

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

☞ *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.

☞ *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at DCC is looking to organize a meet-up before the long, cold winter months! If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, or you are already nimble with needles or a hook, please consider joining us. Contact **Angela Todisco** at **315-430-0220** or **atee1@twcny.rr.com** if you are interested in this ministry. The first meeting is **Thursday, January 2 at 2:00 PM** in **Room 42**.

☞ *Try Pickleball!*

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 **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**, Friday **9:00 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.

☞ *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.

☞ *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!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

☞ *Sunday School and Nursery Volunteers Needed!*

We are seeking volunteers to teach and assist with Nursery and Sunday School for all age groups! View the schedule and sign up by scanning this code:



☞ *Come to Stay & Play!*

Stay & Play typically meets **Wednesdays** from **10:30 AM – NOON** in the **Gym**. 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 courtyard, first door on the right. There will be no Stay and Play on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

☞ *Family Christmas Eve Service & Children's Nativity*

Please join us for this DCC tradition on **December 24 at 4:30 PM** in the **Sanctuary!** The audience, as well as our children and youth, will participate in the Christmas story. Rehearsal for the Nativity is **December 23 at 10:00 AM** in the **Sanctuary**.

LOOKING AHEAD

☞ *Family Sledding – Sunday, January 12*

Join us for sledding on **the hill behind the Manlius Library at 2:00 PM**. Bring your sleds and we will bring the hot cocoa. If the weather does not cooperate (too cold or not enough snow), we will switch the event to board games in the DCC gym.

☞ *Women's Winter Faith Study – Sunday, January 12*

Have you ever felt left out or rejected? Not here! You are warmly invited to join us for the winter Women's Faith Study at **10:00 AM** in the **Parlor** beginning on **January 12**. We will be following Lysa TerKeurst's *Uninvited* study to heal that pain and learn to live loved by the One who matters most. Drop in or come every week. Childcare will be available in the gym. Contact **astock@dewittchurch.org** for more information.

☞ *The Life of Joseph Bible Study – Sunday, January 12*

Pastor Ben's six-week Bible study, *The Life of Joseph*, will begin **January 12**. We will trace the themes of purpose and faithfulness through the life of Joseph, teaching us how to identify and live in our God-given purpose. Anyone interested is welcome to join us at **10:00 AM** in **Miller Commons**. Contact **btitus@dewittchurch.org** for more information.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

☞ *December: DCC Christmas Giving*

In December, we focused on children and families in need in our community.

We have collected nap/lap blankets and stuffed animals for Roberts Middle School and the Samaritan Center.

We also collected food items for Pine Grove Middle School and Park Hill Pre-K students. These students and their families rely on the school for food on a daily basis, but they do not have access to it during the two-week Christmas break. The food we provided will help bridge the gap.

Monetary donations are still being accepted. If you have any questions, please contact **Rick Hall** at rhrlhall7@gmail.com.

☞ *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.

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Fiscal Year to Date Giving by Members & Friends as of 12/15

Anticipated	\$ 301,491.75
Actual Received	\$ 242,460.87
Difference	-\$ 59,030.88

Attendance – December 15

9:00 AM Service	68
11:00 AM Service	241
Online Viewers	176
Total	485

FAMILY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE December 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 Room 7

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, December 22

- 9:00 AM Worship Service (Miller Commons)
- 10:00 AM *Calling All Angels* Advent Study (Miller Commons)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM All Church Christmas Party (Gym)

Monday, December 23

- 10:00 AM Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Children’s Nativity (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, December 24

- 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Family Service and Children’s Nativity (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Livestream (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 25

Office closed

Thursday, December 26

Office closed

Friday, December 27

Office closed

Saturday, December 28

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 29

- 11:00 AM ONLY Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Women’s Association Coffee Hour (Parlor)



December 22, 2024

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT DCC

☞ *\$40,000 Matching Gift – Until December 31*
Through generous donors, your donation to DeWitt Community Church will be matched up to \$40,000 until December 31, 2024. Double your gift to the church’s ministry today! Give at give.dewittchurch.org.

☞ *All Church Christmas Party – TODAY*
Join us for the third annual All Church Christmas Party **TODAY at NOON in the Gym!** Every year, we gather for a meal and Christmas-related activities including crafts and service projects. Thank you to all volunteers who help make this event a success!

☞ *Rehearsal for Children’s Nativity – December 23*
Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Children’s Nativity is **Monday, December 23 at 10:00 AM** in the **Sanctuary**.

☞ *Christmas Eve Services - December 24*
4:30 PM Family Service and Children’s Nativity
7:00 PM Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary and via Livestream ASL interpreted
9:00 PM Candlelight Service

☞ *DCC Holiday Hours*
The church will be **closed December 25, 26 and 27** for the Christmas holiday. On **December 30 and 31**, the office will be open from **9:00 AM – NOON**. The church will also be closed on **January 1** for New Year’s Day. Normal office hours will resume **Thursday, January 2**.

☞ *December 29th Service – 11AM Only*
Please note that on **December 29**, there will be **only one** service at **11:00 AM**.