



Homecoming 2017 - Hospitality Ministry In Action

Hospitality Ministers take the time to make DCC a welcoming place for new visitors and regular attendees! They play a pivotal role in creating a warm and inviting environment for everyone. We are very thankful for all of the volunteers that helped out with homecoming as well as the individuals that dedicate their time and talents to donate desserts for hospitality or help with set-up and clean-up on Sunday mornings. We would like to especially thank Mick, Liam and Reinaldo for all of their help and hard work with event set-up and take down. As well as Ben and his Children's Ministry team for all of their support and extra activities for the kids. Jean Eschner, Richard Neiner, Nancy Dowling and Alison Lewis all played key parts in making sure Homecoming ran smoothly as well as all of our new confirmation students helping to set up the homecoming tent. You can join this important team by contacting Mary at mchirello@dewittchurch.org or 315.247.0060.



*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 OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

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

9:45 AM

Children's Choir (Room 9)

10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (Room 42)
Toughest Bible Teachings Tackled (Room 6)

10:20 AM

Treble Makers (Room 7)
Young Ringers (Room 9)

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)

6:30 PM

Women's Community Bible Study (Miller Commons)

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)

Monday, October 2

•9:30 AM

Women's Association
Steering Committee (Rm 42)

Tuesday, October 3

•9:30 AM

IF:EQUIP "Seamless" (Miller Commons)

Wednesday, October 4

•5:30 PM

Finance Committee Meeting (Library)

•7:00 PM

Christian Caring Committee Meeting (Library)

Sunday, October 8

•12:15 PM

DCC @ Samaritan Center (Offsite)

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 10

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Room 42)

•12:00 PM

All Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday, October 12

•11:30 AM

Women's Association Fall Free Lunch (MC)

Sunday, October 8

•10:30 AM

Youth Sponsored Mission Trip Meeting (MC)

Tuesday, October 17

•9:30 AM

IF:EQUIP "Seamless" (Miller Commons)

Wednesday, October 18

•5:30 PM

Quarterly Congregational Meeting (Miller Commons)

•6:30 PM

Property Management Committee (Room 42)

Saturday, October 21

•9:30 AM

Altar Guild Circle Garden Fall Maintenance (Front Lawn)

•All Day

Women's Association Fall Retreat (Christ the King Retreat Center)

Monday, October 23

•7:00 PM

6th-8th Grade Game Night (Gym)

Tuesday, October 24

•9:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Room 42)

•6:00 PM

Compassion Cooks (Rm 10)

Thursday, October 26

•10:00 AM

Cut Ups (Room 6)

Friday, October 27

•9:30 AM

Pat LeVine Funeral (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 29

•12:00 PM

Starting Point (Library)

•12:00 PM

Youth Halloween Party (Miller Commons)

Sunday, October 30

•11:00 AM

Sub Shop & Friends (Parlor)

Monday, October 31

Halloween

Wed, November 1

•7:00 PM

Christian Caring Committee Meeting (Library)

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Savings Time

Ends - Fall Back 1 Hour

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 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 from the church to the Samaritan Center and back, arrangements can be made for you.

Upcoming dates: October 8 (Columbus Day Weekend), December 3, February 25, April 22.

Upcoming Membership Gatherings

If you are interested in the possibility of becoming a member of DeWitt Community Church, we encourage you to sign up for one of the next Membership Gatherings. The gatherings start off with a dinner at the home of Pastor Mark & Kathlyne Sommers. Following dinner we spend time discussing the beliefs and ministry of the church and what it means to be a member. Attending a Membership Gathering allows you to explore membership, with no obligation to join.

Membership Gatherings for 2017-18 program year:

Sunday, November 17, 2017 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 18, 2018 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 20 18, 2018 5:00 PM

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



In past years we have had quarterly Congregational Meetings to update people on our progress as a church and our future plans. We have also had quarterly Leadership Dinners where we provided development and training for our leaders. Last spring a few of our leaders suggested that we merge these two activities to involve a larger group of members and friends.

On Wednesday, October 18 we will hold a Congregational Dinner from 5:30-7:00 PM in Miller Commons. The main dish will be provided and we ask that everyone bring a dish

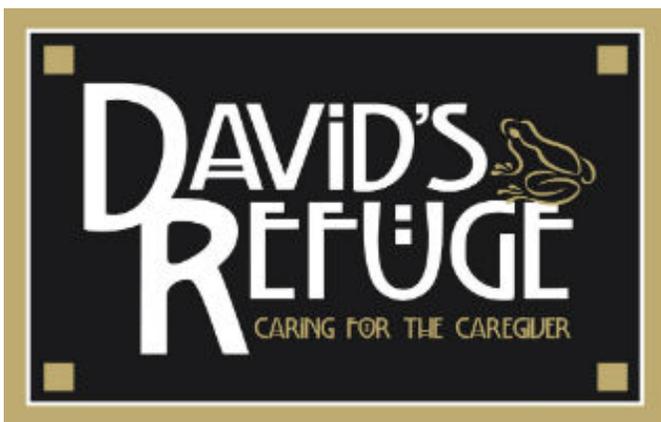
or desert to share. We will give a brief update on where we are as a congregation cast vision for the future. Please RSVP to the church office by e-mail office@dewittchurch.org or by phone 315-445-0331.

Rejoicing Always!

Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Senior Minister



Mission of the Month - David's Refuge



David's Refuge provides a place of respite free of charge for parents and guardians who care for children with special needs or life threatening medical conditions, allowing them the much needed time to rest, reflect and recharge from the stress of full-time caregiving.

Our guests enjoy the beauty, hospitality and relaxation of a personally designed retreat in a luxurious Bed & Breakfast, where meals, recreation, and opportunities for 'unplugging' are generously provided. Our goal is to provide a place of respite from the demands of caring for children and family so clients can be restored, refreshed, and revived.

Parenting a child with special needs is demanding. As a result of this stress, marriages fail, families crumble, and very often hope is lost. During a stay at David's Refuge clients are pampered, encouraged, and reminded that they are not alone, that God loves them, and that what they do really matters.

Many people have asked how they can support David's Refuge. If you are interested

in volunteering please fill out our Volunteer Form at davidrefuge.org. We are seeking support in the following ways:

Fund Raising

If you have experience with fund raising, grant writing, and/or have key connections, we would love for you to consider becoming a part of our team to strategically raise funds to help David's Refuge continue to

Care for the Caregiver.

Administrative Assistance

If you have office skills such as data entry, bookkeeping, organization, writing, etc, and would like to offer your time as a need arises, please let us know your area of expertise.

Event and Service Team

If you enjoy serving wherever needed, this may be the area for you. In addition to our Annual Fundraising Event, we have various events throughout the year designed to serve our guests and their families, including our Labor Day Picnic and Valentine Dinner. In addition to the larger events, there are times we need help with errands such as delivery and pickup of items to our many locations.

Creative Team

Because it is our desire to extravagantly pamper each guest so that they know they are not alone, what they do matters, and God loves them, we provide gift baskets, flowers, and other special touches during their stay. If you would like to help in this area or have other creative skills such as graphic design, photography, videography, etc. please let us know your interest and expertise.

Prayer and Encouragement Team

Since it is our desire for each guest to leave knowing that God loves them, we would like to develop a group of caring people to encourage each family who requests it. This may involve prayer, a phone call, note writing, and/or hospital visits. Please let us know if this is an area where you would like to participate.

To make a financial gift to David's Refuge, please use the contribution envelopes available in the pews and check "Mission of the Month."

SADA 2018

SAME GREAT PARTY — JUST A FEW MONTHS EARLY!



Warren looked at the calendar, his SADA tickets in tow, picturing how a car show in November would go.

It comes without shovels, it comes without ice. It comes without coats, gloves, and hats...might be nice!

He thought and he thought 'til his thinker was sore. Then Warren thought of something he hadn't before...

What if SADA, he thought, came early just this year?

THE BEST PARTY IN TOWN!
Let's go, Brenda my dear!!

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{ THAT'S RIGHT! TWICE IN ONE YEAR! }

YOUTH/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

From the Children's Ministry Director



Friends and Believers,

The exciting times continue for Children's Ministry! As we head into October, attendance for Sunday School has been much higher than usual for the first few weeks of the Academic Year. What a blessing for our Church to have an influx of young families walking with the Lord! A few items to highlight for the coming months...

•Our annual Homecoming event on September 17th was a smashing success! With the help of our Bounce House dooooo, the spectacular Jason the Entertainer, and our face painting volunteers (the Maring family...specifically Abbey and Josh), our kids had a blast! Many families stayed to eat, socialize, share in the perfect weather, and join in Fellowship on our front courtyard. Thanks to all that volunteered and attended. Fires me up!

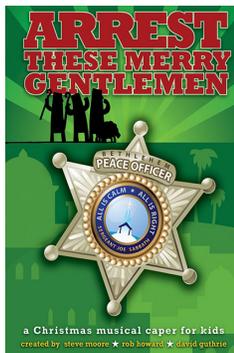
•Childcare for the Saturday evening service will launch on November 4th! With the pressure of Sunday commitments mounting in Youth Sports, it is important that we offer an option for our children and families on Saturday evenings. We want families with time constraints to have the option to come and worship without child care being an issue! To meet this problem head on, child care will be provided for all ages on Saturday nights! In addition, one night a month during these Saturday Services, we will have a DODGEBALL NIGHT in the gym! Amy Bell, the Assistant Children's Ministry Director, will be spearheading our efforts on Saturday evenings! Our Maintenance Director, Mick Thorpe, has begun working on renovations for a room primarily dedicated to this new endeavor! Mick and Amy, I sincerely thank you both for all of your hard work!

•Our Sunday School opening and closing will soon be taking place in Miller Commons for musical fellowship! Led by the often imitated, but never duplicated, Gloria Trode, our children will begin and end each Sunday with song! It always warms my heart to see Gloria in front of all of our children leading them through the beginning stages of spirituality through music!

Right now I feel as though our Children's Ministry Department is alive! The lid is going to blow with the energy and joyfulness of youth! "At the end of the day, your feet should be dirty, your hair messy, and your eyes sparkling." Yeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeow!

Coming to the DCC on December 17:

Sergeant Sabbath is charged with keeping the peace in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem, and he likes things QUIET! When word reaches him that a band of rowdy shepherds is inbound from the fields outside of town, boisterously celebrating with wild tales of angels and such, he is determined to get to the bottom of this case! Of course, what he discovers is no simple "disturbing the peace" complaint. It seems he's stumbled upon the caper that changed the world! Check your DCC emails for audition and rehearsal dates! Email gtrode@dewittchurch.org for immediate details!



Ben Rayland-Children's Ministry Director

Amy Bell-Assistant Children's Ministry Director

Gloria Trode-Director of Children's Music and Handbells

childrensministry@dewittchurch.org

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

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

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

The children will grasp music concepts, while exploring worship and spiritual truths: God made us creative beings! Weekly rehearsal attendance will prepare the children to share their musical offering in worship.

Director, Gloria Trode Accompanist, Laura Enslin

Treble Makers 10:20-10:50AM

All children Kindergarten through Grade 3

The group rehearses every Sunday during the school year and periodically performs at Sunday services.

Music Assistant, Lauren Mosier

Young Ringers 10:20-10:50AM

All Children and Youth Grades 4 and up

Children and teens who have played an instrument or have been in chime choir or young ringers for at least a year are invited to join this fun group.

Gloria Trode, Director Lauren Mosier, Music Assistant

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

All Children Kindergarten through Grade 5

Praise Kids is a gathering time of celebration and song.

Led by Gloria Trode, Lauren Mosier and Ben Rayland

Meet Kelsey Sobol



We have another new face in our Children's Ministry Wing. Please allow me to introduce Kelsey Sobol. Kelsey brings over 20 years of child care experience to our Children's Ministry team and will be serving as our Nursery and Preschool Coordinator! Kelsey moved to New York last spring but was born and raised in north central Indiana. As a true Hoosier she enjoys pork tenderloin sandwiches (feel free to google that), the Indy 500, and Peyton Manning

(Yes. She still loves him.). She and her husband Jeff have a daughter, Sloan, who is most accurately described as jolly and joyous and two handsome dogs named Louie and Nugget. Sloan will be turning 1 on Halloween so if you see her please give her a big birthday hug! As the second born of six children, Kelsey has been providing child care since she was 12 years old. She believes that her faith is not just a calling or profession. Her aspiration is that it permeates every part of her life, particularly in the care of the children of the congregation. We are thrilled to have Kelsey on our team. She is an amazing mother, a great teacher, and an even better person. Kelsey, from the bottom of my heart, welcome to our SQWOD! Yeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeow!

NEWS & NOTES

Meet Our New Office Manager



Alyssa Eighmey was born and raised in Minoa, NY. She studied Public Justice at the State University of New York at Oswego, in Oswego, NY. Her background includes public service, project planning, and administration. In her free time, Alyssa loves to spend time with her daughter, Emma, and her family. She enjoys being outside, with friends and family, and participates in Baby Boot Camp. She has been a member of the church since she was born. She looks forward to meeting the

Dewitt Community Church community members and being on the DeWitt Community Church staff as an Office Manager.

Starting Point

We know it can be easy to get lost in the crowd, so we created an event just for you. 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 dates for the rest of 2017:
October 29, November 12, December 10**



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION



Seven years ago, I flew over 20 hours from Shanghai, China to Buffalo, NY to start my new life in the United States, a country I knew in Hollywood movies only. I was an international student, and a very lucky one,

because Ben (now my husband) was with me from my first day in this country. Ben took me to the grocery store where I had no idea what most things were for. He took me to the DMV to take my driver's test and to open my first bank account. Ben had already spent a couple of months looking for an appropriate apartment for me near campus. I couldn't imagine how much harder and more frustrating life would have been if Ben was not there with me. One month after my first semester started, Ben got a job in NYC and needed to leave me in Buffalo alone. Before he left, he told the pastor at our home church about my situation. The pastor and a couple of other families worked together to take me to church every Sunday as well as other church events. I was invited to family Easter dinner and Thanksgiving dinner. I was taught how to bake chocolate chip cookies and banana bread; I was taken to the zoo with a delicious lunch bag packed already. I was also taught how to be a good housewife from American standards. These small but warm moments made my life much less lonely without Ben around, and more importantly, my faith was further developed and strengthened during that time. I was confirmed one year later at our home church at Buffalo.

I shared my personal experience here

because I am so thankful that Mark and a few members have decided to launch the International Students Friendship Connection at DCC. I used to be one of those students, and I personally know what impact this ministry will have on the International Students in our community. So far we have 8 volunteer families registered, and 6 of the families have connected with 7 international students from Syracuse University. They went out for dinner, went shopping for



winter coats together, and had a cup of coffee and chat about life in Syracuse. Julie, a girl from Taiwan, came to thank me more than once telling me that how wonderful the people (David and Sue Hanselman) she has met are, and about a week ago she decided to become a follower of Jesus Christ. Vion, a boy from China, told me how CUTE the people (Elizabeth Chapman and John Heslop) I got him connected to are, and how beautiful Green Lakes State Park is (Elizabeth and John took Vion and his father to Green Lakes before his father headed back to China). Sarah and Andrea told me that they had a really great night talking with Mark and Kathlyne Sommers. These positive stories strongly confirm that we are doing something that matters through the International Students Friendship

Connection.

On Sunday, September 10, we had a kick-off luncheon in Miller Commons with over 25 people attending. We learned together how to approach spiritual questions with International Students, shared our personal experiences interacting with people from other countries, and discussed what we are going to do next to grow this ministry. We had a very successful and joyful time together!

We are also reaching out to students from the Korean community and Middle East countries through the help of our congregation. You can join us for planning session approximately once a month, you can join us as a volunteer family to get connected with one or two international students, or help by just spreading the words to someone you know or praying for our ministry. If you are interested in, please email me, Jane Hahn, at jhahn@dewittchurch.org or call me 315-445-0331. We look forward to working with you to share the love of Christ with other International Students. Thank you for all of your support!

Sincerely, Jane Hahn.



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.

Stephen Ministry Fall Kick-Off

Stephen Ministers gathered at the home of Rick and Dot Hall for a potluck to begin their new program year. If you think you may be interested in training to become a Stephen Minister, contact Kay Paulsen, paulsenk@dewittchurch.org. A new training class will be held January to May 2018.



Compassion Cooks October Project: Care Packages

Tuesday, October 24, at 6 PM in room 10, Compassions Cooks are gathering for the first time this program year to prepare care packages for our college students and military members. If someone in your family fits that description, please call the office, 315-445-0331, with the name and current address. We welcome donations of items to be included in the packages

Pre-packaged items work best, like:

- Packets of crackers
- Individual bags of chips
- Packs of gum
- Individually packaged cookies
- Small packs of tissues
- Halloween candy
- Instant soup packets
- Hot chocolate packets
- Microwave popcorn
- Individual powdered drink packets
- Granola bars
- Slim Jims

We send 36 boxes and postage runs over \$200, donations toward that expense are also welcomed. If you have questions, contact Kay Paulsen at 315-200-5650 or paulsenk@dewittchurch.org. All donations can be left in the office for Kay Paulsen.



COMPASSION COOKS 2017-2018 Project Dates

Tuesday, October 24, 6-7:30pm, room 10, Pack care packages for college/military

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

A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION



Hello Friends,

Welcome to fall- possibly our most beautiful season of the year. As you might expect the activities at DCC are in full swing and very busy. Homecoming was a tremendous success and extremely well attended. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone involved!

Our bible study small groups are well underway and for anyone not aware there is a women's bible study that meets Monday nights as well. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join any of these groups as desired.

We will be having a Congregational Dinner on Wednesday October 18th where we will share specific topics /activities at DCC and solicit your ideas as well. Please make an attempt to attend as your schedules allow. We believe that this setting will be more

conducive to collaboration and open, robust dialogue as we tackle our challenges together. Plus, there will be food!

Lastly, we will be reinvigorating our Stewardship messages soon. I ask that you listen objectively to these communications and commit to giving serious consideration to increasing your participation. While we truly need your financial support, we equally need YOU to take an active role in what we do here at DCC- both inside and outside our walls.

God bless you all,

Rick Hall

President DCC Board of Trustees

PARENTS, SHARE YOUR FAITH



Poll after poll shows that Millennials and younger generations are not living the faith patterns of previous generations. Many parents choose not to "force" religion upon their children because of their negative experiences with church or because postmodernity has enabled them to see all truths as equal. It seems that parents are not bringing their children to church on a regular basis, not sharing the family story of faith and religion, and are not making religion a part of their family of creation's life.

In 2011, NPR interviewed Asra Nomani, professor of journalism at Georgetown University; Kara Powell, author of *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids*; and Regina Brett, author of *God Never Blinks*. Their work researched this pattern of decreased faith affiliation among younger people. Powell said:

One of the churches that we've been working closely with asked 20 kids if they knew how their parents decided to become Christians. And zero of the 20 kids knew how their parents became Christians, knew about that process. And so to me that's just a wake-up call for all of us, regardless of what religious tradition or creative tradition we are following right now, to simply talk with our kids, ask questions and listen.

Religion and spirituality in America are becoming so individualistic that we are not sharing our faith experiences with our children. Based on Nomani's book, this is a culture which is quickly losing their family faith connections. Nomani even reflected personally on her research:

I went back-to-school shopping with my three kids. We tumbled into the minivan for the drive home and I wanted to put on a song that was meaningful to me. So I put on a worship song, a song that talked about how God has changed our lives. And before our research I would have just put the song on and not talked about it at all. But because of our research I put the song on and then I said to my kids, guys, would you like to know why I chose this song and why it's meaningful to me? And they said, yeah, sure, Mom. So I told them. So I think part of what, regardless of our faith tradition, our opportunity for us as parents is to share, both from our past as well as our present, our spiritual highs and lows.

In the Bible, we read Moses established this principle by teaching: "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth."

In American family life some parents have come to believe that teaching faith is an injustice because the child has not had a chance to make a decision. Parents teach all types of things to their children: ethics, morality, table manners, family vacations, educational priorities, when they can date, what friends they can hang out with, what they can eat, what they can watch, and what music or video is deemed appropriate. The family table is full of guiding principles.

Why is faith not on that family table too?

Love and Grace,

Rev. Alan Rudnick

A Family
that prays together,
stays together.

MISSION TRIP TO HOUSTON

OCTOBER 21-29

As you know, Houston was hit hard by Hurricane Harvey. About 100,000 homes were damaged and about 85% of those homeowners had no flood insurance. Many of those affected will find it difficult financially to fix their home. DCC will partner with Operation Northern Comfort who is coordinating the trip, October 21-29. Transportation involves driving down and back in two days each way. Lodging will be at a church or two in the Houston area with participants sleeping on either cots or air mattresses. All food will be provided in Houston. We will be rebuilding

walls, insulating, painting and repairing as needed. Skilled workers are always welcome, but a willingness to help is all that's needed. Even the non-skilled will be shown what to do.

The cost of the trip will be \$400 per person, but if anyone wishes to fly to Houston, your cost will be \$50 in addition to your flight. Food costs driving down will be the responsibility of the volunteer. We will be keeping the number of

volunteers to a maximum of 50 for this trip. It is anticipated that there will be future trips throughout the winter. If you have any questions, please contact Warren Machell at 315.457.6868. Thank you for your interest.





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October Worship

Mission of the Month -David's Refuge

Faith, Science and Reason: Alpha AND Omega

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, September 30

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

Sunday, October 1

8:00 AM Chapel Service/Courtyard*

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Faith, Science and Reason: God and Mankind

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday, October 7

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, October 8

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Mission of the Month

Communion at all 3 services

Faith, Science and Reason: Mind & Soul

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, October 14

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, October 15

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

Faith, Science and Reason: Faith and Future

Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

Saturday, October 21

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, October 22

9:00 AM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

11:00 AM Traditional Service/Sanctuary

God's Gifts to You: Figuring out the Puzzle

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Saturday, October 28

5:30 PM Chapel Service/Miller Commons

Sunday, October 29

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 & Hand Bell Choirs*

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*

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. 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.