

The Magothy Deaf Messenger

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United Methodist Conference of the Deaf - July 2007 Conference

**July 20-22, 2007
Grosvenor Resort Hotel
Lake Buena Vista, Florida**

Everyone is a child in Orlando, they say, and we are all children of God, so come and rest in the sheltering arms of his son, Jesus!

Preconference events will begin Thursday, July 19, with an all-day interpreter workshop. Cost for the workshop is only \$35, a working lunch is included, and continuing education credits will be offered.

The UMCD board begins its business meeting Thursday evening. Registration for the conference opens Friday afternoon, July 20th, followed by a meal together and opening welcome at the hotel restaurant.

We'll have ice-breakers in the main conference room at 7 p.m. and then will enjoy the Mark Mitchum concert at 8 p.m. Don't miss it! Mark Mitchum is nationally and internationally respected Sign Artist who transforms Christian music into a wonderful visual experience. Deaf since birth, Mark has appeared with many popular artists such as Twila Paris and the Gaithers. He re-

ceived a rave reception at our 2003 Conference in Dallas, and we are excited he will be able to return.

On Saturday, we will be blessed with a devotional with Paula Jones, a worship leader from Florida, followed by workshops. Dan Kenyon will be leading a workshop on lay leadership, Joo Kang will help us learn some Korean sign language in preparation for the 2009 Seoul Korea conference, and much more. We will have time for fellowship, and the UMCD General Membership meet-

ing will be held in the evening.

We will have time to play, as well, with free time Saturday afternoon to visit downtown Disney, with its many shops and restaurants. Downtown Disney is not a theme park, and there is no charge to attend.

If you haven't made your reservations, it's time to do so! Got to www.umcd.org or see Dan Kenyon.

(Reprinted from UMCD newsletter.)

Welcome, New Members!

Magothy Deaf Church wishes to welcome our new members, Alma Rivera and Dan and Mary Jane Kenyon, who joined the church on April 1. We look forward to having you them our congregation and seeing their spiritual gifts develop.





Our monthly potluck will be held on **May 27**. Please join us in Room 5 of the education building for good food and great fellowship.

SPA-ghetti Dinner

The grand total of monies raised from our SPA-ghetti Dinner on March 31 was \$842.50. Many, many thanks to all who helped make this dinner such a success, especially the event organizer, Kathy Russo!



Deaf Coffee!!

Join Deaf Coffee on the first Saturday of each

Coffee Fellowship month at 10 a.m. in the Starbucks at the junction of Mountain Road and Rte. 2 (Ritchie Highway).

From the Trustees

Please note the following items that were approved by the Trustees at their April meeting:

1. The kitchen stove will be fixed this week.
2. The large window in the Fellowship Hall will be replaced in the next 2 weeks.
3. New carpeting will be installed in July in the Library, Nursery, and Youth Room; new tile will be put in Room 5. We have to wait until school is out because we plan to have the rooms painted before the floors are installed and we can't have the paint smell while the pre-school is still using the building. Because there is no funding left in the

Capital Improvement Fund, we cannot afford a painting contractor to do the work, so we are asking groups in the church to volunteer to paint the rooms. The carpet and tile will be installed even if the rooms don't get painted, but it would be nice to get them painted and the walls and trim looking nice. The hearing church's Monday night Disciple Bible Class and Sunday morning Adult Class will paint the Library. The Deaf Church will be responsible for painting Room 5 before the new tile floor is installed. Trustees will pay for paint and supplies. All rooms will be painted either white or tan.

4. We are getting estimates on replacing the exterior glass doors by the Fellowship Hall with a handicap accessible door with an electronic push button. Hopefully it will be installed before June. This is a very expensive but necessary project.

By the time we complete these projects, the Capital Improvement Fund and our Endowment Fund will be just about depleted. The money has been well spent, but some other projects will have to go unattended. We chose the most important ones.



Children's Easter Drama



It's always great to watch the kids put on a show for church.

That is something they will always remember. —Barb Sully

"I enjoyed the play the children performed during the Easter ser-

vice. Their play gave me a warm feeling and a smile on my face. I could understand why Jesus Christ told

us to receive them as the children of heaven. We should be reminded that God loves children so much and that we should be concerned about and pray for their spiritual growth

as well as their physical and mental growth." —Rev. Joo Kang

"I believe that children will learn about the Bible through plays like this. They are adorable children of God. We need to have more plays than just one or two a year." — Darlene Koontz

So, when's the next play, Alma??? (editor)



10. Little Children
9. Little children who humble themselves
8. Respect
7. Their own bodies
6. Husband
5. Hannah
4. Ruth
3. Ham
2. 4th commandment
1. 4th commandment

Answers to Bible Quiz (p.4):

The children of Magothy Deaf Church, led by Alma Andrews, presented a fabulous Easter Drama for the congregation.

Here are some pictures and some comments from people who saw it:

"I think it's wonderful that Alma takes time for the children of our church. She really cares about them and wants to teach them about the Bible.

Winter Relief 2007

In the summer of 2006 it seemed like a very doable thing—sure, we could organize it just like we did last year. Then Mike Goins moved to Colorado—Mike, who had been the other half of the team for Winter Relief. Suddenly, it didn't look so doable! I wanted to get it all organized by the end of December. Then Lisa Lieske, the Children's Ministry co-chair and chair of the Sunday School Christmas program moved to Pennsylvania. Maybe a trip to California would give me the time away to re-group. Suddenly, it was the end of January and I was making anxious appeals to the congregation and anyone else who would listen. Then, God began opening those famous doors.

Andy Thornton at West River said, "Why don't you use the camp van for the week?" Anne Arundel County Food Bank urged us to take whatever we needed to feed the homeless. The Society of Friends in Annapolis said that they were a small group, but they wanted to participate. Groups within Magothy stepped up to take on several dinners. Community UMC offered to take another dinner. The Church of the Deaf wanted again to prepare the lunches for each day. Several people offered to do laundry. Several more indicated that they would do whatever was needed—even chaperoning during the least desired time. Our pastor gave all of his free time for transporting the guests, often dropping in to see what was needed. The Pepperidge Farm man dropped in to say that he could give us day-old cookies, which had been removed from the shelves. And, by the way, he would ask the Entenmann's man if he could do the same.

Breakfast food and desserts appeared as promised. Every volunteer showed up for his or her job—there were no absences. Requests for clothing were filled, games and reading materials were dropped off, people not scheduled showed up to help clean or offer moral support. Brenda Parker mentioned the Winter Relief project to co-workers and two men signed on to help. Doc Stallings called from Florida to ask what he and Jean could do. People pressed money into my hands to defray costs of fresh foods.

Your prayers for the success of the week were certainly answered. Yes, it was tiring at times, but it was only one week out of fifty-two. We were all sustained by the belief that this is what we are called to do. You lay aside time from your own lives to take care of someone else's life. This experience surely proves that God will not ask more of us than he knows we can handle, and that if we are carrying out his will for our lives, he will provide for all that we need.

My thanks to all of you for your prayers, your gifts, and your service to the Winter Relief program.

Sincerely,

Erma Ellecamp



*From the
Pastor's pen...*



Motherly Love

There is the Mother's Day in May. I am grateful about the existence of the Mother's Day. I have mother who is staying with me here in Maryland. The presence of my mother makes me feel cozy and content. Motherly love for her children is irrefutable. To me mother is like God's substitute. Without mother's love I don't think we can survive atrocity of the life on the earth. Her love has sustained us thus far. We can get a glimpse of God's love in her wonderful love.

In Korea, they celebrate the 60th birthday in a big and particular fashion. They invite relatives, neighbors and friends to the 60th birthday party. Many people would attend the party and celebrate together the 60th birthday of their friend or relative or neighbor. There is a Korean man who has two children. The children wanted to prepare for the 60th birthday party for their father who was going to turn 60 next month. They asked father for approval and to their surprise he refused to have his birthday party. They were puzzled and asked him why. He simply said that he did not think he deserved it. He added, however, that his wife deserved to have her 60th birthday party. The children still couldn't understand why their father felt he did not deserve a special birthday party in honor of him. So they demanded a clarification. Their father looked a bit hesitant at first, but he managed to explain: during the Korean War in 1950 he and his wife had to flee from the North Korean invasion. As they fled to the south where the North Communists had not reached, there were several air raids. The planes dropped bombs over fleeing refugees. Naturally many got killed and wounded. One day a bunch of planes appeared and dropped bombs. Father instinctively hid himself at the roadside. When he got up and looked around if his wife and children were fine. His eyes opened wide when he saw his wife embraced young children to protect them from explosion of bombs. He realized that his wife was more committed to safety of their children. Even though he was father of two young children at that time, he was not brave enough to embrace his children for protection. He felt that he failed as father who was supposed to provide appropriate protection and security to his children. That made him feel guilty and ashamed. And at the same time he was amazed at his wife's sacrificial love for their children.

Many times mother's love resembles God's love. Yes, mother is the best example of God's love for us. We should always be thankful to mother and try to please her. Every mother has a sincerest wish that her child or children be well and happy. Let us please mother by leading a good Christian life in obedience of God's words.

*"Honor your father and **mother** -which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." (Ephesians 6:2-3) (Emphasis is mine.)*

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Fun, Fellowship, and Food
It's a PICNIC!!!



Magothy UMC and Magothy UMC of the Deaf invite you to Downs Park on Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Brightwater Pavilion.

The church will provide burgers, hot dogs, and rolls. Attendees should bring side dishes or desserts as pot luck, and bring their own drinks. Bring lots of water!

Please RSVP with # of people attending to Mark Bair at mark.bair@bge.com (preferred) or 410-279-4921. It is important to

know how much food to buy, so please respond by 6/6/07!

Notes:

- Entry fee is \$5 per car unless you have car pass sticker.
- A restroom is next to pavilion
- There is no electricity or running water at pavilion
- Bring chairs, games, and sports equipment
- We will accept donations to help defray cost of pavilion rental and food purchase



(Answers on p.2)

1. Which commandment has something related to parents? David.)
2. What is the first commandment with a promise?
3. Which son is cursed by Noah because of his mocking at his father's nakedness?
4. Who is a Moabite woman who followed her mother-in-law and took care of her by gleaning wheat and feeding her? (She became the great-grandmother of King David.)
5. Who prayed for a son and dedicated Samuel to God after weaning him?
6. Who is the head of the wife?
7. As what should husbands love their wives?
8. With what should husbands treat their wives?
9. Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven according to Jesus Christ?
10. For whom does God send guardian angels?