

**FIRST DEAF**

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**WITMER HEIGHTS**  
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**January 28, 2024**

**First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship Leader** –Nelson Gehman  
**Song Leader** –Jan Hoffer  
**Message** –Henry Deller  
**Interpreter** – TBD  
**Greeter/Usher** –Mike Hurst

**First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar**

Jan. 28 – S.S. hour at 10:45 am.  
Jan. 31 – Bible study on Zoom – 7 pm (open at 6:30 pm).  
Feb 4 - Jim Caley will share/preach to First Deaf congregation.  
Feb 4, 11, 18, and 25 - SS hour at 10:45 am  
Feb 4 - Fellowship meal at noon (See Nancy Marshall what to bring)  
Feb 7, 14, 21, and 28 - Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm. Opens at 6:30 pm.  
Feb 11 - Nancy Marshall will share/preach to First Deaf congregation.  
Feb 16 - Deaf Game Night at church 6 - 9:30 pm (finger food and wear red)  
Feb 18 - First Deaf congregation sharing during FD worship.  
Feb 20 - First Deaf Inc Board meeting at church 6:30 pm  
Feb 25 - Henry Deller will share/preach to First Deaf congregation.  
Feb 25 - First Deaf Leadership meeting after SS.

**WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS**

~ **Today**, we will have our annual covenant signing where we recommit ourselves to the body of Christ at Witmer Heights--worship together, life together, discern together, serve together. We will also introduce our theme scripture for the year.

~**Valentine Care Gifts for our College Students** - Help to Bless Ava Boyer, Madeline Kachel, Kirsten Kauffman, Alana Stoltzfus & Sean Swartley by writing a note and signing the cards on a table at the back of the sanctuary on **January 28 and February 4**. We will be enclosing gift cards for each student. Your money donations toward the purchase of gift cards can be placed in the box on the table. **Thanks for caring for our college students!** ~Care Team, Lois Weaver & Rose Kennel

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – January 21**

**Offerings/General Fund**

First Deaf \$ 280.00  
Witmer Heights \$1,703.00

**Attendance/Worship**

First Deaf –18  
Witmer Heights –50

**January 28, 2024**

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

**We Gather to Worship**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Light Peace Lamp  
Chimes and Silence  
Call to Worship  
Singing together

**We Listen for God’s Voice**

Blessing the Offering\*  
Scripture: John 16:25-33  
Sermon: “Take Courage, I Have Overcome.  
Hope in the Midst of Life’s Challenges”

**We Respond to God**

Song of Response  
Covenant Signing  
Sharing and Prayer

**God Sends Us Out**

Closing Song  
Benediction

\*Place offeringa in box on table in back of sanctuary.

**Worship Service Participants**

**Prelude:** Jan Mast  
**Song Leaders:** Tricia Stoltzfus, Sophia and Daniel Zook  
**Worship Leader:** Chris Kennel **Preacher:** Steve Musselman  
**Greeters:** Karen and Abe Diffenbach

**Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

January 28 – Covenant signing.  
January 30 – Prayer meeting at church in room next to office. 8:30-9:30 am.  
February 6 – Elder Team meeting – 6:30 at church.  
February 14 – Ash Wednesday Stations (drop in) 6-8 pm.  
February 18 – March 24 – My Coins Count collection  
February 20 – First Deaf Inc. Board meeting at church – 6:30 pm.  
March 19 – Worship Team meeting at church.  
March 24 – My Coins Count coin counting after church  
March 28 – Maundy Thursday Meal at 6:30 pm. Service at 7:00 pm..