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December 10, 2017

**Welcome to the annual
First Deaf and Witmer Heights Christmas celebrations.**

Christmas Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. Christmas Program – 10:00 a.m.

For many years First Deaf and Witmer Heights have been celebrating Christmas by having a combined worship service on the second Sunday in December.

Each year one congregation is in charge of the breakfast
and the other in charge of the worship service.

Since both congregations are worshipping together today, the offering will be received in separate collection boxes... one for each congregation.

They will be marked for you to put your offering in the appropriate box.

Worship Leader – Jeff Hoffer

Song Leaders – Jan Hoffer – (signing) Esther Mast & Jan Mast (voice)

Scriptures from Matthew and Luke

Message through Art/Drama – “Encounters with Christ”

(See program booklet for detailed information)

Interpreters – Laura Schupp, Chuck Snyder, Nancy Snyder

Ushers – Arlene King, Viorica Morgovan, Veturia Osvath and Audrey Wandel

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 17 – Pastor Chuck Snyder will preach/share during First Deaf worship.

Dec. 20 – Bible Study at Elizabeth Rohrer's apt 6:30 pm (Weather permitting)

Dec. 24 – Pastor Chuck Snyder will preach/share during First Deaf worship.

Dec. 31 – Pastor Chuck Snyder will preach/share during First Deaf worship.

Dec. 31 – Fellowship meal at noon for New Year's Eve. (See signup sheet for food)

Jan. 3 and 17 – Bible study at Elizabeth Rohrer's apt. 6:30 pm. (weather permitting)

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 – Pastor Chuck will preach/share during First Deaf worship.

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Today – 6:15 pm. Christmas caroling. Bring cookies and fresh fruit for snacks..

Jan. 8 – Worship Team meeting – 7:00 pm.

Jan. 10 – Cmmnty Night –6:15 - meal/care packages/card-making for college students

Jan. 17 – Elder Team meeting – 7:00 pm.

2017 Advent Theme

Advent Two: “Yes, Let it be so”

Focus Statement: We long to be comforted, we long for change. Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things ready – the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.

An Advent Prayer:

In our secret yearnings
we wait for your coming,
and in our grinding despair
we doubt that you will.

And in this privileged place

we are surrounded by witnesses who yearn more than do we
and by those who despair more deeply than do we.

Look upon your church and its pastors
in this season of hope

which runs so quickly to fatigue

and in this season of yearning

which becomes so easily quarrelsome.

Give us the grace and the impatience
to wait for your coming to the bottom of our toes,
to the edges of our fingertips.

We do not want our several worlds to end.

Come in your power
and come in your weakness
in any case
and make all things new.
Amen.”

— Walter Brueggemann, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – December 3

Offerings/General Fund

First Deaf \$ 1,218.00

Witmer Heights \$2,791.08

S.S. Offering \$ 6.50

Attendance/Worship

First Deaf – 27

Witmer Heights – 81

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