

## CONNECTION CARD

Tear off and drop in the Offering Jar  
or in one of the Internal Mailboxes.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail

- I am new to DCC.
- I am a returning guest.
- I would like to receive the monthly newsletter.
- I would like to receive the weekly e-mail announcements.
- I am updating my contact information.
- I would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Staff.
- I would like to attend Starting Point.

Date of Birth: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

The service I usually attend is:

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM

I would like to know more about:

- Children's Ministry (Birth-5th Grade)
- Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade)
- Small Groups
- Worship Arts
  - Choirs  Handbells  Drama
- Baptism
- Membership
- Starting Point
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- Hospitality Team
- Ushers
- Youth Ministry Sunday School
- Children's Ministry Sunday School

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers, Senior Minister  
Rev. Alan R. Rudnick, Associate/Executive Minister  
Rev. Cindy Mapstone, Adjunct Associate Minister  
Rev. William A. Carlsen, Adjunct Minister  
Rev. Edwin F. Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus  
Dr. Landrum H. Wooten, Associate Minister Emeritus

### Staff

Abel Searor, Director of Worship Arts/Principal Organist  
Gloria Trode, Director of Children's Music and Hand Bell Choirs  
Dr. Kay Paulsen, Director of Congregational Care  
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Family Worship  
Ben Rayland, Children's Ministry Director  
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator  
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services  
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator  
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper  
Ellen Butler, Office Assistant  
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff  
Liam McDonough, Building Staff

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

### Connect with us!

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

### Helpful Links

Website: [www.dewittchurch.org](http://www.dewittchurch.org)  
Facebook: DeWitt Community Church



*"Unlocking the Doors"*

Matthew 9:9-12, Matthew 28:16-19

**Saturday, September 9, & September 10, 2017**

**5:30 PM & 9 AM**

**Welcome to DeWitt Community Church**  
**Saturday, September 9 & Sunday September 10, 2017**  
**5:30 PM & 9:00 AM**

**Thought for Today**

“We should be more concerned with reaching the lost than pampering the saved.”  
— David McGee

Prelude **"My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

Announcements

Mission of the Month (9 AM only) In My Father's Kitchen

Invitation to Worship & Greeting

\*Opening Hymn **I Sing the Almighty Power of God (#31)**

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious God, forever seeking us...

**People: Open our minds to the truth of Your care.**

Leader: Open our hearts to the gentle power of Your love.

**People: Open our lips to share stories of faith.**

Leader: Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.

**People: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly Your praises.**

\*Unison Prayer

**Merciful God, forgive us that so little of Your blessing reaches others through us. We are guilty of keeping silent when a word is needed. We treat Your call to be fishers of people as a nice story to be kept at a distance. Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, and empower us. Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others through our words and our actions. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Spotlight on Ministry International Student Friendship Connection

Hymn of Prayer **'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (#442)**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 9:9-12 GNT (pp. 989-990)

Jesus left that place, and as he walked along, he saw a tax collector, named Matthew, sitting in his office. He said to him, “Follow me.” Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having a meal in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and other outcasts came and joined Jesus and his disciples at the table. Some Pharisees saw this and asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with

such people?” Jesus heard them and answered, “People who are well do not need a doctor, but only those who are sick.

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20 GNT (p. 1017)

The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music **"In Christ Alone"** by Keith & Krystyn Getty

Message "Unlocking the Doors" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers  
Rev. Cindy Mapstone (Saturday)

\*Closing Hymn **Go to the World (#553)**

\*Blessing

Postlude **"Suite No. 7"** by G. F. Handel

**Worship Leader:** Ben Rayland/Rev. Alan Rudnick

\*Congregation stands

Offerings from today's service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands. Your generosity makes a great difference in our ability to do God's work as a congregation.

*Please feel free to give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving portal [www.dewittchurch.org/give](http://www.dewittchurch.org/give) on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.*

**Homecoming 2017**

**September 17 after the 11 AM service.**

We'll be gathering on the front lawn to celebrate the start of a new church year with a barbecue as well as games and activities for kids. Please bring a dessert to share. Drinks and main dish will be provided. Use the form below to RSVP.

**Disciple Bible Study**

**Starts September 25 at 5:30 PM—Parlor**

Disciple Bible Study is a program of intensive, disciplined Bible study. Each study group is made up of 12-14 participants led by one or two facilitators. Groups meet weekly for 2.5 hours for 30 weeks. Disciple I, the prerequisite for all other Disciple Bible Studies, covers the entire Biblical story, from Genesis to Revelation. Participating in Disciple Bible Study is a big commitment and it pays big dividends. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Alan at [arudnick@dewittchurch.org](mailto:arudnick@dewittchurch.org). Use the form below to RSVP.

**Toughest Bible Teachings Tackled**

Rev. Alan Rudnick will lead participants through challenging and difficult teachings and words from Jesus, Paul, and other characters in scripture. We'll tackle hard sayings and teachings such as, "Turn the other cheek", "Women stay silent in church", "Let the dead bury their own", and other challenging topics. Each session is stand alone. Whether you have been studying the Bible for years or don't have much experience studying the Bible, you'll glean deeper insight and understanding. Study begins Sunday, September 24 at 10 AM in Room 10 on the lower level near the gym. Use the form below to RSVP.

**For more information about these events please fill out the form below and drop it in the Offering plate or the DCC Internal Mailbox located in the Narthex.**

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_