

# THE MESSENGER

Christ the King Deaf Church

DeafCAN! (Deaf Community Action Network)

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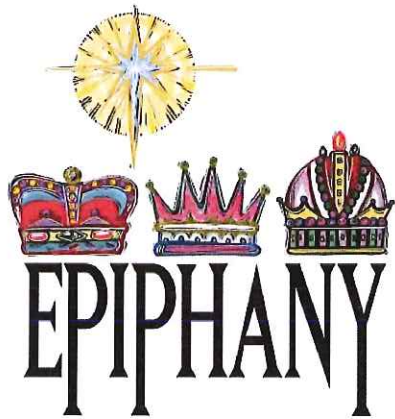
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**"God's Work, Our Hands"**

**January 2018**



After the celebration of Christmas, we begin the season of **Epiphany** which begins January 6 and continues until Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent on February 14. Epiphany marks the visit of "the **wise men from the East**" who followed a star to find the child Jesus in Judea of Israel. The Greek word for wise men is **magi**.

The wise men were educated men, scholars, scientists, and interpreters of special signs, especially in astronomy (the study of stars). We know the "**East**" was **Persia, modern day Iran, the location of ancient Babylon**. The Jewish nation was in exile in Babylon and Daniel was one of their young men who was chosen to become an important government advisor to the King of Persia 600 years before Jesus was born.

Daniel's life is told in the **book of Daniel** in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) of the Bible. Many people know the story of Daniel in the lion's den. Daniel was faithful to God and God blessed him. Daniel's writing **foretold the coming of a Messiah** (Daniel 9:24--26). Numbers 24:17 records that **a promised Messiah was to be announced by a star**. Ten thousands of Jewish people were exiled in Babylon from 598 BC for 70 years (Jeremiah 29:10) so there has been much Jewish influence in that part of the world since that time.

The wise men knew much about the Hebrew Scriptures and were familiar with the Jewish religion. When they saw the star in the sky, they wanted to investigate the birth of a King! Many scholars believe this huge star was actually the conjunction (meeting) of two planets: Jupiter, the largest planet, signified a King. Saturn was called the "Protector of Israel." Together this conjunction meant a king was



born in Israel. The wise men followed this star for many months over the hot desert sands to Israel. Their story is told in Matthew 2:1—12. They stopped in the capital of Jerusalem where they were told to go to **Bethlehem** as the prophet Micah foretold (Micah 5:2).

We see how God planned this birth long before it happened. He told poor Jewish shepherds and rich foreign Gentile scientists about this birth. He wanted the world to know! Jesus was born for **ALL PEOPLE** everywhere. This was an epiphany—a revealing of the Light of the World.

**Pastor Beth+**

## **PRAYERS ARE OFFERED:**

### **++FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Sam Cave, Donna Clark, George Murphy,  
Karen Dunn, Tony Pellagrini, Cindy  
Houston, Gabriella, Sharon Irvine, Bruce  
Holland, Dawn Campos-Herrera, Harry  
Mackay, Sara, Nancy Holloway (**cancer**);  
Anna Steckel, Cora Lee Meier, Allen  
Kahler, Diane Jackson, Joyce Sparks,  
Gretchen Leinlinger, Dawn Campos-  
Herrera (**MS**);

Virginia Wagner, Jo Meehan, & Marvin  
Wefge (**stroke recovery**);

Andrew Sposato, Dorinne Ross, Helen  
Firnhaber, Glenn Hoshauer, Kenny  
Gaston, Allen Wenker, Gary Gelb, John  
Tamaro, Kendra LeVasseur, Alan  
Wismer, & Mazhar (**heart**);

Jim Steele, Ruth Reynolds, & Margie  
Gompers (**vision**);

Peter Groff, Josie Plotkin (**Lyme**);  
Sam Stewart, Shayla Lewkowicz, Liz  
Sedore, Stephen Welsh, April Hemmerele  
(**leukemia**);

Dick Story, Jerry Baraz, John Rueger,  
John Stiteler, Bev Groff, & Ed Carrigan  
(**back**);

Joe Johnson & Rainy Wesel (**migraines**);  
Anne Webster & Gayle Clay  
(**Parkinson's**);

Kate Bathurst, 4yo Emma Larson, Betsy  
Mullin, Bob Pugh, Frank Walsh, 4 nuns  
in a crash (**surgery recovery**);

Mandy Firnhaber, & Jeff Szczubelek  
(**brain injury**);

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

Kate Finn & Gretchen Stoffel(**breathing**)  
Christopher Hagerty, Despina  
(**recovery from falls**);

Brian Brumit, Steve Heivly, Roland &  
Mary Gentile, Eileen Blisard, Nadia  
Williard, 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, Tom Hulme, Lillian Hoshauer,  
Arnie Koche, Carol Shelly, Jackie  
Kanekuni, Tom Peterman. Eileen Haines,  
Donna Emery, Terri Marple, Cheyenne,  
& Richard Simpson

### **++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 LGBTQ 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, HOME)  
Matt Frey's brother-in-law Kirean  
Gaughan (Army, HOME)  
Groff's daughter-in-law's brother Jon  
Burdick (Air Force, Afghanistan)  
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)

### **++THANKSGIVING FOR:**

ASHA certification for **Melissa Simpson**,  
daughter of Barbara & Richard Simpson.

**++COMFORT FOR:** for the families of **Betty Kistler** (VV) whose 63-year-old daughter **Donna**, and **Alfred Walker** (12/15) both died of cancer. May God comfort all who grieve through our support and prayers.





## GIFTS OF THE SEASON



Two chapels decorated at CTK West Chester & Philadelphia



Bible Study group makes snowflake ornaments for Valley View and DeafBlind party attendees



Gifts of rice & Wawa cards from Sorenson to refugee classes



Top left Valley View residents enjoy goody bags, mugs, & teas packed by Patty Johnston, Terri Marple, & Lab Mel on left. At right is gift donated to DeafCAN raffle at Christmas Banquet attended by 50+. Below two pix of DeafBlind holiday party.



New Year's Eve brings the gift of an engagement ring to Shana Sobers from Chris Hagerty



# Deaf**CAN!** 2017

## **Fall Appeal: \$41,125!**

### **Corporations, Trusts,**

#### **Foundations:**

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Bentley Corporation Match  
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Oberto Brand Sausage Co.  
Merck Corporation Match  
Phoenixville Community  
Health Foundation  
Speiser Foundation, Inc.  
Thomsen Family Trust  
Thrivent Financial

#### **\$1000+ Angels:**

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Dona Gentile Family  
Bp. P. & Rev. M. Johnson  
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Lions Club of W. Goshen  
Jesse & Hillary Lockard  
Stephen Lockard &  
Valerie Newpher  
Dr. Christine McKee

#### **\$500+ Sponsors:**

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W. Walker Robinson  
Nancy Sheffer  
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#### **\$300+ Partners:**

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Todd & Christine Shelly  
Sorenson interpreters  
Andrew Stender  
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Scott Stoffel  
Connie Wallace  
Allen Wenker

#### **Other Donors:**

Eric Beer  
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Cindy & Kurt Firnhaber  
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Betty Jane Nadwondy  
Ellen Nunn Sarah Reed  
Tyler Ronish  
Richard / Barbara Simpson  
Tom & Julie Simpson  
Krys Sipple & Ted Hartz  
Brian Smith, Nathan Smith  
Corey & LuAnn Stein  
Dick & Lucia Story  
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Gloria Weiler  
Rev. & Mrs. David Wenker  
Evy Williams  
Philip Wismer  
Barbara Wolf, Wm. Wood



# 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	Jan. 16—Mar. 6, 2018	7---9 p.m.	Room F-3
Intermediate	(No class at this time)			
Advanced	Tuesdays	Jan. 16—Mar. 6, 2018	7---9 p.m.	Room F-1

Inclement weather may reschedule some classes.

**Cost:** \$125 per 8-week class. Additional family members are only \$75. Calvary and CTK members pay \$100. 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)  
Intermediate (Pink book) No class  
Advanced (Yellow book, Unit 19)

Beginning classes are also sponsored by DeafCAN!  
at New Hanover United Methodist Church in  
Gilbertsville on Saturday mornings. Contact 610-  
323-2353 or deafmin@newhanoverumc.org

**The Fine Print**

Please fill out the form below. Please **pre-register** by January 2, 2018 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 2, 2018**  
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**

Save  
the  
date!

# ANNUAL DEAF EXPO

Saturday, April 28, 2018

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

Christ the King Deaf Church

(inside Calvary  
730 South New  
West Chester, PA  
**Deaf Artisans,  
Deaf service**



Lutheran)  
Street  
19382

**Vendors,  
agencies &**

**organizations: call 484-319-4256 to RSVP a booth**

## ASL INTERPRETERS PROVIDED ALL DAY

**FIND WHAT  
MOVES YOU**

JAN 27-FEB 4 • PHILLYAUTOSHOW.COM

**AUTO SHOW  
PHILADELPHIA**

**9 am - 10 pm**

**Pennsylvania  
Convention Center**

**1101 Arch Street,  
Philadelphia PA 19107**

**January 27th, 2018**



Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre



# CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR!!

Come to our

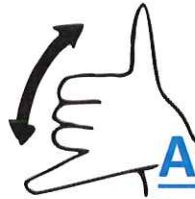
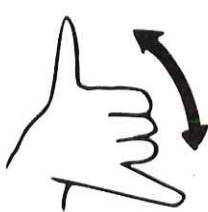
## February Social

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

12 Noon lunch and some ASL games

Come at 10:30 a.m. for ASL worship upstairs!

# play



**ASL FUN**



**Dinner Menu (\$10; 12 & under \$5)**

**or "Chili to go" \$5:**

Homemade chili (regular & vegetarian),

Tossed green salad, rolls

Assorted drinks and donated desserts

Please RSVP to [1991CTK@gmail.com](mailto:1991CTK@gmail.com)

or call 484-319-4256 by February 22

Christ the King Deaf Church, 730 S. New St., West Chester  
(inside Calvary Lutheran, across from WCU)

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

### LESSON READERS:

- 1/7 Barbara Simpson
- 1/10 Pr. Beth
- 1/14 Terri Marple
- 1/21 John Markowitz
- 1/28 Snack & Chat @ 10 a.m.
- 3/3 Debbie Hulme
- 3/4 Barbara Simpson



### 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. CTK, Philadelphia is another collection site.
- Soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- General Mills Box Tops for Education coupons are still being collected. Your donations helped the Navajo Lutheran Mission & School to receive 8 new vehicles, tables, chairs, school supplies & much more!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 25—Promise Sunday and chili lunch. Warm your heart & your stomach!
- March 22—April 5: Mission trip to Nigeria. See Pr. Beth if interested. No Jamaica trip this year.
- April 28, 2018—Deaf Expo at CTK
- July 2018--ELDA Conference in LV

### **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

++to the many who decorated the chapels for Advent, Christmas, and then Epiphany in both our CTK worship locations. You will see some pictures on the picture page;

++to **Peggy Hughes** (in memory of her parents Mary and Warren Holmes), **Pr. Beth & Bill Lockard** (in celebration of Christ's birth), and to **Richard & Barbara Simpson** (in memory of parents June & Jerry Simpson and Muriel Wenker) for their gift of poinsettias to beautify both CTK chapels;

++to **CTK Council** and their assistants who set up, prepared food, and cleaned up for our Christmas luncheon, bazaar, and raffle

benefitting DeafCAN! and to **Kathie Gray-Plotkin** who collected wonderful raffle gifts. \$2148 was raised that day!:

++to **Terri Marple** who led the group making snowflake ornaments given to Valley View residents and DeafBlind party participants;

++to the **Phoenixville Bible Study group** who made 100 Christmas angel ornaments for the Banquet guests;

++to the MANY people who provided cookies, candy, cash, mugs, and teas and then packaged them for 35 Valley View residents and given out after worship there by **Evy Williams, Lab Mel, and Bill Lockard** on December 31;

++to those who provided desserts for the banquet and goodies for the Christmas service reception;

++to **Sorenson interpreters** who provided bags of rice and WAWA gift cards for our immigrant and refugee families and to **Jo Madden** who delivered them (see pix on picture page);

++to **Bill Lockard** who fixed the lectern in Herzog Parlor and **Bill Mackay** who fixed the Advent wreath stand in the Philadelphia chapel;

++to the many who helped with the DeafBlind holiday party even after snow rescheduled it all; ++and to those who blessed the Lockards with cards, gifts, and food this holy-day season.

### **DeafCAN! 2017 FALL APPEAL RESULTS:**

We were amazed and grateful at the wonderful show of support this year as we raised at least \$41,125 to run our DeafCAN! program. We list the donors in this newsletter and each person and group made this possible. **We reached 82% of our goal** and are committed to providing quality service to the Deaf, hard of hearing, and DeafBlind in our area because very few programs are left in this state who can do so.

### **PHILADELPHIA AUTO SHOW TICKETS**

Saturday, January 27 the Philadelphia Auto Show will have interpreters all day (9 a.m.—10 p.m.). **DHCC** generously shared discounted tickets with CTK. If you would like to go, please **see Pr. Beth quickly as only 25 are available.**

### **WEST CHESTER AREA ASL MEETUP**

moved to Exton Mall Food Court on Thursdays from 6:30—9 p.m. beginning this month.





# January 2018



-Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			5:30 pm refugee class in Philadelphia	11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters		12-4 p.m. Rescheduled DeafBlind holiday party (SSPs needed)
7 SUNDAY of the EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship	8	4:30-6:30 p.m. Deaf immigrant English classes	4 p.m. worship at CTK, Philadelphia 5:30 pm refugee class in Philadelphia	11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters ELDA/ELM mtg 8p	12	13
14 2nd SUNDAY after EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship Valley View worship	15	4:30-6:30 p.m. Deaf immigrant English classes 7 pm ASL classes	2 pm Open House DHHS, Lancaster 5:30 pm refugee class in Philadelphia	11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters 7 p.m. ELDA Board meeting	19	20
21 3rd SUNDAY after EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship	22	4:30-6:30 p.m. Deaf immigrant English classes 7 pm ASL classes	5:30 pm refugee class in Philadelphia	11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	26	27
28 4th SUNDAY after EPIPHANY 10-Noon, Snack and Chat "Human Trafficking-A Hidden Crime" 12:30 Council meeting & RETREAT	29	4:30-6:30 p.m. Deaf immigrant English classes 7 pm ASL classes	5:30 pm refugee class in Philadelphia	February 1 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	2	3
4 5th SUNDAY after EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship SOUPER BOWL: Bring dried/canned food for our food pantry to help others	5	4:30-6:30 p.m. Deaf immigrant English classes 7 pm ASL classes	5:30 pm refugee class in Philadelphia	11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	7 p.m. Bible study in Phoenixville	10
						11 a.m. worship at CTK, Philadelphia PSD Homecoming games & ASL movie



## JANUARY 2018 WORSHIP TOPICS

### January 7...SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY

Matthew 2:1—12..."Gifts for the King"

### January 10...Epiphany worship in Philadelphia

### January 14...2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

Mark 1:14—21..."Fishing for the Lord"

(Valley View worship in afternoon)

### January 21...3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

Mark 1:21—28..."The Power of the Word"

### January 28...4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

**Snack and Chat: 10 a.m.—12 p.m. in Herzog Parlor**

*"Human Trafficking: A Hidden Crime"*

(Council meeting and retreat/training)



### February 4...5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

Mark 1:29—39..."The Power of Touch"

**(SOUPER BOWL: Bring dried/canned foods for our food pantry)**