



THE MESSENGER

Christ the King Deaf Church

DeafCAN! (Deaf Community Action Network)

730 South New Street, West Chester, PA 19382 (Calvary)

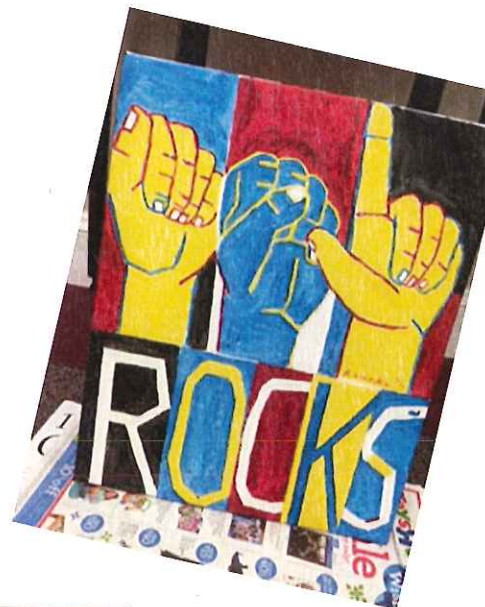
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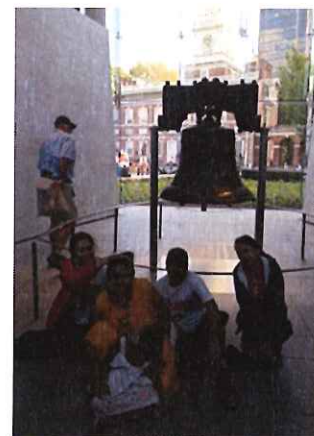
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"God's Work, Our Hands" December 2016

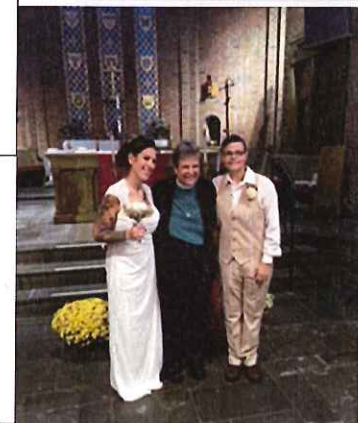


A **Paint Party** with Deaf artist Nancy Rourke from Colorado gathered 30 budding artists. **Luanne Bartens** above completes her LOVE art. One of the two paintings on the right was donated by Nancy to DeafCAN! Bid on them on EBay. Thanks to **Kathie Gray-Plotkin**.



A friendly Halloween party is enjoyed by 33 who enjoyed ASL games thanks to Teresa Marple. At right one immigrant class visited the Liberty Bell & Independence Hall.

CTK welcomes new members **Patti Johnston, Ruth Joy Darrell, & Betty Jane Nadwondy** at left. At right, **Pr. James & Ann Lynn Parker** from Hands of Grace Deaf Church (CA) visit



An October wedding is celebrated by **Amelia Marple & Jax DeTorrice**

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED:

++FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Irene Miller, Sam Cave, Donna Clark,
George & Patty Murphy, Karen Dunn,
Barb Dunn, LuAnne Stein, Becky, Tony
& Beth Pellagrini, Diane Windle, Marion
Worrell, Ron Moore, Cindy Houston,
Gabriella, & Sharon Irvine (**cancer**);
Anna Steckel, Cora Lee Meier, Allen
Kahler, Diane Jackson, Joyce Sparks,
Gretchen Leinlinger, Dawn Campos-
Herrera (**MS**);

Virginia Wagner, Jo Meehan, Dr. Mark
Prowatzke, Marvin Wefge, & Dorothy
Sparks (**stroke recovery**);

Andrew Sposato, Dorinne Ross, Helen
Firnhaber, Glenn Hoshauer, Kenny
Gaston, Allen Wenker, and Kendra
LeVasseur (**heart**);

Jim Steele & Ruth Reynolds (**vision**);
Peter Groff, Gabe Shelly, Josie Plotkin
(**Lyme Disease**);

Sam Stewart, Shayla Lewkowicz, Liz
Sedore, & Stephen Welsh (**leukemia**);
Dick Story, Jerry Baraz, John Rueger,
John Stiteler (**back**);

Joe Johnson & Rainy Wesel (**migraines**);
Henry Fry, Anne Webster (**Parkinson's**);
Edith McQuilken, Virginia McCans, Kate
Bathurst, Robert Miller, Jake Goodyear,
Barb LaSala, Phil Wismer, James Vail,
Nancy Sheffer, & Joe Birdsall

(**surgery recovery**);

Mandy Firnhaber, Jon Kohl, Ken Hoot, &
Jeff Szczubelek (**brain injury**);

Todd Valitcha and Ruth Mackay
(**transplants needed**);

Brian Brumit, Steve Heivly, Roland &
Mary Gentile, Eileen Blisard, Nadia
Williard, Doug Shea, Walter Gentner,
Charles Rothenberger, Dolores Russo,
Charles Jackson, Rose Hughes, Richard
Talone, Sarah Teti, Beverly Reaves,
Stephen Walsh, Iola Darden, Iris Katz,
Derry Hoshauer, Jonathan Simpson,
Kathy Glenney, Ruth Smith, Charlotte
Berish, Rita Volpe, Pat Guhley, Ken
Easton, Michael Barrone, Patti Johnston,

Loretta Talone, Craig Boring, Mike
Yankanitch, Jackie Kanekuni, Nathan
Smith, & Betsy Mullin

++FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HELP:

our President and our world leaders;
our bishops & pastoral workers;
for all armed forces around the world;
those who face religious persecution (Pr.
Saeed in Iran; Christians worldwide);
those looking for jobs & housing;
those imprisoned (Deaf @ Graterford);
persecution of the LGBT community;
those who struggle with mental illness;
those who struggle with addictions;
those who struggle with hunger /disease;
those struggling the aftermath of natural
and environmental disasters; and
those suffering from violence & war

++FOR THOSE IN ARMED FORCES:

Hagerty's son James (Reserves; HOME)

Lockard's nephew Matthew (Army,
Special Forces)

Matt Frey's brother-in-law Kirean

Gaughan (Army, HOME)

Jeannie Jim's son John (Marines, HOME)

Marple's nephew Ryan Lockner (Navy,
now HOME)

Marple's niece's husband Jonathan

Trummer (Navy)

Weiler's son Joe Sposato (Navy, HOME)

++COMFORT FOR:

the families of **Peter Stuart** (57, 10/18) husband
of Pr. Marianne Stuart (ECD) who died suddenly
from a heart attack. He is also survived by many
foster children; for the family of **Pr. Brewster
Hastings** (55) who died after heart surgery and is
survived by his wife Pamela. He was the pastor
of Peggy Hughes' Episcopalian church. And for
the family of **Rose Wooler** (91, 11/10) who died
recently at Valley aView after a long illness.

++BLESSINGS TO:

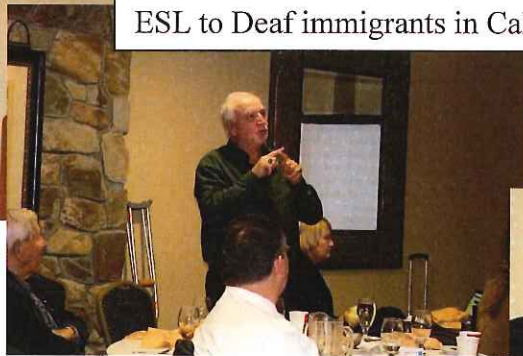
Amelia Marple & Jax DeTorrice who were
married at CTK, Phila on October 29th; and to
Evy William's nephew **Joshua & Lindsay
Bowman** who were married November 5th.



“Hands Around the World” was the theme of DeafCAN!’s sixth Anniversary banquet 11/6. At left attendees view a video of various deaf immigrants/refugees telling their stories followed by keynote speaker **Sarah Hogue** of Minnesota, a global advocate with & for the Deaf.



At left, **Nancy Sullivan** interprets for awardee **Steve Kurtz** of Kurtz Construction who hired a Deaf refugee. **Bob Tortora** shares experience teaching ESL to Deaf immigrants in California.

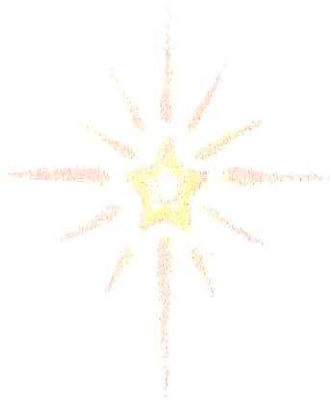


Other awardees are **Jessica Simpson** (left) honored for long time tutoring of a Deaf refugee couple from Bhutan/Nepal, and **Andy Stender** (top) & **Joe Johnson** (bottom left) who are longtime donors of our SSP program for the Deaf-blind



Above CTK immigrant members **Ruth Joy Darrell**, **Mary Grace Asuncion**, & **Lab Mel** are thanked for their many hours of volunteer work in the community.





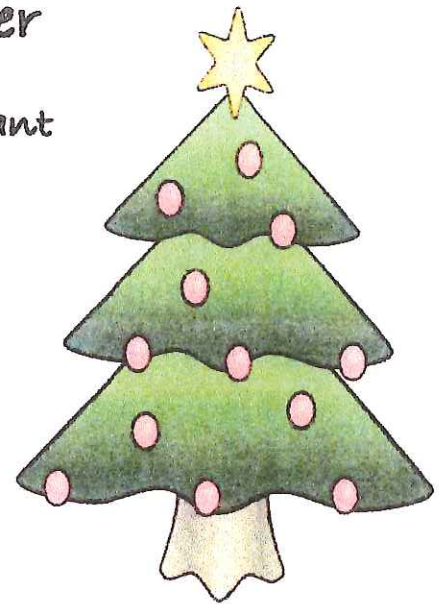
Word of Life Deaf Lutheran Church
Annual Christmas Dinner
at Lititz Family Cupboard Restaurant
12 W. Newport Rd, Lititz PA
Saturday, December 3, 2016



12-3 PM

Cost: \$25 per Adult

\$13 per Child, age 4-11



Dinner Buffet Menu:

Rotisserie Chicken, Beef Tips in Gravy, Corn, Real mashed potatoes, white rice, buttered noodles, carrots, bread filling, green beans, mac & cheese, and much more including hot/cold drinks and assorted desserts.

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Name: _____

How many: _____ Adult x \$25 = \$_____ total

_____ Child x \$13 = \$_____ total

Final total: \$_____

Deadline is November 26th Pay in advance - no money accepted at door

Make a check payable to WOLD and mail it to:

Gordon Bartens, 16 Springcrest Dr, Akron PA 17501

Any questions - email to Gordon at Bartens1@gmail.com



Happy Hanukkah



Merry Christmas



Happy Kwanzaa

Please plan to come to the
Annual Holiday Cheers Party
at

Mercy Life (Valley View)

111 Elwyn Road, Elwyn, PA

Sunday, December 4, 2016

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Valley View residents look forward to your visit!

Feel free to bring homemade holiday treats, fruit, or
other refreshments to share

so Valley View residents, families and visitors
can enjoy the afternoon of fellowship!

Don't miss this wonderful event!

For refreshment count, send your RVSP
to Bob Katz, (katzbob@aol.com)

Donations for Holiday Cheers fund can be sent to
PSAD P.O. Box 177, Lewisberry, PA 17339

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

LESSON READERS:

11/6 Pr. Beth
11/13 Pr. James Parker
11/20 Barbara Simpson
11/27 Ed Carrigan
12/4 John Markowitz
12/11 meet at Valley View
12/18 Barbara Simpson
12/25 no worship
1/1 Terri Marple



WE ARE COLLECTING ALL YEAR:

- Your clean unwanted shoes & sandals (used or new, adult's & children's, NO winter boots, slippers, crocs, or flip flops) for shipment to people in need. St. Philip's Deaf Lutheran in Philadelphia is another collection site.
- Soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- General Mills Box Tops for Education coupons for the Navajo School

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 18—Family Night
December 11—Worship at Valley View
December 18—Christmas luncheon
December 23—Christmas Eve service
December 30—Deaf-blind holiday party
January 20—Family Night
TBA—CTK General Meeting & Election

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Poinsettia donations (\$5 per plant) can be called into the church office by November 25.
- Advent decorating of chapel Nov. 26
- Treats or cash donations for VV bags for 38 residents by December 6. We need both regular and sugar-free cookies, candy, and dried fruit. Small items like nuts are not a good idea.
- Kitchen crew for Christmas luncheon December 18
- Choir for December 23. Will practice!
- Dessert donations for December 18 & 23
- SSPs and kitchen crew for Deaf-blind holiday party December 30

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

++to **Jane Hender, Sandra Pickering, Rev. & Mrs. Roy Almquist, and Dan & Elaine Burgess** for Anniversary gifts to CTK in September;

++to **Scott Stoffel** for hosting the Tactile Carnival October 1 and to vendors **Jon Gabney, Ruth Joy Darrell, Philip Wismer, Andy Stender, Lab Mel, and Bhanu Subedi.**

Proceeds were given to DeafCAN! SSP program.
++to the twelve wild women who attended the **Beach Retreat** with Pr. Beth Columbus Day weekend. We enjoyed Wildwood and our sisters in the Bible!. Save the date next year!;

++to **Kathy Gray-Plotkin** for coordinating the Paint Party with Deaf artist **Nancy Rourke** on October 15. Thirty people participated and Ms. Rourke also visited PSD, WCU, and DSD with her talents. We thank her for two of her paintings which will be auctioned on EBay for DeafCAN! programs;

++to **Terri Marple** who led the crazy Halloween Party in October. Many laughs filled the night!;
++to all who helped with the DeafCAN! Banquet and **Fall Appeal** that ended November 15. We will list the names of the **partners and donors** in our next newsletter. We thank **Sarah Hogue** for her wonderful keynote presentation and shared her with WCU ASL Club;

++to **Rev. Russ Rockwell** (10/9) & **Rev. James Parker** (11/13) who preached at CTK recently;
++and to **Christ United Methodist (Lansdale) & Calvary Lutheran (West Chester)** for their generous mission partner gifts and **St. Andrews Lutheran (Audubon)** for their generous grant to our refugee program.

WORSHIP AT VALLEY VIEW will take place at 10:30 a.m. December 11. We plan to follow the worship service with a short party and distribute treat bags. About 40 deaf and deaf-blind residents live at Valley View.

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR THE DEAF-BLIND is planned at CTK on Friday, December 30 from 4--8 p.m.. Attendees should let Scott Stoffel know what food they can bring. Volunteers are should contact Scottmstoffel@yahoo.com ASAP so we have a head count. A gift exchange (under \$20) is planned.



You are invited to
Christ the King Deaf Church, West Chester

***Luncheon & Mini Bazaar
Sunday, December 18, 2016***

at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Menu:

*Hot roast beef with homemade au jus gravy
Roasted red potatoes,
Green beans,
Rolls and butter,
Tossed Green Salad with assorted dressings,
Assorted donated holiday desserts
Festive Christmas Punch, tea, and coffee*



*\$10 adults, \$5 youth 4—12...RSVP to CTK by December 15th
(Please let us know if you have special diet needs)*

(484)319-4256; lockardbeth@gmail.com

Followed by 2 p.m.

Christmas Spirit in sign and song after luncheon

***CHRISTMAS SERVICES with Holy Communion
Friday, December 23rd***

Christmas Service with dessert reception

Come at 2 p.m. to

3101 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia, 19149

or 8 p.m. to

730 South New Street, West Chester, 19382



and

10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 11th

Valley View Home, Elwyn; no service at CTK

No services Christmas Day



Learn American Sign Language
DeafCAN! program at Christ the King Deaf Church
730 South New Street, West Chester, PA 19382
Classes taught by experienced Deaf instructors
All skill levels welcome!!
Free lighted parking lot and handicap accessible

<u>Class Level</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Dates of Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lower Level</u>
Beginner	Tuesdays	January 17—March 7, 2017	7---9 p.m.	Almquist Lounge
Intermediate	Tuesdays	January 17—March 7, 2017	7—9 p.m.	Room F-1
Advanced	Tuesdays	January 17—March 7, 2017	7---9 p.m.	Room F-3

Inclement weather may reschedule some classes. Let us know how you wish to be contacted.

Cost: \$125 per 8-week class. Calvary and CTK members pay \$100. Additional family members are only \$75. Class sessions are held weekly for 8 weeks (16 hours total).

Suggested Book (encouraged): Vista *Signing Naturally* series with your accompanying DVD. These are available online at DawnSignPress.com (new) or used at Amazon.com, Half.com, Gettextbooks.com, and Harriscomm.com. Videotexts used for homework and study by some instructors.

Units to be studied:

Beginner (Blue book, Units 5--8...We use the older book with Units 1--12)
Intermediate (Pink book, Units 15 & 16)
Advanced (Yellow book, Unit 19 & 20)

The Fine Print

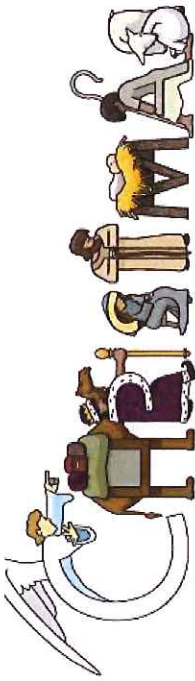
Please fill out the form below. Please **pre-register** by January 10 to lockardbeth@gmail.com.
Refund Policy – Attend 1 class \$100. Attend 2 classes \$75. No refunds given after attending three or more classes. Additional family members are eligible for a discounted rate of \$75/person. If you are not sure of your skill level, please contact the church to meet with an instructor in advance. Class size requirement is ten or more.

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To register for class, please send registration form and payment by January 10, 2017
to DeafCAN! at church address Checks should be made out to "DeafCAN!"





Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Level you are taking	Student cost	+ Additional Family members	= Total Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner (\$125)	= \$ _____	+ \$ _____	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (\$125)	= \$ _____	+ \$ _____	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced (\$125)	= \$ _____	+ \$ _____	= \$ _____

QUESTIONS? Call: 484-319-4256 or E-mail: lockardbeth@gmail.com



December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 20: CTK Council meeting November 20-22: Pr. Beth @ ELDA mtgs in Las Vegas November 20: All Faith Thanksgiving 4 p.m. project, 5 p.m. worship at Westminster Church of West Chester, 10 W. Pleasant Grove Rd. 4 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship <i>1-4 p.m. Holiday Cheers party at Valley View, 111 Elwyn Road, Elwyn, PA</i> 11 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship at VALLEY VIEW (address above)	5 4:30-6:30 pm Deaf immigrant English class	6 4 p.m. worship, CTK, NE Phila. 12 & 5:30 p.m. Deaf immigrant classes, Phila.	7 <i>Pr. Beth & Bill at Mill Neck Board</i> 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters 7 pm ELDA Board meeting online	8 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters 7 pm ELDA Board meeting online	9 7 p.m. Bible Study in Phoenixville	10 12-3 pm WOLD Christmas Dinner in Lititz by 11/26 to Bartens1@gmail.co Bay, Jamaica
18 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT 12:30 Christmas luncheon & 2 p.m. program in Fellowship Hall (see flyer)	19 NO CLASSES	20 NO CLASSES	21 NO CLASSES	22 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	23  8 p.m. Christmas Eve Eve worship	24 
25 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD NO WORSHIP TODAY CHRISTmas BLESSINGS! 	26 NO CLASSES	27 NO CLASSES	28 12 & 5:30 p.m. Deaf immigrant classes, Phila.	29 NO CLASSES	30 4-8 p.m. deaf-blind holiday party in Fellowship Hall	31
January 1 NAME OF JESUS 10:30 a.m. Deaf worship in the Parlor. <i>Celebrate the new year!</i>	2 4:30-6:30 pm Deaf immigrant English class	3 12 & 5:30 p.m. Deaf immigrant classes, Phila.	4 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters 8 P.M. ELM Seeds meeting online	5 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	6 EPIPHANY	7 

November/December 2016 WORSHIP TOPICS

November 1...ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 6...25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Leviticus 19:9—15, 33—34..."Hands Around the World"
DeafCAN! celebration banquet at Wyndham, Exton, 1—5 p.m



November 13...26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Proverbs 3:5—6..."Not in My House!"
(guest pastor James Parker, Hands of Grace Deaf Church, San Jose, CA)



November 20...CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Luke 23:33—43..."Jesus, Remember Us!"

November 27...FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Matthew 24:36—44..."He Comes Like a Thief"

December 4...SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Matthew 3:1—12..."He Comes Asking Repentance"

December 11...THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Matthew 11:2—11..."He Comes With Gifts"

December 18...FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Matthew 1:18—25..."He Comes to Save"
(12:30 p.m. Christmas luncheon & program)



December 23...CHRISTMAS EVE EVE WORSHIP
Luke 2:1—20..."He Comes to Us!"



December 25...THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
(NO worship today)

January 1...CIRCUMCISION & THE NAME OF JESUS