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WITMER HEIGHTS
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January 1, 2023

First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader – Nelson Gehman
Song Leader – Phyllis Gehman
Message – Chuck Snyder
Interpreter – Nancy Snyder
Greeter/Usher –Mike Hurst

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Chuck Snyder will preach/share during FD worship.
Jan. 1 – No Sunday school.
Jan. 1 – No fellowship meal.
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 – Bible study on Zoom at 7:00 pm. Zoom opens at 6:30 pm.
Jan. 8 – Communion at end of FD Worship
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 – Sunday school hour at 10:45 am.
Jan. 21 – Deaf Game Nigt at church – 6:00 pm. . Watch for email with details.

WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS

~**January 1 context Question:** Where do you see this dual reality around you and within you?

~**Next Sunday’s service will include** a baptism ceremony for Sean Swartley as well as communion as we reaffirm our faith together in this new year. Scripture focus will be Ephesians 3: 1-12.

~**On Sunday, January 15,** Nelson and June Shenk will share their testimony and experiences in ministry.

~**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 25

Offerings/General Fund

First Deaf \$1,690.00
Witmer Heights \$4,626.00

Attendance/Worship

First Deaf – 16
Witmer Heights - 51

January 1, 2023

Witmer Heights Worship – 10:40 a.m.

Advent Theme: Restoration is Near

Focus Statement: 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.

We Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Focus Statement
Call to Worship
Singing together

We Listen for God’s Voice

Children dismissed for Children’s Church
Time to Pause
Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9, Hebrews 2:10-18
Sermon: “He Comes to Us in Our Distress”

We Respond to God

Response Song
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 and Song Leader: Tricia Stoltzfus
Worship Leader: Sophia Zook **Children’s Time:** Clair Kauffman
Sermon: Steve Musselman
Greeters: Chris and Rose Kennel

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Jan. 1 – No Sunday school.
Jan. 3 – Prayer meeting in church fellowship hall – 8:30-9:30 am.
Jan. 8 – Baptism of Sean Swartley.
Jan. 8 – Communion.