

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 _____

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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
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

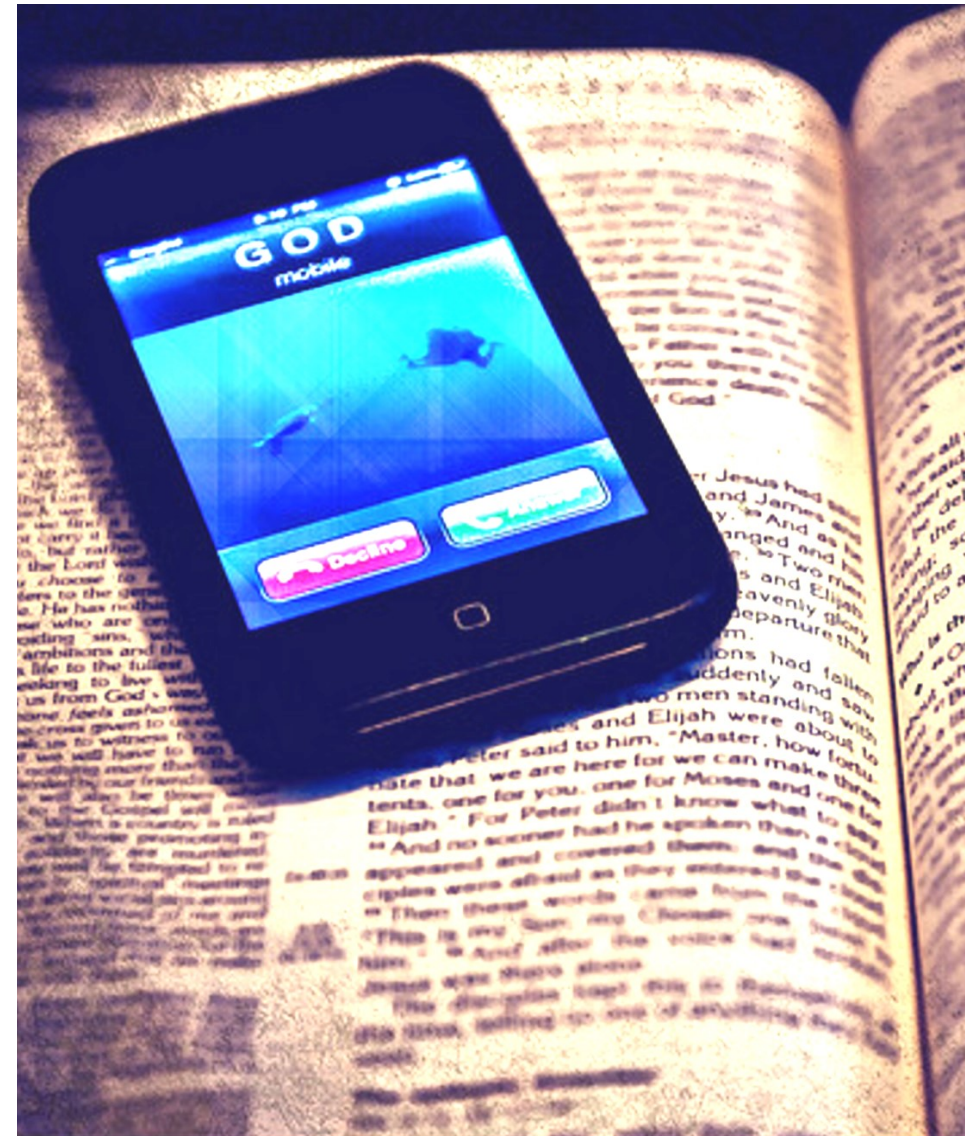
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

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



“Called...to Follow”

Acts 26:12-18

Saturday, January 6 & Sunday, January 7, 2018

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, January 6 & Sunday, January 7, 2018
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thought for Today

“Repentance is more than just sorrow for the past; repentance is a change of mind and heart, a new life of denying self and serving the Savior as king in self’s place.”- J.I. Packer

“Change your thoughts and you change your world.” -Norman Vincent Peale

Prelude **“We Three Kings”**

Announcements

Mission of the Month Honor Flight

Greeting & Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Arise, Your Light Is Come! (#231)**

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: As we begin this new year we pray for God’s light to confront us and show us new ways of living.

People: Help us Lord, not only to hear your call, but to heed your call.

Leader: Knock us to the ground and get our attention, blind us to our ways and help us to open our eyes to Your way.

People: Give us a repentant heart, and help us to turn toward You.

Leader: Help us to see Your vision for our lives.

People: And then, give us the courage to follow You...no matter what.

*Unison Prayer

Lord God, You are the source of true light. Clear away our blindness, and give us Your vision for our lives. Help us to hear Your call and to be willing to change our course to follow You and Your ways. Give us strength and confidence to be Your witness and to do Your will even when it makes life difficult and complicated. Shine Your light upon us in this coming year so that we might both see Your glory and follow You. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (#248)**

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 Acts 26:12-18 (NIV) (p. 1141)

On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my

companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music **“I Wonder as I Wander”** by John Jacob Niles

Message "Called...to Follow" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (#230)**

*Blessing

Postlude **“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”**

Worship Assistant: Ben Rayland/Rev. Alan Rudnick

Song Leader: Matt Green

*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.

Quarterly Congregational Lunch
12:15PM in Miller Commons on January 21
We will be proving the main dish and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass. RSVP to mchirello@dewittchurch.org or 315-247-0060 no later than January 17.

Stephen Ministry Training Classes Begin
Tuesday, January 16

DeWitt Community Church is training a new group of Stephen Ministers on **Tuesday evenings, 5:30-8:00 PM, January 16 – May 22, 2018.** Stephen Ministers are congregation members who participate in 50 hours of training to provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a time of challenge or transition. We invite you to prayerfully consider whether you are being called to this ministry. For more information and an application, contact Dr. Kay Paulsen, at 315.200.5650 or paulsenk@dewittchurch.org.

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.