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**March 15, 2015**

**First Deaf Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.**

Worship Leader - Michael Hurst  
 Song Leader - Phyllis Gehman  
 Message - Deb Hoffer and Others  
 Interpreter - Nancy Snyder  
 Greeters/Ushers - TBA

**First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar**

Mar. 16 - First Deaf leadership Team meeting at Arlene King s house at 4:15 pm.  
 Mar. 18 - Bible study - 6:30 pm. (Check with Phyllis for location)  
 Mar. 20 - Deaf Game night - 5:30 pm at church (bring finger foods)  
 Mar. 22, 29 - Chuck Snyder will preach/share message to First Deaf  
 April 5 - Randy Keener will preach/share message to First Deaf cong.  
 April 5 - Communion at end of service  
 April 10 -12 - Laurelville Retreat\*  
 April 12 - No First Deaf Worship/S.S. due to being at Retreat  
 April 19, 26 - Chuck Snyder will preach/share message to First Deaf .  
 May 3 - Jason Kuniholm will preach/share message to First Deaf cong.

**\*REMINDER:** Please write check out to First Deaf Mennonite Church for Laurelville Retreat. Give to Michael Hurst by March 23.

**FIRST DEAF AND WTMER HEIGHTS NEWS**

**Congratulations to...**

~Pearl Joy and Shane Miller on the birth of a son on March 11. Milo Penn Miller weighed 8.3 lbs. and is 22 inches long. All are doing well  
 ~Nelson and Phyllis Gehman on becoming grandparents for the first time!

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE - March 8**

**Offerings/General Fund**

First Deaf \$ 611.15  
 Witmer Heights \$3,466.00  
 Sunday School \$ 6.22 (Qrtr Total = \$105.91)

**Attendance/Worship**

First Deaf -14  
 Witmer Heights - 88

**March 15, 2015**

**Witmer Heights Worship Service - 10:40 a.m.**

*Lent 4 - God amidst the shadows*

**Focus statement:** Life is hard, and we re sure we re in it alone.  
 Yet in our supposed abandonment, God not only hears our distress but responds to it.  
 How can we recognize God s presence in the shadows and see the life that is there?

**First Look**

Prelude and candlelighting  
 Call to worship and prayer  
 Singing together  
 Scripture reading - John 3:14-21  
 Call to authenticity

**Upside Down and Inside Out**

Call to Grace  
 "Good News! God Loves You"  
 Response Song

**Second Look**

Readers Theater  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Offering/Offertory + My Coins Count  
 Call to Commitment  
 Sending song  
 Blessing/sending

**Worship Service Participants**

**Prelude/Offertory:** Abigale Diffenbach  
**Song Leader:** Shelby Swartley  
**Worship Leader:** Merle Reinford **Preacher:** Randy Keener  
**Offering Attendants:** Don & Judy Stoltzfus  
**Greeters:** Mary Zehr and Karen Diffenbach

**Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

Mar. 15 - Witmer Heights invited to Frosty Fellowship at Mellingers 6-9 pm.  
 Mar. 18 - Family Night - 6:45 pm. Bible Lesson, Activity , and Snack  
 Mar. 19 - Elder Team - 7:00 pm.  
 Mar. 22 - MYF356 Soup and Salad Fundraiser at noon. (at Mellinger).  
 Mar. 20 - Hymn sing at Stumptown - 7:00 pm. All welcome!  
 Mar. 30-April 4 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit week to benefit Parent & Preschool  
 April 6 - Workday at MCC Resource Center - 9 am - 3 pm.  
 May 29-30 - **Save the date** for WH Women s Retreat at MCC Welcoming Place