

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

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**Points Of Interest:**

- \* **On Fri, August 1st,** our *Signing Dinner* will be at the Panera Bread restaurant beginning at 5:30PM. It is located at 8125G Ritchie Highway. No reservations are required.
- \* **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>,** we will have a *potluck lunch* after our morning worship service. All are welcome.
- \* **Sunday, September 7** our deaf worship service will go back to our regular time at **9:30AM.**

**BIRTHDAYS  
&  
ANNIVERSARIES**



**AUGUST**

- 1 Ruth Varveri (Birthday)
- 4 Jesse & Kathy Johnson (Anniversary)
- 10 Cyndy Hardie (Birthday)
- 16 Jesse Johnson (Birthday)
- 17 Sarah Pyles (Birthday)
- 24 Joan Tucker (Birthday)
- 27 Edith & Roy Matthews (Anniversary)

**DEAF MINISTRY  
CONFERENCE**

July 17 – 20 is the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf National Conference in Dallas, TX. Sue Holiway, Laura Dreany, and Pastor Leo Yates, Jr. will be attending the four-day conference. Conference topics include *Ministry, Music, Miracles, Management, Marketability, Missions, Methodism, Mary(s), Mannah & Menorah, and the four Gospels.* *Continued*

**COMBINED WORSHIP**

On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Magothy Deaf church and Magothy hearing church began having a combined summer worship service. The 9AM service is jointly led by the hearing and Deaf leaders. When the weather is nice we hold our service in the chapel in the woods. What a great opportunity for us to come and experience God's grace as one body (group).



**OUR DEAF CHOIR**

The Magothy Deaf Choir reunited to perform a song for the congregation on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Barbara Albrecht leading the five-member choir. What a joy it was seeing the group sign an anthem for us during our combined worship service.



Left to right: Allen Varveri, Ruth Varveri, Mary Jane Allen, Barbara Sully, and Jim Varveri.

**DEAF MISSION TRIP TO ZIMBABWE**

Our mission team flew to Hurare, Zimbabwe in Africa on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and came home on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The team included Carol Stevens, Leo Yates, Jr., Linda Mason, and Caroline "Petey the Clown." This was Carol Steven's fourth trip to Zimbabwe and the first time for the rest of the team members. God opened many doors for us as we ministered to the deaf community in the Mutare area. We went to several area schools that had deaf classrooms for deaf children. School supplies, Picture Bibles and regular bibles were given to the deaf children and teachers to assist them in their education. Several Deaf adults accompanied us on our school visits, empowering them to teach Bible lessons, songs and prayers to the Deaf children.

The United Methodist Church provided financial assistance to build the very first Deaf club in Zimbabwe; on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> we had the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new building. In addition to our school visits, we visited Africa University (a United Methodist university). We were blessed to be able to join in a worship service in the chapel. Our very own Carol Stevens preached while Pastor Yates interpreted the service, exposing the faculty and students to the interpreting model of a worship service. After the worship service we met with Africa University's Vice Chancellor (President) Rukudzo Joseph Murapa to discuss with him about establishing a

Deaf Education program. As we left the meeting, we were assured that a Special Ed/Deaf Education program would hopefully be established for the fall of 2004. Currently, there are no Deaf Education programs for potential students to enter into this profession, but we now have hope for next year.



Carol Stevens, Linda Mason, Petey the Clown & Leo Yates, Jr.



Pastor Yates teaching the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me."

Another important part of our trip included meeting with Bishop Skeets, and a district superintendent; we encouraged the Zimbabwe Conference to support Deaf Ministry, because there is no other Christian church ministering to the Deaf community. We left knowing the conference would support student pastor Amos in doing Deaf Ministry.

**ZIMBABWE**



The country that we visited was Zimbabwe. It is on the continent of Africa; Zimbabwe is located here.

**THE 23rd PSALM---EXPLAINED**

This is an eye opener; probably we never thought about it nor looked at this Psalm in this way.

- The Lord is my Shepherd* ----- **That's Relationship!**
- I shall not want* ----- **That's Supply!**
- He maketh me to lie down in green pastures* ---- **That's Rest!**
- He leadeth me beside the still waters* ----- **That's Refreshment!**
- He restoreth my soul* ----- **That's Healing!**
- He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness* ----- **That's Guidance!**
- For His name sake* ----- **That's Purpose!**
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death* ----- **That's Testing!**
- I will fear no evil* ----- **That's Protection!**
- For Thou art with me* ----- **That's Faithfulness!**
- Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me* ----- **That's Discipline!**
- Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies* ----- **That's Hope!**
- Thou annointest my head with oil* ----- **That's Consecration** (blessing)!
- My cup runneth over* ----- **That's Abundance!**
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life* ---- **That's Blessing!**
- And I will dwell in the house of the Lord* ----- **That's Security!**
- Forever* ----- **That's Eternity!**



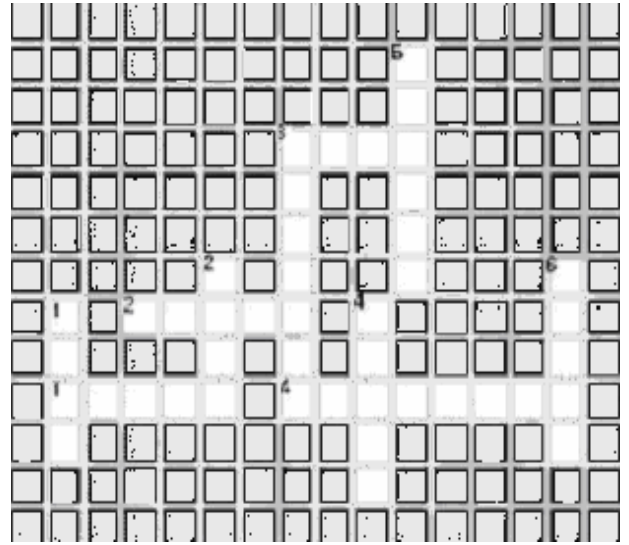
"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23

**GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 2004**

During the Baltimore – Washington Annual Conference that was held in Washington, DC from June 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, elections were held to choose nine clergy and nine lay people to be delegates. These delegates will represent our conference during the General Conference to be held in Philadelphia, PA in 2004. After many hours of elections, Rev. Peggy Johnson of Christ Church of the Deaf in Baltimore was one of the elected clergy to represent our conference. We are delighted that we will have Peggy there to support the Deaf Ministry in the United Methodist Church.



**BIBLICAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



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| <p>Across</p> <p>1) Not kosher</p> <p>2) "Wet" plague</p> <p>3) Helped by Daniel</p> <p>4) Jesus values a man vs. these birds.</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>1) Peter catches men instead of these.</p> <p>2) Noah's signal</p> <p>3) An "eating" plague</p> <p>4) Swallowed a prophet</p> <p>5) How HE entered into Jerusalem.</p> <p>6) Revelation "animal"</p> |
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**Answers**

6	Beast	4	Sparrows
5	Donkey	3	Lion
4	Whale	2	Frogs
3	Locusts	1	Swine
2	Dove		
1	Fish		
	DOWN		ACROSS



**DEAF CAMP**

July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Deaf children's camp at West River. Pray for us as we enjoy another safe and happy summer camp. Pastor Yates will be the co-director of the high school camp.

**SYMPATHIES**



Our sympathies go out to Ruth Varveri and her family for the loss of Ruth's brother, Paul Kassakatis; the funeral service was on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, our condolence goes out to Arline Hess and her family for the loss of her son, Billy; the funeral service was held at Christ Deaf Church on July 11<sup>th</sup>.



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**Deaf Ministry Conference continued....**

Guest speakers include Darbara Kirsh, Rev. Kirk Van Gilder, and Julie Sohruell. Guest performer is Mark Mitchum.

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*The Heart of Christian Ministry*

¶125 The heart of Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of outreaching love. Christian ministry is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community of Christians that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. All Christians are called through their baptism to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment. The forms of this ministry are diverse in locale, in interest, and in denominational accent, yet always catholic in spirit and outreach.

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