



June Worship

Mission of the Month - Hopeprint

"Seeking Unity, Healing Wounds"

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday June 1

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, June 2

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Mission of the Month

"The God Team"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday June 8

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, June 9

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Africa Mission Trip Team Commissioning at 11AM Service

2019 DeWitt Community Church Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 12

Dinner 5:30 PM Annual Meeting 6:15 PM

"Teach Your Children Well"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, June 15

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, June 16

9:00 AM Early Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Graduation Recognition at the 11AM Service

Munson and Perkins Scholarship recipients announced

Strawberry Festival on the front lawn following the 11AM Service

"Life's Balancing Act"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday June 22

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, June 23

9:30 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday June 29

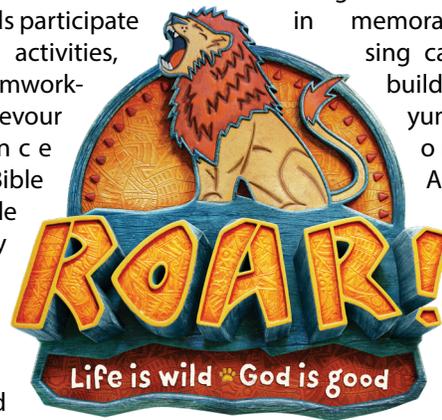
5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, June 30

9:30 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 12-16 9AM-12PM \$25/CHILD OR \$50/FAMILY

At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, singing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-they'll take Fun Gizmos home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Safari Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time.



ROAR! Life is wild, God is good is for kids that have completed kindergarten through fifth grade (register for grade completed) and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day.

Little Paws Preschool

Preschoolers (all 3 to 5-year-olds* who haven't finished kindergarten) have a special Roar program of their own!

*must be diaper free

Visit dewittchurch.org/vbs to register your children now and receive a ROAR! music CD on the first day of VBS (just add \$5.00 to the price of registration for your child/children (that's 1.99 off the regular price).

If you have any questions please contact Gloria Trode at 315-445-0331 or gtrode@dewittchurch.org.

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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

COMING SOON

WEEKLY IN JUNE

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

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)
Nursery (Room 10)

10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (Room 42)
Nursery (Room 45)

11:00 AM

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

MONDAY

7:00 PM

Embassy Bell Choir (Choir Room)

TUESDAY

1:30 PM

Program Staff Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM

Bible Study (Rm 42/Parlor)

10:45 AM

Stay & Play (Gym)

THURSDAY

No Events

FRIDAY

6:00 PM

AA Meeting (Room 6)

SATURDAY

5:30 PM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)

Saturday, June 1

•7:30 PM
Capture the Flag Youth
Event (Miller Commons)

Sunday, June 2

•12:00 PM
Gab & Gather
Women's Fellowship
(Miller Commons)
•12:00 PM
Starting Point Class
(Library)

Monday, June 3

•9:30 AM
WA Steering Committee
Meeting (Room 42)

Wednesday, June 5

•7:00 PM
Christian Caring
Committee Meeting
(Library)

Monday, June 10

•6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision
(Library)
•6:00 PM
Compassion Cooks
(Miller Commons)

Tuesday, June 11

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)
•12:00 PM
All Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, June 12

•5:30 PM
Annual Meeting (Miller
Commons)

Thursday, June 13

•9:30 AM
IF:EQUIP Women's
Bible Study (Miller
Commons)
•10:00 AM
Ruth Circle of Friends
Meeting (Room 42)
•11:30 AM
WA Spring Salad
Luncheon
(Miller Commons)

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day
•12:00 PM
DCC Strawberry Festival
(Front Porch)

Monday, June 17

•11:30 AM
Sub Shop & Friends
(Parlor)
•7:00 PM
Gab & Gather Planning
Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, June 19

•6:30 PM
Property Management
Committee Meeting
(Library)
•7:00 PM
Board of Trustees
Meeting (Room 6)

Monday, June 24

•6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision
(Library)

Tuesday, Jun 25

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)
•11:00 AM
Primary Election Day
(Miller Commons)

Wed, June 26

•6:00 PM
Summer Servants
Training (Room 6)

Thursday, June 27

•9:30 AM
IF:EQUIP Women's
Bible Study (Miller
Commons)

Saturday, June 29

•9:00 AM
Meals on Wheels Bottle
Drive (Cemetery Parking
Lot)

Tuesday, May 28

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)



FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



June is a time where we finish up the current program year and lay the ground work for the next. As we come to the close of the 2018-19 program year I believe there is much to feel good about. We have seen great progress in our family ministries with an excellent confirmation class. The Adult discipleship groups are growing in their involvement. For the first time ever we have an adult / intergenerational mission team headed to do work in South Sudan.

We have continued to move forward in exploring creative approaches to worship in our Chapel services. Our music ministry has continued to flourish, greatly enriching our worship experience. We have seen a continual flow of new people who are becoming involved in the congregation. Our Stephen Ministry is continuing their exceptional work of pastoral care. We are also making much needed changes in our governance systems which bring us into compliance with state law and streamline our organizational structure.

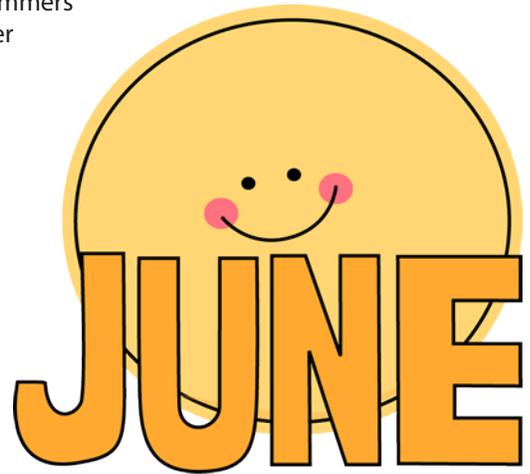
During the month of June there a number events and activities that will bring this program year to its completion.

- June 8 & 9 State of the Church Weekend
- Wednesday, June 12, 208th Annual Meeting of DeWitt Community Church
- June 15 & 16 (Father's Day Weekend)
- Awarding of the Munson & Perkins Scholarships
- Strawberry festival of the front lawn
- June 22 & 23 New Summer Schedule begins

In closing, there is one celebration in particular that I want to highlight. At this years' Annual Meeting we will be celebrating Bill Carlsen's 50th anniversary of ordination and Cindy Mapstone's 10th, along with celebrating the completion of Pastor Cindy's doctoral program. We have been truly blessed by Bill's 9 years of service as an Adjunct Pastor, and Cindy's first year and a half. Both are exceptional pastors and people and we as a congregation are truly blessed. So I want to encourage you to both be present at this celebration, and to also take the time to write a special note of thanks for their ministry among us.

Rejoicing Always!

Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Senior Minister



A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION

Message from the Board President:

*"Cause I live and breathe this Philadelphia freedom
From the day I was born, I've waved the flag
Philadelphia freedom took me knee-high to a man, yeah
Gave me peace of mind my daddy never had"*

Bernie Taupin & Elton John

At DeWitt Community Church the month of June is time for our Annual Meeting. Our church has a "congregational" form of government, which simply means that all authority derives from our congregation. This essentially democratic form of governance has a long history in America – over 380 years! The Annual Meeting is traditionally the time when church members get to exercise their authority. This year we have several matters to present for your consideration.

Our Board of Trustees act on behalf of the congregation, and at each Annual Meeting the Nominating Committee presents a slate of candidates for your approval. This year we will also present an amendment to our church bylaws that affects the size and membership of the Trustees. We've been aware for several years that the size of our Board was too large per New York State law,

which permits a maximum of 15 trustees, and we've gradually reduced our numbers. The proposed amendment will fix the Board's size at 15 consisting of the four church officers; chairs of Finance, Investment, Nominating, Personnel, Property Management, and Stewardship; and five at-large members. To explain this change in more detail and answer questions we will have meetings after each church service on June 1st and 2nd where the full text of the amendment will be available.

Another item on the Annual Meeting agenda will be changes to the summer worship schedule. We propose to eliminate the 8:00 AM outdoor service and move up the 10:00 AM service to 9:30 AM instead. The Saturday 5:30 PM service would remain unchanged. In our April newsletter I had asked for your feedback, and so far the response has been positive. So in conclusion, I encourage all church members to join us in Miller Commons on Wednesday June 12 at 5:30 pm, and let your voice be heard.

Blessings to you all!

Eric W. Witschi, President

NEWS & NOTES

2019 DeWitt Community Church Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, June 12 we will gather for the 208th Annual Meeting at DeWitt Community Church. We will start out with dinner at 5:30 The main dish, desert and drinks will be provided. We ask that you bring a dish to pass

At 6:15 we will begin the annual meeting where there are several issues that will need congregational approval including a change in the constitution (see article below).

We will also be celebrating the accomplishments of two of our staff. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Bill Carlsen's ordination as well as Cindy Mapstone's 10th Anniversary of Ordination and her recent completion of a Doctor of Ministry Degree.

We hope that everyone will make attending the Annual Meeting a priority as we move forward in our mission together and as we celebrate major milestones for two of our pastoral staff.

Constitutional Change

On Wednesday, May 15, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution recommending to the congregation a change in our constitution.. This year at our annual meeting we will also present an amendment to our church bylaws that affects the size and membership of the Trustees.

Several years ago, we sought advice of an attorney who specializes in non-profit and church governance. We discovered that according to New York State law that the size of our Board (35 Members) exceeded state law, which permits a maximum of 15 trustees. Since then, we have been gradually reducing the size of our board.

The proposed amendment will establish the board's size at 15, consisting of the four church officers; chairs of Finance, Investment, Nominating, Personnel, Property Management, and Stewardship; and five at-large members.

We are also working on establishing a more streamlined structure that provides input and coordination for the many programmatic committees that carry out a wide variety of ministries within the church.

Summer Schedule

We will be making a change to our summer schedule (if approved at the Annual Meeting). We will be moving to two services during the summer schedule starting June 22 & 23 and concluding August 31 & September 1. Saturday Night Chapel will be at 5:30 in the Courtyard (in Miller Commons in case of rain) The Sunday morning Traditional service will be at 9:30 in the Sanctuary.

State of the Church Weekend

It is a long standing tradition at DeWitt Community Church for the Senior Minister to deliver a "State of the Church Address" on the weekend prior to the annual meeting. It is a time of both looking back and looking forward, of where we are and where we are going as a congregation. We encourage everyone to make attending on this weekend a priority as we strive to move together in unity as a congregation with a clear mission and identity.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 12

bring a dish to pass

ANNUAL meeting

5:30 MEAL - 6:00 MEETING

Strawberry SOCIAL

JUNE 16TH

(CELEBRATE OUR DADS AND GRADS AFTER THE 11 AM SERVICE)

JUNE 2 AT NOON STARTING new HERE POINT IN THE LIBRARY

OUR LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

GAB AND GATHER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All DCC ladies are invited to come on by Miller Commons on June 2nd for a light lunch, dessert, and coffee. Fill out our questionnaire with your thoughts and place them in the suggestion box! We'll be there from Noon to 1:30, but if you can stay only a while, that's just fine. Questions? Contact Petie Rein petie7471@yahoo.com or 315-637-0510.

A planning meeting for next year is being held Monday, June 17 at 7 PM in the church library. Please join us if you'd like to lend a hand.

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 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.

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 intentionally 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 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 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!

Please visit Hopeprint.org to get involved by volunteering or making a donation.



AFRICA MISSION TRIP
JUNE 16-29

COMMISSIONING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE ON JUNE 9

On the right is Deng, one of the translators/guides that will be going with our team (particularly Quinn) and below you can see the Tukul (huts) that we will be staying in...they're in the background. Our individual prayer requests are on the poster at church - in general we are all asking for the congregation to pray for our safety and health and the Dads and kids that are staying behind (Wimers and Johnsons).



FAMILY MINISTRY

Rev. Cindy Mapstone

Family & Congregational Care Minister
cmapstone@dewittchurch.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:55 AM In Miller Commons
All Children Kindergarten through Grade 5



Gloria Trode-Director of Children's Music

gtrode@dewittchurch.org

Call/Text: 404-791-7723

'LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME; DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. TRULY I TELL YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD AS A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT.'
AND HE TOOK THEM UP IN HIS ARMS, LAID HIS HANDS ON THEM, AND BLESSED THEM."

-MARK 10:13-16 (NRSV).



YOUTH WORSHIP

11 AM In Room 8
Grades 6 through 12

Mary Chirello-Youth Ministry Director

Email: mchirello@dewittchurch.org

Call/Text: 315.247.0060

Sunday Music Ministry for Young People

Young Singers 9:45-10:15 AM in Room 9

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

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

All children Kindergarten through Grade 3

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

All Children and Youth Grades 4 and up

Middle School End of Year Bonfire

June 7th from 7-9PM @ the Taylors

Open to all those in 5-8th grade. Bring a snack to share!!

Please RSVP to Mary by May 31 and she'll get you the address

Confirmation Thank You

Thank you for all the students, staff, parents and volunteers who helped make this confirmation year such a wonderful experience for all. We're so blessed to be surrounded by compassionate men and women who support our young adults! If you have a child going into 8th grade this coming fall and would like to register for confirmation, contact Mary Chirello: mchirello@dewittchurch.org or 315-247-0060

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Jaidyn Crite

Paige Stepanian

Charlotte Stepanian

Lily Butler

Molly McNanny

Annie Leonard

Sophie Leonard

Sydney Hines

Grace Metnick

Scott Hills

Wyatt Dupell

James Wildhack

Thomas Wildhack



CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY



Community... when we see, read, or think about “community”, what comes to mind? Community center, community boards, community workshops, community college, or even that spot on the Monopoly board game called “Community Chest”? The idea of community is all around us, but do we really know what true community looks like?

Christians talk about community, but do they really know what community requires? In the book of Acts, it was the beloved community of early believers, aided by the Holy Spirit, which contributed to spreading of Christianity. Why do I call it the beloved community? We read in Acts 2:

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This was a beloved community because it was based on the love of Jesus Christ - A love that knew no boundaries. The movement of Christianity and its message of Jesus Christ was radical. There was a sense of equality, trust, grace, forgiveness, and love. People could not get enough of the beloved Christian community! People could not figure these Christians out. Why were they so kind, loving, and willing to share?

Any movement, peaceful or violent, only survives because of a single radical idea. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s radical vision of a peaceful beloved community was based on the idea that skin color did not matter. All people belonged to the beloved community. Dr. King often spoke and wrote about our interconnectedness. He said all of us are tied in a “single garment of destiny...in an inescapable network of mutuality.” Dr. King emphasized that all of us has the power to change ourselves and the world.

The trouble with creating and sustaining the beloved community is that we Christians can be bad at it. Criticism, backbiting, unforgiveness, grudges, judgmental attitudes, insecurity, anger, and fear break down the beloved community with our church and other churches. We fail to live up to the type of radical community Jesus called for us to live.

The good news is that community can always be healed. Dr. King believed in that reconciliation and redemption was the key to the creation of the beloved community. The healing of emotional wounds is centered on the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught that we must forgive our brother and sisters not one time or seven times, but seventy-seven times (Matthew 18:22). In other words, we are to forgive... a lot.

Creating a beloved community requires each person and our church to:

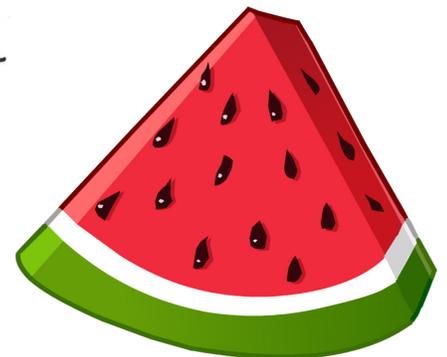
- Trust one another
- Intentionally commit to friendships and “breaking bread” together
- Lavishly sharing our resources with others and the church
- Create room for new or different ideas
- Offering forgiveness when we are wrong
- Ask questions to discover rather than judge based on emotional perception
- Share the message of Jesus Christ
- Graciously serve others
- Worship regularly at church
- Devote ourselves to learning afresh God’s word through group study

As Coretta Scott King stated, “The beloved community is not a place, but a state of heart and mind, a spirit of hope and goodwill that transcends all boundaries and barriers and embraces all creation.” In Acts 2, early Christians embodied the above list and their movement exploded because those early Christians created a beloved community that was unlike anything ever seen or imagined. May you begin to intentionally create the beloved community here in our church and in your life.

Love and Grace,

Alan Rudnick

Rev. Alan Rudnick



A Message from the Stewardship Team

As you have heard over the last few weeks, we are falling short of our financial giving budget for this program year. We have until the end of June to make up approximately \$60,000 in shortfall. Our staff has worked extremely hard to cut expenses by \$15,000, so we have to do our part by completing our giving estimates and helping us close the gap. If you are able, please catch up on your pledges before the end of June, and if you have any extra you can consider giving, we welcome that too! Our ministries are growing and helping many in our church and in our community! Thank you for all you do to help us spread the love of God to those around us.

A reminder that you can give by check, credit card, cash, or online via our website, church app, or at give.dewittchurch.org



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 www.dewittchurch.org

Dewitt Community Church 2019 Vacation Bible School August 12-16, 9 AM to 12 PM

Cost is \$25 for one child, \$50 for two children or more than two children.

Programs are available for toddlers through pre-K, and Grades K through 5

Please contact Gloria Trode (315-445-0331, gtrode@dewittchurch.org) with any questions.

Your Child's Information

Parent/Guardian's Information

(Please use an additional form for any additional children who will be attending VBS. Thanks!)

Name *

Date of Birth

Email Address

First Name

Cell Phone Number

Grade

Emergency Contact Information

This should be an adult other than the parent/guardian listed above.

Age (As of August 12th)

Cell Phone Number

Special Needs/Other Information

Relationship

Home Address *

Name *

Child's Allergies

Disclaimer *

I will not hold DCC responsible should my child get injured while attending VBS.

Publicity Permission

(Circle one)

I give my permission for my child(ren) to be photographed (Circle one)

Yes

No

Yes

No

VBS Cost and Payment *(Circle one)

Person(s) allowed to pick up my child

\$25 for one child

\$50 for two or more children

DeWitt Community Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark Sommers *Senior Minister*

Rev. Alan Rudnick *Executive Associate Minister*

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Mapstone *Associate/Family & Congregational Care Minister*

Rev. William Carlsen *Adjunct Associate 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 Creative 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.