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WITMER HEIGHTS
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December 25, 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. 25 – No Sunday school.
Dec. 28 – Bible study on Zoom. 7:00 pm. Zoom opens at 6:30 pm.
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.

FIRST DEAF AND WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS

~First Deaf Directory Corrections

Dietzel, Richard – Text number: 580-465-7991
Hilton, Brian/Bethanne email: bahilton1960@aol.com
Hoffer, Jan – email has an _ between Jan and Hoffer. Jan_hoffer@aol.com.

~December 25 context Question: How is the Spirit empowering you to bring about God's restoration?

~Our focus for next Sunday, January 1: We live in the in-between: Christ has brought restoration, and the world still cries out to be restored. These two truths do not cancel each other out but coexist. Scriptures include
Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

~On Sunday, January 8, we will share communion together, and Sean Swartley will be baptized.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – December 18

Offerings/General Fund

First Deaf \$ 360.00
Witmer Heights \$2,229.00

Attendance/Worship

First Deaf - 15
Witmer Heights - 65

December 25, 2022

Witmer Heights Worship – 10:40 a.m.

Advent Theme: Restoration is Near

Focus Statement: 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.

We Gather

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

We Listen

Offering Blessing
Time to Pause
Scriptures: Isaiah 52:8-10, John 1:1-14, Isaiah 52:7
Reflections: Scripture, Meditation, and Song

We Respond and God Sends Us

Response and Sending Songs
Benediction

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

Worship Service Participants

Prelude: Joanna and Donovan Stoltzfus
Song Leader: Steve Stoltzfus
Worship Leaders: Neil Reinford
Reflections: Steve Musselman

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 – No Sunday school.
Dec. 27 – Prayer meeting in church fellowship hall – 8:30-9:30 am.
April 3, 2023 – Volunteer workday at the MCC Resource Center – 9:00 – 3:00.
Sept. 22, 23, 24 – Mark your 2023 calendar for the annual Church Retreat.