



Hear Fayette Program
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We are beyond thrilled to see that this series has begun on television station EWTN!

Why? Because some of our people at St. Vincent De Paul Uniontown Conference are part of it!

Some are our Hear Fayette people, and some are volunteers for the Handfuls of Mercy group.

The Hear Fayette segment in Episode 9 will be shown Saturday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 20 at 6:30 a.m.; and Saturday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m.

In that episode, you will see interviews with our teacher and friend, Jeff Martz interpreted by Cindy Hanzes and an interview with Diana McLaughlin who is deaf and learning better speech. Other Hear Fayette people are included in the episode.

Handfuls of Mercy will be part of Episode 6 on April 22 at 6:30 a.m. and April 29 at 6:00 p.m. You will find more information at this Web site.

<http://www.svdpusa.org/members/ourfaithinaction>

Tech Day Returns! April 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m

John Flaherty of TRPIL will be with us once again to keep us up to the minute on the latest tech devices for persons who are unable to use standard communication. He'll bring the assistive devices and tell how you may be able to get them at no cost!

Also, he will be telling us about RTT (Real time Text) that replaces the TTY telephone communication system that can be used with iPhone and Android devices.

And another thing, we will be giving complimentary ear plugs or hearing aid batteries! Please join us in the Samaritan's Well, the red brick building beside the St. Vincent Store at 90 N.Mt. Vernon Ave. Uniontown on April 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

T-Shirt Order Ends April 21, 2018

These high quality shirts proclaim a special message about we people who cannot hear as well as others. We are just as smart as anyone else! The shirts read: "I've lost my hearing not my IQ." Shirts are under \$20 for most sizes. Contact us for full details.

If you want one, you'll have to let us know at hearfayette@gmail.com right away



Five Things I Wish Everyone Knew about Hearing Loss.

The following excellent list was taken from a longer post by Shari Eberts
<https://livingwithhearingloss.com/2016/01/19/five-things-i-wish-everyone-knew-about-hearing-loss/>

1. Hearing loss is exhausting. When you have hearing loss, hearing takes work. This is hard for those with normal hearing to understand since hearing is so automatic for them. The best way I know to explain it is as a game board from Wheel of Fortune. Some of the letters are filled in, others are blank. The contestant (or listener in this case) is trying to make sense of the assorted and incomplete sounds he or she is hearing and turn these sounds into a word or phrase that makes sense in the context of the conversation. Not easy, especially since the conversation does not pause while you are doing this extra processing. Read more about this [here](#).

2. I am not stupid or rude. I might answer questions inappropriately or miss the point of a conversation now and then, but I am not stupid. I just misheard what you said. And if I don't respond to your greeting or an "excuse me" at the store, it is not because I am ignoring you. I just didn't hear it.

3. Hearing aids don't work like glasses. Glasses transform blurry images into something crisp and clear restoring your vision to normal. With hearing aids, this is not the case. Hearing aids amplify sounds, but this only makes them louder, not necessarily crisper or clearer. Hearing aids also have a tough time differentiating among sounds so that background noises like the hum of the refrigerator or the air conditioner are amplified in addition to the more important sounds of conversation. This can actually make it harder to hear in certain situations!

4. I do not need you to speak for me. I am neither a child nor an invalid. If someone asks me a question and I don't hear it, please repeat it so I can answer for myself. Doing otherwise is insulting and demeaning.

5. A few simple tricks can help a lot. Face me when you speak to me and keep your lips visible. Don't try to talk to me from another room and be sure to get my attention first before speaking. I want to hear you and am trying my best. Following these rules will let me know that you are too.

Surgical/medical masks for better communication! If you've ever been in a surgical, dental, or other setting where the staff must wear masks, you know how communication is shut down because you can't lipread. Now masks are available with a clear plastic insert, making lipreading much easier.

<https://www.safenclear.com>

Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 19 or 26, date pending. Please check our pages for exact date and time. We've always had a great time with this sale, and many customers are back year after year, and we love seeing them again. Of course, almost every year, it has rained. We got wet, but the plants didn't mind a bit. <https://www.facebook.com/HearFayetteSVdP>

Sign Language Class Announcement!

Our Winter 2018 Beginner's Class will end on April 28. As usual, we had a wonderful group of enthusiastic students! Thanks for joining us and Jeff, our teacher for class. We thank stand-ins, Cindy Hanzes and Lisa Mecozzi for helping when we needed you.

Next Beginner's Class starts on Saturday, September 8, 2018. If you are interested, please email hearfayette@gmail.com. We already have five students and try to limit class size to 15. All are welcome!

ASL Class continues each Wednesday (with exceptions) from 5 till 6. You will have to have a good basic background in sign language for this class.

We practice from 11 till 12:30 a.m. on Saturday. All are welcome to drop in!

Hearing Aid Batteries at no cost!

Stop and visit us on Thursday from 10 till 1 in the Samaritan's Well (that's in the red brick building) beside the St. Vincent de Paul Store, 90 N. Mt. Vernon Ave. Uniontown, Pa., tell us about your hearing, and pick up a pack of hearing aid batteries. Thanks and God bless Starkey Foundation for donating the batteries.

Plans for 2018

Hear Fayette Program of St. Vincent de Paul Uniontown has plans for the next year that include introducing more education about hearing loss, t-shirt sale, technology days, sign language classes and practice, a plant sale, perhaps, and more.

We (our volunteers are deaf, Deaf, hardly hearing, and hearing people) welcome visitors on Thursday from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. in the Samaritan's Well (the red brick building beside the St. Vincent de Paul Store 90 N. Mt. Vernon Ave. Uniontown PA.

All are welcome to visit and learn about ways to "get along" when our hearing is gone or going!

Look for us at the Sign-a-Thon.



SATURDAY, April 7, 2018

**Mall at Robinson
100 Robinson Centre Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Noon – 4pm**

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Signed and Captioned Masses are available on youtube.

This is the Easter Sunday Mass from Our Lady of Grace RC Church
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E9BRg_sGnQ

**Signed Mass takes place at Our Lady of Grace RC Church,
Mt. Pleasant Rd. Greensburg Sundays 10:30 a.m.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Uniontown Area Conference

We welcome Maria Fetock, the new Director of the St. Vincent de Paul, Uniontown. Our volunteers wish Ms. Fetock the very best and hope she brushes up on her sign language with us. We also thank former director, **Roy Sarver**, who was a believer in our program right from the start.

The Uniontown and, in fact, the Fayette County community recognizes SVdP as a warm and welcoming place to be when someone is in need. What exactly might be needed? Certainly, food and clothing, household goods, and information about resources. The needs are varied, and help and hope are provided as best possible to fit each unique personal or family situation.

At St. Vincent de Paul, amazing yet humble people, inspired by the message of Jesus, create ways to serve others. Some of our volunteers make quilts, make sleeping mats for the homeless, make special soft crosses and visit homebound or persons in long-term care facilities, dismantle broken appliances and recycle the metal, help out in the emergency food pantry, work in our store at checkout, sort and examine clothing and donations as they arrive, move articles onto shelves or clothing racks, interview persons in need of help, unload and move donated items, and lots more.

St. Vincent de Paul is powered by dedicated people who freely give their time, talents, intelligence, goodness as volunteers, and devoted and generous friends and neighbors who donate furniture, clothing, and household goods in order to sustain its service to others.

Call 724-439-9188 to volunteer or ask for information on any of these services.



RENDU SISTERS ARE HERE!

On alternate Wednesdays, Rendu Sisters are here at our store to monitor blood pressure and provide health information. Here are Sisters Alice and Mary Ann and one of their more famous patients.

You may see what's up at St Vincent de Paul at

www.stvincentdepauluniontown.org

<https://www.facebook.com/stvincentdepauluniontown/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SVdPfurnishings/>

https://www.facebook.com/pg/National-Council-of-the-United-States-Society-of-St-Vincent-de-Paul-186921794657204/about/?ref=page_internal

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A huge shout out and blessings to @CatholicAccent for including a story about our Handful of Mercy Program and Hear Fayette Program. Check it out online at [http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?m=27941&l=1# ...](http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?m=27941&l=1#...) {"issue_id":483943,"page":4}

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