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WITMER HEIGHTS
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December 31, 2023

First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 31 – S.S.in Room 12 at 10:45 am.
Dec. 31 – Bible study on Zoom – 7 pm (open at 6:30 pm.)
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Bible study on Zoom – 7 pm (open at 6:30 pm)
Jan. 7 – First Deaf congregation sharing during worship.
Jan. 7 – Communion at end of FD worship
Jan. 7 – 14, 21, 28 – S.S. hour at 10:45 am.
Jan. 7 – Fellowship meal at noon. (See Arlene King).
Jan. 14 – Nancy Marshall will preach/share to FD congregation
Jan. 21 – Bradley Martin will share to FD congregation.
Jan. 28 – Henry Deller will preach/share to FD congregation.

FIRST DEAF NEWS

~All (FD and WH) are invited to come to Room 12 anytime between 10:45-12:00 to say farewell to Chuck and Nancy Snyder this morning.

WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS

~Advent Giving. – Hopefully you remembered to bring your advent giving donations to church today. They will be delivered to CVCCS later this week. ~Ruth Ann

~Today, December 31, our worship service will include an opportunity for sharing from the congregation. Consider how you have seen God at work in the past year. You are welcome to share that with the congregation today.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – December 24

Offerings/General Fund

First Deaf \$ 173.00
Witmer Heights \$12,110.00
FD Love Gift for Snyders \$ 795.00
FD Love Gift for Wandels - \$1,325.00

Attendance/Worship

First Deaf –20
Witmer Heights –50

December 31, 2023

Witmer Heights Worship – 10:40 a.m.

Advent Theme: How will we know...who knows?

Summary statement: Anna and Simeon's lives were shaped by their active waiting for the fulfillment of God's promises, so much so that they were able to recognize the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Through Advent and beyond, we are also shaped by our active waiting. In our worship, we offer one another the ways in which we have seen and recognized the signs of God's work around us, & we celebrate the faithfulness of God.

We Gather to Worship

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

We Listen for God's Voice

Drama Readings
Scriptures: Luke 2:22-40
Sermon: "How Will We Know...Who Knows?"
Recognizing The Signs of God's Work Around Us"

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: Shelby and Sean Swartley **Song Leader:** Shelby Swartley
Drama Readers: Merle Reinford, Lorrie Stoltzfus, June Shenk
Worship Leader: Jan Mast **Preacher:** Steve Musselman
Greeters: Wes/Janet and Esther Mast

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

December 31 – Hymn sing at Stumptown Mennonite Church. 7:00 pm.
January 2– Prayer meeting at church in room next to office. 8:30-9:30 am.
January 7 – Communion.
January 14 – Fellowship meal at noon. Bring hot and cold dishes of food to share.
January 28 – Covenant signing.