

WINTER BREAK VBS

\$25 per child or \$50 per family
February 19-23, 9 AM to 12 PM

Register Now @ dewittchurch.org/vbs

We are going to try something a bit different here in our Children's Ministry Department at the Dewitt Community Church this year! We are going to have a Winter Vacation Bible School (VBS) during February Break (Feb 19-23) in 2018! This Winter VBS will be in addition to the Summer VBS we will run this August! The staff at the DCC are all truly excited about this blessed event. Here are three great reasons why Vacation Bible School matters...

1. VBS can be a short-term event with long term results!

With today's busy lifestyle pulling at everyone, a well-run Vacation Bible School can be the only opportunity some children get all year to be closer to Christ. A weeklong experience with fast-paced fun and activity can create an unforgettable journey. This journey can lead to a sense of volunteerism, stronger Faith, and an increased bond with the Church.

2. VBS creates lasting memories.

Vacation Bible school can create memories for kids that last a lifetime. The Vacation Bible School format is carefully crafted to bring feelings of joy and

excitement through games, activities, stories, food, and decorations. When we connect with children through this type of ministry, the biblical truths taught to them also connect with their hearts and minds!

3. This is an opportunity to share the gospel.

Finally, Vacation Bible School presents an opportunity to help our Children's Ministry allow the children to understand who Jesus is and why they need him as their Lord and Savior. The relationships developed at VBS allow us to illustrate that to the participants!

If you have not reserved your spot, please register for Winter Vacation Bible School at the Dewitt Community Church! We are the only Church in the greater Syracuse area offering a program of this type during Winter Break. Spots are filling up fast! Act now and get a free set of steak knives!!!!!!



*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 FEBRUARY

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

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

Chapel Service (Miller Commons)
Financial Peace University (Library)

10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (Room 42)
Alan's Bible Study (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)

6:00 PM

Stephen Minister Training (Rm 42)

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)

Monday, February 5

•9:30 AM

WA Steering Committee (Room 42)

Tuesday, February 6

•9:30 AM

IF:EQUIP (Miller Commons)

Wed, February 7

•5:30 PM

Advisory Dinner (Library)

•7:00 PM

Board of Trustees Meeting (Room 6)

•7:00 PM

Christian Caring Committee (Library)

Thursday, February 8

•9:00 AM

Circle of Friends Meetings (Room 42)

Sunday, February 11

•12:00 PM

Girls Bible Study (Room 8)

•12:00 PM

Starting Point (Library)

Tuesday, February 13

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Parlor)

•12:00 PM

All Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, February 14

•5:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Dinner & Service (Miller Commons)

Monday February 19

Presidents Day (Office Closed)

Wednesday February 21

•5:30 PM

Lenten Dinner & Bible Study (Miller Commons)

•6:30 PM

Property Management Committee (Library)

Thursday, February 22

•10:00 AM

Cut-Ups (Room 6)

Sunday, February 25

•12:00 PM

DCC @ Samaritan Center

Tuesday, February 27

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Parlor)

Wednesday, February 28

•5:30 PM

Lenten Dinner & Bible Study (Miller Commons)

During the Season of Lent, the weekend messages will be focused on What Christians Believe and will be based on the Apostle's Creed. The series begins on the weekend of February 17 & 18 and will conclude on Palm Sunday weekend, March 24 & 25. I think this series will be help us all grow in our faith as we explore the core beliefs of the Christian faith. - Dr. Sommers

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. 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, or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation arrangements can be made.

Upcoming dates: 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.

Starting Point sessions will be held on: February 11, March 18 & April 15

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



One of the chief tasks for any congregation is the passing on of its ministry to the next generation. It is often a difficult task that many congregations are unable to accomplish. One specific example of this is the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. The congregation was started in 1955 by Robert Schuller, a Reformed Church in America (Dutch Presbyterian) pastor who was trained at Hope College and Western Theological Seminary.

Schuller was cutting edge for his generation (Post World War II). He opened the church at a drive in movie theater and spoke from the roof of its concession stand. The church pioneered the use of television in reaching the masses and was, in many ways an extension of Norman Vincent Peal's focus on positive thinking and its correlation with faith.

During the late 1990's I had the opportunity to spend several weeks with the staff at the Crystal Cathedral and to study their ministry and its future. Even then, staff, and many lay leaders knew that the model that worked so well in the 60's 70' and 80's was in serious trouble. Even so, the leadership was unwilling to recognize the changes that needed to be made to adapt to changes in the culture and demographics of their area. The congregation was growing older and older and there was an unwillingness by Dr. Schuller and his key

leaders to change. The church filed for bankruptcy in October 2010. During the last 9 years, we as a congregation have been working to adapt our ministries to present and future generations. As a congregation that is now in its 207th year it should be obvious that we have been successful in the past of handing on ministry to the next generation. And my prayer is that tradition will continue...that we will be successful in handing off leadership to future generations. Many of our current staff members are young (in comparison to me) and they are also passionate and talented.

We are also thankful to have a number of more seasoned members of the staff so they we have the ability to be effective with multiple generations. This staffing model is deliberated and purposeful and hopefully will help us to pass on this ministry in this constantly changing environment.

My hope that all of our members and friends will realize the importance of lifting up and encouraging young leaders who will probably do things differently than we've done in the past. Please support them with your prayers and your words of encouragement.

Rejoicing Always!

Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Senior Minister

Mission of the Month-Mercy Works

Mercy Works is a nonprofit agency that's been helping teens develop vision for their lives while teaching them workplace skills. It started 16 years ago, after Abundant Life Christian Center's founder, Pastor John Carter, read to students at Blodgett Elementary School on the Near West Side. Aghast at the library's condition, he asked his Cice-ro-based congregation to build the school a new one.

Carter created Mercy Works, a non-denominational non-profit to promote the church's urban mission: to give Syracuse youth a sense of purpose.

In time, Mercy Works has grown into a unique effort: A suburban church applying hard-headed business principles to the city's toughest problems.

Mercy Works is dedicated to identifying and meeting the needs of individuals and groups of people that are currently going unmet by traditional public, private and social service agencies within our community. People of faith, sharing the love of God, through actions, not words.

Building upon a reputation for delivering quality programming and facilities, and utilizing an effective network of corporate,

institutional and individuals in partnership, Mercy Works continues to meet the needs of urban youth with excitement and enthusiasm.

On May 18, 2006, local community leaders joined Mercy Works staff, administration and volunteers to celebrate the opening of The Vision Center on South Salina Street in downtown Syracuse. An abandoned building that was an eyesore for years was turned into a state-of-the-art facility, com-



plete with high speed internet, networked computer learning centers and the opportunity for area kids to enlarge their vision of what their lives could be.

Middle school, high school and young college students come for an array of programs. Among them:

iCan - Students build, program and test Lego Mindstorms NXT robots.

Teen Tech - Students learn about computer hardware and are trained in Microsoft

Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint.

Synergy - This provides paid summer internships for college-bound students at places like Upstate Hospital, National Grid and the state Attorney General's Office. The Vision Center's programs blend a worldly, hard-nosed savvy with altruism and charity. There's no preaching, no religious slogans. Inspirational quotes on walls come from cultural icons. One is from Maya Angelou: "Nothing will work unless you do."

In eight years, nearly 1,900 students have been through a Mercy Works program. Six hundred have taken home computers.

You can help develop youth in our community by making a financial investment in the Vision Center. Your contribution, regardless of size, will be used to deliver the highest possible quality of service to our young people and their families. By making a monthly contribution you can help to insure the continuity of our programs. But, whether you become a one time or ongoing contributor, know that your support counts and is appreciated!

Find out more at www.vcsyracuse.com.

NEWS & NOTES

Thanks from the History Committee

Beautiful Christmas Luminaries!!!

What a wonderful display on Christmas Eve at DCC. Many thanks to the Carmichel family; they planned it, created it, and put it away afterwards. Thank you from everyone who enjoyed it when attending any of the special services or just driving by on Erie Blvd.

-Ann DuPree

Ash Wednesday Supper and Service

Wednesday, February 14, 5:30 PM - Miller Commons

You are invited to begin the season of Lent with a pot-luck supper at 5:30 followed by a service at 6:15PM. We'll be providing the main dish and drinks but we're looking for folks to bring sides and desserts. To sign up, email office@dewittchurch.org and include how many will attend and what you will bring.

Lenten Study and Dinner

"Angels, Demons, and Satan: Separating Myth from Fact"

Feb 21, 27*, March 7, 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. Wednesdays (except Feb. 27) during Lent. Each session is standalone.



Blood Drive Dewitt Community Church

Fellowship Hall
3600 Erie Blvd. East - Syracuse

**Saturday, March 3, 2018
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Co-sponsored by the DeWitt Rotary

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS, visit redcrossblood.org or use app (sponsor code DEWITTC) to schedule appointment.

Appointments encouraged, walk-ins welcome.

Join the Choir!

Calling all singers who have expressed an interest in singing for DCC "special events". We have an opportunity for you - with an invitation to join us as part of the choir! On Good Friday evening, March 30, we will be presenting the Dubois "Seven Last Words of Christ", with choir, soloists and instrumentalists. This will be an important and meaningful part of Holy Week for our congregation as well as for the public who are invited to attend. If you are interested in singing with us, please email Abel at asearor@dewittchurch.org. We hope your schedule permits attending a few rehearsals, which are Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the choir room, and we welcome all voice parts. Scores will be provided.



Financial Peace University Returns in February

Financial Peace University (FPU) teaches God's ways of handling money. This 9-week course features video lessons, group discussion, and interactive small group activities. The course uses practical, biblical steps to teach you how to build an emergency fund, get out of debt, save for the future, and more! Couples learn how to communicate, singles learn how to manage finances alone, parents learn how to save for their children's college funds, and everyone learns how to save to retire with dignity. And since it's taught through the lens of the Bible, God's presence is felt at each lesson. Classes meet for 1.5-2 hours each week, beginning on February 11 at 9 AM in the church library. Contact Anne and Greg Stock with questions. 315.329.1322 or anne@jhu.edu

FINANCIAL PEACE MEMBERS

Almost five million people have taken control of their money with the easy-to-follow lessons they learned in *Financial Peace University*. They learned practical ways to create a budget, pay off debt, make wise spending choices, save for the future, and so much more.

The following statistics contain original data from our FPU Postgraduate Survey. Our results are statistically significant with a sample of approximately 3,300 respondents.

DEBT PAID IN 90 DAYS

\$5,300

95%

**HAVE INCREASED
FINANCIAL SECURITY
AS A RESULT OF FPU**

SAVINGS IN 90 DAYS

\$2,700

**NEARLY
5 MILLION
PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN FPU**

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



Mary Chirello-Youth Ministry Director
Email: mchirello@dewittchurch.org
Call/Text: 315.247.0060

#Glowhard Capture the Flag is Back!

February 24 from 7-9 PM - DCC

All 6th-12th graders, save the date for glow in the dark capture the flag. Bring your friends and meet in Miller Commons by 6:45 PM. You MUST RSVP for this event to ensure we have enough glow materials. Please RSVP to Mary by February 20.



Sweet Frog Thursdays

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Mary at Sweet Frog frozen yogurt in Fayetteville on February 22 from 3-4PM. Join us for a little mid-week pick-me-up! Contact Mary if you need a ride!



Summer Servants 2018

This year, DCC will be participating in Summer Servants the Week of July 15-19. All high school students are eligible to attend and I encourage those adults interested in volunteering to pray about helping out with this trip. It's an experience more powerful than can be put into words. If you would like to participate, or you have questions, please contact Mary.



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 service

SUNDAY 9AM-Child care available during the early service

10AM-Child care available during the Adult Education Hour

11AM-Nursery and Sunday School for all ages

Sunday Morning Music Ministry for Young People

9:00-9:20 AM - Musikgarten - Room 9

All children ages 3 - 5

9:45-10:15 AM - Children's Choir - Room 9

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

10:20-10:50 AM - Treble Makers - Room 7

All Children Kindergarten through Grade 3

10:20-10:50 AM - Young Ringers - Room 9

All Children and Youth Grades 4 and up

10:55-11:15 AM - Praise Kids - Miller Commons



Volunteers Needed

Hey teens! Want to help out your community? Like working with kids? Sign-up with Mary to help out with winter VBS the week of February 19. Please contact Mary if you can help!



Donations Needed

Anneke Van Slyke is collecting new and gently used books, games, cards, puzzles, coloring books and crayons for kids ages 12-17 years old. Anneke is working in partnership with St. Joseph's Health Hospital Youth Psychiatric Division to make patients' days go by faster and encourage hope while they are there. This project is a part of Anneke's Girl Scout Gold Award which focusses on youth mental health awareness. Donations will be greatly appreciated! Boxes will be located in the youth wing beginning February 4.

COMPASSION MINISTRY

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 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.

New Stephen Leaders

Dot Hall and Rev. Cindy Mapstone attended 70 hours of Stephen Leadership Training in January and have joined Kay Paulsen, Nancy Bond, Judi Wilson and Paul Bakke to form a solid leadership team for our Stephen Ministry Program. Please congratulate them on their accomplishment.



Stephen Ministry Training Class 2018

A class of four participants is actively training to join our Stephen Ministry Team. Please pray for Nancy Dowling, Nataline Mabbett, Jaime Suarez and Lauren Suarez as they learn how to come alongside someone going through a transition or crisis.

COMPASSION COOKS Soup Supper Bags

On Friday, February 23, 6-7:30 PM in room 6, we will pack soup supper bags for those living alone without family nearby. We are in need of donations of home made soup, fruit that can be transported, crackers, and candy. We also need generous helpers to deliver the bags to those in need. If you can help with donations, delivery, or packing the bags please contact Cindy Mapstone: cmapstone@dewittchurch.org or 315.447.0613.

COMPASSION COOKS 2018 Project Dates

Friday, February 23, 6-7:30 PM, 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, 6-8 PM, place TBA, end of year potluck celebration.

Check out the Compassion Cooks Blog at: dcccoks.tumblr.com, to find some of our delicious recipes.



IF:GATHERING 2018 - STILL TIME TO REGISTER

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. With a variety of cultures and denominations represented, these women hold one thing in common: they want to live like God is real. IF:DeWitt Community Church, a part of the IF:Gathering 2018 global event and open to women of all ages. Extend your invitation to others and invite a friend to share this experience.

Our event will be held at The Red Mill Inn, Baldwinsville: theredmillinn.com. Staying overnight is recommended but not required. Room prices vary based on size and occupancy from \$69 - \$140 a night. Rooms are limited! For questions or scholarship information contact Kay Paulsen, kpaulsen@dewittchurch.org.

IF:GATHERING is great for teens too! Please contact Mary Chirello with questions or to RSVP, 315.247.0060 or mchirello@dewittchurch.org.

join us for

IF:GATHERING

2018

february 9-10



7 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT LENT



1. Lent isn't only for Catholics

As humans, we need a pattern... rhythm. There are ebbs and flows in life. Our culture constantly forces us to push harder and work longer. However, we can't always keep up with such a high level of activity. We need rest, reflection, and celebration. Lent serves as a way to be reminded of our need for forgiveness, consider wrongs that need to be made right and to remember Jesus' road to the

cross. Some may think Lent and Ash Wednesday are more Catholic things, but they are not. The marking of ashes is Biblical, as a sign of mourning and repentance. There is nothing magical about the ashes. We are not more holy for participating in Ash Wednesday and Lent, but it is another way to experience the presence of God in our lives in a symbolic way. Christians from many denominations have rediscovered the value that Lent can provide.

2. Ash Wednesday isn't all about death

"Ashes to Ashes, dust to dust" is what we hear at funerals or at graveside committals. "Remember, you are dust and to dust, you shall return" is what is said at Ash Wednesday. All this talk of ashes and dust invokes thoughts of death. Ash Wednesday serves not only as a reminder of our end but rather beginning. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent which serves a reminder that before the celebration of Easter, we must journey with Jesus to the cross. We must take 40 days to reflect, pray, study, and engage our faith on a deeper level. We also consider the cost of our forgiveness through the birth, life, and death of Jesus Christ.

3. You don't have to give up chocolate

Historically, Christians have given up sweets, chocolate, and meat. All things that were seen as extra. Giving something up for Lent helps us embody the biblical concept of fasting and helps us keep the "why" of fasting upon our hearts and minds. Instead of giving something up for Lent try adding something. Try a Lent devotional, reading a chapter of the Bible, praying the Lord's Prayer every day at noon, or attending a new Bible study at church. Add something new for Lent that deepens your spiritual life.

4. Marti Gras is a religious holiday... sort of

Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday is often seen as a celebration of drunken revelry. Sometimes called Shrove Tuesday, countries around the

world take to the streets, squares, and community areas to celebrate one last hoorah. Fat Tuesday is the last day in the Christian calendar of the season of Epiphany, just before Lent. Traditionally, Catholic and Episcopal cultures around the world use this day before Ash Wednesday to celebrate. Historically, this is the final day that some Christian communities indulge in sweet rich food that is forfeited during Lent.

5. Lent is actually 46 days, not 40

In the Bible, the number 40 denotes a time or period of wandering, temptation, trial, or struggle. If you count the days starting on Ash Wednesday and ending by Easter you get 46. Historically, Christians worshiped on Sundays because early Christians would commemorate Christ's resurrection every Sunday as a "mini" Easter. Thus, Sundays don't count because each Sunday we worship we worship and give thanks to God for the resurrected life of Christ. (Plus, it just makes an even 40.)

6. Lent starts on Valentine's day and ends on April Fool's day. Here's why...

It's the luck of the draw this year. Easter runs on a lunar calendar. Jesus' death and resurrection which was celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. In 325 CE, the Council of Nicaea declared that Easter would be the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or just after the vernal equinox. Since then, the date of Easter moves. Hence, Easter always falls between March 22 and April 25. Start with Easter (this year April 1) and count back six Sundays to the next Wednesday (February 14).

7. You can deepen your faith by coming to my Lenten Supper and Study

I'm leading the study on Wednesday nights entitled, "Angels, Demons, and Satan: Separating Myth from Fact". In this 5 week study, we 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. Questions such as "What are angels made of", "How do angels communicate with God", "How do angels communicate with us", "Do demons, or devils, or evil spirits really exist?" Each session is standalone. Dinner at 5:30 PM, Study at 6:15 PM!

Love and Grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Rudnick".

Rev. Alan Rudnick

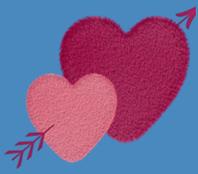
New Sunday Bible Study

Christian Forgiveness: What it is, what it isn't, and how to do it!

Starts Feb. 18, Sundays @ 10AM with Pastor Alan - Room: TBA

"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!





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February Worship

Mission of the Month - Mercy Works

CALLED...To Give

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick
 Saturday, February 3
 Sunday, February 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
 9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
 11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Mission of the Month

CALLED...To Be Faithful!

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers
 Saturday, February 10
 Sunday, February 11

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
 9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
 11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Communion *Starting Point*

Ash Wednesday - When You Are Down to Nothing, God is Up To Something

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick
 Wednesday, February 14

5:30 PM Congregational Dinner
 6:15 PM Worship Service/Miller Commons

What We Believe... God

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers
 Saturday, February 18
 Sunday, February 19

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
 9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
 11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

What We Believe... Jesus Christ

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers
 Saturday, February 24
 Sunday, February 25

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
 9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons
 11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Serving at the Samaritan Center



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 Associate Minister*
- Rev. Edwin "Ted" Taylor Senior Minister Emeritus*
- Dr. Landrum "Hap" Wooten Associate Minister Emeritus*
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- Peter Hawley Communication Coordinator*
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- Liam McDonough Building Staff*
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Newsletter Article Submissions

Newsletter article submissions can be made by email to newsletter@dewittchurch.org. Please plan ahead as the newsletter deadline is the 15th 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. 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.