

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

CALENDAR:



MARCH

* **Sat, March 27th**, the Deaf UMW will be holding a **fundraising breakfast** in the fellowship hall.



APRIL

* **April 4th – 10th** is **Holy Week** (read inside this newsletter for more information).



* **Wed, April 7th** at **6:30PM**, the **Deaf UMW group will be meeting** in the Library.



* **Sun, April 11th** is **Easter**. We will have a special worship service for Easter.



MAGOTHY'S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 25th, Magothy Deaf Church and Magothy Hearing Church celebrated the first day of Lent.

We prayed, we read scripture, we sang/signed hymns, and we had a great time. Each of us committed ourselves to make



a change that will help us to be closer to God during the 40 days of Lent.

NEJ & SEJ DEAF MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Magothy Deaf Church is hosting the NEJ and SEJ Deaf Ministry conference in May. The conference will be held Friday – Sunday, May 14th – 16th. The conference will be held at West River Camp (a United Methodist camp site) in West River, MD.

This upcoming weekend will include worship, fellowship, workshops and much, much more. Our keynote speaker is Rev.



Rev. Jeff Hoffer

Jeff Hoffer. Rev. Hoffer is a Deaf minister who lives in Pennsylvania. We are delighted that Rev. Hoffer accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker.

(look on page 3 for more info)

JIM & RUTH VARVERI CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!!!

Church members, Jim and Ruth Varveri, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 22nd. The couple renewed their wedding vows, during their reception to celebrate their golden anniversary. Family and friends joined Jim and Ruth on their special day. Congratulations Jim & Ruth!



HOLY WEEK

Here is a simple explanation of Holy Week. Holy Week is the last week of Lent. It begins on April 4, 2004 and ends on April 10, 2004. Celebrating it began in Jerusalem in the earliest days of the Church, when religious people traveled to Jerusalem at Passover to reenact the events of the week leading up to the Resurrection. On Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, Jesus more than likely did ministry.

Palm Sunday

Jesus came to Jerusalem, the week he was to die, riding on a donkey, riding strong and high.



Children ran to meet him, palms in hand they sing: "Hosanna, Son of David, "Hosanna to our king."

Monday

The week he came another man died, Lazarus was his name.

"Come out of your grave," Jesus cried, and out of his grave he came.



Thank you, God of Life; you want me to live, not die.

Tuesday

That week there was another man, a man who could not see. Jesus rubbed the man's eyes and said, "Believe and you will see."



And believing, the man could see. Thank you, God of Light, for giving light to me.

Jesus taught in the temple that week, the week he was to die. You'd think he'd be liked for all that he did. But some say "No!" "He's trouble!" they cried. So they wanted him to die.

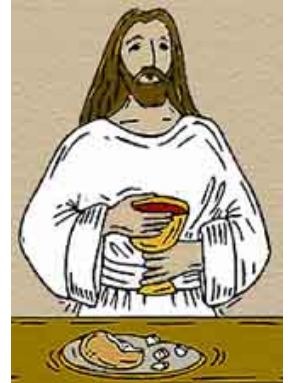
WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, one of his friends (Judas was his name) went to the leaders and said: "I know where he goes, "I know where he stays." "He's yours, if you want him." "We want him," they said.



HOLY THURSDAY

On Thursday night, ("Holy Thursday") Jesus ate with his friends. Now, you should know that same night, long ago, God freed his people from the chains of Pharaoh.



Bread and wine Jesus gave to them: "Here is my body, and here is my blood. This is for the forgiveness of sins. When you do this," he said, "Remember me."

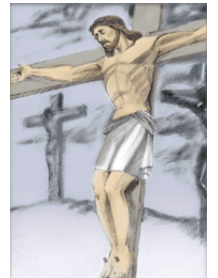
They went to a garden, after the meal, and Jesus knelt and prayed: "Father, my Father, help me." "Help me, I'm afraid."

Then Judas came, and soldiers too, who put him in chains, and took him alone to Pontius Pilate who sat on a throne. "He dangerous!" "He must die!" they cried. And Pilate, for no reason, replied: "He must be crucified!"

Then they whipped him, and pushed him to a place called Calvary. He fell sometimes, carrying the cross, cut from a heavy tree.

GOOD FRIDAY

On Friday, (We call it "Good") Jesus was nailed to hard, hard wood. Beneath his cross, his mother stood and cried for what they had done.



"Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit," Jesus said. Jesus then died, but not for long.

EASTER

Jesus came to Jerusalem, the week he was to die, riding on a donkey, riding strong and high.



On Sunday, when the week was done, Jesus rose from the dead. "Praise God! Alleluia!" Risen is God's only Son.

Thank you, God of Light, for giving us light to see. Thank you, God of Life, for giving Jesus to me.

2004 NEJ & SEJ Conference

Registration Form: [please print]

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ V/TTY _____

Email: _____

Information:

Deaf _____ Deaf/Blind _____

Hard of Hearing _____ Hearing _____

Communication Assistance: _____

[i.e. ASL Interpreter, Voice Interpreter, etc]

Registration fee:

Single = \$20 [meals not included]

Children free under 18

Accommodations: [Check one]

Full Weekend at Center includes 5 meals - \$80 per person 3 days events [Fri, Sat (breakfast, lunch & dinner) & Sun (breakfast & lunch)] center has dining room, kitchen and lounge. See family rates below.

Full Weekend at Lodge includes 5 meals - \$65.50 per person 3 days events (Cabin has only small lounge and need to walk outside to dining hall [families /children]) See family rates below.

*Bring your own linens [sheet, blankets, towels, pillows, flashlight, etc]

No Overnight Stay, only paying for 3 meals on Saturday, \$22.50 per person.

Registration Fee: _____

Accommodation: _____

Total costs: _____

How many children are with you to attend the conference? _____

ages? _____ [age 5 to 15 years old]

Make checks payable to: **Arundel Interpreting Task Force**. Mail check with form to: **Darlene Koontz, Magothy UMCD 3703 Mountain Road Pasadena, MD 21122**
Please register by April 14th.

DEAF MINISTRY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, May 14th

7:00 pm early registration

Gathering and snacks; Ice breaker- Bible trivia by David Ennis; Campfire; Prayer - keynote speaker by Rev. Jeff Hoffer

Saturday, May 15th

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30-9:30 am Late registration

9:00 am Worship

9:30 am Workshops (**Spiritual Gifts, Evangelism, Prayer**)

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Workshops (attend a 2nd workshop)

11:15 am Break

12:00 pm Lunch

1-4 pm Free time (boating, nature center, trails, arts)

4:00 pm Board meeting

5:30 pm Dinner banquet

7:00 pm Keynote speaker

Sun, May 16th

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Lunch



The United Methodist Church

WHAT IS "GENERAL CONFERENCE"?

This international body (groups of people) of no more than 1,000 lay and clergy delegates (people elected) meets every 4 years and is the only group that can make official policy for The United Methodist Church. Its decisions are included in *The Book of Discipline* and *The Book of Resolutions* (church rules and beliefs).

The next General Conference is April 27-May 7, 2004 in Pittsburgh, PA. Let us pray as a church that this is a productive and grace-filled conference.

WALK TO EMMAUS

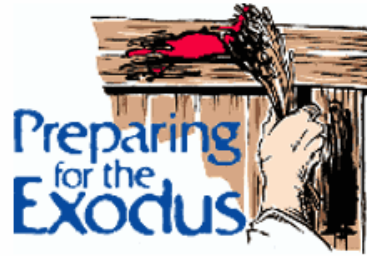
Cheryl Carr and Laura Dreany are going on the Deaf women's weekend for the Walk to Emmaus retreat. This spiritual renewal program is being held on April 15th-18th. Laura and Cheryl, you two are in our prayers. *DeColores!!!*

Deaf Ministry Conference Family Rates

CENTER [age] 18 & over \$80	LODGE [age] 18 & over \$66.50
13 - 17 \$60	13 - 17 \$50.00
4 - 12 \$40	4 - 12 \$32.25
3 - under FREE	3 - under FREE

SAVE YOUR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES

We are collecting empty printer ink cartridges (for home use). Please bring in your empty ink cartridges. There is a collection box outside of Pastor Yates' office. Thanks!



Tuesday, April 6th is the Feast of the Passover, also called the Feast of Unleavened Bread, commemorates the escape of the Jews from Egypt. As the Jews fled, they ate unleavened bread, and from that time the Jews have allowed no leavening (of bread) in their houses during Passover, bread being replaced by matzoh.



APRIL

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Darlene and Steve Koontz on celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The couple renewed their wedding vows and held a reception for family and friends on March 6th.



It's my first day in the choir.
Where's the lip-synch section?



CINDY BLAIR

On March 20th, Cindy was sworn in as the treasurer for the Maryland Coalition of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. This organization works with the MDAD & ODHH.

FUNDRAISER FOR A MULTIMEDIA PROJECTOR



projector. May God bless you!

Magothy Deaf Church is having a fundraiser to purchase a multimedia projector to use for our worship and Sunday School class. Visual presentations help bring to life scripture and learning for the members of our church. If you can help, please send a check to Magothy UMC of the Deaf and a note stating it is for a new multimedia

DON'T FORGET



Sunday, April 4th, our clocks are set forward by one hour. Don't forget to change your clocks before going to bed on Saturday.