

CONNECTION CARD

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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, 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
Ally Street, Nursery Director
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services
Alyssa Eighmey, Office Manager
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff
Liam McDonough, Building Staff
Jim Surdam, Building Staff

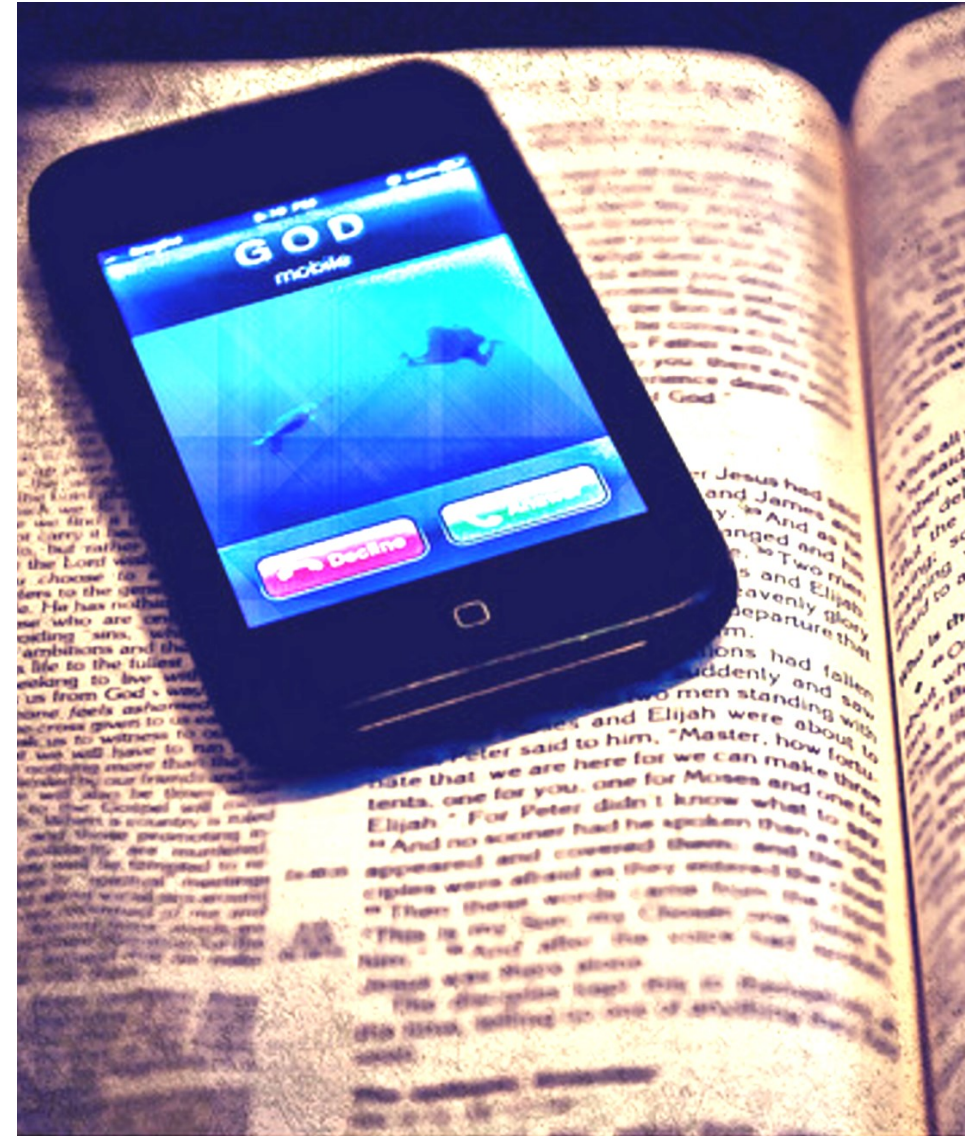
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

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

Helpful Links

Website: www.dewittchurch.org



“Called...to Suffer”

Philippians 1:12-14

Saturday, January 20 & Sunday, January 21, 2018

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, January 20 & Sunday, January 21, 2018
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thought for Today

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude **“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”** by Ira Stanphill

Announcements

Greeting & Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Through the Darkness of the Ages** (#536)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Lord God, to receive our worship. Come, Lord Jesus, to receive our praise.

People: Come Holy Spirit, speak to us through Your whispers and strengthen us to hear and live out Your call on our lives.

Leader: Unite us as Your people, so that we might truly be Your body in this world.

People: Give us the strength to persevere when suffering comes our way.

Leader: Give us a Holy boldness to do Your will...even when the going gets tough.

People: Remind us that we only have one master, and that is You, O Lord.

*Unison Prayer

Lord God, we admit that sometimes we have the illusion, that life should be easy when we follow You. We have this illusion that if You are with us we should not suffer. Help us to see this idea for what it is, an illusion. As we read the great words of scripture, we are reminded of the challenges and suffering of those who seek to follow Your way. We know that life is tough, but as people of faith, we know that You walk with us and give us strength in times of discouragement and despair. You call us together to worship and to be one people, united by Your love and grace. You call us to stand against the powers and principalities of evil in this world and to shine Your light in the darkness. We are one people, united in blessing and in suffering, united in joy and in sorrow, united in strength and in weakness. Help us to hear Your call and to act with bold faith. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer **Have Thine Own Way, Lord** (#486)

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 **Philippians 1:12-14 (NIV) (p. 1195)**

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music **"When Trials Come"** by Keith & Krystyn Getty

Message **"Called...to Suffer"** Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Communion Hymn **Break Now the Bread of Life** (#665)

Preparation for Communion

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

*Closing Hymn **I Then Shall Live** (#372)

*Blessing

Postlude **“Keep on the Firing Line”** by Alphus LeFevre

Worship Assistant: Rev. Cindy Mapstone

*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 this morning are given by Glenda Crenshaw in loving memory of her husband Ronnie and her cousin Sally Pomeroy.

Church Membership

If you have been attending DeWitt Community Church for a while and would like to know more about Church Membership please let us know by emailing or calling the church office: office@dewittchurch.org 315.445.0331.

New Study- "Religious Literacy: Understanding the 5 Major World Religions" January 21, 28, Feb 4, & 11 at 10 AM in MC

Contrary to popular belief, the world is becoming more spiritual/religious. The 5 major world religions continue to grow but do you really know what each religion believes? Many think that all religions have the same basic message but this is not true! Each has its own claim to a divine truth. In this 5-week series, Pastor Alan Rudnick will lead participants through the importance of religious literacy, basic beliefs of world religions, and how each religion addresses living a life of faith. Come with an open and inquisitive mind.

IF:GATHERING 2018

Feb 9, 6:30 PM – 10:00PM

Feb 10, 9:30 AM – 7:00PM

REGISTER NOW AT dewittchurch.org/if
Tens of thousands of women worldwide will participate in the IF:Gathering via a livestream from a sold out event in Austin, Texas. Our event will be held at The Red Mill Inn, Baldwinsville: theredmillinn.com. For questions or scholarship information contact Kay Paulsen, kpaulsen@dewittchurch.org.

WINTER BREAK VBS—Maker Fun Factory

Created by God, Built for a Purpose

February 19-23, 2018, 9AM-12PM

Register at dewittchurch.org/vbs

Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure! At Maker Fun Factory VBS kids discover not only that god made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Kids take a Bible learning adventure with Sciency-Fun Gizmos, games, cool songs, and tasty treats, just to name a few.