

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

☞ *Wednesday Morning Bible Study*

Join us every Wednesday morning from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** in **Room 42** for Betsy Snyder's Bible Study. During our 2-hour sessions, we'll spend time on both the Old & New Testaments. Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

☞ *Stay & Play*

Stay and Play is on a break for the summer, but we are hoping to gather at a local park for some recreation time next month! Please join us at **Ryder Park in DeWitt on Wednesday, August 21 from 9:45-11:15 AM**. In the event of poor weather (extreme heat or rain), we will use the gym as a backup. Please follow our emails for updates.

☞ *Samaritan Center Service Dates*

For over 41 years, Samaritan Center has worked to fight hunger in the greater Syracuse community by providing nutritious hot meals to anyone in need 7 days a week, no questions asked. DCC's upcoming service dates are **August 4** and **September 29**. If you would like to sign up to volunteer, contact **Amy Dupell at adupell1@verizon.net**.

☞ *DCC Golf Fellowship*

The 2024 DCC Golf Fellowship is underway! We meet every **Wednesday** morning at **8:30 AM** during the golf season (weather permitting). We will play several area courses: some easier (Olde Oak), some more challenging (Green Lakes). Some players play 9 holes, some 18, some walk, some use carts. None of us are "excellent" or probably even "very good" golfers, but we enjoy the outdoors and each other's company. Please consider joining us. Early each week an email will be sent confirming the course for that Wednesday. To be added to the email list, please contact Sandy Gunn at **315-632-4753** or **sg2asia@hotmail.com**.

On **July 31** we will be at **Vesper Hills**. Join us!

YOUR DCC COMMUNITY

☞ *Church Office Hours*

The Church Office is open Monday-Thursday **9 AM - 4 PM**, Friday **9 AM - NOON**. If you have questions or need assistance, call **315-445-0331** or **office@dewittchurch.org**.

☞ *Worship @ DeWitt Community Church*

Hearing Assistance Devices are available from an usher in the Narthex. They are wireless and permit users to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary. **Large print bulletins** are available each Sunday at the Usher's Nook.

☞ *Announcements/Newsletter*

Send your announcements to **office@dewittchurch.org**. The deadline for the weekly bulletin, announcements, and Friday email is every **Tuesday at NOON**. The newsletter deadline is the 15th for the following month's issue. If you have items to include or have an idea you would like to share, please email Jennifer Russo at **jrusso@dewittchurch.org**.

☞ *Viewing From Home?*

Did you know that if you normally watch our Sunday services via livestream, a paper copy of the weekly bulletin can be mailed to you so you can follow along at home? Call the Church Office at **315-445-0331** to be added to our weekly mailing list.

☞ *Altar Flowers*

Would you like to provide altar flowers for our weekend Worship Services? This is an opportunity to honor or remember a friend or family member or to celebrate a memorable date. Leave your name and number on the sign-up sheet next to Pastor Alan's Office and you will be contacted by the Altar Guild.

☞ *Prayer Chain/Prayer & Care*

Members of the Prayer Chain receive emails of urgent prayer requests, as well as the weekly Prayer & Care bulletin electronically. Participants of this intercessory prayer team commit to confidentially pray for the request when they receive it. Join the Prayer Chain by contacting Elizabeth Chapman at **echapman@dewittchurch.org**

☞ *Prayer Request Cards*

Yellow prayer request cards are available throughout the Church. If you, or someone you know, are going through a time of distress or celebrating a time of joy, let us know! We want to pray for you during your times of difficulty and times of celebration. Please place requests in the offertory plate or one of the white internal mailboxes.

☞ *Are you stressed? Discouraged? Feeling down?*

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Stephen Ministers are lay persons who have completed 50 hours of training to learn how to come alongside someone experiencing a difficult time such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers meet with their care receiver at least once a week for pastoral care. All conversations are entirely confidential. Stephen Ministers are also available after services to pray or talk with people who have concerns. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. Don't keep it all inside or struggle alone. Please call or email the Church Office at **315-445-0331** or **office@dewittchurch.org** for help today!

☞ *Meals on Wheels Seeking Volunteers*

Special and Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity with Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County! MOWEOC operates out of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Rt. 92 near the Woodchuck Hill Road intersection. The number of clients we serve continues to grow and we are IN NEED of volunteer drivers to deliver meals (weekdays from approx. 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM) to these homebound seniors. At this time we could really use substitute drivers that we can call last-minute but we can always use regular drivers as well. Please call Meals on Wheels at (315) 637-5446 for more information and check us out on Facebook.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

☞ *August: HOPE for Ariang*

HOPE for Ariang partners with communities to provide inclusive access to quality education and opportunities for children and youth in Ariang, South Sudan. To reduce the barriers to the villagers' educations, HOPE provides additional social services such as clean water, health education, and economic opportunities. HOPE for Ariang now reaches approximately 3,000 students and 60 teachers in three schools through the Ariang Network of Schools program. There are plans to build a Mading School (the students currently meet under trees) and a high school so more students can complete grades 9-12 rather than having to go to boarding school which is financially out of reach for families. Currently HOPE for Ariang's high school sponsorship program (Scholars Empowerment Program) is able to support 21 students through high school. The graduates of HOPE for Ariang's Women Empowerment Program (WEP) are now operating small profitable businesses that are mainly involved in making school uniforms. Their impact on communities has been made possible by the financial contributions that HOPE for Ariang receives from its supporters. \$1 buys a notebook for a student, \$10 provides a full year of school supplies for a student, and \$600 pays for a student to attend high school for a year. Please visit hopeforariang.org to learn more

*As an immediate example of our desire to maintain some flexibility in our Missions of the Month, we have determined that it is best to change our **August** mission from **Samaritan Center** to **Hope for Ariang**. This change best supports our perception of most appropriately serving these organizations. Samaritan Center will be the Mission of the Month in **May 2025**.*

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FAMILY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE – July 21, 2024

10:00 AM – During Traditional Service in Sanctuary

- Nursery Care for Birth to Age 3 in Room 45
- Pre-K–Grade 4 Sunday School in Room 44
- Middle School Youth Group in Room 46

Sunday, July 28

- 10:00 AM Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM Coffee Hour (Parlor)
- 11:00 AM VBS Crafting (Room 9)

Monday, July 29

- 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry Hybrid Peer Supervision (Parlor)

Tuesday, July 30

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, July 31

- 9:00 AM Bible Study (Room 42)
- 5:30 PM BOT Picnic (Off Site)

Thursday, August 1

No Events Scheduled

Friday, August 2

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, August 3

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 4

- 10:00 AM Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM Coffee Hour (Parlor)
- 11:00 AM VBS Volunteer Orientation (Miller Commons)
- 12:30 PM Samaritan Center Serve Date (Off Site)

Fiscal Year to Date Giving by Members & Friends as of 7/21

Anticipated	\$29,668.28
Actual Received	\$21,997.54
Difference	-\$7,670.74

Attendance – July 21, 2024

10:00 AM Service	115
Online Viewers	172
Total	287



July 28, 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DCC

☞ *TODAY: Coffee Hour*

Join us in the **Parlor** today, **July 28**, following the **10 AM** service for light refreshments hosted by the Women's Association. This is an informal time to catch up with friends, old and new. All are welcome!

☞ *TODAY: Craft with us!*

It's so fun transforming DCC into an adventure under the sea! We're making coral reefs, jellyfish, octopi, and more. Join us today, **July 28 at 11 AM in Room 9**. There are fun projects for every age and ability!

☞ *VBS is August 12-16! Register NOW!*

Registration is open for VBS at DCC! We will be meeting **August 12-16, 9 AM – 12 NOON**. This year's theme is SCUBA, and everyone is welcome to dive in! Visit dewittchurch.org to register your child or to sign up to volunteer. Questions? Email vbs@dewittchurch.org.

VBS CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! Adults AND teens welcome!

During VBS week, we need:

- Station/Activity leaders in the following areas:
 - Games, Crafts/science experiments
 - Worship, Bible adventures, Scripture memorization
 - Snack
 - Preschool
- Crew leaders for groups, leading children from station to station, and serving as their point person for the week.
- Leaders who are organized and can help families check in and out for the day.

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, email or call the VBS Director, Anne Stock, at vbs@dewittchurch.org or **315-329-1322**. All volunteers will be background checked and will be asked to participate in a (fun) training session!