

CONNECTION CARD

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or in one of the Internal Mailboxes.

Today's Date: _____

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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
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
Alyssa Eighmey, Office Manager
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper
Ellen Butler, Office Assistant
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



"It's About JOY: A Light Unto Our Feet"

John 1:1-18

Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17, 2017

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17, 2017
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thought for Today

“It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.” -Eleanor Roosevelt

Prelude **“I Wonder As I Wander”** arr. by Mark Hayes

Announcements

Greeting & Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn** (#160)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Light the lamps, prepare the room, the Lord is coming to us!

People: Let us make our hearts and spirits ready to receive God’s most gracious gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Push the darkness away. The light is truly coming!

People: May God’s light shine on us, in us and through us so that God’s glory may be seen.

*Unison Prayer

God of light and hope, in whom there is no darkness, cause Your light to shine on us and through us to others, that they may know of You and of Your Love. Let us witness Your gift to us, Jesus Christ, who came and taught us how to live as children of light. Help us to live with joy regardless of our circumstances, knowing that the God of light is with us. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

Lighting the Third Candle of Advent

Hymn of Prayer **Prepare the Way, O Zion** (#152)

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 John 1:1-18 (NIV) (p. 1079)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though

the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’” Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music **“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”**

Message "It’s About JOY: A Light Unto Our Feet"
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** (#185)

*Blessing

Postlude **“The Holly and the Ivy”** arr. by Joseph M. Martin

Worship Leader: Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

*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.

*The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Virginia A. Doolittle
from the Doolittle Family.*

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24

No 5:30 PM or 9 AM Services Dec. 23 & 24
11 AM Worship Service, Our Traditional Sunday service held in our sanctuary. This service features organ and choir music that celebrates the fourth Sunday of Advent.

4:30 PM Family Service, This casual service is designed for families with younger children. It features our Children’s Choir and carols. Childcare and Nursery are provided.

Candlelight Services at 7, 9 & 11 PM, A Syracuse tradition. Celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with all your loved ones at any of our 3 traditional evening services. ASL interpreter available at 7 PM.

Caroling with the Singing Garden

Wednesday, December 20 from 4-8PM

All youth and families are invited to participate in caroling for our local nursing homes and shut-ins. We will be meeting at DCC at 4 PM on December 20 to share a snack before heading out to sing. If you would like to be a driver or would like to participate, please contact Mary Chirello by December 13 - mchirello@dewittchurch.org or 315.247.0060.

Younger Adult

Christmas Eve Eve Party

Help us celebrate Christmas with our Christmas Eve Eve Eve party on Friday, December 22 at 5:30 PM. Friday - Christmas Eve Eve Eve is perfect to come and join with friends to celebrate! Each adult is asked to bring a Christmas ornament for a Christmas Ornament Exchange. Feel free to make the ornament fun or interesting. We'll have food and dessert. RSVP using this form.

For more information about these events please fill out the form below and drop it in the Offering plate or the DCC Internal Mailbox located in the Narthex.

Event: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____