

Mission of the Month - ARISE

Each year, ARISE serves more than 7,000 people from our offices located in five Central New York counties: Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Cayuga, and Seneca. All our programs are consumer directed, maximizing choice and opportunities for the people we serve.

Our mission is to work with people of all abilities to create a fair and just community in which everyone can fully participate.

As an Independent Living Center (ILC), ARISE promotes the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the community. Like all ILCs, ARISE has five key characteristics. The agency is:

consumer-controlled – it is operated by people with disabilities who directly influence policies and service delivery

community-based – it is located in the communities we serve and is dedicated to meeting each community's specific needs

non-residential – we do not operate a residential facility and focus on helping people live as independently as possible

non-profit – the agency meets the federal and state definitions of a not-for-profit organization

cross-disability focused – we serve people of all ages with all types of disabilities

ARISE is dedicated to furthering the independent living philosophy: the belief that people with disabilities have the same rights as people who do not have disabilities. We are at the forefront of advocating

for access, choice, and self-determination for individuals with disabilities.

We encourage you to get involved and give back to your community, either by volunteering to help ARISE accomplish its work, or by helping advocacy efforts that reduce the barriers people with disabilities face in their everyday lives. As a non-profit, community-based organization we work to ensure that everyone, regardless of disability, has the power to make life choices and achieve their dreams. Navigating the world of disability services can often be confusing and overwhelming for many families. Whether you have a simple question or no idea where to start, we're here to help.



CELEBRATING INCLUSION & ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE

Since 1979, we have provided opportunities so that people with disabilities can live freely and independently in the community. Everything we do is based on the independent living philosophy, the belief that people with disabilities have a right to self-determination – the freedom to make choices and work toward achieving personal goals and systems change.

As a designated non-residential Independent Living Center, we are organized and directed by people with disabilities. Many of our services are available to people of all ages who have all types of disabilities.

ARISE relies on the energy and talent of volunteers to help us accomplish all that we do. Our dedicated volunteers are instrumental as we advocate for the interests of nearly 3,000 people with disabilities and their families each year. With your support, we can help even more people live independently, and can make a greater impact on societal attitudes and government policies.



ADVOCACY EMPLOYMENT INDEPENDENT LIVING MENTAL HEALTH ARTS & RECREATION



*Connecting people with Christ through community
Helping people grow in faith
Serving God by using our gifts to serve others*

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LOOKING AHEAD

WEEKLY IN AUGUST

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

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)

9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (Room 42)

10:00 AM

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Nursery – Ages 0-3 (Rm 45)

Children's Sunday School

(Room 44)

MONDAY

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

TUESDAY

1:30 PM

Program Staff Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM

Bible Study (Rm 42/Parlor)

10:00 AM

Park & Play (Off-site)

THURSDAY

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

FRIDAY

9:00 AM

Bulletin Inserts (Library)

SATURDAY

5:30 PM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)

COMING SOON

Thursday, August 3

•6:00 PM

Middle School Hang Out
(Holy Cross Church)

Monday, August 7

•6:00 PM

Jamesville Beach High
School Bible Study

Tuesday, August 8

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)

•12:00 PM

All Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday, August 10

OFFICE CLOSED

•9:00 AM

Global Leadership
Conference (Offsite)

Friday, August 11

OFFICE CLOSED

•9:00 AM

Global Leadership
Conference (Offsite)

Committee Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, August 16

•6:30 PM

Property Management
Meeting (Library)

Saturday, August 19

•5:30 PM

Hymn Sing and Barbecue
(Miller Commons)

Monday, August 21

•11:00 AM

Sub Shop and Friends
(Parlor)

•6:00 PM

Jamesville Beach High
School Bible Study

Thursday, August 24

•6:00 PM

Middle School Hang Out
(Holy Cross Church)

Friday, August 25

•6:00 PM

Singing Garden Cabaret
(Miller Commons)

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

(Office Closed)

Tuesday, September 12

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer
Supervision (Parlor)

•12:00 PM

All Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday, September 14

•9:00 AM

Circle of Friends Meetings
(Room 42)

Saturday, September 16

•9:00 AM

Meals on Wheels Bottle
Drive (Cemetery Parking Lot)

Sunday, September 17

•12:00 PM

Homecoming Celebration
(Front Lawn)

FROM THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Starting in Sept, we'll have our annual pie sale. Everyone seems to love our pies and we'd love you to love our pies! It helps us buy things like new refrigerators and counter tops for kitchens, carpets for parlors and retreats and dinners. This will be held on Homecoming Sunday, Sept 17. The Women's Association will make pumpkin and apple pies, both large and small sizes, and are more than happy to include pies of any variety you choose to make at home and donate. In fact, we love some of the berry pies, pecan pies & others that come in. Judi Wilson will head up this event again as in the past. (We all know what a delicious pie crust she makes!) We are happy to take donations of sugar, flour, Crisco, eggs, cans of pumpkin, or fresh apples and small pie tins. Anyone wishing to donate should let Judi know (judilee53@hotmail.com, or 315-656-7680), so she can keep track of what she has. She'll need these things by Sept 10. She'll be taking orders Sept 1 –Sept 15, so get your orders in! And look for an order form on line! We'll also need help peeling

apples (we do have an apple peeler to use) and making the pies on Sept 16 so let Judi know if you'd like to help out with that also.

Since the last quarter becomes soooo busy with Thanksgiving and cooking and Christmas & shopping & Christmas pageant & cooking and shopping and more shopping, we decided to change things up a bit this year.

The annual Women's Dinner will be in October. This takes it out of the frenzy of December, and after Homecoming will be a great time to get together, renew friendships and chat about our summers. Remember, this is for all the women of the church, regardless of age and it's frreeeeeeee! So come and enjoy yourselves.

Quickly following the dinner will be our fall Retreat, this year at Christ the King Conference Center, on Saturday Oct 21. We have a group starting to plan a day of fellowship and inspiration for all the women of the church. Again, anyone who would like help in the planning process for this

should call or get in touch with Angela Todisco (Atee1@twcny.rr.com) with your ideas.

Last, but certainly not the least, our Bake Sale and Basket Bazaar will be on Sunday Nov 19. We'll be asking for baked goods as usual, and we will raffle off baskets made by groups within the church. We usually have several great kids baskets, a wine & cheese basket, a spa basket, a pet basket, a popcorn & movie basket, gift certificates baskets, too many to remember. If you'd like to make and donate a basket, we'd love that. Then come & buy your baked goods and tickets for the basket raffle. While you're deciding which basket you'd like or waiting in anticipation if you win your favorite basket, have a chili lunch put on by the high school kids. There will be an activity for the kids, so it can be a great family day as well.

As time goes by, we'll have more details on each event but this gives you something to start planning around. We hope to see you at these exciting events and would love to have you participate.

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



There are several things I want to share with you this month.

First I am very excited about the news of us joining forces with the YMCA to provide childcare to our community. The Y is the largest provider of child care in Onondaga County and widely regarded for their programs. We share similar values and desires to serve our local community. We began the conversation over 5 years ago

and now the time is right to begin offering childcare this fall. This is more than a rental of space, it truly expands our ability to live out our vision of being a community church for the community. It is simply good stewardship to put our educational space to work during the weekdays when that space is rarely used. In addition, participating DCC members (people who are actively involved and contributing members in the past 12 months) will be eligible for a 15% discount. I want to especially thank Dave Pridgen for all of the work he put in to this project to make it happen.

Second This fall, we will begin an International Student Friendship Ministry with students at Syracuse, LeMoyne and Onondaga Community College. The goal of this new ministry is

to build friendship between families / individuals with students from abroad and to help them assimilate into our culture. We will be having an orientation luncheon after the 11AM service on Sunday, September 10. If you are interested in possibly being part of this new ministry, please call or email the church office to reserve a spot at the luncheon.

Third The church staff and various committees are now starting to gear up for what promises to be a great 2017-18 program year. We are planning a great homecoming Sunday on September 17 with a barbecue provided by Holy Smoke. I have had a chance to sample their cuisine, and it is amazing!

Other than all of the rain this summer, it's been nice to enjoy the slower pace of life...but I'm really looking forward to the new program year that starts the weekend of September 9 & 10 as we return to our fall schedule.

Rejoicing Always!

Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Senior Minister

Welcoming International Students

This fall we as a church will be making an effort to connect with international students by establishing friendships with students from Syracuse University, Le Moyne College and Onondaga Community College. Our primary objective is to make connections between students and families / individuals from DeWitt Community Church through hosting students and developing friendships. If you are interested in learning more about serving as a Friendship Partner, please use the tear off in the bulletin or contact the church office by phone or e-mail; office@dewittchurch.org. **We are planning a luncheon after the 11AM service on Sunday, September 10** for a time of orientation and to help us build this new ministry of friendship.

Biking for Bells

This year will be Pastor Mark's 12th year of doing a week long bicycling trip. This year's trip will be from Copper Harbor, Michigan. It will follow along the shore of Lake Superior, ending up at Sault Saint Marie. The trip will start Monday, July 30 and conclude Saturday, August 5. Each year we have used this trip as an opportunity to raise funds for a special project around the church and we will be doing the same this year. This year's project will be refurbishing our Handbells. Our goal is \$2,100. We invite you to contribute to Biking for Bells by using the white pew envelopes and placing your contribution in the offering plate or jar. Please write "Biking for Bells" on the offering envelope or on the memo section of your check. You can also mail a check to the church or call the church office to make your contribution by credit card. Thanks for your willingness to give to this special project and for giving Pastor Mark a little extra motivation for his ride!



NEWS & NOTES

IF:Tables Happening This Summer

An IF:Table is an opportunity for 6-8 women to gather together, share a meal, and talk about their faith. It is hosted in the home of a woman from our DCC church family. Each IF:Table is a stand-alone event. **The next gathering will be hosted by Lauren Suarez on August 2nd.** You can sign-up to come to one or all events. Please visit dewittchurch.org/if to sign up. Contact Kay Paulsen, paulsenk@dewittchurch.org if you have questions.



IF:Equip Groups Coming in September

IF:Equip is a free, daily study resource that allows women to engage with scripture, hear from leaders, and converse about how it applies to their lives. It connects women via the web, and this Fall will be used as a Bible study tool for small groups at DCC. Groups meet twice monthly either in the mid-morning or early evening. Childcare is available for the morning session. The groups are doing different studies, so you are welcome to join both! Please visit dewittchurch.org/if to learn more about the two studies being offered and to sign up!



2017 Summer Hymn Sing

There is a long standing tradition in the Christian faith of people gathering during the summer for food, fellowship, and music. I am glad that this has become part of our tradition here at DeWitt Community Church. We will be holding our Second Annual Hymn Sing on Saturday, August 19 at 5:30 in Miller Commons. This will be in lieu of the normal Saturday evening service. It's a great opportunity to come together as a community and share the great hymns of the faith old and new.

Our quartet of section leaders, Laura Enslin, Kay and Bruce Paulsen, and Matt Green will lead us in singing select verses of hymns that you choose as well as presenting a few pieces of their own. The gathering is very informal and the only requirement (if any) is that you be an enthusiastic singer or a good listener. The singing will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by a dinner.

We'll provide the meat and drinks, please bring a side or dessert to share! Childcare will also be provided. To register please contact Mary Chirello 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org before August 15.

I look forward to seeing you there and sharing in a wonderful evening of great music.

DCC Golf for Fun!

The DCC weekly golf outing is in full swing. This gathering of men and women on Thursday mornings at 8:30 AM. Contact Fred Gilbert at manliusfred@gmail.com or 315-430-6267. This is an opportunity to play at your skill level. Based on our experience from last year, we present a low bar!



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| August 3 – Lyndon | August 31 - Arrowhead |
| August 10 – Drumlins | September 7- Woodcrest |
| August 17 – Old Oak | September 14 - Wa-Noa |
| August 24 - Bitternut Creek | September 21 - Lyndon |

Samaritan Center Volunteers for August 6

We need 4 volunteers to arrive at 10:30 AM for prep work, and for the rest of our volunteers to arrive at 12:15 PM. If you are interested in volunteering for our next trip to the Samaritan Center, or would like to be contacted about future opportunities to serve, please email Craig Mabbett at cmabbett@twcny.rr.com, or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation from the church to the Samaritan Center and back, arrangements can be made for you.

Upcoming dates: October 8 (Columbus Day Weekend), December 3, February 25, April 22.



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TO REGISTER CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE: 315-445-0331

THE COST IS \$126

YOUTH/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry Announcements

Ben Rayland | Gloria Trode

childrensministry@dewittchurch.org

SUNDAY 10:00 AM - Children's Wing, Upstairs

For all children infant through 5th Grade.

Instagram

Follow us on Instagram for updates and photos!

[dcc_youthmin](#) & [dcc_childrensmin](#)

Confirmation 2017-18

All students going into 8th grade are eligible to be confirmed.

If you have a child going into 8th grade that you would like to participate in confirmation, please contact Mary Chirello at 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org.

Volunteers Needed for Youth Sunday School

We are looking for adults interested in helping to teach Sunday school this year for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. If you are willing to be a substitute and help teach on occasion or would like to help teach every Sunday, we would love to talk to you. Please contact Mary Chirello for more information: mchirello@dewittchurch.org or 315.247.0060.

Beach Bible Study

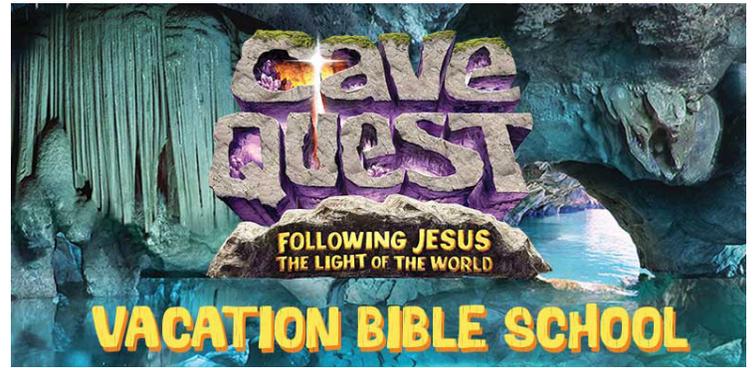
Monday, August 7 & 21, 6:30-8 PM - Jamesville Beach

All 8th-12th grade students are invited to come relax by the water and enjoy the words of Jesus. We will meet on August 7 and 21 from 6:30-8 PM at Jamesville Beach. If it rains we will meet at the Panera in DeWitt. Text Mary to let her know you will be coming and if you need a ride. 315.247.0060.



YMCA Childcare at DCC

We are please to announce that the YMCA and DeWitt Community Church have formed a partnership to offer quality child care to our community beginning this fall. The Y and DCC hold similar values and principles and we are excited about meeting the growing need for child care in our area. In addition, participating members at DeWitt Community Church are eligible for a 15% discount. Information packets and registration information will be available in the church office and at the YMCA.



Vacation Bible School - Filling Up Fast!

August 14-18 at DCC

At Cave Quest VBS, kids explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love. Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences. Kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid™, that will let the kids in our community show God's mighty love to needy kids in the United States. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Cave Quest Closing for each day at 11:45, a daily exploration of Jesus—the light of the world!

So mark these dates on your calendar: August 14-18!

The fun starts at 9 AM and will end at noon.

Visit dewittchurch.org/vbs to register your children for this life-changing adventure!

Youth Volunteers Needed for VBS

Vacation Bible School is August 14-18 at DCC. Any youth that would like to help out, please contact Mary for more details! 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org.

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.

Swimming With Kay 2017

You are invited to join Kay in a swim across Cayuga Lake on Saturday, August 26. We will start at the summer camp of David and Sue Hanselman, 10 AM, and swim the 1.5 miles across the lake, and enjoy a potluck after the swim. There are several ways you can participate.

- You can take the challenge and swim. It is not a race; there is no prize for getting there first. Slow swimmers are welcome.
- If you own a boat, canoe or kayak, we need spotters to join in on the fun.
- You can cheer us on from the shore and help set up the potluck.

Kay is taking pledges for her swim to support Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and IF:Gathering 2018, February 9 & 10, so that every woman from DCC who wants to attend may do so free of charge. Make your check out to Dewitt Community Church and in the memo line put, "Swimming With Kay". If you prefer your donation go to support one of the ministries mentioned, add a slash/ and the selected ministry. If you wish to participate, contact Kay, paulsenk@dewittchurch.org or 315-200-5650 and you will be invited to do some preparation training swims.

2018 Stephen Minister Training

A new class of Stephen Minister Training will begin January 2018. If you are interested in applying to participate in training to be a Stephen Minister, please contact Kay Paulsen, paulsenk@dewittchurch.org



Compassion Cooks

Compassion Cooks had a grand time in the large church kitchen preparing a Sunday Evening meal for the students and leaders of the Summer Servants Program. If you enjoy creating in your kitchen, consider joining us. It is something you can do on your own time with no regular commitment or, you can join us for our regular projects, like care packages to our college students and military personnel, Christmas cookies to shut-ins and those who live alone, soup suppers in the middle of winter. If you or someone you love needs a meal on a temporary basis, please alert Kay Paulsen, paulsenk@dewittchurch.org, (315) 200-5650.



A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION

Hello Friends,

I hope that everyone has been enjoying their "soggy" summer. Time at the beach, pool, parks, mountains, etc. makes summer time in CNY a great place to live. As a friendly reminder, virtually all of our DCC functions and activities continue on throughout the summer and we need everyone's support to continue funding these efforts. Even when our individual attendance may not be as consistent as it is during the school year. Please do what you can to remain current on your commitments and continue to actively support the great work being done every single week.

We will be starting to put together game plans soon for our focus priorities for the upcoming program year. As I stated during the Annual Meeting, we will put our focus on four primary efforts:

- Stewardship
- Alternate service(s)
- Increasing our support and scope of our incredible Compassion ministries

- Developing plans & programs focused on growing our service in the community

We will provide more details on these tasks as we progress in our planning efforts. The beautiful thing about our current status is that we have so many positive things going on within our DCC family already that it makes it very natural to build upon them and expand our ministries.

Just as I said last year, I am very excited to get to work on these projects and would love to hear from you if you have any specific ideas that should be addressed. Also if you have a desire to be an active participant in any of these efforts please let me know.

I hope you all enjoy the balance of your CNY summer and hope to see you all soon.

God bless,

Rick Hall

President DCC Board of Trustees

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY COMING TO DCC



Disciple Bible Study is a program of intensive, disciplined Bible study. Each study group is made up of 12-14 participants led by one or two facilitators. Groups meet weekly for 2.5 hours for 30 weeks. Disciple I, the prerequisite for all other Disciple Bible Studies, covers the entire Biblical story, from Genesis to Revelation. Subsequent studies take Disciple graduates deeper into selected portions of Scripture. Be on the look out for an information

session in September. I'll be leading this study for the 2017-2018 program year.

What kind of preparation does each class require?

Each weekly lesson has 6 days of daily note-taking on Bible readings and a commentary. It takes most people 20-30 minutes to complete each daily assignment. Participants are expected to come prepared to share thoughts and insights with their classmates.

What is the curriculum for Disciple Bible Study?

The curriculum for Disciple Bible Study is the Bible. A study guide with weekly commentary and questions is also included. Disciple Bible Study's study guide draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

How much does it cost to participate?

Disciple Bible Study materials cost \$40. Limited scholarships are available.

What happens during a weekly group meeting?

Each week's meeting follows a consistent structure consisting of small group & large group discussion, a video, and sharing prayer concerns. During each class, participants engage with the biblical text and seek to apply it to their own lives. The leader of the group is a learner among learners and participates as a group member but facilitates the process.

What is a Disciple Bible Study group like?

Disciple Bible Study groups develop strong relationships within the group, and over time, members become very comfortable sharing their thoughts and feelings with one another. Group meetings maintain confidentiality, which allows trust and accountability among members to flourish. Attendance at each meeting is expected.

It sounds like a really big commitment. Why should I take Disciple Bible Study?

Participating in Disciple Bible Study is a big commitment and it pays big dividends. Many graduates describe it as "life-changing." Most people find that their knowledge and understanding of the Bible increases dramatically, but they also find their lives being transformed by the power of God working through God's Word and the support, encouragement, and challenge of the group.

If you have any questions please contact me!

Love and Grace,
Alan Rudnick
Rev. Alan Rudnick

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Help the Circle Garden

The Circle Garden needs your help. Weeding is needed throughout the summer. The weeding can be done any day any hour and does not need to be scheduled. Pulled weeds can be left in a neat pile along the garden and they will be picked up. Call a friend and choose a section. A lot of soul searching conversation might be your reward.

The Altar Guild is Searching for Members

The following is a list of the major tasks of the Altar Guild. Perhaps there is one area you would like to help.

- 1) Follow church calendar and change paraments (altar cloths) as appropriate. Prepare altars every week for services using artificial or live arrangements
- 2) Check sign-up sheet for people desiring to donate flowers.

Contact donors for bulletin wording and dollars to spend. Order flowers and send the info to office for the weekly bulletin.

3) Plan major holidays - Thanksgiving, Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter. Order needed supplies. Set work schedule for set up and take down. Once in place water plants and flowers as needed.

4) Prepare letters for Christmas and Easter Memorial Funds. Work with office regarding assembling of booklet.

5) Purchase flowers for Circle Garden and porch planters.

Plant both. Maintain gardens through the season. Sprinkler system is in garden but planters need watering as necessary. Take down both at end of season.

We welcome your help. Schedules are worked at the convenience of our volunteers. Your consideration is greatly appreciated by the Altar Guild.

Questions call Ann Stevens 315 44-2206.

HOME COMING

Save the date for Sunday September 17 after the 11 AM service.

We'll be gathering on the front lawn to celebrate the start of a new church year with a barbecue as well as games and activities for kids. Please bring a dessert to share. Drinks and main dish will be provided.

Please RSVP to Mary Chirello, 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org.





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August Worship

Mission of the Month -ARISE

Jacob's Lessons For Life: How to Wrestle with God - Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday, August 5 5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

Sunday, August 6 8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Mission of the Month

How Beautiful are You? --- Rev. William A. Carlsen

Saturday, August 12 5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

Sunday, August 13 8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Communion at all 3 services

Forgive and Forget or Forgive and Forego - Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday, August 19 5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

Sunday, August 20 8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Healthy Faith - Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, August 26 5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

Sunday, August 27 8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

10:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

*In the event of inclement weather, services are held in Miller Commons.



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.

DeWitt Community Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark Sommers *Senior Minister*

Rev. Alan Rudnick *Executive Associate Minister*

Rev. William Carlsen *Adjunct Associate Minister*

Rev. Cindy Mapstone *Adjunct Associate Minister*

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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.