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Love is sacrificial.



Once upon a time there was a pretty princess in a kingdom. She fell sick and lay in bed dying. The king summoned many physicians to offer medical treatment to her, but her sickness was getting worse and worse. Finally, the king posted an announcement on the bulletin board saying, "Anyone who heals my daughter will be my son-in-law and he will eventually become the next king after me." There were three brothers in a small village near mountains. They had a special talent respectively. The first had a clairvoyant eye that could see things that were more than 100 miles away. The second brother had a flying carpet that could take him to wherever he wanted to go. The third one had an apple that could cure any disease. The first brother found out that the king wanted someone to heal his ill daughter through his amazing eye that could see far. The second one took him and his two brothers to the palace by his flying carpet. The third one gave his apple to the illness-stricken princess. As a result, she was cured incredibly. Now the king had to worry about which one of three brothers should be his son-in-law as he promised in his announcement. Without the first brother's far seeing eye, the three brothers could not have known about the royal announcement to seek someone who could cure the princess's serious illness. Without the second one's flying carpet, they could not have come to the palace. Without the third one's curing apple, the princess could not have been healed. The king pondered and pondered for a few days and finally he chose the third brother to be husband of his daughter. He reasoned for his decision that the far seeing eye of the first brother and the flying carpet of the second one were still available, but that the curing apple of the third one was no longer available since the princess had eaten it. The king saw the love in the third one's sacrifice of a curing apple.

We celebrate Mother's Day in May. We celebrate it because we appreciate wonderful motherly love. Motherly love is characterized by an unselfish and sacrificial love. Mother is willing to sacrifice anything for well-being and happiness of her child(ren). God's love is surprisingly similar to motherly love. God has proven his amazing love by sacrificing his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be crucified on the cross for our sins. Yes, the cross is the culmination of love. Like mother, God wants to embrace us. Like mother, God wants to see us happy. Like mother, God never forgets us even when we leave and forget him.

We should thank God for granting us a blessing to have wonderful mothers whose love reminds us of the divine love of God. We also should thank our mothers for their sacrificial love. Perhaps the best way to repay them for their motherly love is to live a good and happy and healthy life based on the faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has at home? (continued, p2.)

UMW News by Evelyn Pyles

“What a blessing!”

The Harmony House that is located in the building next to our church asked for various donations. Our UMW voted to buy bicycle helmets for the children. We went to K-Mart and asked for a discount on the helmets, since they were over the limit of \$50. The manager was happy to help the purchase of helmets for \$49.47 for 3 helmets. What a blessing! We gave them to the Harmony House, and the director was overjoyed, thanking us heartily. *(read below letter from Harmony House)*

“We made it”

The UMW goal was to reach \$500 by May, and we made it by having flea markets, snack bar sales & the 5 Guys fundraiser in Feb, March, & April. We made \$560.75. Thanks to the people who supported our fund raising, and also thanks to some members who worked hard to make the events successful. We are looking forward to having them again next year.

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*Though she may forget, I will not forget you!
See, I have engraved you on the palms of
my hands; your walls are ever before me.”
(Isaiah 49:15-16)*

*“Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all you who remain of the house
of Israel, you whom I have up-
held since you were conceived,
and have carried since your
birth. Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”
(Isaiah 46:3-4)*



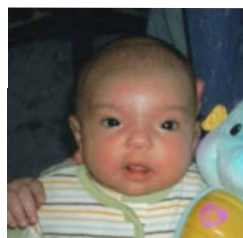
The Koontz and Andrews families wish to show our gratitude for your generous thoughts, prayers, and donations of money, gift cards, & food for Bernie and Alma’s family.

We thank Joan Tucker, who will attend the Baltimore and Washington Annual Conference in Washington DC on May 22-24 along with Rev. Joo Kang as the representative for our church.

Thank you very much for your donation of bike helmets to Harmony House, AACO’s new supervised Visitation Center. The Center, located on Mountain Road in Pasadena, will greatly benefit from your generosity.

Your contribution will truly make this house a home by encouraging birth parents to continue visiting with their children while they are in foster care. The house will also serve as a meeting place for siblings placed in different foster homes. Our goal is to reunite families quickly, and your generous donation will assist us in meeting this goal.

Sincerely, Christine Poulsen, Volunteer Services



CONGRATULATIONS
Proud Grandma is Genny Zink
Son of
Tim and Petrice Lombardo
Feb 7 weigh 7 lbs 11 oz

Prayer Requests

- * Please pray for Alma and her children’s father who was diagnosed with lung cancer. He is in the hospital.
- * Dolores’s foot pain
- * People with Cancer
- * Military in Iraq and Afghanistan
- * America’s economy



2-ASL Dinner
 6-Umw Mtg. @ 6:30pm
 11-Mother's Day,
 Darlene preaches &
 Communion
 17-NEJ Conference
 18-Rev Rick McClain
 preaches
 22-24 Annual Conference
 25-Pot Luck
 26-Memorial Day

DEAF COMMUNITY NEWS

*** Deaf Conference at Magothy Deaf Church on May 17. It's not too late to sign up for this event. Please contact Darlene or Rev. Johnson.
 ** Funeral Home Deaf owner/director in South Dakota. If you want to know more about the service, please check out the website www.koberfuneralhome.com.
 * Sign Dinner on first Friday of each month. Please contact jet-tlc@juno.com



6-ASL Dinner
 8- Communion
 15-Father's Day
 22-Rev Peggy Johnson



Why did God allow so many bad things to happen to me and my family in such a short time? How can God allow bad things to happen to other people suffering from cancer, too? A deaf friend who is a Jehovah Witness told me that it is Satan's way of working in us and also means we are near the end of world very soon.

Do I believe in the end of the world? *No, because the Bible never says exactly when this will happen.*

Do I agree with her statement about the Satan's work? *No way!*

Am I confused about God? *Sometimes.*

Do I lose my faith? *I don't know.*

Is it hard to understand "WHY"? *Of course!*

Does it happen for a certain reason? I believe so.

Will I know that reason before I get to heaven? *I doubt it!*



Every Sunday at church, I see more and more people affected by the "big C". I consider it a "bad" word now. Is it Satan's work? If yes, then Anne Arundel County residents are not the Christians that we thought, because cancer here is the highest rate in Maryland. Believe it? Then Rev. Joo Kang read to me from the Bible about Job, who was a very rich man. He was truly a good man and worshiped the Lord God. Satan challenged God whether Job was a good person only because God always blessed him. So God allowed Satan to test Job's faith. Satan took everything from Job—his wealth, his children (killed), and his health (illness)—to see whether Job would stay faithful to God. He did so. His friends accused him of being a sinner and said God was punishing him. Job told them that he was innocent and they were wrong. He suffered terribly. He asked God to appear and explain the reason for his suffering. His friends stopped speaking to him. Job decided that human beings could not find the kind of wisdom (words) that gives answers to the deep questions of life. Only God has that wisdom. Job swore to God that he was innocent of doing wrong. God finally did appear to Job, but he did not explain Job's suffering. Instead, He showed that many things He does cannot be understood by humans (people like us). Humans cannot do what God does. God criticized Job for talking so much when he knew so little, but God also said that Job remained his faithful servant. Therefore, at the very end, Job was blessed with twice as much. Job never did understand why he had suffered. Nevertheless, he felt better that he never rejected God or turned away from him. After I read the Book of Job in the Old Testament, I decided to keep faithful to God because God is not allowing bad things to happen to us unless there is a reason. Eventually the bad things will give way to more wonderful blessings. I have to confess that it is hard for me to see bad things befall my family, but I know that God is good enough to somehow bring good results from them for our sake. Amen *By Darlene Koontz*

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You never know when God is going to bless you !



by Barb Zufall

What are your hopes? What does the word HOPE mean? Hope is the anticipation of something good. How often we lose hope when we think of what is happening in the world today! We hear of wars across the sea and people dying at the homefront as well as in faraway places. True, we have technology which was not available years ago to help us and our loved ones who have difficulties. The computer is a wonderful tool for those of us who cannot hear on the telephone. Scientists have given many people hope with the progress of discoveries. But WAIT! How did we come about these things? On television just recently, there was an ad about a science museum which offered something very interesting called "Body Works." Our three pound gem is our brain! What is it about our brain that makes our body so amazing? Stop reading and look at your fingers! Do they work on their own? No, the fingers rely on the nerve center in our brain! Our feelings of hope comes from the brain. How can our brain sustain so much information? STOP and think about this! We have dreams and hopes for certain good things to happen. Years pass before there is a solution for the "supposed" problem. Look at what the scientists have come up with. Take hearing aids. In the 1930s and 1940s, the hearing aid was a cumbersome device. I understand the wearer had to strap it on one of his legs. When I started wearing a hearing aid in the early 1950s, it was three to four inches long by 2 inches wide! I had to wear a halter for the aid. Sound had to go through several pieces of clothing before it reached my ear. I was in my teens before I started wearing two behind-the-ear types. When I first wore the behind-the-ear type, I was amazed at the technology that went into them. My mother and I walked out of a door downtown when I stopped her and asked what the noise was. She did not know what noise I was referring to. We took a few more steps and I stopped and said "THAT noise!" She realized that I had never heard the "clicking" of her high heels until then! Who gave the scientists the ideas to create hearing aids and make them smaller? Our hopes! Who planted the hopes in our hearts and brains? Our wonderful Creator! Hebrews 11:1 reads "New faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

My hope for the world this year is that we will finally see the end of the wars and the beginning of peace that is meant to be.