



The Magothy Deaf Messenger

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- 1—Sign Dinner at Panera Bread
- 2—Sign Choir @ 9:30 a.m.
- 4—UMW @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7—Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- 9—Summer Picnic 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 10—Admin Council Mtg @ 11:30
- 12—Harmony House Grand Opening
- 14—Flag Day
- 14—Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- 16—Leadership Workshop @ 10:30
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- 21—First Day of Summer
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- 24—Pot Luck Lunch
- 28—Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m.

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A Prayer for Flag Day: God, Would You Please Bless America Again?

We once looked to you for our hope and our dreams.

We have made prisons out of our homes, latch key is a common word.

Seems like living is just such a chore.

Now, it just seems like there are so many schemes.

Too many of our children are never heard.

God, I want to live in peace and harmony with all.

There are cons artist on every corner People getting killed left and right.

So God, would you please Bless America again?

Oh please help America to once again stand tall.

—written by Sandy Weiss

God, could you just take her hand again and hold her through the night?

She's worn and tired and so full of sin.

Babies killing babies, oh where will it end...

You see all the hate, all the pain, when will it stop?

Are we blind to this or are we just trying to pretend?

On every street corner you see a cop.

We can't ignore what's happening anymore.





Our monthly potluck will be held on **June 24**. Please join us in Room 5 of the education building for good food and great fellowship.



Spaghetti Dinner!

We will be having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser sometime in June to help send people to the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf. Watch our web site for dates & details!



Deaf Coffee!

Join Deaf Coffee on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Starbucks at the junction of Mountain Road and Rte. 2 (Ritchie Highway).

Sip, sign, and smile!

- 10. Fire
- 9. Spiritual gifts or gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8. Love
- 7. Fellowship
- 6. The Holy Spirit
- 5. Jesus' witnesses
- 4. The Counselor or the Helper
- 3. The Holy Spirit and the
- 2. Repentance
- 1. The spirit of God or the Holy Spirit.

Answers to Bible Quiz (p.4):

Hometown Heroes

Fort Smallwood Elementary, where **Jamie Koontz** attends school, participated in a county-wide essay contest called "Hometown Heroes." Out of the approximately 400 students from Anne Arundel County who entered, Jamie was selected as one of the 23 winners.

Steven's parents (Steven Sr. and Darlene Koontz) and their entire family are very proud of both of them.

Congratulations, Jamie, and a big THANK YOU to Steven for his military service!

On May 5, 2007, Jamie had the opportunity to appear on stage and read her essay to her hero, cousin **Steven Koontz, Jr.** Jamie honored Steven for his courageous and dedicated military service in the Marines during the initial bombings in Iraq.

The presentation took place at the annual "Children's Fair" held at the Big Vanilla Athletic Club in Arnold. Jamie's parents (Bernie Koontz and Alma Andrews),

Developing Leaders

On June 16 at 10:30 a.m., **Dan Kenyon**, president of the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf, will be teaching a leadership workshop in the Fellowship Hall. This is an excellent opportunity for people to learn more about how to become leaders in the church. Please contact Dan for further information and to sign up!

Behind the Scenes:

Children's Easter Drama

More exciting news about our Easter Day youth drama production! In preparation for Easter, we had an "Easter Day" for all the kids on April 7. We were thrilled that 18 kids came for the afternoon. We had some crafts, and they painted little wooden baskets, dyed eggs, had a "Crayola pizza party," and played some games.

exciting afternoon.

We also read the story about Jonah and the whale, and then we acted out the story and gave the play (skit) during the Easter Day worship service.

Every child took home an Easter basket with a little gift as well as candies and an apple. It was a very

I must say many thanks to the volunteers who made the props for the play, donated candies/gifts, and gave their time to help me serve pizza and keep things going.

-Alma Andrews

Harmony House

The parsonage from the hearing church will soon be turned into Harmony House, a place where children currently living with foster parents can spend time with their biological parents for visitation in a safe, home-like environment, supervised by staff from the Department of Social Services.

The grand opening for Harmony House will be on June 12, 2007. The deaf church will be providing light refreshments for the grand opening. Please see Darlene if you are able to contribute to this event.

The Newest Graduate

Magothy Deaf Church would like to congratulate our former pastor, **Rev. Leo Yates, Jr.**, on his graduation from Wesley Theological Seminary. Reverend Yates received his Master of Divinity degree on Monday, May 7. He has been appointed as an Associate Pastor at Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf effective July 1, 2007 while he prepares for ordination as an Elder in the church.

We wish Reverend Yates many blessings and much happiness on his spiritual journey.



God Takes of Us

Recently, I was standing outside on the landing of the ramp, watching for my husband's ride. Out of the corner of my eye, I detected movement. A robin flew to the railing and landed on it. In its' mouth was some dried grass to get the nest ready. It stood still, watching me, wondering if I was friend or foe. I stayed very still. The robin jumped up the railing, still eyeing me. It made another jump and then into the lilac bush which was growing next to the ramp. It flew out a few times, each time coming back with more dried grass. At last, I was able to move to the door. I thought about the scene and later decided to write about it. In the Bible, there are several verses showing God is a caretaker. As we look around us from day to day, will we be reminded time and again that even as He takes care of the animals, that we are more important to God? God knows the number of hair on our heads. He takes care of our basic needs. If we lose everything material today, will we still thank God for our health, for His Love, for providing us with friends and family who will help us? This month, there was a terrible tornado that hit a small town and everything was gone, the buildings, the cars, even the clothes. Some people were able to escape with just the clothes on their back. I looked at the scene on television and got to thinking how lucky I am to still have my home, my clothes, my books. Some of the survivors don't even have a Bible to help them through the tough times ahead. It is my hope that we can provide some Bibles for the survivors to remind them that others are thinking of them. This summer, many people will be volunteering their time to go to Louisiana and other places to help rebuild the lives of the survivors. May the Lord bless the volunteers and survivors with the strength and love. Keep them all in

your prayers each time you see a bird building a nest. Have a safe and blessed summer!

—Barb Zufall



*From the
Pastor's pen...*



Come, Holy Spirit!

The weather in June in America is very hot. Because of the global warming phenomenon, we feel the weather in summer is getting hotter and hotter. People would feel worn down under such hot weather condition like candles melting down in fire. The irony, however, can be seen in the plants like trees flowers and grasses. The hotter it gets, the greener they get. What is the secret of their vitality? The answer is the water. Without water, no vegetables and no plants can survive under sultry weathers. Water is obviously a foundation of life. Our body is made up of 80% of liquid(water). We can live without eating something for a week or even longer. We read in the Bible that Jesus Christ fasted for 40days. When Moses went up to a mountain to get the Ten Commandments tablets from God, he did not eat for 40 days. However, no one can stand without drinking water just for a few days. Thirst is something that we can in no way endure. Certainly, water is one of the most significant elements that give us vigor and sustain us in life.

Our spiritual climate today is not friendly. Rather hostile in fact. The devil never stops tempting us. He tries to weaken our faith in God. That is why the Bible calls him our enemy. We feel vulnerable before an array of demon's arms that are designed to destroy or weaken our spirituality. Remember that the Satan was originally the archangel called Lucifer before he rebelled against the Almighty God. No wonder we are no match with him in terms of wisdom and power because we are merely created with dust.

Jesus is aware of this very well. That is why He promises to send the Counselor or Helper to assist, guide and strengthen us. What Jesus Christ means by the Counselor or Helper is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit. His power is therefore tantamount to God's. If we receive the Holy Spirit, He can invigorate us because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Life. It is the Holy Spirit who made Mary pregnant and made her give birth to Jesus even though she did not sleep with a man.

Yes, we absolutely need the Holy Spirit to overcome spiritual insipidity and stagnation. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we will get greener and greener in spirit and faith.

"Come, Holy Spirit, I need thee. Come sweet Spirit, I pray. Come in thine own strength and power. Come in thine own gracious way."

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**Don't forget the
PICNIC!!!**



June 9, 2007

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Brightwater Pavilion
Down's Park**

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. When God created the heavens and the earth, who was hovering over the waters? scholars maintain that it should be called otherwise. Should it be called as, "Acts of what?"
2. For what did John the Baptist say, "I baptize you with water"?
3. With what did John the Baptist say Jesus would baptize us?
4. What is the other name of the Holy Spirit to be with us forever according to Jesus Christ found in the 14th chapter of John?
5. Who will we be when we receive power from the Holy Spirit according to the first chapter of Acts?
6. The Acts is called "Acts of the Apostles," but many Bible
7. In the benediction, what of the Holy Spirit does Paul say to be with us all?
8. In Galatians we may find the list of fruits of the Holy Spirit. What is the first one?
9. In the First Corinthians, we see a list like message of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, prophecy, etc. What are they called?
10. In the United Methodist Church's official emblem (logo) what is symbolized as the Holy Spirit?