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WITMER HEIGHTS
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December 17, 2023

First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader –Mike Hurst
Song Leader –Henry Deller
Message –Chuck Snyder
Interpreter –Nancy Snyder
Greeter/Usher –Bradley Martin

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 17, 24, 31 – Chuck Snyder will share/preach to First Deaf congregation.
Dec. 17, 24, 31 – S.S.in Room 12 at 10:45 am.
Dec. 20, 31 – Bible study on Zoom – 7 pm (open at 6:30 pm.)

FIRST DEAF NEWS

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

WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS

~Advent Giving.

Each day in December add an item to a box, basket, bag or whatever you want to use. Bring your donations to church on Sun., December 31 and they will be delivered to CVCCS later that week. Ruth Ann Reinford (for Serve Team)

~Mellinger Mennonite Church is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, December 28 from 2-7 pm. You are invited to donate.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – December 10

Offerings/General Fund

First Deaf \$997.00
Witmer Heights \$

Attendance/Worship

First Deaf –26
Witmer Heights –66

December 17, 2023

Witmer Heights Worship – 10:40 a.m.

Advent Theme: How will we know...what next?

Summary statement - One of the markers of a maturing faith is the willingness to sit with questions, often for a long time, sometimes for a lifetime. Even without answers, living with our questions is part of what shapes us as people of God. How do we find hope and joy in the questions of faith that may lead not to answers, but to more questions?

We Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Reading of Summary Statement
Light Advent Candles
Call to Worship
Singing together
Drama Readings

We Listen for God's Voice

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; I Thessalonians 5:16-24
Sermon: "Sitting with God in Our Questions"

We Respond to God

Response Song
Offering Blessing
Sharing and Prayer

God Sends Us Out

Sending Song
Benediction (Candle Litany) and extinguishing candles

Worship Service Participants

Prelude: Donovan Stoltzfus **Song Leaders:** Tricia Stoltzfus and Daniel Zook
Drama Readers: Abe and Karen Diffenbach
Worship Leader: Chris Kennel **Preacher:** Steve Musselman
Greeters: Velma Magill and Gladys Landis

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

December 19 – Prayer meeting at church in room next to the office. – 8:30-9:30
December 31 – Hymn sing at Stumptown Mennonite Church. 7:00 pm.
January 14 – Fellowship meal at noon. Bring hot and cold dishes of food to share.