



## THE MESSENGER

Christ the King Deaf Church

DeafCAN! (Deaf Community Action Network)

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

3101 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149 (St. John's)

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

**December 2018—January 2019**

Dear children,

*It has come to My attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. Maybe you have forgotten that My birthday is not really on December 25<sup>th</sup> although I do appreciate being remembered any time.*

*Now I personally do not care what you call this day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just **GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER**. Now let Me go on...*

*If it bothers you that your town will not allow a scene depicting My birth, so what! Just take the Santas and reindeer off your front lawns and put a small Nativity scene in front of your homes. If many people did this, there would be **no need to set one up in the town square**.*

*Stop worrying that people want to call their trees holiday trees instead of Christmas trees. I was the One who made the trees. **You can and may remember Me any time you see any tree.***

***If you want to give Me a gift to remember My birthday, here is My gift list. Choose something from it:***

- 1. Write letters of love and hope to Deaf inmates away from home. They are afraid and lonely this time of the year. I know, they tell Me all the time.***
- 2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know someone cares about them. (Go to Valley View!!)***
- 3. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth and why I came to live with you down here. **Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.*****
- 4. Think of someone who hurt you in the past and **forgive** him/her.***
- 5. Did you know someone in your town will try to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, **try giving everyone you meet a warm smile. It could make the difference.*****
- 6. If you really want to make a difference, **support a missionary**, especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.***
- 7. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only have **no "Christmas" tree**, but neither will they have any gifts to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to **an agency like DeafCAN! or a charity to distribute for you.*****
- 8. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief and loyalty to Me, then **behave like a Christian**. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. **Let people know by your actions that you are one of Mine.*****

*Don't forget. I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out this list and get to work. Time is short. I'll help you, but it's your job. Have a blessed Christmas with those whom you love and remember: **I LOVE YOU! GOD+***



## PRAYERS ARE OFFERED:

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

Sam Cave, Donna Clark, George Murphy,  
Karen Dunn, Tony Pellagrini, Gabriella,  
Cindy Houston, Harry Mackay, Nancy  
Holloway, Colleen, Susan Shaffer, Ellen,  
Tom Hulme, Jim Boyle, Dr. Julia, &  
Suzanne Hartz (cancer);  
Anna Steckel, Allen Kahler, Diane  
Jackson, Joyce Sparks, Dawn Campos-  
Herrera (MS);  
Jo Meehan, & Marvin Wefge (stroke);  
Andrew Sposato, Dorinne Ross, Helen  
Firnhaber, Glenn Hoshauer, Kenny  
Gaston, Allen Wenker, John Tamaro,  
Kendra LeVasseur, Alan Wismer, &  
Mazhar Abdulsalam (heart);  
Jim Steele & Ruth Reynolds (vision);  
Peter Groff, Josie Plotkin (Lyme);  
Sam Stewart, Shayla Lewkowicz, Liz  
Sedore, Stephen Welsh, Gentil  
Ndizihiwe, April Hemmerele; baby Joey  
(leukemia);  
Dick Story, Jerry Baraz, John Rueger,  
John Stiteler, Bev Groff, & Ed Carrigan  
(back);  
Joe Johnson & Rainy Wesel (migraines);  
Gayle Clay (Parkinson's);  
Barbara Simpson (surgery recovery);  
Mandy Firnhaber, & Jeff Szczubelek  
(brain injury);  
Kate Finn & Gretchen Stoffel (breathing)  
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, Charlotte  
Berish, Rita Volpe, Lillian Hoshauer,  
Arnie Koche, Carol Shelly, Jackie  
Kanekuni, Tom Peterman. Donna Emery,  
Samuel Zeqiri, Maria Firnhaber, Pam  
Talone, John Tamaro, Ning, Robert  
Miller, Kathryn Midgley, Rosemary's  
mother

### ++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 @ Phoenix);  
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:

Lockard's nephew Matthew (Army,  
Special Forces, Chile)  
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)

### ++THANKSGIVING FOR:

The marriage of **Andrei Smith & Katie  
Linskens** celebrated December 8 in Valley  
Forge; and for the marriage of **Christopher  
Hagerty & Shana Sobers** celebrated December  
14 in Trevoise. We pray God's blessings on both  
couples as they begin their new life together.

### ++SYMPATHY FOR:

The family of **Kathleen Bucci** (79, 12/12) of  
Coatesville who died after complications from a  
fall in November. She is survived by husband  
Edmund of 61 years, sons Nick and Tom, two  
grandchildren, one great granddaughter, as well  
as a brother and sister and their families. May  
God comfort with peace & may we offer the  
same.







## *In the Spirit of the Season*

### *Here are some ideas...*

- *Donate a poinsettia plant in memory or honor of someone. The cost is \$5 each. Contact the church office by December 7.*
- *Contact Terri Marple [tmarple12@comcast.net](mailto:tmarple12@comcast.net) if you can donate a dessert for the luncheon or baked goods for the bake sale December 8. Contact [queeniek4@verizon.net](mailto:queeniek4@verizon.net) if you can donate an item for the silent auction.*
- *Donate regular or sugar-free cookies & candies for Valley View residents by December 20.*
- *Help with our worship service and reception at Valley View December 23 at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Donate a \$10 WAWA gift card for one of our refugee/immigrant students. Contact office.*
- *Help a family become independent. Instead of giving your loved ones unwanted gifts, order from <https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts> and give the global gift in their name.*
- *Support our local DeafCAN! services at [www.deafcanPA.org](http://www.deafcanPA.org) or through AmazonSmile when you order through Amazon.*
- *Contact [scottmstoffel@yahoo.com](mailto:scottmstoffel@yahoo.com) to SSP at our DeafBlind Holiday party 12/29.*



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES with Holy Communion**

***Saturday, December 22 at 2 p.m.***

***Christmas Service with dessert reception***

***at St. John's Lutheran***

***3101 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia, 19149***

***Sunday, December 23 at 10:30 a.m.***

***Refreshments & Crafts following***

***Valley View Home, 111 Elwyn Rd., Elwyn, PA 19063***

***Sunday, December 23 at 7 p.m.***

***Christmas Service with dessert reception***

***at Calvary Lutheran***

***730 South New Street, West Chester, 19382***

***Saturday, December 29***

***DeafBlind Holiday Party, 12—4 p.m.***

***at Calvary Lutheran***

***730 South New Street, West Chester, 19382***

***Sunday, December 30***

***NO service fifth Sundays***



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

- To the people who decorated the chapel for Advent & Christmas season: **Katie Finn, Beth Hillman, Patty Johnston, John Markowitz, Terri Marple, Betty Jane Nadwondy, & Nathan Smith;**
- To those who donated Christmas poinsettias: **Terri & Mark Marple** (in memory of parents Arthur & Myrtle Marple and Frances Talone), **Katie Finn & BJ Nadwondy** (in memory of BJ's parents, Katie's mom Lillian and stepmom Ellen); **Pr. Beth & Bill Lockard** (in honor of Christ's birth);
- To WAWA card donors for our immigrant/refugee students: **Bobbi Caley, Lockards, Terri Marple, Mary Fook & Janet Parker;**
- To the **Church Council** who hosted, **Santa**, and **all who attended** and helped with the grand Christmas luncheon, & those currently involved with the Silent Auction **benefitting DeafCAN!**



## About Us

Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921.

Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area.

Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Red Bird Mission, guided by Jesus Christ, empowers individuals and advocates justice by providing spiritual, educational, health, and community outreach ministries in southeastern Kentucky.

## Red Bird Mission

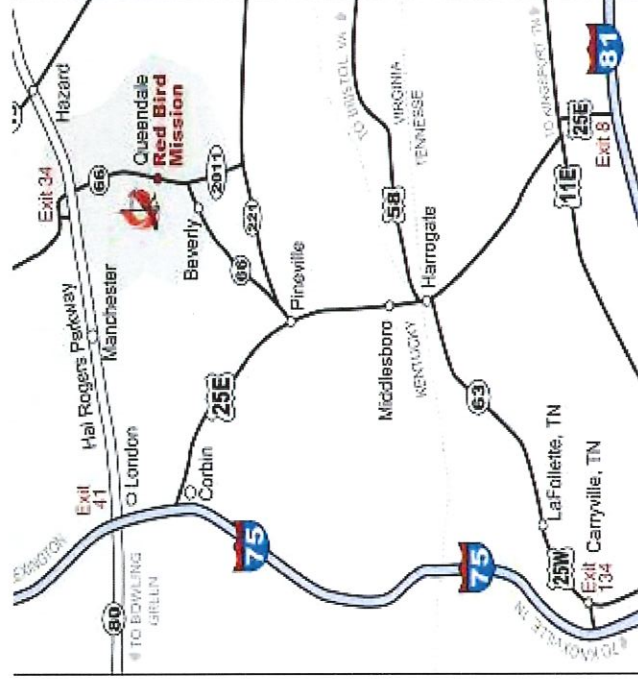
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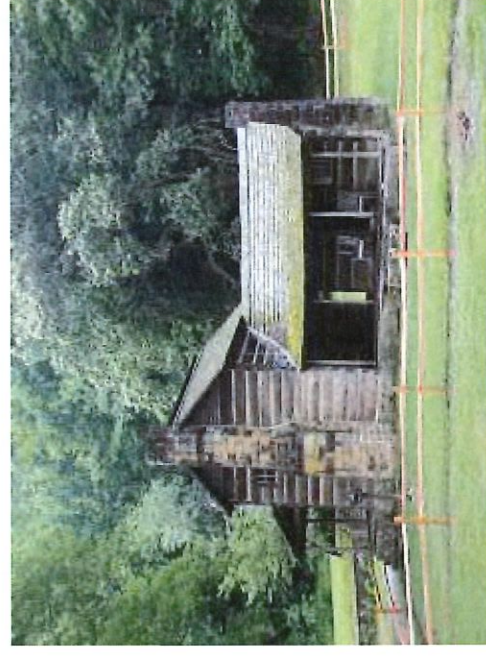
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“A praying people answering peoples’ prayers”



Changing lives since 1921  
[www.rbmission.org](http://www.rbmission.org)







### Work Camp Rates

\$375 per person (\$50 deposit required within 90 days receipt of Group Application)

- ◆ \$200 meals/lodging
- ◆ \$175 project material donation
  - \* Based on the project(s) your group sponsors, you may be require to make an additional project \$ donation to cover material expenses.

### What's included in your fees?

- \* Project materials, van, and tools (donations are gladly accepted)
- \* Knowledgeable and enthusiastic crew leader
- \* Evening devotions and programming
- \* Good food, good stories, and cozy cabins



### How will you serve at Work Camp?

- ◆ Flooring ◆ Roofing
- ◆ Siding ◆ Interior/Exterior Walls
- ◆ Bathroom Remodel ◆ Build Room Additions
- ◆ Kitchen Remodel ◆ Underpinning
- ◆ Build/Repair Decks ◆ Basic Electrical
- ◆ Wheelchair Ramps ◆ Basic Plumbing
- ◆ Painting ◆ Build Steps
- ◆ Gutters ◆ Landscaping

### Limited opportunities to serve at Red Bird

- \* Serve in the Craft Store \* Serve in the Senior Center
- \* Serve in the Community Store \* Serve in Outreach

\*Limited service opportunities must be pre-approved!



## Red Bird Mission

70 Queendale Center

Beverly, KY 40913

Phone: (606) 598 - 5133

Fax: (606) 598 - 0906

E-mail: RBMworkcamp@rbmission.org

### Daily Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

- 7:15am Devotions
- 7:30am Breakfast
- 12:00pm lunch
- 4:30pm Return to Barn, check-in and load for next day
- 5:30pm Supper
- Monday/Tuesday-Leaders breakfast meeting
- Friday-Clergy breakfast meeting



### Evening Programs

- Sunday-7:00pm Orientation and Worship
- Monday-7:30pm Mission Presentation
- Tuesday-6:30pm Ice Cream at Fire Dept. followed by Craft Store shopping
- Wednesday-Mission tours, day off to explore the area
- Thursday-6:30pm Ice Cream at Fire Dept. followed by Talent/No-Talent Night at 7:30pm
- Friday-7:30pm Time of Sharing and Communion



***UMCD and ELDA mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky Aug. 11-17, 2019***

Have you ever seen the stories of people going on mission trips to far away places in other countries and thought, "That would be great but I don't have the money to join that trip," or "I like the idea of going on a mission trip, but travelling that far makes me nervous"?

The United Methodist Congress of the Deaf and the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association are partnering through our Deaf ELM partnership to make a mission trip that will stay right here in the USA but still let us gather and serve others faithfully in mission!

The Appalachian mountain area of the USA faces a great deal of poverty and often people need assistance with everything from home repairs to education to health needs. The Red Bird Mission is a ministry of The United Methodist Church in Beverly, Kentucky that provides a variety of service and support to people in this area of our country. They host teams throughout the year that do basic construction work to help make needed repairs to people's homes. They also have projects on their mission site for people who can't do construction work. Youth and families are particularly welcome!

Join us at the Red Bird Mission August 11-17, 2019! The total cost will be \$375 + whatever transportation is needed to get to Beverly, Kentucky from where you are. The closest airport is Knoxville, TN.

If God is calling you to go, a \$50 non-refundable deposit is needed by Jan. 15, 2019. This is required by the Red Bird mission and if you don't have a deposit in, you won't be able to join later. The deposit check should be made out to Red Bird Mission and sent to Carol Stevens, 5303 Christiana Mdw, Bear, DE 19701 and arrive by January 15<sup>th</sup>!

If you have more questions about the trip, contact Carol Stevens ([carolstevens100@hotmail.com](mailto:carolstevens100@hotmail.com)) or Rev. Patti Ravilious ([rev.patti.rav@gmail.com](mailto:rev.patti.rav@gmail.com))

# 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. 22—March 12, 2019	7---9 p.m.	Room F-3
Intermediate	Tuesdays	Jan. 22—March 12, 2019	7—9 p.m.	Ralston Room
Advanced	Tuesdays	Jan. 22—March 12, 2019	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, Units 15--16)  
 Advanced (Yellow book, Unit 23--24)

Beginning classes are also offered at New  
 Hanover United Methodist Church in Gilbertsville.  
 Contact 610-323-2353 or  
[deafmin@newhanoverumc.org](mailto:deafmin@newhanoverumc.org)

**The Fine Print**

Please fill out the form below. Please **pre-register** by January 5, 2018 to [lockardbeth@gmail.com](mailto: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 Jnauary 5, 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 Email: [lockardbeth@gmail.com](mailto:lockardbeth@gmail.com)





# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	7 pm Bible Study in Phoenixville	11 a.m. CTK Deaf worship at St. John's, NE Phila.
6 SUNDAY of the EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship	7 4:15 pm Deaf immigrant English class	8 10 am & 5:30 p.m. Deaf refugee ESL classes, Phila.	9 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	10 6 p.m. Family ASL Game Night	11	12
13 1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship 2 p.m. Valley View worship	14 4:15 pm Deaf immigrant English class	15 10 am & 5:30 p.m. Deaf refugee ESL classes, Phila.	16 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	17	18	19
20 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship	21 	22 4:15 pm Deaf immigrant English class 7 pm Winter ASL classes begin	23 10 am & 5:30 p.m. Deaf refugee ESL classes, Phila.	24 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	25	26
27 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Snack & Chat in Herzog Parlor 12:30 Council meeting	28	29 4:15 pm Deaf immigrant English class 7 pm ASL classes	30 10 am & 5:30 p.m. Deaf refugee ESL classes, Phila.	31 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	<b>February 1</b> 7 pm Bible Study in Phoenixville	2 11 a.m. CTK Deaf worship at St. John's, NE Phila. <b>Philadelphia Auto Show interpreted</b>
3 4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 10:30 a.m. Deaf ASL worship SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY—bring canned & dried food to church or donate \$\$ <b>Super Bowl game in Atlanta, GA</b>	4	5 4:15 pm Deaf immigrant English class 7 pm ASL classes	6 10 am & 5:30 p.m. Deaf refugee ESL classes, Phila.	7 11 a.m. Deaf class @ Handi-Crafters	8	9



## DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019 WORSHIP TOPICS



### December 2...**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Luke 21:25—36... "He Comes in Power & Glory"

### December 8...**SECOND SATURDAY OF ADVENT**

Luke 3:1—6... "He Comes to Lead the Way"

(11 a.m. service in Philadelphia; reception of new members)

### December 9...**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

(Christmas luncheon & bazaar; movie "The Nativity Story")

### December 16...**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Luke 3:7—18... "Put Real Gift Giving into Christmas"

### December 22...**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

Isaiah 9:2—7; Luke 2:1—20... "He Comes for Us"

(2 p.m. service in Philadelphia; reception of more new members)

### December 23...**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

(10:30 a.m. service at Valley View; 7 p.m. service in West Chester)



### December 30...**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

(No worship service on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

### January 5...**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

(11 a.m. service in Philadelphia)

### January 6...**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Matthew 2:1—12... "God's Light for the World"

### January 13...**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Luke 3:15—17, 21—22... "Gifts for the King"

### January 20...**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

John 2:1—11... "Gifts of Power & Presence"

### January 27...**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

(10:30 a.m. Snack & Chat; 12:30 p.m. Council meeting)

