

# DeWitt

## Community Church

*A Christian Church for all People*

Celebrating Our 10 Core Ministries



COMMUNITY  
SERVICE TEAMS

CONGREGATIONAL  
CARE

FELLOWSHIP  
EVENTS

WORSHIP

CHILDREN

OUTREACH AND  
WELCOME

ADMINISTRATIVE  
SERVICES

MISSIONS

STUDENTS

ADULTS



*Connecting people with Christ through community  
Helping people grow in faith  
Serving God by using our gifts to serve others*



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## WEEKLY IN DECEMBER

Please check the Weekly Announcements for any changes to the Church schedule.

### SUNDAY

**9:00 AM**  
Chapel Service (Miller Commons)  
**9:45 AM**  
Pageant Rehearsal (Room 9)  
**10:00 AM**  
Adult Bible Study (Room 42)  
Journeying with Joseph (Room 6)  
**11:00 AM**  
Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
Youth Worship (Room 7)  
Nursery – Ages 0-3 (Rm 45)  
Children's Sunday School (Room 44)

### MONDAY

**3:00 PM**  
Disciple Bible Study (Parlor)  
**7:00 PM**  
Embassy Bell Choir (Choir Room)

### TUESDAY

**1:30 PM**  
Program Staff Meeting (Library)

### WEDNESDAY

**9:00 AM**  
Bible Study (Rm 42/Parlor)  
**10:45 AM**  
Stay & Play (Gym)

### THURSDAY

**6:00 PM**  
Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
**7:00 PM**  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### FRIDAY

**9:00 AM**  
Bulletin Inserts (Library)

### SATURDAY

**5:30 PM**  
Chapel Service (Miller Commons)

**Sunday, December 3**  
• 12:15 PM  
DCC at the Samaritan Center (Offsite)  
• 7:00 PM  
Lessons & Carols Service (Immaculate Conception Fayetteville)

**Monday, December 4**  
• 9:30 AM  
WA Steering Committee (Room 42)

**Tuesday, December 5**  
• 9:30 AM  
IF:EQUIP (Miller Commons)

**Wed, December 6**  
• 7:00 PM  
Christian Caring Committee (Library)

**Friday, December 8**  
• 9:15 AM  
Compassion Cooks (Room 6)

**Saturday, December 9**  
• 10:00 AM  
Artisans Against Hunger Craft Sale (Gym)

**Sunday, December 3**  
• 12:15 PM  
WA Bake & Basket Bazaar & Chili Lunch (Gym)  
• 3:00 PM  
Syracuse Chorale Holiday Concert (Sanctuary)

**Monday, December 11**  
• 11:30 AM  
Sub Shop & Friends (Parlor)

**Tuesday, December 12**  
• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM  
Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Room 42)  
• 12:00 PM  
All Staff Meeting (Parlor)

**Thursday, December 14**  
• 9:00 AM  
Circle of Friends Meetings (Room 42)

**Saturday, December 16**  
• 9:00 AM  
MOW Bottle Drive (Cemetery Parking Lot)  
• 10:00 AM  
Pageant Rehearsal (Gym)

**Sunday, December 17**  
• 12:30 PM  
"Arrest These Merry Gentlemen" Pageant (Gym)

**Wed, December 20**  
• 4:00 PM  
Caroling with Singing Garden (DCC Parking Lot)  
• 6:00 PM  
Property Management Committee (Library)

**Sunday, December 24**  
• 11:00 AM  
Traditional Worship Service  
• 4:30 PM  
Family Christmas Eve Service  
• 7, 9 & 11 PM  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

**Monday, December 25**  
**Christmas Day**  
**Building Closed**

**Tuesday, December 26**  
• 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM  
Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Room 42)

**Monday, January 1**  
**New Year's Day Day**  
**Building Closed**

### Samaritan Center Volunteers

We need 4 volunteers to arrive at 10:30 AM for prep work, and for the rest of our volunteers to arrive at 12:15 PM. If you can volunteer, consider bringing a friend. What better way to get into the holiday spirit by serving with a friend! If you are interested in volunteering for our next trip to the Samaritan Center, or would like to be contacted about future opportunities to serve, please email Craig Mabbett at [cmabbett@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cmabbett@twcny.rr.com), or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation arrangements can be made. **Upcoming dates: December 3, February 25, April 22, June 17, July 15.**

### Starting Point

Starting Point is the place for getting acquainted with DeWitt Community Church - finding a small group, learning about our ministries, and meeting church staff. Starting Point lasts for approximately 20 minutes and children are welcome to attend. Please feel free to grab some refreshments and join us in the Library. If you plan to attend Starting Point, please contact the church office: 315.445.0331 or [office@dewittchurch.org](mailto:office@dewittchurch.org).

**Starting Point sessions will be held on: December 10, January 28, & February 11.**

## Artisans Against Hunger 12/9/17 10-4

ADK Girl / Pualalani Wiley	Faithful Friends
Ceramics	For the Birds
Basin and Range	Hanley's Wooden Creations
bonseye designs	I'm Melting... Glass
Born In Fire	Ken Nichols Art
Bracelet Town	Kingsley Street
Cranky Cat Collection	Li'l Bits
Creations by Nella	Littoral Line Studio
Creative Outlet	Mr. Moose
Eclectic Clay	The Hair Jeweler Inc.
Elaine's Homemade Jam	Theorems Etc.
Elemental Aspects	Zimmer's Bakes



# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



I have to admit it...I am a bit of a news junky. I watch the morning news & read the Wall Street Journal at breakfast time. I have news alerts that pop up on my phone and e-mail all day long. Kathlyne and I watch several news shows in the evening as we prepare dinner. Sometimes...its just too much, especially when the news is not so good. There is a lot to be concerned with, and many times without even knowing it, the news of the day can drag you down.

However, as followers of Christ, God's intention for us is to live with a sense of joy, not because all of the news is good, but because our source of joy is not tied to circumstances. Faith is future oriented and finds its joy not in the present but in the promises of God which are eternal in scope.

During this Advent Season our focus will be on Joy; on the joy of

celebrating the birth of Christ and the hope that comes from Christ's presence in the world and in our lives. The joy of our faith in Christ is ever present and not dependent on earthly good news or dragged down by bad the circumstance of the day.

I hope that during this Advent and Christmas season as you focus your thoughts on the good news of our faith and the joy that comes from God's love for us. No matter the news of the day, my prayer for you during this season is a profound sense of joy that comes from a faith that gives you both peace and joy.

Rejoicing Always!

Dr. Mark E. Sommers  
Senior Minister



## Mission of the Month-Meals on Wheels of E. Onondaga County

At this holy time of year, those of us at Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County (MOWEOC) feel blessed and grateful for being selected as December's Mission of the Month. Your past support has helped us make incredible progress in serving our community! We are able to deliver 300 more meals per week than last year, representing a 41% increase! Our family of volunteers has grown to over 150 men and women who generously devote over 12,000 annual hours to serving those in need. There are eight independent Meals on Wheels programs in Onondaga County, with our Eastern Onondaga County program being the largest geographically. Now we serve Fayetteville, Manlius, Jamesville, DeWitt, Fabius, Pompey, Lafayette, Tully, E. Syracuse, Minoa, Kirkville, and Bridgeport. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Operating out of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Rt. 92 in Fayetteville, we are a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization which began over 40 years ago by a group of local folks who saw a need. While some qualified clients receive financial assistance, our operating expenses are dependent on donations. We have only 3 paid staff: the Program Director, the cook and a part-time custodian. We are abundantly blessed with amazing volunteers who help both in the kitchen preparing and packaging the hot and cold meals, and route drivers who deliver the meals.



Aside from the mission of providing nutritious meals to our wonderful clients, our volunteers are also focused on being joyful givers. Volunteering for MOW is truly love in action! We all understand that even in this community where one might think there is little or no need, there are many people who are living alone, now unable to drive, possibly struggling as a caregiver to a spouse, or simply at the point where they can no longer shop for or prepare their own meals. MOWEOC provides a daily visit to each client, a few minutes of friendly conversation, and a safety check. Maybe most importantly, we offer people the comfort of being able to remain independent in their own home for as long as possible.

We are very appreciative of all the past support DeWitt Community Church has offered to our Meals on Wheels. Your financial support is obviously vital to us, but just as important – the visibility that DCC receives out in the community during the year as we hold our bottle drives, Pasta Dinners, etc. is a reflection of the church's mission of outreach. We hope in these uncertain times that you will continue to consider Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County as part of your charitable giving. In addition, please help us help others – if you know of someone who could use our services, please contact our office at 315-637-5446. As our

client base continues to grow, the need for volunteers does as well. Join the many DCC members who already volunteer with us – we'll work around your schedule! Opportunities are available as a kitchen helper, a route driver, office assistant, special events helper, in public relations, and in fundraising/marketing.

We are sincerely grateful to be selected as the December Mission of the Month, and thank you for your generosity in support of this wonderful organization.

Visit [mealsonwheelseastonondaga.org](http://mealsonwheelseastonondaga.org) or call Terry Davis, our Program Director at (315) 637-5446.

# YOUTH/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## From the Children's Ministry Director



Friends and Believers,

"Christmas is for children. What better time could there be to honor and love our children than the time when the King of the Universe was Himself a little child?"

I must confess. I'm one of those people you read about in sarcastic Facebook memes. I really get into the spirit of Christmas. Maybe it's because I love children so much. Maybe it's because it's a time of year where people go out of their way to be kind to one another. Maybe it's because I'm a kid who never grew up! But whatever the reason, my heart or my shoes, I enjoy the Christmas season LOVING the Who's! The time period immediately after Thanksgiving to New Year's never ceases to bring joy to my heart.

But most of all, I enjoy it when everyone wraps their hands around the gift of giving! All the gifts of all the Christmases of all the years go back to those first gifts given to the tiny baby long ago. And the Lord's gift to us. The enormity of that humbles me.

With all that being said, the Christmas season is an exciting time in Children's Ministry! We have a number of events on the radar and are looking forward to an amazing celebration of cheer! Here is a list of our scheduled events...

• **Arrest These Merry Gentlemen!** On Sunday, December 17, we will be holding our annual Christmas Pageant! Our talented Children's Choir Director, Gloria Trode, is working hard to prepare the children for this truly blessed event. We are looking at a time slot of 1230 to 115pm after the 11am Service. Come on down after the conclusion of the 11am service and have some lunch on us before the Pageant begins!

• **Christmas Eve Family Service:** On Christmas Eve at 4:30 PM, we will be having our annual Family Christmas Eve Service in the sanctuary. Come get in the Christmas spirit with special music by our Young Singers and a family friendly service.

• **Saturday Evening Services Continue:** With the launch last month of our child care option for Saturday evening services, I am pleased to announce that the program has been a success and will continue moving forward! We will be here for you and your children every Saturday at 5:30 PM throughout the month of December!

Please have a safe and delightful Christmas season with your families and friends! And let us never forget that Christmas is for our children. I leave you with my line from my boyhood Church Christmas Pageant in Rome, NY. It was so wondrous to me as a child that I remember it verbatim to this day...

*And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. -Luke 2:18*



**Ben Rayland**-Children's Ministry Director

**Gloria Trode**-Director of Children's Music

**childrensministry@dewittchurch.org**

**SATURDAY 5:30 PM**-Child care available during the evening service

**SUNDAY 9AM**-Child care available during the early service

10AM-Child care available during the Education Hour

11AM-Nursery and Sunday School for all ages

## Sunday Music Ministry for Young People will resume on January 7, 2017

**Dewitt Community Church Children's Choir** 9:45-10:15 AM

All children Elementary through Grade 8 (able to read words)

Director, Gloria Trode Accompanist, Laura Enslin

**Treble Makers** 10:20-10:50 AM

All children Kindergarten through Grade 3

Music Assistant, Lauren Mosier

**Young Ringers** 10:20-10:50 AM

All Children and Youth Grades 4 and up

Gloria Trode, Director Lauren Mosier, Music Assistant

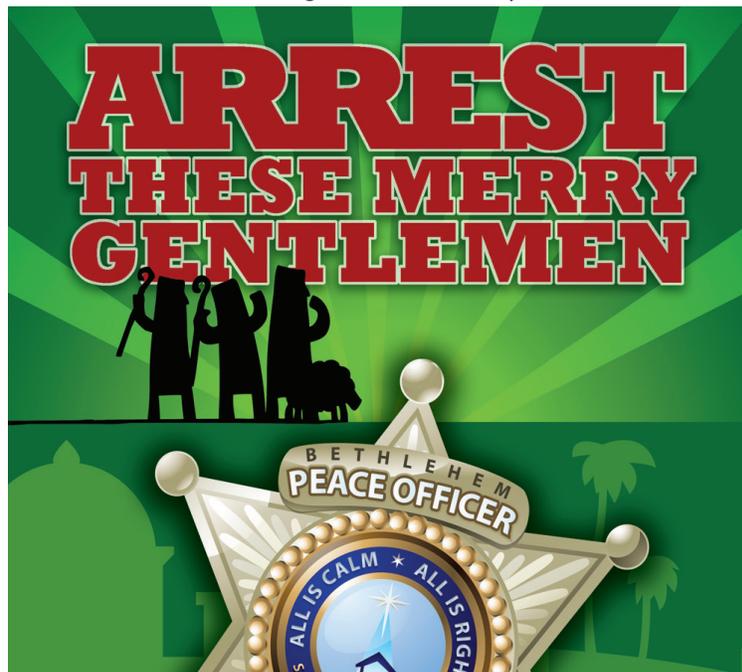
**Praise Kids!** 10:55-11:15 AM (Sunday School Opening)

All Children Kindergarten through Grade 5

Led by Gloria Trode, Lauren Mosier and Ben Rayland

## The Annual Christmas Pageant

Our talented youngsters have fervently been rehearsing for their production of "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen" a musical caper (think Bethlehem meets Dagnet) that everyone is sure to enjoy. Come downstairs and watch us on the big stage in the Gym on December 17. Lunch will be served immediately following the 11 AM worship service. The Annual Christmas Pageant begins at 12:30 PM, and a sweet and meet dessert reception with the actors following the show. Come on down, bring friends and family!



# NEWS & NOTES

## LOOK FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIVING POLE

This year the JDEFP -Jamesville DeWitt Ecumenical Food Pantry is asking for our help in fulfilling Christmas wishes. These wishes include hats, gloves, scarves, bath towels, fleece throws, sweatshirts, (and children have requested other items). If you wish to DONATE: please take a tag from the Giving Pole, sign up on the list with your name, phone number, email and the tag code number. Please RETURN wrapped gift with tag and code number showing to the office during office hours. After hours, please leave gifts in the bags provided in the Narthex and in Miller Commons. Please return gift no later than MONDAY, DECEMBER 11. Thank you for your generosity! Contact if needed: Linda Koehne 315.446.7753 or Ginger Humphrey 315.729.8625.

## Meals-on-Wheels!

### BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

Please support the Meals-on-Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County Bottle and Can Drive, **Saturday, December 16**, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You can use either of our two convenient drop-off locations: DeWitt Community Church or SNO-TOP in Manlius



## A Note From the Women's Association

As always, time continues to fly by, fall seems to have disappeared, and all of a sudden it's holiday time!

Forty of us enjoyed our Ladies Luncheon on Oct 12 with guest storyteller Bunny Hannon, quickly followed by our Fall LIFT Retreat, where another group of women enjoyed fellowship and worship together. I do hope that if you couldn't be a part of either event, that you will be able to join us next year.

The big excitement now is our annual Bake and Basket Sale, to be held on Dec 10, in Fellowship Hall. Display of 15 baskets started on Nov 18 and will continue at each service til our event on Dec 10, where we will hold our drawings for each basket. Baskets this year include Made in New York baskets, Shop Around Town basket (gift certificates!), Christmas baskets, an Italian basket, Pamper your Dog baskets, Wrap Up for Winter, a Beauty basket, a Syracuse Crunch basket, a SU Tickets Basket and several others. Tickets will be available for purchase when the baskets are displayed, for \$2 each, 3/\$5 and 6/\$10. At the same time the youth groups will be presenting a chili lunch, and the WA will also be having our annual holiday Bake Sale. It's a great time to make a family day, shopping the baskets, chili lunch (Moms, no cooking, no clean up!!) and pick up some baked goods for dessert or holiday giving.

I also want to invite you to a "reveal" of the new parlor kitchen on Dec 17. The project, funded by the memorial funds from Virginia Doolittle, and the Women's Association, is finished and we invite everyone to take a peek into the kitchen as you go through the parlor.

Again, thank you all who support the Women's Association events so that we can give back to the church. I hope everyone has a wonderful and healthy holiday season.

Angela Todisco, Chair, Women's Steering Committee

## The Christmas Story: Journeying with Joseph

**December 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 10 AM - Room 6 (Lower Level)**

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Pastor Alan Rudnick will lead this Christmas study through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity. As you read this book, you will understand how Joseph's story is much like our own, providing an example of how faithful living can overcome insurmountable obstacles.



## Christmas 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 - 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org.

## Younger Adult Christmas Eve Eve Eve Party

Help us celebrate Christmas with our Christmas Eve Eve Eve party on Friday, December 22. Why Christmas Eve Eve Eve? Well, Christmas Eve is a full day with 5 services at DCC. Christmas Eve Eve is Saturday and well... we'll be rushing around wrapping gifts, getting last minute items, and baking fruitcakes. So, 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 to [evite.me/2RjgFBCnyG](http://evite.me/2RjgFBCnyG)



# COMPASSION MINISTRY

## Transition in Congregational Care Ministries

Beginning in January we will start a time of transition in our Congregational Care Ministries. In 2009 we started building a ministry dedicated to better serving our congregation in times of challenge. Under the direction of Kay Paulsen, who at the time was serving as the Director of the Chancel Choir, we have been able to build a comprehensive system of congregational care including Stephen Ministry, Compassion Cooks, Prayer & Care, Prayer Chain, along with reaching out to College Students and Military Personnel. Kay has announce her plans to retire from the DeWitt Community Church Staff on June 30, 2018. While Kay and her family plan on remaining involved, she will be stepping down from her position on staff.

The Rev. Cindy Mapstone will be assuming Kay's responsibilities after her retirement. Cindy has been serving as an Adjunct Associate Pastor since May of this year. During the months of January - June both Kay and Cindy will be working part time together to help make sure that the transition is both smooth and effective.

We have a great deal to be thankful for in both Kay's exemplary service and in finding such a gifted pastor as Cindy. We are truly fortunate! - Dr. Sommers

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? Consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. You can create shawls for those who are ill or experiencing loss or a square for military to wear in their helmet. For more information contact Nancy Bond, [nancybond3@gmail.com](mailto:nancybond3@gmail.com) for yarn and patterns.

### Prayer Request Cards

Prayer Request Cards are available at various locations in the church. If you have a prayer request you would like to share, please fill out the yellow card and drop it in a communication box or leave it in the office.

### Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is group of members who commit to pray consistently for requests that come in the form of an e-mail. If you would like to receive prayer requests or no longer receive them, please alert Kay Paulsen, [paulsenk@dewittchurch.org](mailto:paulsenk@dewittchurch.org).

## COMPASSION COOKS 2017-2018 Project Dates

**Friday, December 8, 6-7:30pm**, room 10, Pack cookie containers for Nursing Homes and those living alone without family nearby.

**Friday, February 23, 6-7:30pm**, Pack soup supper bags for those living alone without family nearby.

**Tuesday morning, March 27**, Bring your contribution for the Staff Appreciation Brunch to the church. Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up.

**Monday, June 18, 6-8pm**, place TBA, end of year potluck celebration.

## Stephen Ministry Training Class: January 16 — May 22

Are you a naturally a nurturer? Do people tend to seek you out to talk about their problems? God may be tugging at your heart to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister. Contact Dr. Kay Paulsen, 315.200.5650 or [paulsenk@dewittchurch.org](mailto:paulsenk@dewittchurch.org) The 2018 Stephen Ministry Training Class will be held Tuesday evenings 6-8:30 PM, January 16 through May 22.

## Thank You for Helping Us Put Up the Parlor Tree!

Peg Mersereau, Ginger Prill, Diane Yeager, Jackie Sampsell, Marcia Wooten, Leah Clement, Linda Isaac, Judi Wilson, Linda Lupole, Alyssa and Emma Eighmey.



# BE A PEACE-WAGER



This past month our featured Mission of the Month was Hope for Ariang, which was founded by our own Gabriel Dang. As I sat and listened to Gabriel's vision for his home country, South Sudan, I was amazed by his story. As a boy, his village was destroyed, parents killed, and he ran for his life and was saved. His war-torn country is starting to recover and Gabriel is at the center.

Gabriel went back to achieve peace through bettering his village through education, community building, and healthcare. Peace is truly at work.

I call that work peace-waging.

I learned about waging peace first hand. Six years ago, I walked around a farm in Israel for half a day and learned more about waging peace than most learn in a lifetime. I visited the Tent of Nations, a farm that brings people together to live and work on land that is disputed. Daoud Nassar is the owner of the disputed land and is a born-again Christian. His grandfather obtained deeds from Ottomans, British, and Israelis. However, the Israeli government is trying to prove it is public land. After years of proving that his land belongs to him, the Israeli government and military harass his family. Israeli settlers cut 800 olive trees. At a time when many

Christians are fleeing Israel, Daoud chooses to stay.

On a more visible stage, when we think about peace, many think about Nelson Mandela. Mandela spent 27 years in prison for fighting for his beliefs and for justice. Emerging from oppressive imprisonment, Mandela spoke about peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness. How can someone emerge from such hate, injustice, and pain to take about reconciliation? He became a symbol of truth, reconciliation, grace, and peace.

Peace amid tragedy is challenging. Mandela was one who could find peace in tragedy.

Many talk about peace, but few understand what it takes. It's easy to speak about peace but if one truly wants to achieve peace, one must "wage peace". Jesus came at a time and place that needed peace. The story of Christmas is the story of God waging peace with the world. Making peace is not an easy business. Jesus was a peace-wager.

The message of Christmas is this: Christ was born to all the world for the redemption of the world. However, as Christians, we often believe that peace is to be something to pray for yet it is never accomplished. It is common for Christians to think that peace is to be prayed for and never acting on.

Jesus said, "Blessed on the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God." Jesus was not being vague, but specific.

Peace must be waged in South Sudan, South Africa, Israel, Syracuse, and even in our relationships. Christians cannot sit around in a world of injustice sitting on our hands. We must wage peace. Just as war is waged, peace must be waged. Praying for peace is one thing, but waging peace is another. Peace must be waged on a daily basis.

Find your own place where peace-waging is needed. Act and wage peace in your part of the world.

Love and Grace,

*Alan Rudnick*

Rev. Alan Rudnick



## A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION



Hello Friends,

It is so incredibly hard to believe but here we are coming to a close on another year! First and foremost the Board of Trustees would like to wish each of you a very blessed Advent season and an uplifting & memorable Christmas. This time of year can be so spiritually moving if we take the time to close off some of the many distractions and simply allow ourselves to focus on what is important. Let the beautiful music of our wonderful choir fill your hearts and souls. Listen to the prayers, scripture readings and messages to refocus on the Christ child. Fully participate in the friendship and comradery that the DCC congregation provides. Come and watch our youth express their wonderment of the season in their Christmas pageant. Enjoy the beauty of our lovely church that so many work so diligently to provide every single year. Consider some form of volunteer effort or contributions to celebrate the season. I truly believe that Dewitt Community Church offers the atmosphere and opportunities to enrich your Christmas experience and encourage each of you to join us. My personal wish for each of you is that you find this Christmas to be meaningful, powerful and full of the love that this particular holiday embodies.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to one and all,

Rick Hall

President DCC Board of Trustees



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# December Worship

## Mission of the Month - Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County

*It's About JOY: On the Lookout*

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, December 2

Sunday, December 3

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

8:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

### Mission of the Month

*It's About JOY: Singing the Blues*

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, December 9

Sunday, December 10

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

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

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

12:30 PM Christmas Pageant/Gym

*It's About JOY: There Something About Mary*

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Sunday, December 24

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

4:30 PM Family Service/Sanctuary

7, 9 & 11 PM Candlelight Service/Sanctuary

**NO SATURDAY NIGHT CHAPEL**

**NO SUNDAY MORNING CHAPEL**

*TBD - Rev. William A Carlsen*

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary



## Pastor On-Call

One member of our Pastoral Care Staff will be on call 24/7, 365 days a year to respond to crisis situations or emergencies in our church family.

The emergency phone number is: **(315) 303-2308**. Please leave a message and your contact information and the pastor on-call will return your call as soon as possible.

## DeWitt Community Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark Sommers *Senior Minister*

Rev. Alan Rudnick *Executive Associate Minister*

Rev. William Carlsen *Adjunct Associate Minister*

Rev. Cindy Mapstone *Adjunct Associate Minister*

Rev. Edwin "Ted" Taylor *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Dr. Landrum "Hap" Wooten *Associate Minister Emeritus*

Dr. Kay Paulsen *Director of Congregational Care*

Gloria Trode *Director of Children's Music*

Abel Searor *Director of Worship Arts Principal Organist*

Nic MacLane *Director of Family Worship*

Mary Chirello *Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator*

Ben Rayland *Children's Ministry Director*

Alyssa Eighmey *Office Administrator*

Peter Hawley *Communication Coordinator*

Jane Hahn *Bookkeeper*

Ellen Butler *Office Assistant*

Mick Thorpe *Director of Building Services*

Reinaldo Mercado *Building Staff*

Liam McDonough *Building Staff*

## Newsletter Article Submissions

Newsletter article submissions can be made by email to [newsletter@dewittchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@dewittchurch.org). Please plan ahead as the newsletter deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you.

## Communicating with Church Leadership

The Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis and serves to advise the Senior Minister. All members of the Advisory Committee are members of the Board of Trustees. Input, ideas, suggestions, and comments are always welcome and may be submitted by e-mail to [advisory@dewittchurch.org](mailto:advisory@dewittchurch.org). Those without access to email may place messages in the church's internal mailboxes or mail to Advisory Committee, DeWitt Community Church, 3600 Erie Boulevard East, DeWitt, NY 13214.

In order to ensure the integrity of church communications, we are not able to consider anonymous letters. The pastoral staff is always open to discussion of issues and concerns in a spirit of Christian community and respect.