

FIRST DEAF  
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August 27, 2023

**First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship Leader** – Mike Hurst  
**Song Leader** – Debra Hoffer  
**Message** – Chuck Snyder  
**Interpreter** – Nancy Snyder  
**Greeter/Usher** – TBD

**First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar**

Aug. 27 – Social hour at 10:45 am.  
Aug. 30 – Bible study on Zoom (Opens 6:30 pm. Study begins at 7:00.)  
Sept. 3 – Nancy Marshall will share/preach during First Deaf worship.  
Sept. 3, 10, 17, and 24 - SS hour at 10:45 am.  
Sept. 3 – Fellowship meal at noon. (Sign up list for Taco Salad) See Nancy M.  
Sept. 6 – AED defibrillator training at church 7 pm.  
Let Henry Deller know if interested.  
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Bible Study on Zoom (Opens 6:30 pm. Study begins at 7:00).  
Sept 10,17, and 24 - Chuck Snyder will share/preach during First Deaf worship .

**FIRST DEAF NEWS**

~NOTE: Sunday sermons are uploaded to YouTube weekly. Go to the church website <https://firstdeafmc.wordpress.com/> for the link.

~Sunday, October 15, at 2:30 PM, the Sons of Norway members who meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church will present 10 copies of *The Jøssing Affair* to members of First Deaf Mennonite Church at a dessert reception with the author speaking by Zoom. Please let Nancy Snyder know if you plan to attend.

**WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS**

~NOTICE: Registration forms and fee for the Church Retreat are due to Don/Judy on September 3.

~The worship committee will be “auditioning” several Offering Rituals in the coming Sundays. Keep alert and be sure to let a committee member (Sophia, Janet, Steve M. Steve S. Lorrie, Nelson) know if there’s one you particularly like.

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – August 20**

**Offerings/General Fund**

First Deaf \$ 259.00  
Witmer Heights \$ 676.00

**Attendance/Worship**

First Deaf – 24  
Witmer Heights – 52

August 27, 2023

**Witmer Heights Worship – Outdoors – 9:30 a.m.**

**We Gather to Worship**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship and Prayer  
Singing Together

**We Listen for God’s Voice**

Children’s Message  
Blessing the Offering\*  
Scripture – John 11:1-44  
Readers Theater: Narrator, Jesus, Martha, Mary  
“Encounter Jesus: the resurrection and the life.”

**We Respond to God**

Song of Response  
Sharing and Prayer

**God Sends Us Out**

Closing Song  
Benediction

\*Place offerings in box on table in back

**Worship Service Participants**

**Prelude:** Recorded Music **Song Leaders:** Tricia, Dan, and Sophia  
**Worship Leader:** Janet Breneman **Children’s Time:** Neil Reinford  
**Preacher:** Steve Musselman  
**Greeters:** Karen and Abe Diffenbach

**Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

Aug. 27 - No Sunday school. Outdoor service at 9:30 am, followed by potluck brunch. Bring savory and sweet or fruit. Ice cream provided.  
Aug. 29 – Prayer meeting at church in room next to the office. – 8:30-9:30  
Sept. 3 – Retreat registration forms and fee due to Don/Judy Stoltzfus today.  
Sept. 6 – AED orientation for both First Deaf and Witmer Heights. See sign-up sheet on offering table.  
Sept. 22, 23, 24 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley Christian Retreat Center