

2018-2019

**Intermediate Sign Language**

**Thursdays 1:00-2:00**

**Grades 3-8**

**Teacher: Pat Bonnet**

**Student fee: \$35**

**Class size limit: 12**

**Description:** This class is for beginning/intermediate students. We will build a sign vocabulary and develop the use of sign language for communication and worship. Students will work on expressive and receptive skills through role play, games, paired/small group activities, and ASL translations of scripture & worship songs.

Homework will include vocabulary review, practicing scripture verses and songs in sign, as well as reading short articles and completing activities to build an understanding of Deaf culture and the achievements of Deaf persons.

**Internet Accessibility:** There are a variety of resources available to us on the Web, and we are making increasing use of these. For example, it is often helpful to see a sign demonstrated as opposed to having to interpret a 2-dimensional drawing from a text. If the student is asked to complete an activity online, I will supply the link in an e-mail. You should make sure that your computer supports the use of media player or Adobe flash player, or similar programs.

**Texts:** I will provide textbooks for the students to use for the year. I will also provide a binder, dividers, a homework folder, and translated scripture verse booklet for each student.

**Homework:** Students will be expected to practice fingerspelling, vocabulary, and scripture verses and/or songs, at least 15 minutes each day and keep a record of their practice time. A monthly calendar with daily activities and grid for record keeping, as well as a weekly homework sheet will be provided.

In addition to vocabulary and scripture practice, there will be a fingerspelling or chapter related activity each week, and a culture activity requiring the student to write short paragraphs.

**Goals:** To build a working vocabulary of signs such that the student will be able to sign worship along with the interpreter on Sunday mornings, feel comfortable introducing themselves and having short conversations in sign language, and ultimately be able to reach out to the Deaf members and visitors in our church.