DeWitt Community Church
A Christian Church for all People
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DeWitt, NY 13214
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NOVEMBER newsletter

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCH

November 24, after the 11 AM service - Gym

Thanksgiving Boxes

As Thanksgiving approaches and we gather once again to give thanks for our many blessings, it is more important than ever to help those less fortunate. DCC is preparing 55 boxes of traditional Thanksgiving foods to be distributed to families in need.

Collection boxes for non-perishable items will be in the Narthex, the Children's Wing and in Miller Commons. Non-perishable items can be dropped-off any weekday between **9:00 AM and 4:00 PM**, or during Saturday evening or Sunday morning worship services through **Thursday, November** 21.

We will also be purchasing fresh foods for each box, therefore, monetary donations are also greatly needed and appreciated! Checks should be made payable to **DeWitt Community Church** and can be dropped off at the church office or in the collection envelopes in the pews. Make sure to include "Thanksgiving Boxes" either on the memo or on the envelope. All monetary contributions should be made by **Thursday, November** 21.

Perishables will arrive on **Saturday, November 23** and boxes will be packed on **Sunday, November 24 at 12:00 PM**. A sign-up sheet will be available with the canned food collection boxes in the Narthex for those who help with advance preparations and/or assist with packing the boxes.

Contact: Betsy McNany | (315) 727-8698
betsy_humphrey@hotmail.com

SHOPPING LIST

Canned Soup
2 regular or 1 large size

Cranberry Sauce
2 regular size

Canned Fruits
2 regular or 1 large size

Canned Vegetables
2 regular or 1 large size

Canned Sweet Potatoes
2 regular or 1 large size

Turkey Gravy
2 cans or jars

Stuffing
1-16 oz. package

Any leftover Halloween candy

Be certain to check the expiration dates on canned goods

Thank you for your help with this important project

November Worship

Mission of the Month - CNY Diaper Bank

"Give it A Rest...Don't Get in My Way, God!"
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Saturday, November 2 5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
Sunday, November 3 9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary
Mission of the Month

"Give it A Rest...from Want, Worry and Guilt"
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Saturday, November 9 5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
Sunday, November 10 9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

"Give it A Rest...Get Over Yourself"
Rev. Alan R. Rudnick
Saturday, November 16 5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
Sunday, November 17 9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary
COMMUNION AT ALL SERVICES

"Give it A Rest...Overflowing Cups"
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Saturday, November 23 5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
Sunday, November 24 9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary
THANKS-GIVING LUNCHEON 12:15 Miller Commons
Packing of Thanksgiving Boxes for families in our community

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

From the Senior Minister

First

As many of you know by now, I announced my intention to retire as your senior minister in September of 2021 and we have now begun a process to find my successor. At the October 9 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Church Nominating Committee presented their proposed slate for the 12 Member Senior Minister Selection Committee. The Board of Trustees approved the Selection Committee and at a congregational dinner on October the 10, the committee was introduced to the congregation. My guess is that they will begin their work sometime in November. The Selection Committee includes Eric Witschi. Jim Opgenorth, Greg Stock, Kay Paulsen, David VanSlyke, David Schneckenburger, Rich Taylor, Sanford Gunn, Elizabeth Chapman, Lauren Suarez Rivera, Sue Hanselman and Traci Avelino with alternates, Kristen Seamans, Ellen Butler, Peggy Ogden, Kathy Lozoponi, Dave Boshart, Mike Doolittle and Kristen Schnuck.

I hope you will join me in praying for this committee as they begin this very important task. As this committee progresses in their work, it is highly likely that they will seek input from the congregation and that they will have periodic progress reports. It is very important for us as a congregation not to interfere with this committee and attempt to influence individual members. If you would like to communicate with the committee, it is appropriate to do so only through Rich Taylor who serves as chair of the committee.

Second

This year we will be holding our annual commitment weekend on November 23 & 24. It is at this time that we encourage our active members and friends to provide an **Estimate of Giving** for the 2020 calendar year.

Completing an Estimate of Giving card provides an opportunity for individuals and families to decide their financial commitments to God's work through the ministry of DeWitt Community Church. Giving a Estimate of giving card helps you to plan, and it helps the church to budget responsibly.

Your gifts to the General Fund make it possible for us to maintain and develop all of the ministries of the church. From our serve teams to our Children's and Youth ministries, from our worship ministries to congregational care, it is through your sacrificial gifts that all we do is made possible. My hope is that you will give both sacrificially and generously so we can continue to move forward in the mission God has called us to.

Happy Thanks - Giving!

Message from the Board President:

"Green pastures of plenty from dry desert ground

From the Grand Coulee Dam where the waters run down

Every state in this Union us migrants have been

Lord we come with the dust and we go with the wind"

-Woody Guthrie

Thanksgiving is the time when many of us gather to celebrate with family and friends – to enjoy the warmth of their company, give thanks for the blessings that we've enjoyed, and pray for the future. It is altogether right and proper that we do this. In addition, your generosity allows DeWitt Community Church to provide needy families with food for their table so they may share in the plenty of our community. This year we'll assemble Thanksgiving Boxes during our Commitment Weekend Luncheon on Sunday November 24 and we invite your participation.

I often travel through our rural counties as part of my work - passing pastures dotted with cows, fields of corn, vineyards and orchards. I only occasionally see the farmers, but at this time of year my thoughts turn towards the people who make our bountiful harvest possible. Planting and harvest times in particular are seasonal work requiring a larger workforce. Migrant workers often fill the need.

Often associated with places like California or Florida, migrant workers can be found throughout the U.S. Just over a year ago we were reminded of migrants living in upstate New York with news of the tragic murder of Selena Hidalgo-Calderon and her 14-month-old son Owen. Selena worked in an apple orchard in Sodus, NY at the time of her death, and had previously worked alongside her mother at a dairy in Owasco, just 30 miles from Syracuse. Historically migrant workers in America come from poor and marginalized groups – whether it's displaced "Okies" during the Depression's Dust Bowl, or today's Central American immigrants. Often invisible to those of us who live in urban areas, migrants work long and hard hours for low wages to bring the abundance we enjoy. This Thanksgiving I encourage you to think of the forgotten and overlooked workers, and add them to your thankful prayers.

Blessings to you all!

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Eric W. Witschi, President

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. If you plan to attend Starting Point, please contact the church office: 315-445-0331 or office@dewittchurch.org.

We need 35 volunteers total. Children 12 and over can help out front with the meal serve, and children under 12 can help in the kitchen doing dishes as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

Sign up at dewittchurch.org/Samaritan. If you need a car pool ride from the church and back, we will make arrangements for you.

Women's Association Fall Retreat

Saturday, November 9, 9 AM-2:30 PM

in Miller Commons

The Women's Association invites you to attend their Fall Retreat featuring author and speaker Yvonne Conte. Yvonne is the creator and director of the Annual Day of Joy Conference. She will speak on "the Positive Power of Humor." Lunch and snacks will be provided and childcare is available. Feel free to bring a friend! RSVP using the form below.

YVONNE CONTE

Motivational Speaker, Humor Advantage, Inc

BY CARMEN E. ZAFAR | PHOTO BY KELLY KANE

"How am I gonna make people laugh at the Rochester Club at noon?"

Comedian and motivational speaker Yvonne Conte asked herself this exact question more than 17 years ago when she stumbled upon what she now understands to be her true calling, public speaking. "I never aspired to be a speaker," she said. "I never thought about being a speaker." Conte, now a Syracuse resident for many years, said her attitude changed when a miscommunication led to a speaking engagement in front of 150 area fund-raising executives representing several colleges and businesses.

She had less than two weeks to prepare for this impromptu presentation so she went to the local library and checked out every piece of material pertaining to humor, laughter and joy and how each aspect related to one another. Conte felt out of her comfort zone as she was primarily interested in doing standup comedy. She still laughs today because the "Rochester Club is not a place where you would do standup comedy." Nevertheless, she created a 20-minute presentation with a humble flipchart. "There were 150 people dressed in business suits, and [they were] real stiff," she said. "I'm thinking, this is going to be a disaster."

She added much of her comedy routine since it contains several family stories that turned into handy anecdotes for her presentation on laughter and joy and how it affects our minds and everyday life. "[At the end] they were on their feet and everyone wanted my business card! I said I forgot them, but of course, I didn't have any."

The next day, her career as a speaker began. After her success at the luncheon, Conte was highly recommended and booked for a speaking engagement that included five performances, airfare, hotel and all other accommodations. At this time, she was going to school full time at Monroe Community College and doing standup gigs at night. She arranged her appearances to be in December during her break from classes. After all arrangements and (generous) salary for the speaking engagements were settled, Conte knew this was no fluke. "I thought this is no accident, this is what God wanted me to do. I seem to be good at it."

Another memorable speaking engagement out of the gate was when she spoke in front of numerous professors at Keuka College. "Here I am, barely a high school graduate, never had any education just started school myself and I'm standing in front of these people who have a long line of letters after their names and great education and they give me a standing ovation." This appreciation from a large pool of professors taught her that all people need to hear about humor and understand how to relieve stress and enjoy their lives more.

Moments like this have brought Conte to even deeper understanding about her own life and how she views the people around her. "How can you change your life? By changing the way you look at life," she said. "I realized this was a very important subject, not just funny, and the business grew."

Conte has written six books about using humor as an advantage in everyone's lives and has had every inch of her business grow because of her client referrals. "This is the kind of business where nobody is going to hire you to speak unless they hear you speak or someone they really trust has heard you speak."

LIFT* Retreat

**Ladies in Fellowship Together*

Yvonne Conte - "The Power of Humor"

November 9, 2019 -- 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

DeWitt Community Church Miller Commons

Sponsored by the DCC Women's Association

KINDLY RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO

DeWitt Community Church,

3600 Erie Blvd. East, DeWitt, NY 13214

Name_____ Phone #_____

Email address_____

(or postal address)_____

Includes lunch, & refreshments. Please indicate any food allergies below.

Please provide the information below if you need childcare while attending LIFT Morning:

Child's Name Child's Age

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You will receive details about the childcare after your children are registered. It promises to be a great day for them!

Mission of the Month: CNY Diaper Bank

Proverbs 22:17

"A merry heart does good like medicine"

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 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.

Diaper need facts and impacts

50% OF SYRACUSE CHILDREN UNDER 5 **LIVE IN POVERTY.**

1 IN 4 LIVES IN **EXTREME POVERTY.**

LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WILL SPEND **2X** AS MUCH AS FAMILIES WHO HAVE ACCESS TO BULK-BUYING OPTIONS FOR DIAPERS.

AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY CAN COST **$100 EACH MONTH** AND THEY AREN'T COVERED BY SNAP OR WIC.

WITHOUT DIAPERS, PARENTS **CAN'T LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN WITH A CHILDCARE PROVIDER.** THIS IS A BARRIER TO WORK.

THERE'S LONGER TIME BETWEEN CHANGES, LEADING TO **SEVERE DIAPER RASH AND OTHER HEALTH RISKS...**

THERE'S AN **INCREASE IN STRESS AND ANXIETY FOR PARENTS** STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND **INCREASING RISKS FOR PHYSICAL ABUSE...**

ADVERSELY AFFECTS A MOTHER'S FEELING OF SELF-WORTH AND CONTRIBUTES TO INCREASED INCIDENCE OF DEPRESSION IN MOMS.

Diapers make a difference

Diapers allow moms and dads to:

- **75%** Reduce stress
- **50%** Make their child happier
- **50%** Buy non-food items like detergent and soap
- **50%** Pay a bill
- **36%** Buy food

"Saves money for transportation and other necessities."

"This is a great help for my family."

"I appreciate the Diaper Bank because at the exact time I need diapers, the Diaper Bank always provides for me. I am forever grateful."

Client Outcome Surveys 11/2016-01/2017

Partner agencies

These agencies work with the CNY Diaper Bank to distribute diapers.

ongovhealth Onondaga County Health Department | Healthy Families Division
Catholic Charities Diocese of Syracuse Onondaga County
Chadwick Residence
Syracuse Northeast Community Center
Samaritan Center
The Salvation Army
Syracuse Community Connections
Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital
rescuemission
La Liga
Vera House Incorporated
Huntington Family Centers
LibertyPOST
Circare
ACR Health

HOLY FAMILY OUTREACH ♥ UPSTATE PEDIATRIC CLINIC
UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST OUTREACH

A Look Ahead

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 9:00 am Early Worship Service (Miller Commons) 9:00 am Nursery (Room 10) 9:45 am Music Makers PreK-Grade 4 (Room 9) 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Rm 42) 10:00 am Alan Bible Study (Room 6) 10:00 am Confirmation (Room 8) 10:00 am Young Singers Grades 2-7 (Room 9) 10:30 am Music Makers Grades 2-4 (Room 7) 10:30 am Young Ringers (Room 9) 10:45 am Nursery (Room 45) 11:00 am Late Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:00 am Sunday School (Miller Commons) 11:00 am Youth Sunday School Grades 5-12 (Room 7) 12:30 pm Gab and Gather (Miller Commons)	**4** 9:30 am WA Steering Committee Meeting (Room 42) 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study (Miller Commons, Room 10, Room 42, Room 8) 7:00 pm Embassy Bells (Choir Room)	**5** 5:00 am General Election Day 1:30 pm Program Staff Meeting (Library) 3:00 pm Election Day Pasta Dinner (Gym and Gym Kitchen)
10 9:00 am Early Worship Service (Miller Commons) 9:00 am Nursery (Room 10) 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Rm 42) 10:00 am Alan Bible Study (Room 6) 10:45 am Nursery (Room 45) 11:00 am Late Worship Service (Sanctuary)	**11** 12:00 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Parlor) 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study (Miller Commons, Room 10, Room 42, Room 8) 7:00 pm Embassy Bells (Choir Room)	**12** 12:00 pm All Staff Meeting (Parlor) 1:30 pm Program Staff Meeting (Library) 3:30 pm Stephen Ministry/Peer Supervision(Parlor)
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November 2019

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 pm AA (Room 6)	**2** 8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive (Gym) 12:00 pm Faith and Family Day at SU 5:30 pm Saturday Night Chapel Service (Miller Commons)
6 10:15 am Stay and Play (Gym) 12:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Library) 7:00 pm Christian Caring Committee Meeting (Library)	**7** 9:30 am If: Equip (Miller Commons, MCK, Nursery) 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 6:00 pm Wyldlife (Room 7) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	**8** 6:00 pm AA (Room 6)	**9** 9:00 am Altar Guild (Sanctuary and Miller Commons) 9:00 am Women's Association Retreat (Miller Commons) 11:00 am Mid York Doll Club (Room 6) 5:30 pm Saturday Night Chapel Service (Miller Commons)
13 10:15 am Stay and Play (Gym) 12:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Library)	**14** 10:00 am Ruth Circle of Friends Meetings - Room 42 2:30 pm Wyldlife (JD Middle School) 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	**15** 6:00 pm AA (Room 6)	**16** 5:30 pm Saturday Night Chapel Service (Miller Commons)
20 10:15 am Stay and Play (Gym) 12:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Property Management Committee (Room 42) 7:00 pm Board of Trustee Meeting (Room 6)	**21** 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	**22** 6:00 pm AA (Room 6)	**23** 5:30 pm Saturday Night Chapel Service (Miller Commons)
27 10:15 am Stay and Play (Gym) 12:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Library)	**28** **Thanksgiving Day**	**29** 6:00 pm AA (Room 6)	**30** 5:30 pm Saturday Night Chapel Service (Miller Commons)

Family Ministry Schedule

Nursery Rm 10, 9-10:45 AM, Rm 45 10:45 AM-12 PM Ages Birth - 4 yrs

Music Ministry for Young People Sunday Morning Schedule

9:45-10AM	*Music Makers*	*Room 9*	*Pre-K through Grade 4*
10:00-10:30AM	*Young Singers*	*Room 9*	*Grades 2-7*
10:30-11:00AM	*Music Makers*	*Room 7*	*Grades 2-4*
10:30-11:00AM	*Young Ringers*	*Room 9*	*Grades 5-7 and up*
11-11:15AM	*Praise Kids*	*MC*	*Pre-K through Grade 4*

Preschool and Elementary age children will meet in Miller Commons for a group opening and then proceed to classrooms for age appropriate instructions.

We will reconvene in Miller Commons for pick up. Immediately following the 11 AM service.

If you should have any questions or would like to find out more about volunteer opportunities, please call the church or email children's ministries at childrensministry@dewittchurch.org.

Youth Sunday School grades 5-12 - Sundays from 11 AM to Noon

Join us in room 7 for games, snacks, music, and Bible study.

Here are upcoming middle school events:

Nov 7- 6-7:30pm - Room 7 @DCC
Nov 14- 2:40pm-3:30 @ JD middle School
Nov 22-Wyldlife Glow Golf @ Destiny USA 7pm-9pm (If any high schoolers would like to help with this, please let mary know!)

Youth Events: Open to all 5th-12th graders and their families

Nov 17- 9:30am- 12:30pm- Pumpkin bread baking in the Gym Kitchen
December 6th- 5pm-9pm - Drop and Shop at DCC

Bring your children to the church for crafts, games, movies, a bounce house, dinner and fun while you and yours spend some time together shopping or having a date night! Open to all children age 3 through 4th grade. Must be potty trained. If you have a child that is it middle school or high school that would like to help, please let us know! Register online at dewittchurch.org/dropnshop

Compassion Ministry

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 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 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.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are lay persons who have completed 50 hours of training to learn how to come alongside someone experiencing a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

Stephen Ministers meet with their "care receiver" at least once a week for pastoral care with all conversations entirely confidential. Stephen Ministers are also available after services to pray or talk with people who have concerns. Do you feel God tugging at your heart to find out more about being a Stephen Minister? Call the church office at (315) 445-0331.