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**THE MAGOTHY DEAF MESSENGER**

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*“An empty tomb”*

What best symbolizes Jesus’ resurrection? Perhaps the empty tomb can be considered as a powerful symbol of his resurrection. I want to share a beautiful story that I am hardly able to forget.

There was a mentally challenged boy. He regularly attended Sunday school class and worship service along with his pious parents. On Palm Sunday, a Sunday school teacher asked her class to bring something that might remind them of Jesus’ resurrection. On the next Sunday, which was Easter Sunday, most of her students brought things as she asked for the assignment. One girl brought a cute, yellow small chick. Her teacher and the class applauded. One boy proudly showed what he brought to his teacher. He held up a small pebble covered with moss. His teacher demanded an explanation. He said, “You see, the stone itself has no life. But the moss is covering the stone and that is enough to tell us that there is a life there. So, I brought it as a symbol of resurrection.” His teacher agreed, “I think it is an excellent reminder of resurrection. I appreciate it.” Then it was the turn of a mentally challenged boy. The teacher and most of her class did not expect that he would bring something. So, she ignored him and asked a student who sat next to him to show what she had. The mentally challenged boy raised his hand and said in a protesting tone, “Teacher, I got something. Let me show it.” The teacher reluctantly allowed him to do so. What he brought up was a L’Eggs stocking case. She opened the case wondering what he brought inside and found it empty. She thought that she would not be surprised since the boy was not mentally and cognitively able to understand what the assignment was about. She signaled him to go back to his seat without any comment or compliment. The boy felt ignored and that upset him obviously. He said, “Teacher, I brought it as a symbol of an empty tomb of Jesus. As his tomb was empty, the case is empty.” Later, the boy died. At the funeral, on his coffin an empty L’Eggs stocking case was placed to signify his belief in resurrection.

Yes, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Without his resurrection, our faith will be useless and meaningless. We would be found the most pitied people in the world. Praise the Lord! We know that Jesus is risen from the dead and that his resurrection gives us great hope and joy. Jesus Christ is risen. Indeed, he is risen today!

*“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep.” (I Corinthians 15:20)*

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The mission committee had a fabulous taco feast last October. We used the money to donate phone cards for wounded soldiers. We got the following nice "THANK YOU" email from the director:

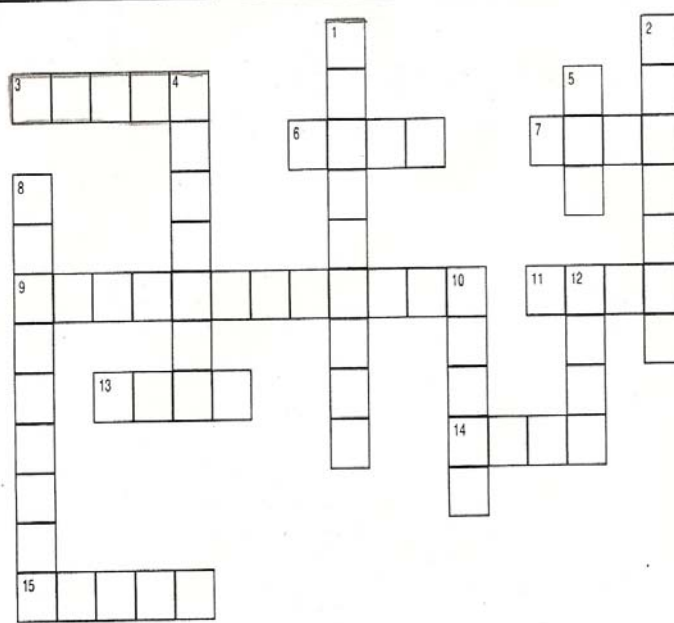
To Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf & Ms. Robinson,

I'm sorry I did not contact you beforehand. As you may have already assumed, the USO was "hopping" busy during the holidays. We did receive your cards and a check which we used to purchase phone cards with. I'm happy to say that a phone card was placed in each envelope with your cards. These were given to twelve very deserving wounded service members at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center on Monday, 24 December so that they could speak to their families on Christmas Day. Three of the recipients were in the Intensive Care Unit and the other nine were in the inpatient wards. Don't be surprised if you receive a personal thank you from any of these soldiers. Thank you for your very generous donation and your desire to support our wounded service members. We certainly appreciate it, as do the soldiers that received the cards. I wish you, your church, and all persons involved in this endeavor a wonderful 2008. God bless, Konrad E. Braun Director, USO Kaiserslautern



**Prayer List**

- **Cynthia's parents**
- **Mary & Andy Siske**
- **People with cancer**
- **Unchurched people**
- **Laura Dreany-Pyles' gradma passed away**



Adam gave **3 ACROSS** to all of the creatures.

With one of Adam's **7 ACROSS**, God made woman.

Adam was Eve's **2 DOWN**.

Adam and Eve lived in the **9 ACROSS**.

Adam and Eve were not embarrassed even though they were both **10 DOWN**.

God told them not to eat of the tree of **1 DOWN**.

The **4 DOWN** tempted EVE.

Eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge allowed man to judge between **6 ACROSS** and **14 DOWN**.

When they realized they were naked, they clothed themselves with **8 DOWN**.

They **5 DOWN** from God.

Because of their disobedience, they were driven from the garden with a flaming **15 ACROSS**.

Adam and Eve's sons were **11 ACROSS**, **12 DOWN** and **13 ACROSS**.



- 1-Flea Market/Soup Fest /Sat. 8am-2pm
- 2 - Rev. Mark Ehrlichmann preaching
- 4-UMW 6:30pm Tue.
- 7- \*\*Sign Dinner Fri. at Nick's on Mtn. Rd.
- 9-Saving time Sun (ahead) Rev Peggy preaching
- 11-Bible Study 7pm Tue
- 16-Palm Sunday, Rev Paulette Jones preaching
- 21-Good Friday
- 23- Easter Sunday

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### DEAF COMMUNITY NEWS

\* I took exercise classes at Pasadena Senior Citizen Center and they provided an interpreter, especially for the Pilates class. The "Fit & Firm" class will get 2007 Activity Excellence Award by the State Advisory Council on Physical Fitness soon. Come and join for fun! by Carolyn Pyles

\* Deaf Coffee Chat: We always mention our Church to newcomers at our coffee chat meeting, 1st Saturday of every month, 10am - 12 noon , good place for all of us socially as well as to lead new deaf to our Church and God Thanks, Allan

\* Sign Dinner on first Friday of the month, Joan Tucker and Flo Johnson are the coordinators. Please contact one of them for the place. jet-tlc@juno.com or edward\_johnson7@comcast.net

\*\* Nick's Restaurant is our fund raising partner.



- 1- UMW 6:30pm Tue.
- 4-Sign Dinner Fri. TBA
- 5-Flea Market
- 8-Bible Study 7pm Tue
- 12-Final NEJ mtg. at Christ of Church 10am
- 22-Bible Study 7pm Tue
- 27-Potluck after service

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### Hello from your Mission Committee.

As you all know, the upcoming NEJ conference is going to take place at Magothy United Methodist Church. Our church has been given an opportunity to do a fundraiser during the conference. Any money raised from lunch and dinner will go towards raising money for Deaf Camp for deaf adults (over the age of 18) and deaf adults with developmental disabilities. People who register for this wonderful conference will also be contributing to this fundraiser! We hope to see you there! Sarah Yates

### Kid's Corner

I want to share my experience at Rock 2008 in Ocean City in January. Me and my whole youth group went. It was so big. I never saw that much youth before. There was a concert every morning and night. We stayed for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We stayed overnight at my grandma's place. We had to be there at nine in morning and we left at 10 at night. So that was cool. We had 2 classes to go to, but we got to choose. My friend and I chose drama and camp classes, but the first class was camp. After the first class we went to have lunch and went to the boardwalk. Then we went back for our 2nd class, drama. We got to dance to fun songs. Then after every class they had a rock shop full of stuff like shirts, etc and also light snack and a whole lot more. I bought a shirt. Then it was one other concert. It was a lot of fun. I recommend that youth who like to have fun should go. That was my experience at Rock 2008. Jamie Andrews Koontz



Hello everybody,

I'm excited to tell you all that I'm doing better everyday with your prayers and cards. It has helped my recuperation at home. Your kindness in bringing the food when I was too weak to cook for my family really touched my heart, and even my family said so, too. It's so awesome to see the goodness and kindness that friends have shown. Yes, the lord is good. Yes, I miss every one of you and can't wait until I am able to go to the church and join you all. Meanwhile many thanks for your thoughtful prayers. Love & Peace, Alma Andrews

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**The most valuable thing is not what we have but whom we have in our lives  
with God's grace!**

**“God's Gift “**



The following quote is what I believe in...

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." Leo Buscaglia  
One summer, while I was at Camp Greentop (camp for children with disabilities), in 1950's  
or 1960's, I wrote a sermon around the parable about "hiding your lamp under a bush". Hiding your  
talent is what I talked about. As you know I am a writer, and consider my writing as a GIFT from  
God. I cultivated that gift since I was a little girl by writing compositions for school. Each of us has a  
hidden talent, and our job is to find that talent. Some of us are teachers, doctors, actors, artists or  
writers. Many of us do not consider our jobs to be related to a special talent. But if we think about it,  
maybe it is related. Many of us are happy with our jobs. When we find that talent, we should not be a  
"show-off." We should use it to please God, by helping others to find their "gifts." When we show our  
talents, we are honoring God by letting our light shine. One Bible verse reads "Let your light so  
shine before men that they may glorify God." by Barb Z.