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WITMER HEIGHTS
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March 31, 2019

First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader – Henry Deller
Song Leader – Jan Hoffer
Message – Nancy Marshall
Interpreter – TBD

Greeters/Ushers – Veturia Osvath and Viorica Morgonvan

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

April 3 and 17 - Bible Study at Elizabeth's apt 6:00 pm.
April 7, 14, 28 – Chuck Snyder will preach/share during First Deaf worship.
April 7 – Fellowship meal at noon. (Details later.)
April 14 – Communion at end of First Deaf worship.
April 19 - **No** Deaf Game Night.
April 21 – Paul Zehr will preach/share during First Deaf worship.

GOD'S OPEN ARMS

As we delve into yet another time of Lent, we should remember that we all are prodigal people that stray from the path of God, highlighting the irrelevance of the success of our Lenten spiritual discipline. When we become too enveloped in our own righteousness, we become the sulking brother of the parable, rather than recognizing the joy present in the open arms of the father. Those open arms, symbolic of the erasure of our sins through the death of Christ, remain an invitation to all and should be our true focus during this season of Lent. ~Evan Beck, Goshen College

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – March 24

Offerings/General Fund

First Deaf	\$ 432.00
Witmer Heights	\$5,385.00
S.S. Offering	\$ 21.08
My Coins Count	\$ 750.00 (Matched =\$1,500.00*)
Current grand total	\$2 ,083.04

*Thanks to the anonymous donor for matching.

See Becca or Cory if you are willing to match today's offering or the grand total.

~**More church news** is in *Menno Bulletin Weekly* which can be read online at whmchurch.org. Hard copies are also available on the greeter stands at each entrance. **If you wish to have a hard copy in your mailbox each week, inform Esther Mast.**

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Witmer Heights Worship - 10:40 a.m.

Lenten Theme: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast
Lent 4: God reaches out with open arms.

Focus statement: When we are lost and far from God, God reaches out with open arms. We get up and enter the feast of reconciliation.

We Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Light the Peace Lamp
Chime & Silence
Call to Worship
Singing Together
Sharing and Prayer
Offering

We Listen for God's Voice

Children's Time
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
"The Painted Gospel: A Story of Homecoming"

We Respond to God

Song of Response
Confession
Words of Assurance

God Sends Us Out

Sending Song
Benediction

Worship Service Participants

Prelude/Offertory/Song Leader: Praise Team - Cory & Rebecca Eavenson
Worship Leader: Chris Kennel **Children's Time:** Eileen Ranck
Preacher: Randy Keener
Offering Attendants: Craig and Lisa Kachel
Greeters: Karen and Abe Diffenbach

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

April 3 – Community Night. Meal at 6:15, followed by magic show and games.
April 8 – MCC workday at Material Resource Center – 9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.
April 17 – Maundy Thursday service – 6:00 pm.
April 21 – Easter Sunrise service 7 am Worship service/baptisms 10 am. No S.S.