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July 25, 2021

**First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship Leader** – Mike Hurst  
**Song Leader** – Phyllis Gehman  
**Message** – Congregational sharing  
**Interpreter** – TBD  
**Greeter/Usher** – N/A

**First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar**

July 25 – Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. this Sunday.  
July 25 – FD cong. sharing time with God stories, verses, songs, etc. during worship  
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Chuck Snyder will preach/share in First Deaf worship.  
August 5 – First Deaf Leadership meeting at church – 6:30 pm.  
August 8, 29 – Sunday school at 10:45 a.m.  
August 17 – First Deaf Inc. Board meeting at church – 6:30 pm.  
August 21 – First Deaf 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Deaf picnic at Ephrata Park.

~From Pastor Steve:

**Today, Sunday, July 25, we will begin a worship series on the parables of Jesus.**  
These are teaching stories that cause the listener to go deeper and ponder. I trust you took time this past week to ponder Jesus' parable in Matt.13 about the sower. How is this story challenging you in your faith?

~Next Sunday, August 1, we will focus on the parable of the growing seed from Mark 4: 26-29. Take some time to read and ponder it this week.

~Pastor Steve's office hours for the week of July 26 – 31:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday. 9 am - 5 pm. They can also include evenings. Feel free to call and schedule a visit. 610-463-6218 or chch office 717-392-6698

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE – July 18**

**Offerings/General Fund**

First Deaf \$ 871.00  
Witmer Heights \$1,610.00

**Attendance/Worship**

First Deaf –13  
Witmer Heights – 57

July 25, 2021

**Witmer Heights Worship - 10:45 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Prelude  
Welcome/Announcements  
Offering\*  
Light the Peace Lamp  
Chimes and Silence  
Call to Worship

**Praising and Hearing**

Singing together  
Children's Time  
Scripture: Matthew 13:10-23  
Sermon: "Testing the Soil – the parable of the sower"

**Responding and Sending**

Song of Response  
Sharing and Prayer  
Closing Song  
Benediction

\*Place offerings in the box marked Witmer Heights at rear of sanctuary

**Worship Service Participants**

**Prelude and Song Leader:** Praise and Worship Team  
**Worship Leader:** Anna Kauffman **Children's Time:** Jan Mast  
**Preacher:** Steve Musselman

**Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

July 25 – No Sunday school today.  
July 27 – Prayer meeting in church fellowship hall – 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
July 31 – Deadline for photo to Jonathan Stoltzfus for digital church directory.  
Aug. 17 – First Deaf Inc. Board meeting at church – 6:30 p.m.  
Aug. 22 – Jr. Youth Potluck (evening) at Kauffman Farm.  
September 24-26, – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley.  
October 18 – Volunteer Day at MCC Resource Center.