

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

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### Points Of Interest:

\* **On Fri, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, our **Signing Dinner** will be at **Yen's China Garden** at 8060 Ritchie Highway (across from Panera Bread). We begin to meet at 5:30pm. Please contact Barb Albrecht to reserve a place for you. Her email address is auntbarb146@juno.com.

\* **The Deaf United Methodist Women's Meeting** is at 6:30pm on **Wed, May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

\* **Deaf Potluck & Program** (hosted by the Deaf United Methodist Women's group) is on **Fri, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**.

## Our Prayer Service

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, we had a special prayer service in the middle of the week to come together as the body of Christ to pray for the troops and the people affected by war. It was a beautiful service that included special prayers and candles.



Lay leader Darlene Koontz

## AVA's FUNDRAISER

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, we had a fundraiser luncheon for one of our church member's granddaughter. What a joyous time everyone had. We collected over \$3K. The funds are to help towards the associated costs contributed by the many surgeries. Ava has undergone several to correct the damage caused by the hemangioma. While she still has several surgeries to come, she is thriving. Like most little girls, Ava loves to dress up like Cinderella and to play with her dolls.



## OUR APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> EASTER SERVICE

Many attended our Easter service. We came together and praised God for Jesus' resurrection. Jesus' sacrifice to take on the world's sins enables God to forgive us. Our Easter service included a baptism, a drama and special songs.



The picture above was taken during Cindy Blair's baptism. To the right, Sue Holiway led the Easter drama titled, "Where Are You, Jesus?"



## UMW PRAYER SERVICE

On Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the cluster of United Methodist Women units in the Annapolis district gathered for a day of prayer and self-denial.



Joan Tucker & Barb Albrecht

## APRIL'S SIGNING DINNER

Several of us came to our April Signing Dinner at the Panera Bread restaurant in Pasadena. It was wonderful to see people come together for fellowship. Our next Signing Dinner will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Yen's China Garden.



## WORD SEARCH

### New Testament Books

E P H E S I A N S N A I S S O L O C  
 B L O O D N H O J I I G R A C E L H  
 I T H E S S A L O N I A N S D R H R  
 I O M E G A P I A Z E I O U E M S I  
 T N O M E L I H P M I V J V A A E S  
 H E B R E W S A Y P B A E O D D L T  
 E L I A S P N Y E S I L S R H E F S  
 S A N A I T A L A G A L O V E N N O  
 S S O R C R I O Y T R W I V Y A L N  
 A A I E E K H H I V E L E H I I U O  
 L T K T R I T O S T C A T H P N O F  
 O D E E O O N A M O R O T I T U S G  
 N P V P M A I S C T M N H O J T S O  
 I E T I T U R A R I I B O A Z O A D  
 A V T I H C O O T R H S M A T H H M  
 N I P P U E C I O T O E A C H E A N  
 S L L S V K I C U S S N A M O R M E  
 S A N E W B I R T H A U L U K E S E

#### Word List

Matthew	II Thessalonians
Mark	I Timothy
Luke	II Timothy
John	Titus
Acts	Philemon
Romans	Hebrews
I Corinthians	James
II Corinthians	I Peter
Galatians	II Peter
Ephesians	I John
Philippians	II John
Colossians	III John
I Thessalonians	Jude
	Revelation

#### Why Is Easter On A Different Day Each Year?



In 325 AD, the Council of Nicea (1<sup>st</sup> official Catholic Church meeting) set the date for the celebration of Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox (when the sun crosses the plane of the earth's equator and day and night are of equal length), on March 21. For this reason, the date for Easter will change each year and can fall anywhere from March 22 to April 25.

## CHURCH HUMOR



Over the massive front doors of a church, these words were inscribed: "The Gate of Heaven". Below that was a small cardboard sign, which read: "Please use other entrance."

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Rev. Warren J. Keating, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Yuma, AZ, says that the best prayer he ever heard was: "Lord, please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am."

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On a very cold, snowy Sunday in February, only the pastor and one farmer arrived at the village church. The pastor said, "Well, I guess we won't have a service today." The farmer replied: "Pastor, even if only one cow shows up at feeding time, I feed it."

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Bill Keane, creator of the Family Circus cartoon strip tells of a time when he was penciling one of his cartoons and his son Jeffrey said, "Daddy, how do you know what to draw?" I said, "God tells me." Jeffrey said, "Then

#### OUR SYMPATHIES

On Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Margret Bosworth (mother of Ebbie Bosworth) passed away at the University of MD Medical Center in Baltimore. A funeral service was held on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in Glen Burnie, MD.

On behalf of Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf, the Bosworth family has our condolences. We are praying for you during this time of loss.

#### Bishop May On Iraq War



Bishop Felton Edwin May writes to United Methodist churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference regarding the U.S. invasion of Iraq. He urges them to pray, fast and actively witness for peace, justice and healing in Iraq and around the world.

#### HISTORY OF WESLEY

*Founder of the Methodist Church*



**John Wesley**

Samuel and Susanna Welsey in England; John was the fifteenth of nineteen children of Wesley. The father of Wesley was a preacher, and Wesley's mother was a remarkable woman in wisdom and intelligence. She was a woman of deep piety (very religious) and brought her little ones into close contact with the Bible stories, telling them from the tiles in front of their nursery fireplace. She also used to dress the children in their best on the days when they were to have the privilege (being allowed) of learning their alphabet as an introduction to the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

Young Wesley was a happy and manly youth, fond (he liked) of games and particularly of dancing. At Oxford he was a leader, and during the latter part of his time there, was one of the founders of the "Holy Club," an organization of serious-minded (dedicated) students. His religious nature deepened (grew) through study and experience, but it was not until several years after he left the university and was influenced by Luther's writings (Martin Luther, he helped the Protestant church break free from the Catholic Church) that he felt that he had entered into the full riches of the Gospel.

To be continued in June's newsletter.

#### JOHN WESLEY:

*"I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."*

# HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR TROOPS

## Send Your Thanks To the U.S. Military

Dear member of the U.S. military:  
Thank you for defending our freedom.

Signed

Your name

Your city

Your state

Alabama



**Defend America News**  
Click Here for the latest news, photos, features on the Global War on Terrorism.

To participate, go to <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>.

**Operation Uplink** let freedom ring

*Until they come home,  
we'll bring them voices from home.*

Operation Uplink is a unique program that keeps military personnel and hospitalized veterans in touch with their families and loved ones by providing them with a free phone card. Using contributions from supporters like you, Operation Uplink purchases phone cards and distributes them to servicemen and women who are separated from those they care about. Go to <http://www.operationuplink.org/> to help.



With thousands of U.S. troops deployed around the world, still actively engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom and the fight against terrorism, the United Service Organizations (USO) is offering a unique way for individuals and rations to let our nation's defenders know we haven't forgotten them. "Operation USO Care Package,"

enables individuals to write a personal message and financially support care packages that will be delivered to service members participating in Operation Enduring Freedom. Because of heightened security, individuals can no longer send letters and packages to 'Any Service Member.' Operation USO Care Package is approved by the Department of Defense, providing a safe, easy way for individuals and corporations to show their thoughts are with our men and women in uniform. To help, go to <http://www.usocares.org/home.htm>.

### SAMPLE CARE PACKAGE CONTENTS

Operation USO Care Package contents include only items received in bulk from manufacturers. We cannot accept donations of product received from individuals. Examples of needed items are below.

#### Travel Size Personal Items

Baby Wipes -- Cotton Swabs -- Lip Balm -- Toothpaste  
Sunscreen -- Disposable Razors -- Toothbrushes -- Hand Lotion

#### Miscellaneous items

Crossword Puzzle Books -- Compact Discs -- Current Movies on DVD

### Our Second Deaf Potluck

The second potluck dinner and program was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. We were blessed to have Billy Bowman from the Social Security Agency come and speak about different Social Security benefits. Mr. Bowman spoke for about an hour, explaining about the different programs and benefits that are provided by the Social Security Agency.



Billy Bowman

The Deaf United Methodist Women group did a marvelous job in coordinating this dinner. I'm very proud to work along such great and dedicated workers.

Our next dinner and program will be on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker is a deaf social worker; she will speak to us about how to deal with life changing events. For example, divorce, death, war, being a new parent, etc. will be discussed. All are invited.

I need help.



### Birthdays & Anniversaries




### MAY

- 13 Susie Moreland (Birthday)
- 14 Harry Varveri (Birthday)
- 21 Sandra Valencia (Birthday)
- 30 Steven Koontz Sr (Birthday)

### OTHER

### SIGNFIGANT DATES

- \* **MAY 1<sup>st</sup>** is the *National Day of Prayer*.
- \* **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** is a Zimbabwe Deaf Mission Trip fundraiser spaghetti dinner at Christ Church of the Deaf; it begins at 6PM. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Help support Pastor Yates and others with this important trip.
- \* On Thursday, **May 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** we will have **Bible Study** from 6:30 -7:30PM 
- \* **May 11<sup>th</sup>** is Mother's Day
- \* **May 26<sup>th</sup>** is Memorial Day

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

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## INVITATION

**WHO:** You

**WHEN:** Fri, May 9, 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

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## Zimbabwe Deaf Mission Trip Spaghetti Fundraiser



Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Begins at 6PM

Adults - \$8 Children - \$4

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By coming or making a donation,  
your assistance will help support  
Pastor Yates and the other team  
members. If not for us, then help our  
Deaf brothers and sisters in  
Zimbabwe. Africa.