

The Magothy Deaf Messenger

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What's New?

Have you ever noticed that new things cost more than the old things did? Or that they don't last as long as the old ones did?

There is one new thing that is still totally free, and it lasts forever. That's the new life that Jesus gave us, a life with our Heavenly Father that never ends. It's free because of God's grace—He gives it to us without any strings attached. He is holding it out for you, and all you have to do is reach out and take it. No charge!

Let the new year give you a new life with Jesus. Instead of wishing you all a Happy New Year, I'd like to say—

"Happy New Life!"

—The Editor

Soup Fest



Back by popular demand!

Magothy Deaf Church United Methodist Women will once again hold Soup Fest on the first Saturday of each month. Proceeds will help offset the costs for some of the United Methodist Men to attend the Walk to Emmaus, a discipleship retreat.

Join us on Saturday, January 6, at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for our first Soup Fest of 2007. If you are able to donate a soup, please contact Barb Sully at bjpasadena@cablespeed.com.



*From the
Pastor's pen...*



The National Association of Barbers held a general assembly and decided to do something that would boost pride in their occupation. There was a tendency among people to believe that the job of being a barber was not noble and honorable. So, they wanted to manifest to people that their jobs were really respectable and contributive to human civilization. They decided to do an event: to make a dirty, lazy, and useless person into a newly changed one. They found a drunken and homeless man in his forties who was laying in the street. He was in rags and his hair was tangled. His look was totally that of a beggar. They took him and bathed him. They cut his hair neatly. They bought a custom-tailored suit and clad him. They were so excited to see him so completely changed. They gave him some money and asked him to start a new, better, and constructive life. A month later, they became curious about how he was doing. They searched for his whereabouts and, to their dismay, he had not made any change or improvement. They found him laying in the street, drunken and shabby. They realized that they could make people look different by cutting their hair or dressing them in new suits, but that they could never change them in a fundamental or spiritual manner.

The new year of 2007 has come. People greet each other with a full smile, saying, "Happy New Year!" We all love the word 'new.' We feel good about newness. We prefer new things to old ones. We should thank God for a new year so that we may start the year over again with new resolutions. But if we can't change our hearts and souls, it would be meaningless to start a new year. Yes, the new year has come. We should be transformed as new beings. We need to pray to God to change us anew. We should give up our old and ugly ways of the past and try to obey and follow God's way. Then we may grow and become new and beautiful. Let us make every effort to transform our hearts and souls with the help of the Holy Spirit so that we may bear beautiful fruits of the Holy Spirit.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

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- 1—New Years' Day
- 4—Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- 5—Sign Dinner @ 5 p.m.
- 6—Epiphany
- 6—Sign Choir Practice @ 9:30 a.m.
- 6—Soup Fest @ 11 a.m.
- 6—Spaghetti Dinner @ 5 p.m.
- 8—UMW @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11—Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- 12—UMM @ 6 p.m.
- 15—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 18—Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- 20—Sign Choir Practice @ 9:30 a.m.
- 25—Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- 28—Pot Luck @ 11:30 a.m.



Join Us

Sunday School (all ages):
Sundays at 9:30

Worship Service:
Sundays at 10:15

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Connectional Table

On November 28, 2006, Lay Leader Darlene Koontz attended the Connectional Table meeting of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. The role of the connectional table is to identify the best practices to help the Conference accomplish its vision and achieve its goals.

The keynote speaker gave a presentation called "Reflections on the Dynamics of Change" which highlighted that the church needs to make some changes in order to accomplish its goals of growing

and involving more people in the faith.

During this presentation, members of the Deaf community had an opportunity to express their concerns that the Deaf are not being appropriately included in Conference activities and communications. The two Deaf churches in the conference are not experiencing significant growth at this point. It was agreed that there is a need for more pastors skilled in sign language for Deaf ministry.

The next Connectional Table meeting

will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2006. We will provide an update in the newsletter on what methods the conference reports it will take to achieve the goal it has identified of improving inclusion for the Deaf community and attracting more pastors to Deaf ministry.

Further detail on the Connectional Table meetings can be found on the web http://bwcsite.brickriver.com/news_detail.asp?TableName=oNews_PJAYMY&PKValue=2338