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**December 18, 2022**

**First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship Leader** – Jeff Hoffer  
**Song Leader** – Jan Hoffer  
**Message** – Chuck Snyder  
**Interpreter** – Nancy Snyder  
**Greeter/Usher** – Nelson Gehman

**First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar**

Dec. 18, and 25 – Chuck Snyder will preach/share during FD worship.  
Dec. 21, 28 – Bible study on Zoom. 7:00 pm. Zoom opens at 6:30 pm.  
Dec. 25 – No Sunday school.  
Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Chuck Snyder will preach/share during FD worship.  
Jan. 1 – No Sunday school. **And no fellowship meal.**  
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 – Bible study on Zoom at 7:00 pm. Zoom opens at 6:30 pm.  
Get zoom link from Henry Deller  
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 – Sunday school hour at 10:45 am.

**WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS**

**December 18 context Question:** Where do you see echoes of Mary and Joseph's bravery around you?

**Next Sunday, December 25:** Our Christmas day service will have a more informal atmosphere. This is the focus of the service: The long-anticipated restoration is here and now. The same Holy Spirit that birthed Jesus is available to us. This is how a small baby can be good news for today's world. Scriptures for the Week: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:14, (5-12); John 1:1-14. Come and celebrate the arrival of God's salvation to the world in Jesus.  
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."

**-Consider** whether you might want to be part of a scripture reflection group from Witmer Heights to give input toward the Anabaptist Bible being created by Mennomedia. See your mailbox for further details. Please let Pastor Steve know of your interest by January 8.

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – December 11**

**Offerings/General Fund**

First Deaf \$ 245.00  
Witmer Heights \$3,735.00

**Attendance/Worship**

Combined  
First Deaf and Witmer Heights - 105

**December 18, 2022**

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

**Advent Theme: Restoration is Near**

**Focus Statement:** God has promised to restore us and has acted in Jesus to further God's plan of restoration. Because of God's promise, we can act by asking for what we need and by stepping out in faith.

**We Gather to Worship**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Candle Lighting  
Focus Statement  
Call to Worship  
Singing together

**We Listen for God's Voice**

Children Dismissed for Children's Church  
Time to Pause  
Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25  
Sermon: "Emmanuel is Coming: Step Out in Faith"

**We Respond to God**

Additional singing  
Offering Blessing\*  
Sharing and Prayer

**God Sends Us Out**

Sending Song  
Benediction

\*Place offerings in box on table in back of sanctuary.

**Worship Service Participants**

**Prelude:** Gladys Landis **Song Leader:** Steve Stoltzfus  
**Additional musicians:** Shelby, Tricia, Alana, Donovan, Joanna, Sean  
**Worship Leader:** Chris Kennel **Children's Time:** Jan Mast  
**Preacher:** Steve Musselman

**Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

Dec. 20 – Prayer meeting in church fellowship hall – 8:30-9:30 am.  
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 – No Sunday school.