



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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“God's Work, Our Hands”

March 2017

Dear Friends:

As we begin this 40-day journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter, we are encouraged to take time to examine ourselves, take more time to develop our relationship with God, and do things that show love to others.

*We will also be sharing pastors on Sundays between **Christ the King Deaf Church** and **Word of Life Deaf Lutheran** in Lancaster. Our sermons will be focused on different miracles or signs from the Gospel of John. What can we learn from these stories? What is God showing us about God's heart? How are the characters like us? We hope you will attend worship and apply lessons to your own heart!*

WELCOME TO NEW CTK COUNCIL MEMBERS:

At our Voters meeting in January, the following people were elected to our Church Council...**Barbara Simpson** (president), **Terri Marple** (vice president), **Evy Williams** (treasurer), **Beth Lockard** (secretary), **Patti Johnston** (financial secretary), **Mary Grace Asuncion** (pledge secretary), and **Nancy Sheffer** (council member at large). These women were installed at our service on Promise Sunday and will serve a two-year term. We thank outgoing Council members **John Markowitz** and **Michael Gray** for their many years of service. We hope to have a picture in our next newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS TO OUR REFUGEE PROGRAM! There continues to be some confusion about the policies of our new government regarding the refugees and immigrants who enter our country to escape persecution, war, terrorism, hunger, and other dangers. We thank the people who have stepped forward to offer clothing, household items, cash donations, jobs, tutoring, and other urgent needs at this time. We believe God wants us to share from our abundance and we will continue to do so. We pray for immigration agencies who are now laying off staff and facing closure due to government cuts in funding. We need these people and hope this process will turn around. We also pray for safety of those being hunted and locked up for deportation. It is a scary dangerous time for many families. May God lead us in wisdom!



Join us for third Friday Family Nights! We have a delicious meal, games, chatting, and much fun! Below is part of the Valentine Night with spaghetti and a cupid circle game. Next event is St. Patrick's Day!



PRAYERS ARE OFFERED:

++FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Irene Miller, Sam Cave, Donna Clark,
George Murphy, Karen Dunn, Tony
Pellagrini, Cindy Houston, Gabriella,
Sharon Irvine, & Bruce Holland

(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

(stroke recovery);

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

Jim Steele & Ruth Reynolds **(vision);**

Peter Groff, 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);**

Anne Webster & Gayle Clay

(Parkinson's);

Virginia McCans, Kate Bathurst, Robert
Miller, James Vail, Nathan Smith, & Bev
Groff, Gordon Bartens

(surgery recovery);

Mandy Firnhaber, & 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, Iola
Darden, Iris Katz, Derry Hoshauer,
Jonathan Simpson, Kathy Glenney, Ruth
Smith, Charlotte Berish, Rita Volpe, Pat
Guhley, Ken Easton, Michael Barrone,
Loretta Talone, Craig Boring, David
Wenker, Jackie Kanekuni, & Pinky Kahn

++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 becoming refugees & immigrants;
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 **Ruth Stein** (2/10, age 87) &
Mike Kelly (2/20, age 81), paternal grandmother
and maternal grandfather of Hillary Stein,
fiancee of Jesse Lockard, **Arnold Firnhaber**
(2/28, age 93), uncle of Pr. Beth, **Andigoni**
Steffa, aunt of Evy Williams, and **Nettie Miller**
(3/6, age 99, Valley View). We pray God's
comfort and peace.

++BLESSINGS TO:

Terri & Mark Marple for their new grandson,
Jason Douglas Marple, Jr. (2/10, 7.1 lb.) born
to son Jason Marple and girlfriend BJ. And to
Jeff, Linda, and Sam Szczubelek who survived
a house fire and were then given permission by a
judge to adopt **Baby Aamir** who had been in
their foster care.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes (regular & gluten-free)

Sausage, Applesauce

Juices, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:30—11:30 a.m.

\$10 adults, \$5 children 12 & under



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Please let us know you are coming

RSVP by March 10 to twin12mom@hotmail.com

or VP 484-319-4256

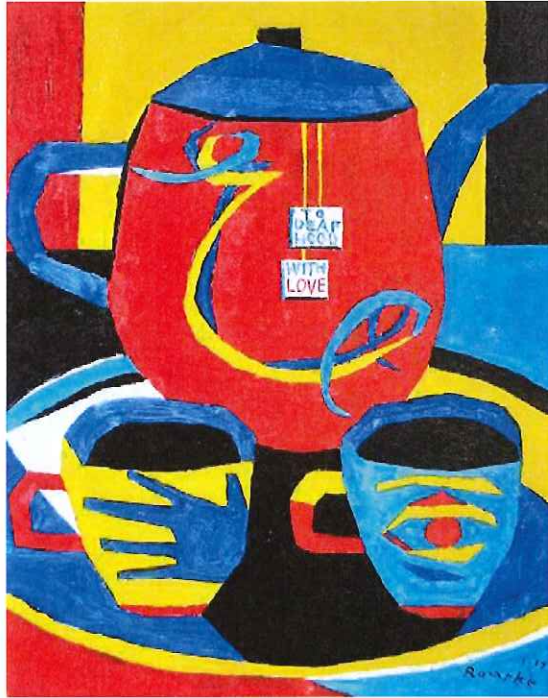
Bring friends and family,

Relax, chat, and leave the cooking & clean up to us!!

Stay for a Paint Party with Deaf artist Nancy Rourke from

Colorado at 1—5 p.m.

SUPPORT, CHAT & PAINT PARTY



**When: SATURDAY,
March 11, 2017**

Time: 1:00-5:00pm

**Come on, join us
and bring your
friends!**

The "Support, Chat & Paint Party" offer you a chance to relax with old and new friends at Christ the King Deaf Church in West Chester area and unleash your inner artist. Our special guest Deaf artist, Nancy, shares her unique perspective and artistic knowledge for a memorable experience and an opportunity to create an art masterpiece that you can take with you. Nancy will "paint" a picture of De'VIA art and its history for a better understanding of Deaf Literature.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Deaf Women Connection (DWC) to help Domestic Violence (DV) survivors in need. Make checks or money order payable to CTK add on subject line "Paint Party" and send to the address in the red box

**Guest speaker:
Nancy Rourke
Deaf Artist**



**LIMITED to 50
attendees! Must RSVP
early!**

**Deadline: 3/4/17
Please email Kathie:
queeniek4@verizon.net**

**Cost: \$40.00
includes: canvas,
refreshments**

Pay at Door @ \$50

**CHRIST THE KING
DEAF CHURCH**

730 South New Street
West Chester, PA 19382
(across from WCU)

1:00 to 5:00 PM

FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT
St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate with food, friends, fun!

Friday, March 17, 2017
6--9 p.m.

Corned Beef and Cabbage,
Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread,
Salad and assorted dressings, drinks
Dessert donations (alert us if gluten-free or sugar-free needed)
\$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under

Games begin at 7 p.m., Wear green!



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To the Editor, Daily Local News.

**Letter sent to President Trump, Vice President Pence and Members of Congress,
February 4, 2017**

from the Co-Conveners of the **Religious Council of Greater West Chester, Pennsylvania**:: Fiona Allison, Rev. Annalie Korengel, Faith Woodward

The Religious Council of Greater West Chester represents approximately forty congregations in the greater West Chester area, including clergy and lay representatives from congregations that are Presbyterian, Methodist, Jewish, Catholic, Baha'i, Unitarian/Universalist, Mormon, Quaker, Swedenborgian, Muslim, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Baptist, and other faith communities.

We believe we are all made in God's image, and our various faith traditions teach us to love our neighbor, welcome the stranger and serve the poor and oppressed. Intolerance and bigotry have no place in our community and when any one of us is discriminated against, we all feel that discrimination.

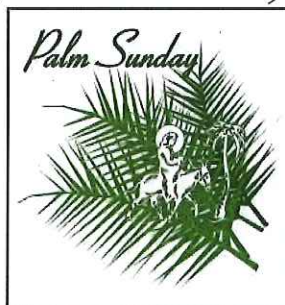
We are outraged at President Trump's recent executive order restricting entry into the United States for travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries. We are distressed that this executive order bars admission of Syrian and other refugees, many of whom are children, who have already been carefully vetted and were looking forward at last to finding a safe haven here.

Our Council believes that this executive order violates our country's most basic, cherished principles, threatens our global credibility, and harkens back to dark times in our past. It also puts our country at risk, threatening our national security.

We respectfully appeal to you, in every decision you make, to affirm the equal worth, freedom, and dignity of all human beings regardless of race, sex, religion or ancestry.

(Christ the King Deaf Church has also sent a letter of support to our local Islamic Mosque)

You are invited to our
Palm Sunday celebration, April 9, 2017



Luncheon at 12:00 Noon downstairs

Menu:

*Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce...Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans with almonds...Cole Slaw
Rolls & butter...Applesauce
Festive Punch & Donated desserts*
\$12 adults, \$6 youth 12 & under, RSVP to church by April 5
484-319-4256 or CTK1991@gmail.com



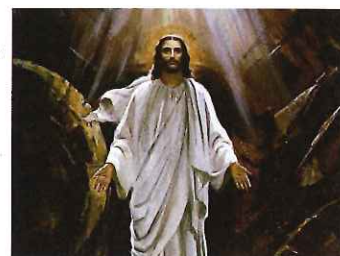
Movie: "Son of God" at 2 p.m.

Easter Service (Saturday, April 15) 11 a.m.

*Christ the King Deaf Church (in St. John's)
3101 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149*

Easter Sunday (April 16) 10:30 a.m.

*Christ the King Deaf Church (in Calvary)
730 South New Street, West Chester, PA 19382*



Valley View Easter service at 2 p.m.
111 Elwyn Road, Elwyn, PA 19363

ANNUAL DEAF EXPO

Saturday, April 29, 2017

10 a.m.--3 p.m.

Come on
and bring
your
friends!!!



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**Deaf Artisans
Vendors**

**Deaf service agency & organization booths
Refreshments on sale**

Businesses & nonprofits contact
484-319-4256 or lockardbeth@gmail.com
for vendor form to reserve by April 8 (Limited tables available)



**Come and see new products, services,
and handicrafts
to enhance your life!
Meet old friends and new!**

Parking available in large lot behind church
Building is handicap-accessible
Located next to West Chester University
near Rts. 202, 100, 322, and I-95



MARCH 2017



-Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Ash Wednesday 4 p.m. service, Philadelphia 7:30 p.m. service West Chester	11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	7 p.m. Rustin HS interpreted drama: "The King & I"	9:30—4 SSP training (Snow date March 11)
5 1st SUNDAY in LENT 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship Pastor Beth	6	4:30 pm Immigrant class 7 p.m. ASL winter classes end	8 5:30 pm refugee class, Phila.	9 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters 7 pm ELDA Board mtg online	10 	11 8:30—11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 1—5 p.m. Paint Party with Nancy Rourke
12 2nd SUNDAY in LENT 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship Pastor Russ	13	4:30 pm Immigrant class	15 5:30 pm refugee class, Phila.	16 11 a.m. Deaf class Handi-Crafters 5 p.m. UPenn program on Deaf History, Cohen Hall, G-17	17 6 p.m. St. Pat's  Family Night	18
19 3rd SUNDAY in LENT 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship Pastor Beth 2:30 p.m. Valley View worship	20	4:30 pm Immigrant class 7 p.m. ASL spring classes begin	22 5:30 pm refugee class, Phila.	23 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	24 ASL Poetry.. Flying Words Project, 6 pm Harold Prince Theater, 3680 Walnut St, Phila	25
26 4th SUNDAY in LENT 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship Pastor Russ 12:30 p.m. CTK Council meeting	27 <i>CTK provides and serves dinner at Safe Harbor</i>	4:30 pm Immigrant class 7 p.m. ASL classes	29 5:30 pm refugee class, Phila.	30 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters 8 pm ELM Seed mtg online	31 Women's Retreat	April 1 Downtown



MARCH 2017 WORSHIP TOPICS

March 1...ASH WEDNESDAY
(4 p.m. NE Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. West Chester)

March 5...FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
John 4:46—54...”Healing the Nobleman’s Son”

March 12...SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
John 2:1—11...”Turning Water into Wine”

March 19...THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
John 9:1—41...”Healing the Blind Man”
(Valley View worship)

March 26...FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
John 6:1--14...”Feeding the Multitude”
(CTK Council meeting after worship)

April 2...FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
John 11:17—45...”Raising Lazarus”

