

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

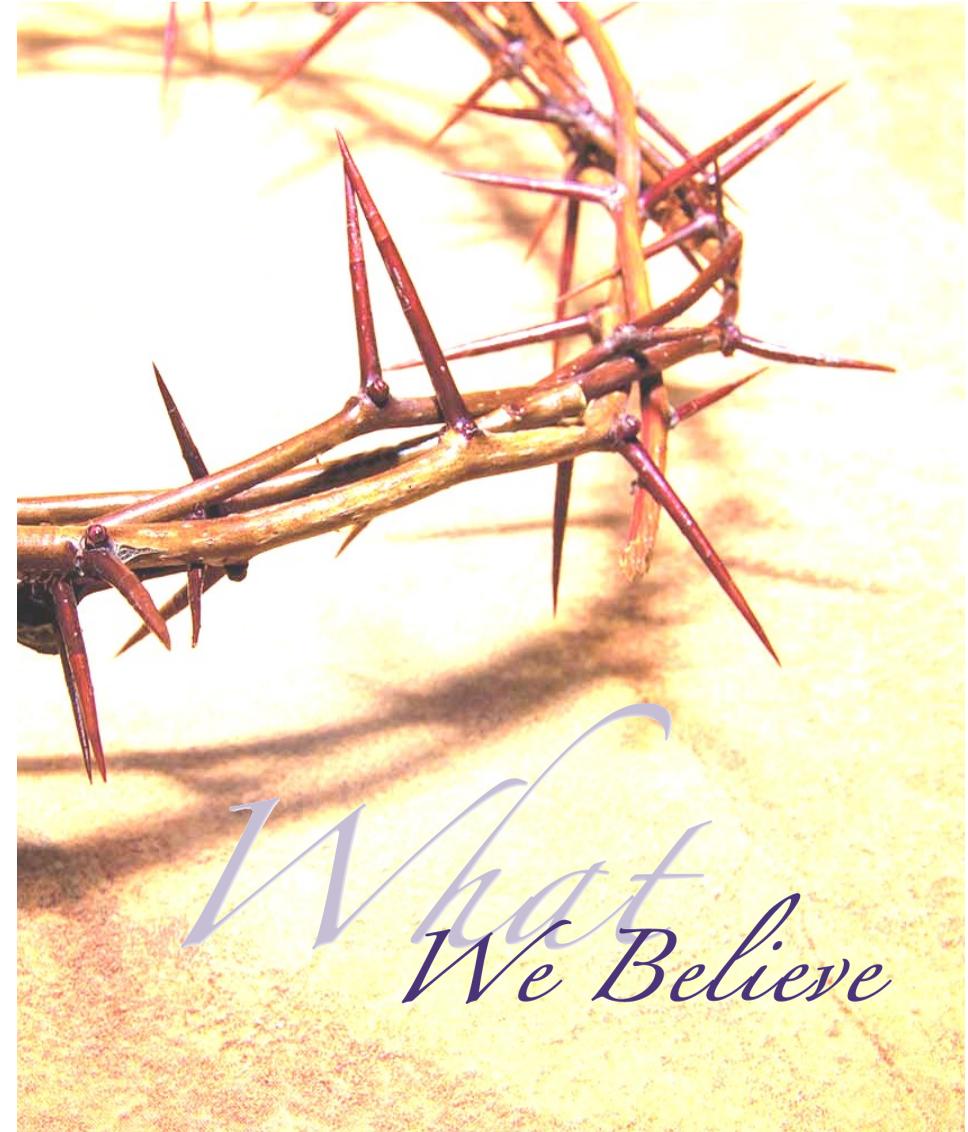
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

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

Helpful Links

Website: www.dewittchurch.org



“What We Believe... The Church”

Matthew 16:15-18, Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday, March 11, 2018

11:00 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Sunday, March 11, 2018 — 11:00 AM

Thoughts for Today

"The day we find the perfect church, it becomes imperfect the moment we join it."

-Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Prelude

"Ubi Caritas" by Alan Bullard

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn

We Are Called to Be God's People (#580)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We come this day to worship God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

People: We come not because we are perfect, but despite our imperfections.

Leader: We come seeking to connect with Christ.

People: We come together to be His body, many parts joined together.

Leader: We come to grow in our understanding of God and God's Ways.

People: We come to use the gifts God has given us to serve Christ.

Leader: We ask for God to bind us together as a unified body, to be His body in this broken world.

People: Help us to be the hands and feet of Christ to one another and to the world around us.

*Unison Prayer

Loving God, we come this day seeking to abide in Your presence. Open our minds to Your Spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as Your people. Open our hearts to Your Spirit of truth that we may love all Your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to You. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Greeting & Announcements

If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the Welcome Center as you leave the sanctuary.

Hymn of Prayer

Lord, Be Glorified (#465)

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 site www.dewittchurch.org/give on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

Offertory

"God So Loved the World" by Anna Laura Page
Bell Choir

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(#34)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:15 -18 (MSG) (p. 999)

He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out."

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16 (MSG) (pp. 984-5)

"You are like salt for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it. You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

"He Comes to Us" by Jane Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

-Albert Schweitzer

Message

"What We Believe:...The Church"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn

As A Fire Is Meant for Burning (#551)

*Blessing

Postlude

"Fugue in g minor" by J.S. Bach

Worship Assistant: Elizabeth Wimer

*Congregation stands

Lenten Study and Dinner

"Angels, Demons, and Satan:

Separating Myth from Fact"

Dinner at 5:30 PM, Study at 6:15 PM

March 14 & 21- Miller Commons

There are a lot of ideas out there about angels, demons, and Satan but are those ideas grounded in scripture? In this 5 week study, Pastor Alan will cover the identity, power, and abilities of angels, and demons from the Bible. Exploration will include a study of Satan in the Old and New Testaments. Each session is standalone.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Christian Forgiveness: What it is,

what it isn't, and how to do it

Sundays @ 10AM in Room 10

with Pastor Alan

"Forgive and forget" - That's what our mothers taught us. Is this sage advice or does it actually lead to further hurt? Just about every Christian knows they have to forgive but most struggle to forgive or ask for forgiveness. In this study, we'll examine what the Bible teaches about redemptive forgiveness, unforgiveness, shocking realizations of what forgiveness isn't, and explore practical ways to embody this Christian practice. You will be surprised how freeing forgiveness can be when properly understood from a biblical and Christian perspective. Come learn, ask questions, and explore! **Last Class March 25.**

The Next Middle Adult Gathering

Friday, March 23 at 6PM

At the Home of Jeff & Rachel Roney.

The Middle Adult Group is generally comprised of people who are in their 40' 50's and 60's. We gather every month to six weeks in different homes for dinner, conversation and a brief devotional thought. It is a casual and relaxed time where people can meet new friends and continue to build supportive relationships. Usually the host home provides the main dish and everyone brings a dish to pass. For more information and to RSVP please email office @dewittchurch.org or call 315-445-0331..