



CONFIRMATION

May Worship

SUNDAY

Mission of the Month-CNY Diaper Bank

Claiming Your Identity as God's Beloved

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday May 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Mission of the Month

Mother's Day Weekend

Elizabeth Wimer, special guest speaker 9 & 11 Sunday

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick Saturday

Saturday May 11

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, May 12

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Confirmation Weekend

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers at 5:30 PM and 9 AM

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Mapstone and the Confirmands at 11 AM

Saturday, May 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, May 19

9:00 AM Early Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Honoring Those Who Go Before Us

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday May 25

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, May 26

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation is a way by which believers walk into the fullness of God's grace that began at baptism. Through confirmation, our young people are strengthened in their faith as they take steps towards a fuller and more mature spiritual walk. We as a church support them on this journey as we welcome them into membership at Dewitt Community Church.

Just as Jesus' apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so the confirmands receive God's Spirit so they might go from being just hearers of God's word to doers of God's will. They are now encouraged to step out in service as God's people. Likewise, they realign their lives to Christ. By turning away from the barriers that separate them from God, they turn towards a personal relationship with Him. Confirmation is a sign and seal of a public declaration of faith. It is a reaffirmation of belief in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and a beginning of a deeper personal faith.

This year's Confirmation service will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2019 during the 11 am service. All facets of the service have been planned by the confirmands. The service will reflect their gifts and talents as they lead the service. We encourage all of you to join us for this special service.

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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 MAY

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)
Bible Study w/ Alan (Room 6)
Confirmation Class (Room 8)
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

5:30 PM

Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)

6:30 PM

Community Bible Study
(Miller Commons)

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

6:00 PM

Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

FRIDAY

9:00 AM

Bulletin Inserts (Library)

SATURDAY

5:30 PM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)

Saturday, May 4

• 6:00 PM
Young Life Black Tie
Bingo (Gym)

Sunday, May 5

• 12:00 PM
Gab & Gather Women;s
Fellowship
(Miller Commons)
• 12:00 PM
Starting Point Class
(Library)
• 3:00 PM
Syracuse Chorale
Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 6

• 9:30 AM
WA Steering Committee
Meeting (Room 42)
• 11:30 AM
Friendship Bridge (Parlor)

Wednesday, May 8

• 1:00 PM
Christian, Not What You
Think Study (Parlor)

Thursday, May 9

• 9:30 AM
IF:EQUIP Women's Bible
Study (Miller Commons)
• 11:30 AM
WA Spring Salad
Luncheon
(Miller Commons)

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day
• 10:00 AM
Confirmation Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)

Monday, May 13

• 6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision
(Cindy's Office)

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

• 5:30 PM
Advisory Dinner (Library)
• 7:00 PM
Board of Trustees
Meeting (Room 6)

Thursday, May 16

• 6:30 PM
Wyldlife Middle School
Youth Group (Gym)

Sunday, May 19

Confirmation Sunday
• 12:00 PM
DCC at the Samaritan
Center (Offsite)

Monday, May 20

• 11:30 AM
Sub Shop & Friends
(Parlor)

Thursday, May 23

• 9:00 AM
Cut Ups (Room 6)
• 9:30 AM
IF:EQUIP Women's Bible
Study (Miller Commons)

Monday, May 27

MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
• 6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision
(Cindy's Office)

Tuesday, May 28

• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM
Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)
Service (Miller Commons)
• 9:00 AM
WA Craft Sale (Gym))

HELLO
Spring

Help Plant the Circle Garden

Clean Up, May 17 & 18 from 9 AM to noon
Planting, May 31 & June 1 from 9 AM to noon

The Circle Garden is a beautiful part of our church, and it is time to bring it back to life for summer. If you love to get your hands dirty in the garden, we could use your help a couple Friday and Saturday mornings in May. Please bring your own garden tools. Contact Kym at 315-247-1675 or e-mail kstaab1@aol.com.



FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



There are three things that I would like to share with you as we come into the month of May.

First Elizabeth Wimer will be speaking at the 9 and 11 AM services on Mother's Day Weekend. Elizabeth is one of our active lay leaders and worship assistants and I look forward to hearing her share on this Sunday where we honor women. I hope you will make it a special effort to be present!

Second We have a wonderful group of confirmands this year and on the weekend of April 18 and 19 our worship will be focused on confirmation. Pastor Cindy, Mary Chirello and Gloria Trode have been working with our Confirmation Student in planning this very special service. I am really looking forward to these services and hope that you will also make a special effort to support these young people as we celebrate this special day.

Third I want to make you aware of a pressing concern at DeWitt Community Church.

Last fiscal year was the best on record since 2001 and even summer giving was strong.

Then beginning in the fall of 2018, we started missing our giving goals. In January it seemed like every weekend was a blizzard and attendance and giving was down significantly (We even had to cancel all 3 services one weekend). As of the second weekend of April, we were behind by \$67,000.

As a congregation, my sense is that we are in a really good place. We have an excellent staff and lay leaders. We have many people in groups, as well as serving outside our walls. We are getting ready to send a team to serve in South Sudan.

All of the indicators are positive, except in the area of giving. We really need to catch up between now and the end of June so that we can continue this positive momentum.

Please take a careful look at your giving and prayerfully consider how you might play a part in closing this gap.

Rejoicing Always!

Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Senior Minister

NEW STUDY: WHY? MAKING SENSE OF GOD'S WILL



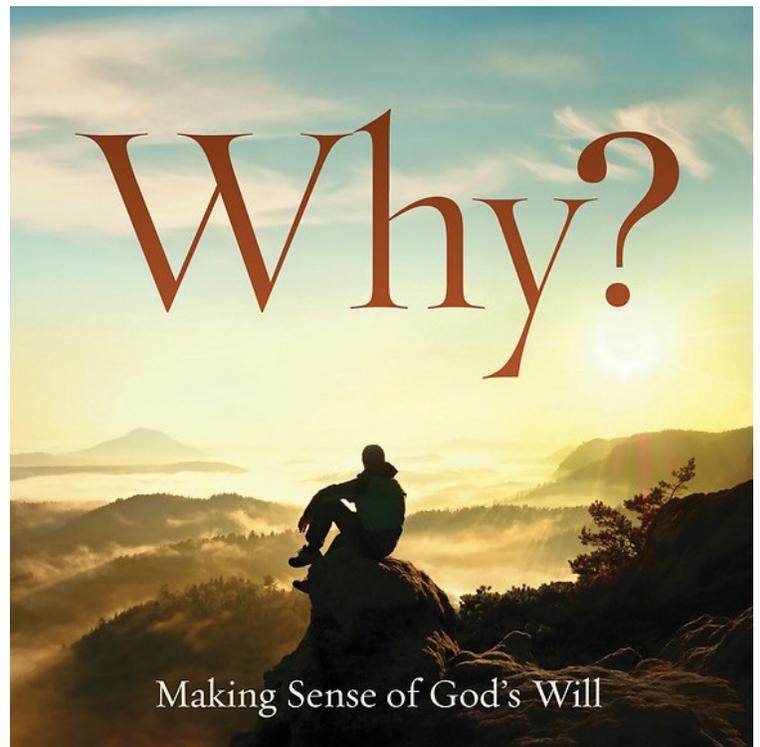
Sundays @ 10 AM, Room 6,
April 28-May 19

As Christians, we often struggle with making sense of God's will. We see or experience tragedies, pain, or loss and wonder, "Why, God?" When the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect

and abuse; when violence tears apart nations where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to mar his creation? In this DVD study based on Adam Hamilton's book "Why?" we will seek to respond to these questions: Why do the innocent suffer? Why do my prayers go unanswered? What can't I see God's will for my life? Why God's love prevails? Join in for this 4-week study as we look past simplistic answers and go deeper into God's word.

Love and Grace,

Rev. Alan Rudnick



MAY 5
STARTING
new
HERE → **POINT**
NOON IN
THE LIBRARY

Starting Point

Starting Point is the place for getting acquainted with DeWitt Community Church - finding a small group, learning about our ministries, and meeting church staff. Starting Point lasts for approximately 20 minutes and children are welcome to attend. Please feel free to grab some refreshments and join us in the Library. If you plan to attend Starting Point, please contact the church office: 315-445-0331 or office@dewittchurch.org. **The next Starting Points are May 5 & June 2**

NEWS & NOTES

NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee at DeWitt Community Church is responsible for finding and involving volunteers in the leadership of the church. The committee seeks to match volunteer gifts skills and abilities with the strategic needs of the church. If you have an interest in any of the open positions please contact Dave Pridgen dave.Pridgen@coldwellbankerprime.com and Dave will set up a time to meet and discuss the openings and the skills required for the position.

Current Needs for the 2019-20 program year as of March 15, 2019

Church Clerk:



- Keeps minutes at Board of Trustee and Congregational Meetings. Keep accurate records of church transitions. Requires attendance at 6-8 Trustee Meetings per year plus quarterly and Annual Meetings.

- Gifts / Skills Writing skills, attention to detail and follow up. Wisdom and discernment as this person is involved in strategic decision at the Board level

Treasurer for Missions



- Works with Church Book Keeper on tracking and reporting Missions funds.

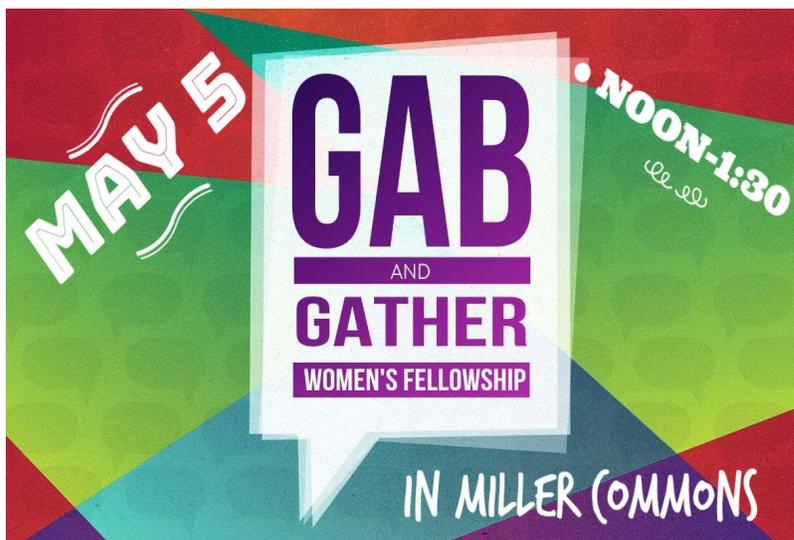
Missions / Christian Caring:



- 3 People Needed

- Meets 8-9 times a year. Interviews potential Mission of the Month Candidates. Reviews and approves funds for mission projects. Serves as a catalyst to involve member of the congregation in hands on involvement.

- Gifts / Skills Discernment, Compassion, Strategic Decision Making, Ability to listen. Passion for volunteerism and serving others



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.

Checkerboards For Africa

Thursday May 23 @ 9 AM, Room 6

Members of our church sewing group, the Cut Ups, are helping with the Africa trip by sewing checkerboards for the kids in South Sudan. Can you please help us by donating fabric scraps (it doesn't matter what color) and/or helping the cut-up group sew the checkerboards? You don't need to know how to sew to help this great cause, we need folks to cut and carry fabric as well. Please contact Audrey Beebe 315-329-0122 for information. Fabric can be dropped off at the church office



Mission of the Month-CNY Diaper Bank

The Central New York Diaper Bank is a nonprofit that was created to assist social service organizations in the Syracuse area distribute diapers to families in need. Our mission is to ensure all Central New York families have access to an adequate supply of diapers, and to build awareness of diaper need in our community. The organization was started by Michela Hugo after realizing that families who received assistance getting other essential items had nowhere to turn to get diapers. They aren't stocked by food pantries and they aren't covered by WIC or food stamps.

The CNY Diaper Bank is holding its fourth annual "Make a Mother's Day" Diaper Drive this month. We believe all babies deserve the best possible start in life and diapers are a basic need they simply cannot go without.

The goal is to collect 100,000 diapers. The diaper bank collects disposable diapers and distributes them to food pantries and other organizations that help struggling families.

The CNY Diaper Bank is 100% volunteer-run and we would love for you to join us. We need your energy and your ideas as we continue to expand our reach and build our capacity to assist more families. Would you like to be more involved with the CNY Diaper Bank? We need people with lots of different skills including accounting, inventory management, volunteer coordination, and grant writing. If you'd like to be a bigger part of this effort, contact us at volunteer@cnydiaperbank.org.

Donating dollars makes the biggest impact. With your dollars, we can purchase two to three times the number of diapers you can in a store.

\$7 PROVIDES A ONE-MONTH DIAPER SUPPLEMENT FOR A BABY

\$35 PROVIDES MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTS FOR 5 BABIES

\$50 PROVIDES MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTS FOR 8 BABIES

\$200 PROVIDES DIAPERS FOR 32 BABIES

\$500 PROVIDES DIAPERS FOR 77 BABIES

To make a financial gift to the CNY Diaper Bank, please use the contribution envelopes available in the pews and check "Mission of the Month."

Make a Mother's Day **DIAPER DRIVE**

DIAPER DRIVE

CNY DIAPER BANK 5

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



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

#Glowhard Capture the Flag is Back!

June 1 from 7-9 PM - DCC

All 6th-12th graders, save the date for glow in the dark capture the flag. Bring your friends and meet in Miller Commons. You MUST RSVP for this event to ensure we have enough glow materials.



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

SEND YOUR 9TH-12TH GRADERS ON A JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF SYRACUSE!

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DEADLINE MAY 31
CONTACT MARY

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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).

Sunday Music Ministry for Young People

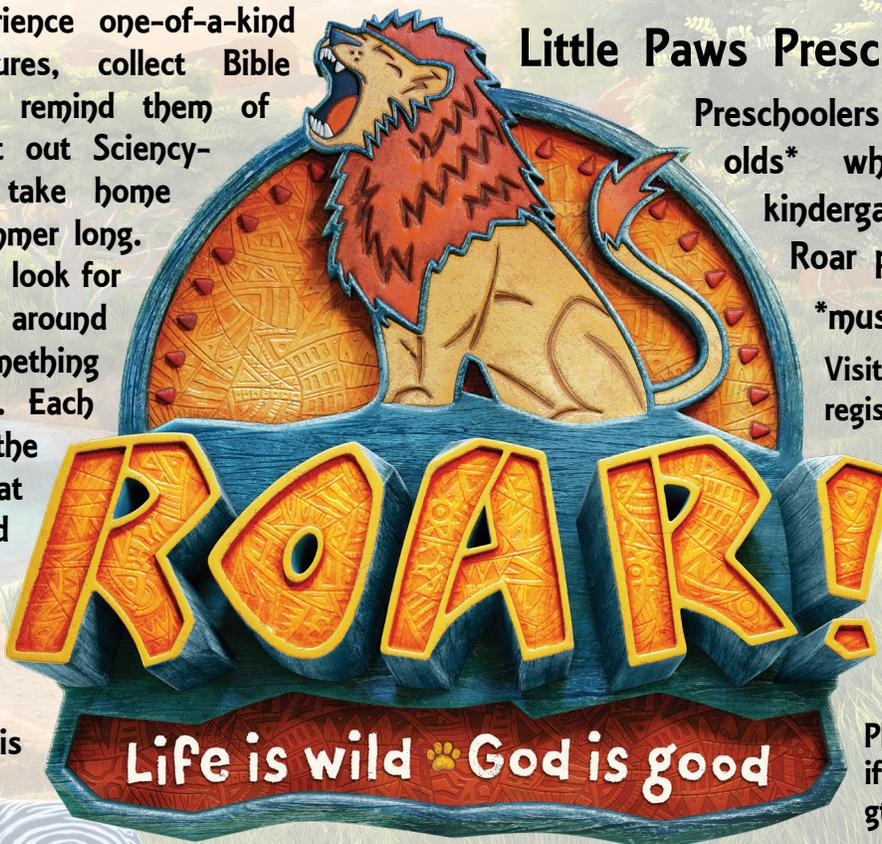
Young Singers 9:45-10:15 AM in Room 9
All children Elementary through Grade 8 (able to read words)

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

Young Singers/Young Ringers will present in Worship @ 11AM
on: April 14, 2019 & May 19, 2019

At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing 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-Fun Gizmos they'll take 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.



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

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).

Please contact Gloria Trode if you have any questions
gtrode@dewittchurch.org



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- 1. Do you have an iPhone or Android phone? Our app's for you then!**
- 2. Events calendar, plus bulletins and newsletters. Quickly see what events are coming up, and check out some of our latest news.**
- 3. Latest sermon recordings. Review our pastors' Sunday teachings whenever it's convenient to you..**

- **Android users:** Search DeWitt Community Church in the GOOGLE PLAY STORE
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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

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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.