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**September 17, 2023**

**First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

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

**First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar**

Sept. 17, and 24 - SS hour at 10:45 am.  
Sept. 20, 27 – Bible Study on Zoom (Opens 6:30 pm. Study begins at 7:00).  
Sept. 24 - Chuck Snyder will share/preach during First Deaf worship.  
Oct. 1 – Henry Deller will share/preach during First Deaf worship.  
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – SS hour at 10:45 am.  
Oct. 1 – Fellowship meal at noon. (See Jeff and Jan Hoffer)

**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**

~ The Parent & Preschool Center’s annual Chicken BBQ will take place Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30pm. The meal includes a half chicken, potato, applesauce, roll, cookie, and water This fundraiser serves to help support the preschool! Money raised will go towards teaching and classroom supplies, arranging speakers for the Connections women’s group, tuition assistance and much more. **Please see Velma Magill to purchase tickets.** Tickets are \$14 and will be available Sept. 17 & Oct. 1. If you are not able to get tickets at church but would still like to order a BBQ meal, please call the preschool at 717-397-5717. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – September 10**

**Offerings/General Fund**

First Deaf \$ 350.00  
Witmer Heights \$2,848.00

**Attendance/Worship**

First Deaf – 14  
Witmer Heights – 48

**September 17, 2023**

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

**We Gather to Worship**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Light Peace Lamp  
Chime and Silence  
Call to Worship  
Singing Together  
Blessing the Offering\*

**We Listen for God’s Voice**

Scripture –Acts 2:36-47  
“The Value of the Church Community”

**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  
Bring your offerings to Retreat next Sunday.  
The offering box will be there to receive them..

**Worship Service Participants**

**Prelude:** Joanna Stoltzfus **Song Leader:** Dean Mast  
Accompanied by Tricia, Donovan and Joanna  
**Worship Leader:** Chris Kennel **Preacher:** Steve Musselman  
**Greeters:** Velma Magill and Gladys Landis

**Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

Sept. 17 – Sign up chart for Retreat lodging on table in East Hallway.  
Sept.19 – Prayer meeting at church in room next to the office. – 8:30-9:30  
Sept. 22, 23, 24 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley Christian Retreat Center  
October 16 – Volunteer workday at MCC Material Resource Center – 9:00-3:00