

# The Magothy Messenger

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## Happenings this month:

**Nov 1**—UMW at 6:30 p.m.  
**Nov 5**—Sign Choir rehearsal @ 9:30 a.m.  
**Nov 5**—Bible Study @ 10:45 a.m.  
**Nov 11**—UMM @ 6:00 p.m.  
**Nov 12**—Sign Choir rehearsal @ 9:30 a.m.  
**Nov 19**—Sign interpreter workshop @ 8:30-2:30 at MSD



**Nov 24**—Thanksgiving Day



**Nov 27**—Pot luck luncheon @ 11 a.m.



“I’m not going to count my blessings on Thanksgiving—I don’t DO math on holidays!!!”



In 1620, a group of Pilgrims set sail from England and landed in the New World. Their first winter was very hard, and only half of them survived to the following spring. But the next harvest was abundant, so in October of 1621, the governor announced a 3-day feast for all of the Pilgrims to celebrate this harvest and give thanks to God. They invited their Indian neighbors to the feast, because the Indians had given them a lot of help in learning to survive. There were 52 Pilgrims and 91 Indians at this feast. The Pilgrims served wild turkeys, geese, and ducks, and their Indian guests brought deer, lobsters, clams, oysters, fish, cucumbers, carrots, cabbage, turnips, radishes, onions, beets, corn, and wild fruits.

Of course, the idea of giving thanks did not start with the Pilgrims and Indians—there are many, many scriptures in the Bible that mention how important it is to give thanks to God for our abundant blessings.

What blessings are the members of Magothy Deaf Church giving thanks for?

- We are thankful that our children have jobs and

## What Are You Thankful For?



their own home.

- We are thankful for grandchildren that we are able to enjoy.
- We are thankful for our whole family, in-laws, and siblings who are close.
- I'm thankful for my new home, my new job, and for my pets.
- I'm thankful for family, home, friends, dog, and Leo too!
- I'm thankful for the opportunity to do some traveling this year.
- I'm thankful for the opportunity and privilege of doing ministry. I'm also thankful for my family. Furthermore, I'm thankful that God's grace continues to surround me every day.
- I am just thankful for everything and not taking anything for granted.
- We can not put many specific things BUT we can only thank for many, many unexplainable things that ever happened to us and we always thank God for these.
- I'm Thankful for Jesus, for my pastor, for my teachers and school, for my friends, for my family, for music and dancing, for sign language, for prayer, for the people who guide and encourage me, for my parents, for the little things

that help me to remember how blessed I truly am, for everything.

- I'm thankful that my brother and sister-in-law have adopted their daughter. I'm thankful that I have such a wonderful church family. I look forward to coming to church every Sunday. (*The preacher loves to hear this!....grin*)
- I'm thankful for drama class and my mother.
- I'm thankful that the Lord never gives up on me, for loving me and lifting me up for more than I ever dreamed I could be.
- I'm thankful that I didn't quit praying, for our new additional family member, for a new home, for my family, and that God still talks with me through my dreams.
- I'm thankful that God brought Magothy Deaf Church back into my life this year after so many years away.



You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.  
Deuteronomy 8:10

# Potluck



**Our monthly potluck will be held on November 27 following the worship service. Thanksgiving leftovers are welcome.**



See you in Room 5!

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nov 2 - Denise Parlaman birthday

Nov 4 - Renee Heck birthday

Nov 4 - Gloria Mullinix birthday

Nov 17 - Cheryl Carr birthday

Nov 17 - Hailee Johnson birthday

Nov 18 - Mary Siske birthday

Nov 23 - Valencia Owens birthday

## Doorstep Mission



If you have been wondering what Doorstep Mission is, you've come to the right place. Magothy UMC and Magothy Deaf Church have always recognized that there are folks in our church and the surrounding community who may need a helping hand on occasion. That is why the Doorstep Mission Food Pantry was established in 1975 to help our neighbors and friends in need of temporary food assistance. Our members and friends donate cans and boxes of food as well as funds to buy the perishable food that we distribute to those in need. We do this year-round, any time there is a need. Last year we helped about 150 families.

**Christmas Basket Project:** Every Christmas, members and friends give us the names of people in the area who need help. We assemble a great gathering of people and food, organize the food into many bags, and distribute it to families in need. We give each family a turkey, eggs, milk, dressing, a pumpkin pie, celery, onions, margarine, fruit, bread, and at least 4

large bags filled with groceries. For many years, the Schramm's Family Turkey Farm have donated the turkeys that accompanied the baskets. Magothy Deaf Church joined the hearing church in supporting this mission back in the 1980s. Last year, Pastor Yates collected and purchased gifts for the families with children and for the elderly. Some members have requested to "adopt a family" and take care of their needs. For the past three years, the hearing church's UMW had their breakfast at the same time as the basket distribution, and the ladies offered a free breakfast to all of the recipients, some of whom were glad to accept the offer. All of the families were so grateful and gave their thanks to all. The project has grown in support from people and has passed on so many blessings through the years.



The first Sunday of the month, we ask you to bring in food donations for Doorstep Mission. You can bring your canned or boxed food in at anytime and place it near the pantry on the west side of the Education Building.

We are in need of brown paper bags to pack the food in. We thank those who have been bringing them in for us. We always need boxes and cans/jars of food. We send thanks to all who have helped monetarily. We purchase the perishable foods to accompany our baskets with donations received.

Thank you all for your food, prayers, and support for Doorstep Mission's work. It has blessed the lives of so many people through the years. God bless and keep you!

If you need assistance or wish to help in any way, please contact Flo Johnson, Darlene Koontz, or Alma Andrews.



## Clergy Appreciation Sunday

October 9th was dedicated as Clergy Appreciation Sunday. Church members expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Pastor Yates by taking up a collection to purchase tickets to a drama and a Cokesbury gift certificate for him. Pastor Yates was speechless when Darlene Koontz played a prank by

saying, "We took up a collection and bought you 2 tickets to an Ozzie Osbourne concert." Once he knew what the tickets were really for (the drama), Pastor Yates was extremely touched and thankful for the dedication and faithfulness of the congregation.



# Church Committees

Staff/Pastor-Parish (church)  
Relations Committee  
(SPRC)



SPRC Chairperson and committee members (5 – 9 people). The Lay Leader & the Lay Member to Annual Conference also join the meetings. The SPRC is responsible for church staff.



Pastor



Secretary



Custodian

Finance Committee  
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Finance Chairperson + Treasurer  
and committee members

## responsible for



Annual audit  
(to be sure  
there is no  
theft or  
mistakes)



Suggestions  
for spending  
(i.e. missions)



Prepare a  
budget to  
be voted  
on by the  
Church  
Council

Pastor, what can we do to support you?

How are things going?

When's the last time you took time off?

What do you think about Mark? Think he might make a good pastor?

Do you think if we paid for training that might help you?



**The Lay Leader,  
the Lay Member to  
Annual Conference, & the  
PPRC Chairperson  
also join the meetings.**



# Church Committees (continued)

## Lay Leadership Committee (Nominating Committee)



Pastor is the chairperson  
+  
committee members

## responsible for



- Observing church members for potential leadership/committee positions.
- Recommending people to become committee members. They will be voted on at Charge Conference.
- Guiding the church council about church members who are leaders (i.e. Lay Leader)
- Guiding development for trainings for ministry.

## Board of Trustees



- Supervises and is responsible for all property and equipment of the church.
- Reviews annual liability, property, & crime insurance, as well as personnel insurance.
- Grants permission to outside organizations to use the facility.
- Annual review / inspection of the parsonage (house provided by the church for the pastor).
- Inspects the church annually to be sure it is accessible to all persons. (i.e. for people in wheelchairs, visual fire alarms for deaf people).

# 19th Annual Religious Interpreting Workshop

Saturday, November 19, 2005  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Maryland School for the Deaf  
Columbia Main Building

Cost:  
\$25 – pre-registered  
\$30 – Walk-ins  
(as availability permits)

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## United Methodist Women



During the October UMW meeting, discussions focused on the continued mission work for the unit. President Julia Bosworth noted that our work is important. The Deaf UMW group discussed future mission work for 2006. In addition, we discussed helping to financially support women

who will attend the Deaf Women's Emmaus weekend next May. Pastor Yates stated, "This is a great way to make disciples for Christ." The Spirit is working through the women of Magothy Deaf Church.

## Sign Choir

A new choir was formed to sign praises and songs for God. The choir began this month, with anticipation. Several of the church members wanted to begin the choir again as a way to express their faith to the congregation and to God. On the first Sunday the choir performed, Mary Ann McCollum signed, "All Creatures of Our God and King." We're delighted that there is a choir again, and we look forward to future performances.



## Bible Study

Our Fall Bible study series began this month. The topic being studied



is the Book of Revelation. A few people came to our first study. Each had an opportunity to view symbolic pictures that represent parts of Revelation. We're looking forward to seeing what is revealed to us through this study. Our Bible study is on the first and third Saturday of each month beginning at 10:45 a.m.

## Youth Sunday

During the month of September, we had a special youth-led service. The entire worship service was dedicated and run by the youth.



Laura Anthony preached her first inspiring sermon (see above). Several of the children rehearsed and then performed "Jesus Loves Me" for the congregation (photo at right). Daniel Pyles and Laura Anthony welcomed the parishioners to the Lord's Table for Holy Communion (below).



## Usher-in-Training?

Horatio and Donna Easton's son, Charles, assisted with collection of the offering one Sunday. We get first-round draft pick!



We at Magothy Deaf Church are very proud of our youth. In fact, we look forward to the youth leading another service in December.



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## Mission Statement

With **Jesus Christ** as the center of our life together in ministry, worship, fellowship, and service, we shall strive to live the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the Deaf Community and our surrounding community through establishing various community services that bridge communication gaps and bring healing, community, and comfort in the Deaf Community. With God as our guide, the Holy Spirit as our strength, and Christ as our hope, we shall covenant together to pray, work, and commit ourselves to the betterment of the Deaf Community.

## Hurricane Relief

The devastation left by Hurricane Katrina had such an impact on church members that we felt it was important to help out in some way. On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, a special fundraiser



breakfast was held at Magothy Deaf Church. Food is certainly a way to draw in a crowd. Proceeds from the breakfast were given to UMCOR and the Louisiana School for the Deaf. A special thank you to our chefs (see below)...we couldn't have done it without you.



## Charge Conference

Our annual charge conference will be held on November 14 at 8 p.m. Charge conference is the yearly meeting where the District Superintendent meets with the church. The meeting will cover salaries/benefits, committee reports, new committee members, and exiting committee members.

## Help Us Save **DOLLARS** **SENSE**

It is very expensive to print and mail the newsletter each month, because we do not yet have enough members to qualify for bulk postal rates. But **YOU** can help us save money by allowing us to deliver your newsletter to your e-mail inbox instead of your US mailbox—and you will get it faster, too! If you would like us to add you to our e-mail delivery list, please send an e-mail with your name to the editor at [kfisher@jhmi.edu](mailto:kfisher@jhmi.edu), and we will make the switch.

