

CONNECTION CARD

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Today's Date: _____

Name _____

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City, State, & Zip Code _____

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E-mail

- I am new to DCC.
- I am a returning guest.
- I would like to receive the monthly newsletter.
- I would like to receive the weekly e-mail announcements.
- I am updating my contact information.
- I would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Staff.
- I would like to attend Starting Point.

Date of Birth: __/__/__

The service I usually attend is:

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM
- Sunday 11:00 AM

I would like to know more about:

- Children's Ministry (Birth-5th Grade)
- Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade)
- Small Groups
- Worship Arts
 - Choirs Handbells Drama
- Baptism
- Membership
- Starting Point
- Other _____

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- Hospitality Team
- Ushers
- Youth Ministry Sunday School
- Children's Ministry Sunday School

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers, Senior Minister
Rev. Alan R. Rudnick, Associate/Executive Minister
Rev. Cindy Mapstone, Adjunct Associate Minister
Rev. William A. Carlsen, Adjunct Minister
Rev. Edwin F. Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus
Dr. Landrum H. Wooten, Associate Minister Emeritus

Staff

Abel Searor, Director of Worship Arts/Principal Organist
Gloria Trode, Director of Children's Music and Hand Bell Choirs
Dr. Kay Paulsen, Director of Congregational Care
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Family Worship
Ben Rayland, Children's Ministry Director
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper
Ellen Butler, Office Assistant
Jill Reid, Office Manager
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff
Liam McDonough, Building Staff

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

Office 315-445-0331
Pastor on Call (24/7) 315-303-2308

Helpful Links

Website: www.dewittchurch.org
Facebook: DeWitt Community Church



"Jacob's Lessons For Life: How to Wrestle with God"

Genesis 32:22-31

Saturday, August 5, & Sunday August 6, 2017

5:30 PM & 8 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, August 5, & Sunday August 6, 2017
5:30 PM & 8:00 AM

Thought for Today

“Come near to the holy men and women of the past and you will soon feel the heat of their desire after God. They mourned for Him, they prayed and wrestled and sought for Him day and night, in season and out, and when they had found Him, the finding was all the sweeter for the long seeking.” — A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God

Prelude **"Havana"** by Walter Afanasieff

Announcements

Mission of the Month **ARISE**

Invitation to Worship & Greeting

*Opening Hymn **The God of Abraham Praise (#16)**

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We come to this place of worship to encounter the One who has called us.

People: This - our Holy One - our God - is with us every moment.

Leader: Our Lord is in our celebrations and joys; God is in our darkest nights.

People: This - our Holy One - our God - blesses us and calls us by name.

Leader: As we struggle in the darkness, night fades and gives way to light.

People: May we be blessed by the Creator in new ways and paths!

*Unison Prayer

Loving God, lead us beyond ourselves, to care and protect, to nourish and shape, to challenge and energize, in both in our lives and the world You have given us. Lord, give us the courage to wrestle through challenge and uncertainty so that we can be formed into a new purpose. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer **Take My Life and Let It Be (#466)**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading **Genesis 32:22-31 (NIV) (p.35)**

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But

Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

"Sing to the Lord" by Robert Sterling
Matt Green

Message

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

*Closing Hymn

Spirit, Working in Creation (#128)

*Blessing

Postlude

"Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck

Worship Leader: Nic MacLane

Song Leader: Matt Green

Piano: Erica Moser

*Congregation stands

Offerings from today's service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands. Your generosity makes a great difference in our ability to do God's work as a congregation.

Please feel free to give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving portal www.dewittchurch.org/give on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

Vacation Bible School
"Cave Quest"

August 14-18, 9 AM-Noon,
Toddlers through Grade 5

This year we will be having VBS during the third week of August. You can register your children or sign up to volunteer by visiting dewittchurch.org/vbs. Please contact Gloria Trode at gtrode@dewittchurch if you have any questions.

The Global Leadership Summit

Thursday & Friday,
August 10 & 11, 8 AM-4 PM,
Vineyard Church, Lakeland

The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day world-class event simulcast LIVE in HD from Willow's campus near Chicago in August to 600+ satellite locations in North America impacting an expected 160,000 participants. In the months that follow, Summit events take place at an additional 775+ sites in 128 countries impacting more than 240,000 registrants. The cost is \$189. Use the form below for more information.

International Students Welcome Lunch

Sunday, September 10, 12 PM
Miller Commons

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 congregants through hosting students and developing friendships. If you are interested in learning more about serving as a Friendship Partner, please contact the church office by phone, 315-445-0331 or e-mail; office@dewittchurch.org. We are planning a luncheon after the 11 AM service on Sunday, September 10 for a time of orientation and to help us build this new ministry of friendship.

Event: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____