

**FIRST DEAF**

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**January 7, 2018**

**First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

Worship Leader – Debra Hoffer  
Song Leader – Phyllis Gehman  
Message – Chuck Snyder  
Communion  
Interpreter – Nancy Snyder  
Greeters/Ushers – Mike Hurst

**First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar**

Jan. 7, 21, 28 – Pastor Chuck will preach/share during First Deaf worship.  
Jan. 14 – Nancy Marshall will preach/share during First Deaf worship.  
Jan. 17 – Bible study at Elizabeth Rohrer’s apt. 6:30 pm. (weather permitting)  
Jan. 19 – Deaf Game Night at church. 5:30 pm – 10:30 pm. Bring finger food/games.

~**Communion began on the annual celebration of Passover** when Jesus told his disciples to remember his sacrifice as they ate the bread and drank the wine. Just as Israel celebrated the sacrifice of the Passover lamb when the angel of death passed over their homes, so believers in Jesus celebrate and remember his sacrifice of our sins when he died on the cross.

Holy Communion uses bread as a symbol of the body of Jesus and wine or grape juice as a symbol of his blood. **The act of taking communion does not save us; it is an act of worship and remembrance.**

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – December 31**

**Offerings/General Fund**

First Deaf \$ 1,202.00  
Witmer Heights \$2,755.00  
S.S. Offering \$ .50

**Attendance/Worship**

First Deaf - 23  
Witmer Heights - 85

~ **Submit bulletin items** by Wednesday to: mennobulletin@gmail.com or call the editor. Editor for the January 14 bulletin will be Esther Mast

~**See more** announcements in Menno Bulletin Weekly -  
...either on the church website: **www.whmchurch.org.**  
...or take a hard copy from the greeter podium in either hallway.

**January 7, 2018**

**Witmer Heights Worship - 10:40 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Light the Peace Lamp  
Chime (calling us to worship)  
Silence (calming our spirits)  
Call to Worship

**Praising**

Singing  
Children’s Story

**Hearing**

Scriptures – I Corinthians 11:23-26 and II Corinthians 5:17  
“Remembrance and Preference Meet at a Table”  
Communion and anointing

**Responding**

Song of Response  
Congregational sharing/prayer  
“God of grace, hear our prayer”

**Sending**

Offering/Offertory  
Sending song  
Benediction

**Worship Service Participants**

**Prelude/Offertory:** Shelby Swartley **Song Leader:** Dean Mast  
**Worship Leader:** Donna Reinford **Children’s Story** – Jan Mast  
**Preacher:** Randy Keener  
**Offering Attendants:** Merle and Ruth Ann Reinford  
**Greeters:** Chris Kennel and Karen Diffenbach

**Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

Jan. 7 – Communion Sunday  
Jan. 8 – Worship Team meeting – 7:00 pm.  
Jan. 10 – Community Night - 6:15 – Meal/care packages /card-making.  
Jan. 14 – Fellowship meal at noon. Bring hot and cold dishes of food to share.  
Jan. 17 – Elder Team meeting – 7:00 pm.