

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

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### Points Of Interest:

\* **The Deaf United Methodist Women's Meeting** is at 6:30pm on **Wed, April 2nd**.

\* Our **Signing Dinner** is on **Fri, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at the *Panera Bread* (contact Barb for details). It begins at 5:30pm.

\* **April 5<sup>th</sup>** is the **fundraiser lunch for Ava**. It begins at 1pm.



\* **Deaf Potluck & Program** (hosted by the Deaf United Methodist Women's group) is on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm.

\* All are invited for our **Passover meal on Thur, April 17**. We will have a *Last Supper* like Jesus' had with his disciples. It begins at 5:30pm church.



\* A special Deaf **EASTER** service is on **April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am.



## GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH & SOCIETY



On Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> several members of Magothy Deaf Church joined members of Christ Deaf Church went to Washington, DC to

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## OUR MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Our "IN THE FACE OF WAR" worship service was on Sun, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was great having Christ Deaf Church's choir perform. We had special prayers and lit candles, along with a sermon on peace. It was good having everyone attend.



## Our First Deaf Potluck

The Deaf United Methodist Women group of Magothy Deaf Church hosted their first deaf potluck and program on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The gathering was held in the fellowship hall. Three representatives (Pam Stewart, Mike Hollywood, and Brenda Kelly-Fry) from MD Relay came and presented a short program about the changes and new features of the new relay provider (AT&T). One deaf person said, "I'm glad I came, I learned a lot about the MD Relay." The potluck and programs are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month.

## SYMBOLS IN WORSHIP

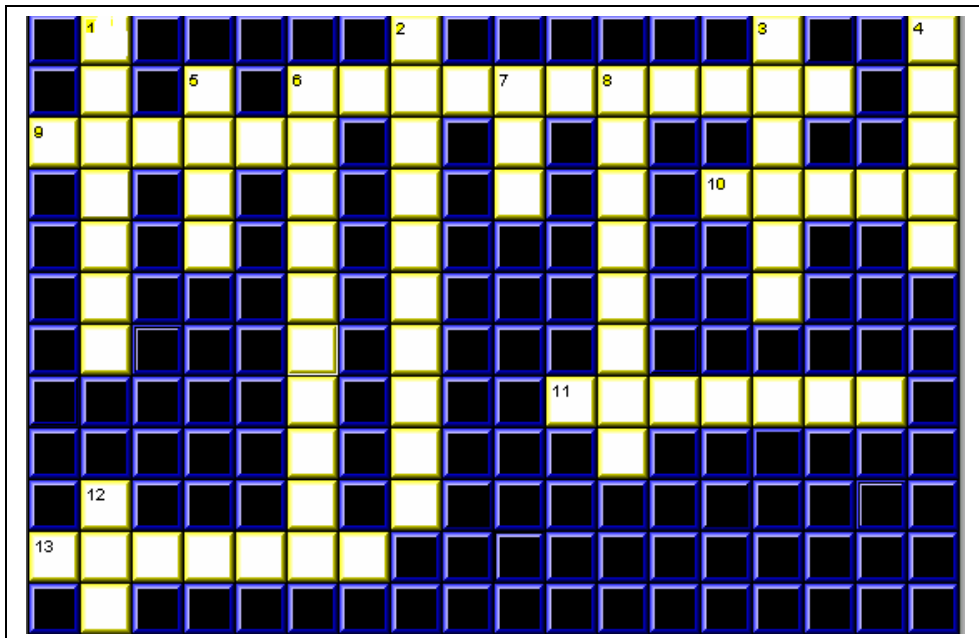
For a long time some churches felt a certain discretion about the use of symbols in worship. For some in the congregation, this resembled Roman Catholic practices and, in the minds of many, that was the reason they had left the Roman Catholic Church. Another, probably more obvious reason, has been the lack of enough instruction on the meaning and biblical background of symbols. This article is designed to clarify the meaning of some of the primary symbols used in the liturgy.

**1. Anointing:** This is particularly appropriate during healing services and confirmation of new members. Pure olive oil is recommended. The leader anoints the person's forehead, simply with a touch, or by making the sign of the cross and repeating appropriate words, such as, "In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," or some other word for a specific purpose.



**2. Baptismal Font:** This area needs to have high visibility. Baptism is a sacrament of initiation and should never be considered a private ceremony; rather, the whole community participates in this sacrament.





**DOWN**

1. The stories of Jesus are found in the four \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The last book of the bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Most of the Old Testament was written in the \_\_\_\_\_ language.
4. The name "Bible" means \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Each testament is divided into \_\_\_\_\_ divisions.
6. The Old Testament is composed of \_\_\_\_\_ books.
7. The Bible has \_\_\_\_\_ testaments or parts.
8. The Bible contains \_\_\_\_\_ books.
12. Genesis is one of the books of \_\_\_\_\_.

**ACROSS**

6. The New Testament is composed of \_\_\_\_\_ books.
9. One of the books known as a "Major Prophet" is \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The New Testament was written in the \_\_\_\_\_ language.
11. Both testaments contain a division called \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The first book of the New Testament is \_\_\_\_\_.

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

**DOWN**

1. Gospels 2. Revelation 3. Hebrew 4. Books 5. Five 6. Thirtynine 7. Two 8. Sixtysix 12. Law **ACROSS** 6. Twentyseven 9. Isaiah 10. Greek 11. History 13. Matthew

**HOLY WEEK** is the last week of Lent.

Holy Week observances began in Jerusalem in the earliest days of the Church, when devout people traveled to Jerusalem at Passover to reenact the events of the week leading up to the Resurrection.

- **Palm Sunday** (or Passion Sunday), the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.
- **Holy Thursday** (or Maundy Thursday), the institution of Communion and the betrayal by Judas.
- **Good Friday**, the arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus Christ.
- **Holy Saturday**, the Sabbath on which Jesus rested in the grave.

**Thursday**

The disciples arranged for the Passover meal, which took place after sundown. After sundown, it was Friday by Jewish reckoning.

**Friday: Preparation Day, the Passover**

The day began on what we would call Thursday evening. Jesus and the disciples ate the Passover in the upper room. Judas left during the meal. Jesus and the remaining disciples adjourned to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed and the disciples kept falling asleep. Judas arrived and betrayed Jesus, who spent the rest of the night being tried by the Sanhedrin and by Pilate. The following morning, which was still the same day by Jewish reckoning, the Crucifixion took place. Matthew 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:55-56, and John 19:31 all inform us that this was Preparation Day, which is the Jewish name for Friday. Mark and John explain that the next day is the Sabbath. Thus Jesus, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed for our sins on Passover, and His blood protects us from the angel of death. Jesus died on the cross and was buried before sunset. So this was first day that Jesus lay in the tomb.

**Saturday: the Jewish Sabbath**

Jesus rested in the tomb on the Sabbath. According to Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-3, and Luke 23:56-24:3, the day before the Resurrection was a Sabbath. This is the second day that Jesus lay in the tomb.

**Sunday: the first day of the week, the Festival of First Fruits**

On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave. It was the first day of the week and the day after the Sabbath, according to Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-3, Luke 23:56-24:3. John 20:1 says the Resurrection took place on the first day of the week. He does not explicitly say that the previous day was the Sabbath, but there is no room in his narrative for any intervening days. *The first day of the week* is the Jewish name for Sunday. Sunday is also the eighth day after the creation in Genesis, so Paul describes Jesus' Resurrection as the first fruits of the new creation in 1 Corinthians 15:20-23.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** Continued....

visit the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) of the United Methodist Church. The Church and Society organization helps us by presenting our Christian and Methodist beliefs/views (also called social principles) to Congress and other government officials when a law or regulation may be presented that may help or harm society (i.e. slot machines in MD...gambling is an addiction that hurts many people). By us coming together as one group, we were able to tell the people at the Church & Society (who will speak for us) our frustrations of oppression, difficulty in obtaining interpreters (for communication), trouble with employment (& promotions) and the other issues we raised.

It was a learning experience for us as well. I didn't realize the United Methodist Church has an organization on Capital Hill (no other denomination/church does) to try and work with Congress and the other government officials. I have a better understanding that by writing letters and emails we can help change resolutions (beliefs) about issues.

It was wonderful to see the deaf community representing themselves in Washington, DC.

## SYMBOLS IN WORSHIP (continued)

**3. Candles:** Symbolizing the presence of Christ who is the light of the world, candles are to be lit by the acolytes at the beginning of worship and extinguished at the conclusion.



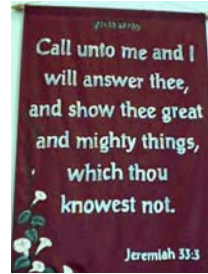
**4. Cross:** The central symbol of our faith, the cross must be displayed in every sanctuary. It is not a crucifix but an empty cross – a constant reminder of Christ's sacrifice for our sake.



**5. Paraments (ornaments):** These are cloths that are displayed in front of the Communion table, the pulpit, and the lectern. They are coordinated in color and design. Designs and colors that reflect the culture are encouraged.



**6. Banners:** Banners may be created in a variety of colors to fit the seasons of the liturgical year. They may feature Christian symbols or short Bible verses, and are placed in highly visible locations.



**7. Vestments:** This is the official clothing of the clergy and of those leading in worship. In the Protestant tradition, the most common has been the gown or the "Wesley" robe. The stoles symbolize ordination and vary in color, according to the liturgical year:

**Advent** – purple or blue      **Christmas** – white  
**Epiphany** – white              **Lent** – purple  
**Easter** – white                  **Pentecost** – red  
**Season after Pentecost** – green



**8. The Peace:** This is a symbol of love, reconciliation, and unity.

**9. Altar or Communion Table:** Usually the center of worship, the table holds the Communion utensils, the candles, and the cross. Sometimes a Bible is placed on the table, although the proper place for it is the pulpit.



**10. Liturgical Dance:** This is a symbolic expression of praise, comparable to the choir. When it is done properly, a liturgical dance can enhance the worship experience.



For more information go to [www.gbod.org/worship/articles/rejoice/p4.html](http://www.gbod.org/worship/articles/rejoice/p4.html)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### APRIL

- 4 Roy Matthews (Birthday)
- 7 Wayne Albrecht (Birthday)
- 22 Sue Holiway (Birthday)
- 27 Betty Yates (Birthday)

### OTHER SIGNFICANT DATES

\* There is a **Sign-A-Thon** at Owings Mills Mall **on April 6<sup>th</sup>** (Contact Rev. Peggy Johnson at [revpink@aol.com](mailto:revpink@aol.com)).

\* **April 10 & 24- Bible Study from 6:30–7:30pm.** We will be studying of the Book of Acts

\* **April 17 – 24 is Passover** (Jewish Festival of Matzah)



\* **April 18<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday & April 20<sup>th</sup> is Easter.**

\* **April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**, there will be a luncheon gathering at the Golden Coral Restaurant for Magothy Deaf Church & Christ Church's members.



\* **April 29 is Yom Hashoah** (Remembering the Holocaust)

\* **MAY 1<sup>st</sup> is the National Day of Prayer.**



## PRAYER SERVICE

If and when there is an announcement that the United States has entered into war with Iraq, we will hold a special prayer service at 7pm on the same day of the announcement. If the news comes late in the evening, we will hold the prayer service the next evening. The prayer service will be in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited.



## DEAF UMW ARTICLE

By Sue Holiway

We had another good turn out for our March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Lord is certainly working within us and our goal is to have people see the Lord in us before they see us. We want to be doers of the Word and not just listeners; we want all people to know we are Christians by our love, God's Love shining through us!

We finalized everything for our Fund Raiser spaghetti dinner on April 5<sup>th</sup>; we hope to see you all there.

We pray you can join us for our monthly "Deaf Friends & Friends Dinners" the second Friday of each month.

We are not meeting over the summer but we will start a Bible Study in the fall on the book of James. We encourage you to keep the UMW in prayer and we will be praying for you.

The UMW is open to all women from any denomination and you do not have to be a member to join us All Are Welcome!

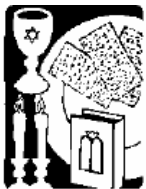
May the Lord's blessings be with you all.



**Our prayers go out to Mary Jane Allen for the loss of her son, Carter "Bunky" Allen, Jr.** Bunky passed away on February 26, 2002. Hang in there Mary Jane, we love you.

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# INVITATIONS



## Thursday, April 17th

Come to our Passover meal at 5:30pm. We will experience the *Last Supper* like Jesus did on the night he was arrested before his crucifixion. For more info call Pastor Leo at 410-693-9882 V.

Contact Darlene Koontz to find out which **Mondays** *sign language classes* will be held in **April**.

Darlene's email address is [koontz4@erols.com](mailto:koontz4@erols.com) or call her at 410-360-2751 TTY.



## Bible Study Is On Thur, April 10th & 24th

We are studying the Book of Acts; part of our lesson is watching the Visual Bible movie, "Acts." Bible study is from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.



WHO: You

WHEN: Fri, April 11, 2003

TIME: 5:30pm

WHAT: Deaf Potluck

HOSTED BY:

Deaf United Methodist women



WHERE: Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf, in the fellowship hall.

Free soup will be provided. You may bring crackers, bread &/or soda. Also, there will be a bake sale. Following dinner, we will have a short program presented by Billy Bowman from SSA

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