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FIRST DEAF MENNONITE CHURCH, INC.
WITMER HEIGHTS
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March 15, 2020

First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader – Henry Deller
Song Leader – Phyllis Gehman
Message – Chuck Snyder
Interpreter – Nancy Snyder
Greeters/Ushers – Veturia Osvath and Viorica Morgovan

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

March 18 – Bible study at Elizabeth’s apt. – 6:00 pm.
March 20 – Deaf Game Night at church – 5:30 –10:30 pm.
March 22 – Henry Deller will preach/share in First Deaf worship.
March 29 – Chuck Snyder will share/preach in First Deaf worship.
March 29 – Church family meeting during Sunday school hour.
April 5 – Chuck Snyder will share/preach in First Deaf worship.*
* (Communion at end of worship. Feet washing during the S.S. hour.)
April 5 – Fellowship meal at noon. (See Mike and Gwen Hurst.)
April 12 – Henry Deller will share/preach in First Deaf worship.
April 19, 26 – Chuck Snyder will share/preach in First Deaf worship.

MESSAGE FROM MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE

In response to the recent coronavirus outbreak, Mennonite World Conference has issued a call for "Anabaptist and Mennonite congregations around the world to unite in prayer and to exercise precautionary measures in the church."

Let us be in **prayer** for those who are presently feeling ill, isolated, or fearful. Please also pray for the wisdom and courage of health workers who are working to treat those who are suffering.

In our congregations, let us begin taking some simple **precautions** ourselves. First and foremost, let us be extra vigilant about *washing our hands*, especially on Sundays when we gather. During this season, we have also decided to suspend our usual practice of greeting each other by hugging or shaking hands.

Many of us have been noticing the *isolating* nature of this spreading outbreak, causing people to move *away* from one another. And yet, as the followers of Jesus, moving *toward* one another is one of our central callings. And so, as we pray for the global church and our whole human family, these words from the hymn come to mind: "[God,] grant us wisdom; grant us courage, for the facing of this hour."

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – March 8

Offerings/General Fund

First Deaf	\$ 432.00
Witmer Heights	\$2,090.50
S.S. Offering	\$ 2.00
My Coins Count	\$ 88.42 (matched = \$176.86)

Attendance/Worship

First Deaf - 16
Witmer Heights – 88
Grand total to date \$1,195.16

March 15, 2020

Witmer Heights Worship –10:40 a.m.

Lent 3: Show us the Rock of our Salvation from which comes living water.

Focus statement: When all we can see of our lives is a pile of stones in the desert or a deep well of pain, God shows us there is water deep within the rocks and wells—the living water of God’s love. We rejoice in the Rock of our Salvation!

Gathering/Praising

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Light the Peace Lamp
Chimes & Silence
Call to Worship
Singing together
Confession and Words of Assurance

Hearing

Children’s Time
Offering and My Coins Count
Scripture: John 4:5-42
Sermon: “A Different Narrative”

Responding and Sending

Ritual of Response
Sharing and Prayer
Sending Song
Benediction

Worship Service Participants

Prelude/Offertory: Jay and Molly McCardell **Song Leader:** Shelby Swartley
Worship Leader: Randy Keener **Children’s Time:** Anna Kauffman
Preacher: Bishop Rodney Martin
Offering Attendants: Don and Judy Stoltzfus
Greeters: John and Kathryn Landis

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

March 15 – Jr. Youth at Kauffman’s for games and popcorn – 6:00-7:30 pm.
March 19 – RSVP for Date Night due to Jan Mast.
April 3 – Date Night Event – 5:30-9:00 pm.
April 6 – Volunteer at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. (Bring your lunch.)
April 9 – Maundy Thursday meal and service – 6:30-8:00 pm.
April 12 – Easter Sunrise service and breakfast (See details in Menno Bulletin..)
April 12 – Easter worship service and baptisms.