

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

☞ *Young Life Basket Making Event- TODAY*

Join us **TODAY, from 12 - 2 PM** in the **Gym**. Please bring related or random items, gift cards, or a basket, and together we'll create works of art to donate to be auctioned off at Young Life's Basket Brunch on October 19, 2024. Young Life will provide the basket bags, bows and a light lunch!

☞ *Practicing The Way – Fall 2024 Home Groups*

Home study groups are now forming! The Practicing The Way course features eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus. Contact **Pastor Ben Titus** at **btitus@dewittchurch.org** to learn more and sign up for a group.

☞ *“Good Grief”*

Are you dealing with grief from loss? Do you need help dealing with the emotional toll it's taking? The Stephen Ministers will be offering a grief support program in November titled "Good Grief," designed to help you move forward in a positive direction with your grief. You will learn skills that will help you process your grief in a healthy manner, while being surrounded by supportive individuals dealing with the same issues.

We will meet on **Wednesdays from 10 AM-11 AM in the Library on 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, & 11/27**. Class size is limited to 8 people, so RSVP is required along with a \$15 fee for materials. The program will be led by Jan Fletcher, a former member of DCC who has completed the Executive Education Masters in Public Administration degree from SU's Maxwell School. Jan delivers this Good Grief program regularly for the Office of Aging in Cortland County.

☞ *Wednesday Morning Bible Study*

Join us every Wednesday morning from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** in **Room 42** for Betsy Snyder's Bible Study. During our 2-hour sessions, we'll spend time on both the Old & New Testaments. Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

☞ *DCC Golf Fellowship*

The 2024 DCC Golf Fellowship is on the back 9! We are still meeting **Wednesday** mornings at **8:30 AM** (weather permitting) through mid-October. To be added to the email list, please contact Sandy Gunn at **315-632-4753** or **sg2asia@hotmail.com**.

On **September 25** we will be at **Woodcrest**. Join us!

☞ *Samaritan Center Service Dates*

For over 41 years, Samaritan Center has worked to fight hunger in the greater Syracuse community by providing nutritious hot meals to anyone in need 7 days a week, no questions asked. DCC's upcoming service dates are **September 29** and **November 10**. If you would like to volunteer, contact **Amy Dupell** at **adupell1@verizon.net**.

☞ *Pickleball is Back! – Starting September 25*

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Gym

If you haven't already given into the pickleball craze, this is a great way to see what the game is all about and meet people at Church. DCC Pickleball is for all skill levels and ages and abilities. We can run three courts with one court as a “learner” court for new players so invite your friends. We provide paddles, but please feel free to bring your own.

YOUR DCC COMMUNITY

☞ *Church Office Hours*

The Church Office is open Monday-Thursday **9 AM - 4 PM**, Friday **9 AM - NOON**. If you have questions or need assistance, call **315-445-0331** or **office@dewittchurch.org**.

☞ *Worship @ DeWitt Community Church*

Hearing Assistance Devices are available from an usher in the Narthex. They are wireless and permit users to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary. **Large print bulletins** are available each Sunday at the Usher's Nook.

☞ *Viewing From Home?*

If you normally watch our Sunday services via livestream, a paper copy of the weekly bulletin can be mailed to you so you can follow along at home? Call the Church Office at **315-445-0331** to be added to our weekly mailing list.

☞ *Announcements/Newsletter*

Send your announcements to **office@dewittchurch.org**. The deadline for the weekly bulletin, announcements, and Friday email is every **Tuesday at NOON**. The newsletter deadline is the 15th for the following month's issue. If you have items to include or have an idea you would like to share, please email Jennifer Russo at **jrusso@dewittchurch.org**.

☞ *Prayer Chain/Prayer & Care*

Members of the Prayer Chain receive emails of urgent prayer requests, as well as the weekly Prayer & Care bulletin electronically. Participants of this intercessory prayer team commit to confidentially pray for the request when they receive it. Join the Prayer Chain by contacting Elizabeth Chapman at **echapman@dewittchurch.org**

☞ *Prayer Request Cards*

Yellow prayer request cards are available throughout the Church. If you, or someone you know, are going through a time of distress or celebrating a time of joy, let us know! We want to pray for you during your times of difficulty and times of celebration. Please place requests in the offertory plate or one of the white internal mailboxes.

☞ *Are you stressed? Discouraged? Feeling down?*

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. 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. All conversations are entirely confidential. Stephen Ministers are also available after services to pray or talk with people who have concerns. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. Don't keep it all inside or struggle alone. Please call or email the Church Office at **315-445-0331** or **office@dewittchurch.org** for help today!

☞ *Altar Flowers*

Would you like to provide altar flowers for our weekend Worship Services? This is an opportunity to honor or remember a friend or family member or to celebrate a memorable date. Leave your name and number on the sign-up sheet next to Pastor Alan's Office and you will be contacted by the Altar Guild.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

☞ *Yes, You TOO Can Teach Sunday School!*

Fall is here and we will need volunteers to teach and assist with Nursery and Sunday School for all age groups! If you have any interest in teaching/assisting every week or even just every once in a while, contact Anne Stock, Director of Children's Ministry at **childrensministry@dewittchurch.org**.

☞ *Come to Stay & Play!*

Stay & Play meets **Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12 PM** in the **Gym** (please note the time shift from last year). This is an informal time for kids to have open play with their caregivers and for the adults to enjoy each other as well! All are welcome, so please invite friends and family. We have tons of toys! Park in the back lot on Church Lane and enter through the gym doors.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

☞ *September & October: Sleep in Heavenly Peace*
 Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is THE ONLY charity providing hand-made bunk beds to children who don't have beds of their own. Our local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a growing group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering beds to children (ages 3-17) in need in the greater Syracuse and Oswego City area. SHP is locally all volunteer. Since the first delivery on October 6, 2018, SHP has delivered over 5170 beds and counting.

DCC has scheduled a bed build at the SHP Shop on 519 Brown Ave., Syracuse, NY 13208, on **Saturday, October 26, 10 AM -1 PM**. We will build 20 beds. If you plan to assist with the bed build, you MUST complete the form at the link below. Volunteers should be older than 12 years old, and minors under the age of 18 must have the online form signed by their parent/guardian. Sign up at:

<https://x.gldn.io/e/m35rtPZiuMb>



or scan this QR code

Additionally, we are collecting twin sized sheets, comforters, and pillows. "Bed-in-a-bag" sets are ideal. Look for the donation bin outside the Parlor. Thank you!

☞ *Samaritan Center Basic Needs Closet*
 The Samaritan Center has asked for help stocking its Basic Needs Closet. If you can donate, there will be a special box located outside the Parlor with the normal Samaritan Center Shopping cart. Items most needed are: soap, shampoo, toilet paper, disposable razors, toothpaste, and deodorant. Most of the supplies in the Basic Needs Closet are donated by the community to help provide Samaritan Center guests with the dignity of self-care.

☞ *Honor Flight – September 28*
 Join with other members of DCC to show love and grace to the Veterans returning from their visit to the Washington DC war memorials on **Saturday, September 28**. We will meet at the Syracuse airport at **5 PM**, and parking is free. Contact Elizabeth Chapman at echapman@dewittchurch.org to receive all the details.

Fiscal Year to Date Giving by Members & Friends as of 9/15

Anticipated	\$104,559.84
Actual Received	\$72,838.04
Difference	-\$31,721.80

Attendance – September 15, 2024

9:00 AM Service	42
11:00 AM Service	213
Online Viewers	223
Total	478

FAMILY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE – September 22, 2024

9:00 AM - During Worship Service in Miller Commons

- Nursery Care for Birth through Age 3 in Room 10
- Multi-Age Sunday School (PreK-Grade 4) in Room 7

10:00 AM – Childcare/fellowship time for all ages in the Gym

11:00 AM – During Traditional Service in Sanctuary

- Nursery Care for Birth to Age 3 in Room 45
- PreK/K in Room 47
- Elementary (Grades 1-4) in Room 44
- Middle School in Room 46
- High School in Room 7

Sunday, September 22

- 9:00 AM Worship Service (Miller Commons)
- 10:00 AM Prayer Study (Miller Commons)
- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour (Parlor)
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Interest Meeting (Miller Commons)
- 12:00 PM Young Life Basket Making (Gym)

Monday, September 23

- 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry Hybrid (Online)

Tuesday, September 24

- 11:00 AM Worship Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6:30 PM Cemetery Association Mtg. (Room 42)

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:00 AM Bible Study (Room 42)
- 10:30 AM Stay & Play
- 6:30 PM Pickleball (Gym)

Thursday, September 26

- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, September 27

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, September 28

- 5:00 PM Honor Flight at SYR Airport (off site)

Sunday, September 29

- 9:00 AM Worship Service (Miller Commons)
- 10:00 AM Prayer Study (Miller Commons)
- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour (Parlor)
- 12:30 PM Samaritan Center Service (off site)
- 2:00 PM Apple Picking at Beak n' Skiff (off site)



September 22, 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DCC

☞ *TODAY: Coffee Hour*

Join us **TODAY** in the **Parlor** following the **11 AM** service for light refreshments hosted by the Women's Association. This is an informal time to catch up with friends, old and new. All are welcome!

☞ *Prayer – Fall 2024 Study begins TODAY*

6 Sessions / Sundays @ 10 AM / Miller Commons
 What is prayer? Does it change God's mind or ours--or both? Philip Yancey's book, Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?, is an invitation to communicate with God the Father who invites us into an eternal partnership through prayer. We hope that you join us and get a chance to wrestle with prayer in a whole new way! Email **Pastor Ben** at btitus@dewittchurch.org to sign up.

☞ *Women's Bible Study – begins TODAY*

8 Sessions / Sundays @ 10 AM / Parlor
 Join us for a new Women's Bible study this fall! We will be reading Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus by Angie Smith. Contact **Anne Stock** at astock@dewittchurch.org to sign up.

☞ *Confirmation Interest Meeting – TODAY*

If you (or your child) are an 8th – 12th grader who is thinking about Confirmation, this is for you! **Pastor Ben** will be leading a Confirmation Interest meeting for parents and students **TODAY at 12 PM in Miller Commons**. This is a time to ask questions, meet other young people who are considering taking this step in their faith journey, and learn more about confirmation at DCC. Email btitus@dewittchurch.org with questions, and to let him know if you will be attending. Confirmation classes begin **October 6**.

☞ *Apple Picking at Beak N Skiff*

Our annual Apple picking outing is set for **Sunday, September 29 at 2 PM**. Meet us at Beak N Skiff for fall fun with friends from Church! Meet by the "old-timey" truck.