope to see you all there! Wear any Christmas attire you have! To sign-up please contact Mary Chirello at 315-247-0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org

New Study:

Uncovering the Parables of Jesus

Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 23 @ 10 AM, Room 6

During Jesus’ earthly ministry, one of the primary ways He would instruct His disciples was through parables. People would gather from far and wide in order to listen to what Jesus said. In this study taught by Pastor Alan, we will uncover what God want us to learn from these parables. Each session is stand-alone. Don't worry about "signing up", just come!

Baskets for the Bake & Basket Bazaar

The Women's Association will be having their Annual Bake and Basket Sale on Dec. 9 after the 11 AM service, in the Gym along with a chili lunch put on by the Jr High and High School groups. Baskets will be on display and tickets sold before and after every service until Dec. 9. See the blue announcements for more.

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

Event: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____