

The Magothy Deaf Messenger

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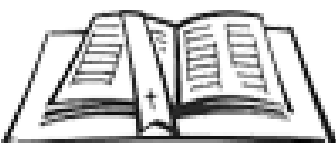
Sign Dinner

On the first Friday of each month, members of the Deaf church gather at a restaurant for a sign dinner. All are welcome to join in the fun. This month the dinner will be held on Friday, November 3, at the Mexican Restaurant across from the Marley Station Mall. We hope to see you there!



Bible Study

Please join us each Thursday for our weekly Bible Study led by Reverend Kang. We meet at 7p in the church library. Please note the Bible Study group will not meet on November 23. (Happy Turkey Day!)



Deaf Coffee is Growing!

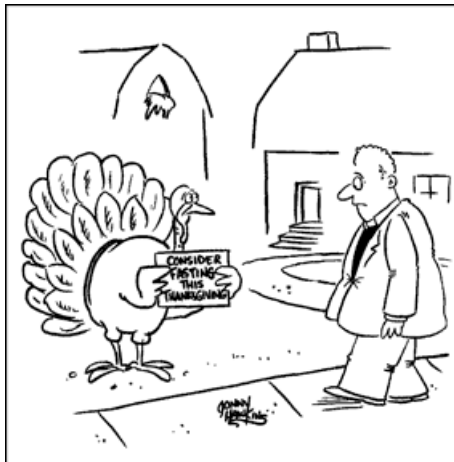
On the first Saturday of each month from 10a until approximately noon, the Starbucks on Mountain Road (near Michael's Crafts Store) is taken over by the Deaf community. The phenomenon is called "Deaf Chat" and is simply an opportunity for Deaf friends to come together and chit-chat, meet new people, and drink a little bit of coffee.

So far, the group fills about half of the shop. The funny thing is that we don't always see the same people each time, so we know if everyone showed up at the same time, we could fill the Starbucks completely!

Our host for this event is Allan Bryant. Feel free to drop him a line at allanpost2002@yahoo.com.

New Website

Our new website has gotten many "hits" (meaning a lot of people are visiting it). We would love to have your input, if you have any ideas for things to add to the site. Parts of it are still under construction, and we can add new pages any time we want to. In addition, we have the ability to offer people e-mail addresses. If you would like to have a Magothy e-mail address, send a note to webmaster@magothydeafchurch.org. We can make this new e-mail address automatically forward the mail to your current e-mail address so that you don't even have to remember to check your mail from Magothy!



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- 1—All Saint's Day
- 1—United Methodist Women @ 6:30p
- 2—Bible Study @ 7p
- 3—Sign Dinner at Mexican Restaurant across from Marley Mall @ 5p
- 4—Sign Choir Rehearsal @ 9:30a
- 9—Bible Study @ 7p
- 10—United Methodist Men @ 6p
- 11—Veterans' Day
- 12—Jesus Festival @ 12:30p
- 16—Bible study @ 7p
- 18—Sign Choir Rehearsal @ 9:30a
- 19—Bible Sunday
- 23—Thanksgiving Day
- 26—Christ the King Sunday
- 30—Bible Study @ 7p

Committee Update

Committee on Lay Leadership

Members of this committee are to monitor Christian spiritual leadership, making sure that the teachings are Christ-related. They are to increase their own spiritual growth by attending church and Bible study. They should be able to pick out people who would be able to lead or serve on the various committees so that the church will grow closer to the Lord.

This committee is divided into 3 "classes." Each class serves for three years and no two members of the same household can serve on this committee at the same time.

At this time, the classes for the upcoming three years are as follows:

Class of 2007:
Genny and Alma

Class of 2008:
Mike and Ruth

Class of 2009:
Steve

The chairperson of this committee is the Pastor. If you know of anyone you think would be good on this committee, or if you yourself would like to serve on this committee, please see the Pastor or one of the committee members.

November Potluck



The November Potluck luncheon will be on Sunday, November 26, at 11:30 (right after the worship service). Since this is the weekend after Thanksgiving, now you know what to do with your Thanksgiving leftovers!

Holy Communion



Our Church has communion on the second Sunday of each month. Please join us on November 12 for a celebration of the Lord's Last Supper.

United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women met on October 10. After an opening prayer, the committees presented their reports. The UMW sent a \$50 check to help with the costs on the recent church picnic.

Since this was the first meeting after summer break, there was no old business to discuss, and the rest of the meeting was devoted to new business.

The UMW would like to find mission projects to help other countries in need. Alma will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Laura Anthony wrote a thank-you letter to the UMW for their support of her recent church trip to California, so this was passed around for everyone to see.

The UMW has agreed to sponsor two men from the church to go on the trip to Emmaus in May of 2007. To support the costs, the women's group will again host three Soup Fests (January/February/March) and a breakfast in April.

The UMW is planning to sponsor a "Jesus Fest" in November as a welcome for Rev. Kang. (See back page of newsletter for more details!)

The next UMW meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1 (out of normal schedule) because of Halloween and needing to meet to plan the Jesus Fest. The meeting will be at 6:30 in the church library.



Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet!



Wanted: New Choir Members

Our deaf choir has a new director, Kathy Russo, and we are looking for more choir members. Right now we have 5 or 6 people showing up regularly, but we need YOU!

Please come join our choir. We meet on the first and third Saturday of each month at 9:30 in the church library for rehearsal. We need both signers and singers, so it doesn't matter if you are deaf or hearing—ALL are welcome.

Family Services Foundation

FSF is a mental health facility that provides residential and day programs for those who are mentally ill and/or developmentally disabled. FSF used to provide lunch Monday - Friday, but with cutbacks, they now only provide lunch Wednesday through Friday. The consumers must bring in their own lunches or go out and buy their own lunches. Most of the consumers live on a very limited income, so on Mondays and Tuesdays when FSF is not able to provide lunches, members of Magothy are providing it.

We need more volunteers for this ministry! To help out, just contact lay leader Darlene Koontz (koontz9@comcast.net) to pick a date. On the weekend before that date, shop for enough lunch items to feed 20 people. Sometimes two people will team up and have one person get the main dish and another get the dessert, so that one person doesn't have all the work alone. You can either cook the food and prepare it so that it just needs to be warmed up, or bring the ingredients for whatever you are contributing and let the FSF staff cook the food. Either way, bring the food to church with you that weekend, and Cindy Blair (who works at FSF) will take it home with her and drop it off to the kitchens at work for the consumers.

Easy as pie....hmmm, bet they'd like pie!!

Please participate—we need YOU.



*From the
Pastor's pen...*



A Tale of Two Orphanages

The Korean war in 1950 left so many orphans whose parents were either killed or lost. The mass production of orphans was one of the inevitable and tragic outcomes of the war. American soldiers who came to Korea to fight the communists of North Korea established an orphanage to take care of these poor children in a southern part of Korea. There was also another orphanage nearby established by a Korean social worker. (Let's call the orphanage established by American soldiers "orphanage A" and the one established by the Korean "orphanage B.")

Orphanage A had better facilities. The orphans were better fed and clad thanks to rich financial support from generous American soldiers. On the other hand, orphanage B did not have good facilities, and the children who lived there were not well fed and clad because Korea was not an economically advanced country at that time. However, an American social worker noticed that the children who lived in orphanage B looked happier than those in orphanage A. He was puzzled and intrigued. He decided to find out what made such a difference. It did not take long for him to find out.

There was at orphanage B a Korean woman who became insane after her children were killed by a bomb. She happened to walk by orphanage B and took the orphans there as her children, so she hugged them every day as if they were her own children. Even though orphanage A was far better than orphanage B in terms of facilities, financial status, and administration, it lacked the most integral part that the orphans must not miss: a warm feeling of love. The Bible testifies that we are created in the image of God, who is love. That means that we would be more normal and healthy when we are in love. The world has been getting worse and worse because of a lack of love. We have been unhappy to hear about crimes, violence, and wars rampant around the world. Christianity is a religion of love. Jesus Christ gives us a new commandment: love your neighbor as yourself. We must love each other. We must forgive those who trespass against us. We must even love and pray for our enemies.

The news that the Amish people forgave the man who killed five innocent Amish girls touched people's hearts. They are Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. They are people who endeavor to obey and follow Christ's words.

Even though the world seems helplessly hopeless because of high rising rates of crime, violence, and wars, I would rather remain optimistic just because there are God's people like the Amish who tried to love others, even though they be enemies.

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."
(1 John 4:8)*

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Join the Jesus Fest!!!

On Sunday, November 12, 2006, Magothy's Deaf service will change time (just for this one day) to 11a to 12 noon. After the service, everyone is asked to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Jesus Fest. There will

be food, prizes, and great fellowship. This event is a welcome to our new pastor, Rev. Joo Hai Kang, who joined us this



summer. Anyone in the Deaf community or connected to the Deaf community in any way is welcome to attend.

If you would like to contribute food items, please see Barb Sully for the sign-up list. Each person contributing food is asked to bring enough of their particular item for approximately 20-25 people.

This even will be published in the Baltimore-Washington Conference web events listings, so you might get a chance to meet new friends, both hearing and deaf!

Pastor Appreciation



Sunday, October 10 was Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Magothy celebrated with a HUGE cake honoring Rev. Kang.

