

## CONNECTION CARD

Tear off and drop in the Offering Jar  
or in one of the Internal Mailboxes.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

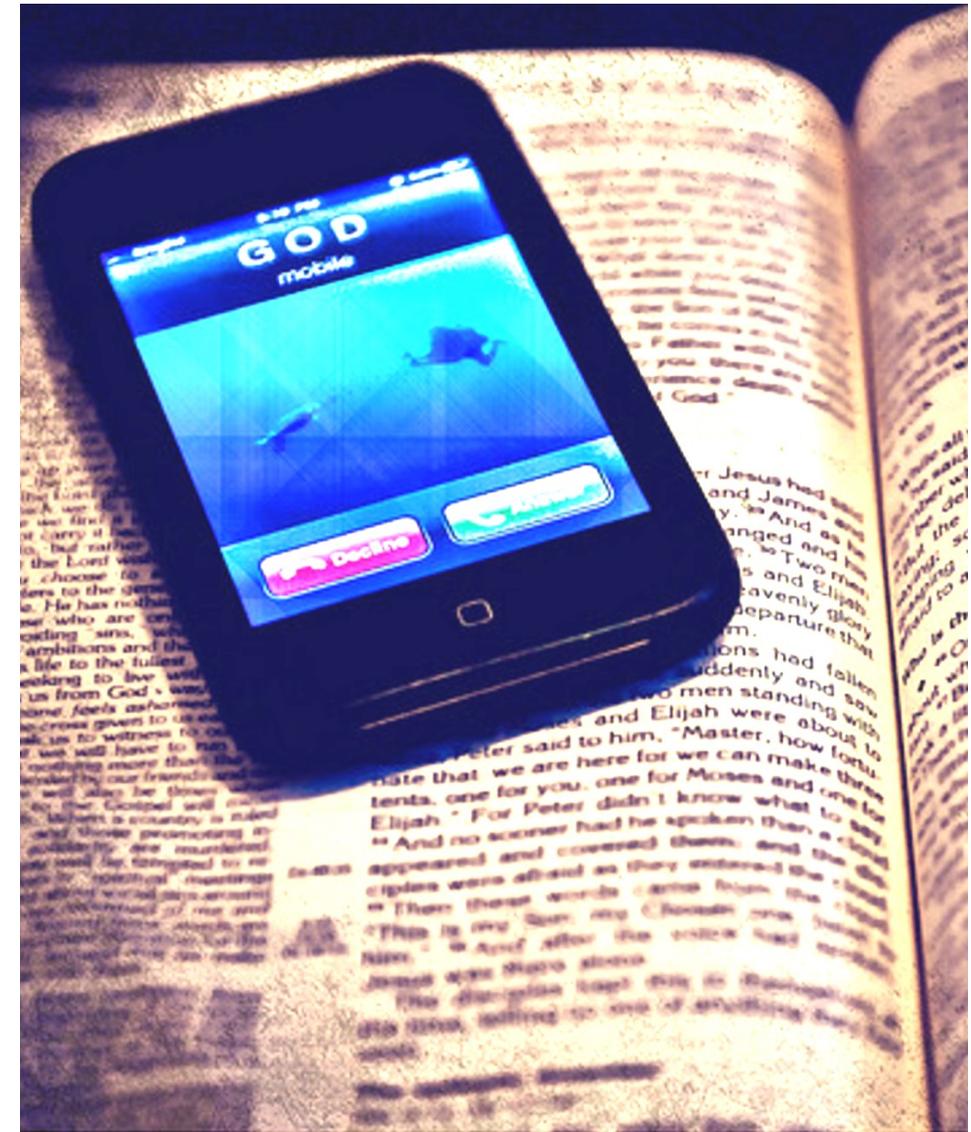
**Ministers:** The Entire Congregation

### Connect with us!

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

### Helpful Links

**Website:** [www.dewittchurch.org](http://www.dewittchurch.org)



*“Called...to Love”*

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

**11:00 AM**

# Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Sunday, January 28, 2018 — 11:00 AM

## Thought for Today

If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that. "I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You'll never - I promise - regret it.

-Luke 6:32-35 (The Message Paraphrase)

Prelude

"**Nettleton**" arr. by Charles Callahan

Invitation to Worship

\*Processional Hymn

**Church of God, Elect and Glorious** (#541)

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Love never gives up.

**People: Love cares more for others than for self.**

Leader: Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

**People: Love doesn't strut.**

Leader: Love doesn't have a swelled head or force itself on others.

**People: Love is never "me first."**

Leader: Love doesn't fly off the handle.

**People: Love doesn't keep score of the sins of others.**

Leader: Love doesn't revel when others grovel.

**People: Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth.**

Leader: Love trusts God always.

**People: Love always looks for the best.**

Leader: Love never looks back.

**People: Love keeps going to the end.**

\*Unison Prayer

**Lord God, we are reminded by Your word that loving others is often hard, not easy. Help as we grow in our love for You, and help us to grow in our ability to truly love others. Teach us the hard lessons of loving those we do not like, and grant us the willingness to go beyond self-interest to love and serve others when we'd rather not. Help us to plant seeds of faith through selfless love. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen .**

Greeting & Announcements

Hymn of Prayer

**The Gift of Love** (#397)

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.**

Invitation To Give

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

Offertory

**"The Love of God"** by F.H. Lehman

Bruce Paulsen

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(#34)

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13(NIV) (p. 1161)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

**"And the Best is Love"** by Gilbert M. Martin

Message

"Called...to Love"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

\*Recessional Hymn

**Renew Your Church** (#462)

\*Blessing

Postlude

**Worship Assistant:** Karl Turner

\*Congregation stands

## 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](mailto:office@dewittchurch.org) 315.445.0331.

## New Study- "Religious Literacy: Understanding the 5 Major World Religions" January 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](http://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](http://theredmillinn.com). For questions or scholarship information contact Kay Paulsen, [kpaulsen@dewittchurch.org](mailto: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](http://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.