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“The summer season and water”



The summer season has been ushered in being typically signaled by hot weather. How can we beat the sultry weather? We enjoy cooler temperature generated by the air conditioner at home or work or in the car. In the past when there was no such thing as air conditioners or electric fans, people had the wisdom to beat the hot temperatures by swimming in water or showering in water or drinking a lot of water. Certainly water makes us feel cooler if it is not hot. Without water I can't think of any better way to bear the hot summer weather. Our body is made up of 70% liquid (water). This fact eloquently speaks to how essential and indispensable water is for our biological life.

Recently I read a very interesting book titled, “Water Knows the Answers” authored by Masaru Emoto. He took various photos of frozen water with a micro photographic apparatus. These photos of water fascinate me tremendously. He did some experiments. He showed a paper with the printed word “God” held up to a cup of water. Then he took a picture of the water with a photomicroscope. It looks like a beautiful gem. Out of curiosity he held a paper with the printed word “Satan” to the cup of water and took a photo of the water. Surprisingly, it looks so dark and ugly. It really amazed him vehemently. Again, out of curiosity, he said to a cup of water something like ‘Thank you’ or ‘I love you.’ The photos of the water taken right after are beautiful. Then he swore at the water. Then the photo looks ugly. Does water possess a capacity to read and hear? I don't know, but Emoto's photos of water make me think it does.

As I looked at various photos of water, I noticed that they looked beautiful like gems when the water read or heard something like God, love, thank you. The same was true with beautiful music. On the other hand, the photo taken after heavy metal music was played looked horrible.

Another interesting result that should attract our attention is that the photos of water after being prayed for with hands holding the cup come out beautiful. How interesting! Emoto's book offers an insight to me. I decided to spend the hot summer season by praising and worshipping God more and singing inspiring hymns and gospel songs more as well as praying to God. I think that way I can beat the hot weather AND spend the summer in a pleasant and cool manner. According to Emoto's discovery, water seems to be fond of good and positive things like God, prayer, good music, love, and thanksgiving. Since our body is made up of 70% water (liquid), we would feel happy and pleasant if we bless our Lord Jesus Christ, pray to God, and praise Him and speak nice and edifying words to others.

Have a great and pleasant summer!

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:13)

BIG NEWS FOR DEAF COMMUNITY



The presiding biishop consecrated her

The Rev. Peggy A. Johnson of Baltimore has been elected a bishop by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church. Johnson, 54, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf, was elected July 17 by jurisdictional conference delegates. On Sept.1, she will become one of nine active bishops in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, which includes 13 annual (regional) conferences from Maine to West Virginia. Endorsed by the Baltimore-Washington Conference and the Association of Physically Challenged Ministers, Johnson was elected on the 10th ballot, receiving 163 of 248 votes cast.



She read the order to the congregation

Johnson has been actively involved in the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf since 1988 and has supported a deaf ministry effort in Zimbabwe through her conference. Since 1995, she has been an adjunct faculty member at Wesley Theological Seminary. She served as a General Conference delegate from 1996 through 2008, was a member of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 1996 to 2000, served as a consultant on deaf ministry for the Board of Global Ministries from 2001 to 2004, and was a member of the NEJ episcopacy committee from 2000 to 2004. Johnson received "The Circuit Rider of the Year Award" from the United Methodist Publishing House in 1990 and "The Pillar of Faith Award" from Howard Divinity School in 2006. She earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA in 1975, a master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY in 1980, and a doctor of ministry degree from Wesley in 1993. Besides Christ Church, she has served at Fulton-Siemers Memorial and Lansdowne United Methodist churches in Baltimore and the Mount Pleasant charge in Frederick, MD. She also was chaplain at Gallaudet University in Washington from 1985 to 1986. Johnson received the "HIV/AIDS Activist Award" from the Family Service Foundation of Baltimore in 2004 and the "Helping Hand Award" from the Maryland Association of the Deaf in 1991 and 2005. She currently is a part of the Maryland Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Mental Health Task Force.

A United Methodist bishop in the United States is elected for life and, although eight years is the standard term for a bishop to serve in an Episcopal area, it is not unusual for a bishop to be assigned to one area for 12 years for "missional reasons." Bishops are charged by the church's Book of Discipline to "lead and oversee the spiritual and temporal affairs" of the church and to "guard, transmit, teach and proclaim, corporately and individually, the apostolic faith as it is expressed in Scripture and tradition, and, as they are led and endowed by the Spirit, to interpret that faith evangelically and prophetically. *Bloom is a United Methodist News Service news writer based in New York.



Leo and Carol congratulated Peggy as a new Bishop

On the behalf of Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Peggy Johnson upon her election as bishop.

Rev. Peggy will preach one more time at Christ Church on August 10, and then she and her family will move to PA for her new job as a Bishop. She will be missed by Magothy Deaf Church and Christ of Church of the Deaf. God Bless her for her wonderful 20 years of ministry .

NEJ Conference At Magothy Deaf Church on May 17, 2008

At the first of four different NEJ workshops, I attended "Spiritual Growth" that was lectured by Rev. Rick McClain. He taught on his aspect of "Five Important Elements of Spiritual Formation.



The five elements are RELATING, READING, RENEWING, RESTORING and REPLENISHING. Moreover, he clearly explained what each element means and then demonstrated his good example of that element. Secondly, he also gave his interesting lecture on "Five Essential Factors of Spiritual Formation." Spiritual Formation Factors are PRAYER LIFE, DEVOTIONAL LIFE, SCRIPTURE LIFE, EVANGELISTIC LIFE and EVERYDAY LIFE. He emphasized his statement of "If you are weak in your Christian walk, it is because you are weak in one of these areas."

If you would to take an online Deaf Ministry course, then you contact with Rev. Rick McClain, vice president of Academic Affairs at Deaf Online University by emailing him: Rick@DeafOU.com.

In three other workshops, I attended "How To Deal With Grief And Loss" by Liz Katz, "Empowering Laity To Visit The Sick" by Rev. Leo Yates, Jr., and "Chronological Bible Study" by Rev. Chris Hughes. After all the workshops, I felt blessed to have professional lecturers who dedicated their Christ-centered workshops. Importantly, all of the volunteer workers of Magothy UMC of the Deaf that hosted the 2008 NEJ Conference included high-qualified lecturers, and we were richly blessed. In fact, the 2008 NEJ Conference was much more successful than any past NEJ Conference.



Liz Katz is a Clinical Social Worker for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services at Jewish Social Service Agency and part-time at Alternation Solution Center. She has experience with families who have lost loved ones. Jamie Koontz shared with people her experience after her father passed away a few days before the conference. She emphasized that it is important to have support from family and friends. It helped her get through the time of grief, and she and her brother are getting some counseling from Hospice. The people were very touched by her story. Website... www.jssa.org

Our UMCD President Kenyon wrote " I believe that this will be a big plus for UMC Deaf Ministries throughout the United States. Yes I definitely agreed with his comment.

Whenever Bishop Peggy Johnson comes to Bishop meetings, she will have a good opportunity to educate the other Bishops about Deaf people from inside of the Bishops meeting. Hopefully the other Bishops will eventually change their perspectives on Deaf people from Bishop Peggy Johnson's inside influence.

Please don't forget that Bishop Marjorie Matthews was the first woman to become Bishop in 1980 and also helped to change the perspectives of all the male Bishops by showing the positive aspects on the role of women in the positions of Lay Leader, Deacon, Pastor, District Superintendent and Bishop.

David Ennis NEJ Vice President

Magothy was given a wonderful opportunity to do a fundraiser during the NEJ conference. Our church provided lunch and dinner for everyone registered for the conference.

The Magothy mission committee decided to donate all proceeds to the Deaf Adults Camp (over age of 18) Thanks to a conference that was well attended, Magothy raised \$760.00 for the camp! What a blessing!

We thank God for helping us along the way so that we could help others.



The Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church
224th Session May 22-24, 2008
Poured out: Serve Like Christ

Legislation decisions:

We affirmed inclusiveness in the conference to make sure that there is and shall be no difference in areas of racism, gender, and age.

We agreed to have the conference establish a cemetery reserve fund for caring for any abandoned cemeteries. Realigned the conference from 9 to 8 districts, Baltimore City from 3 to 2 districts. This will enable the city to work better with each other and the surrounding businesses.

The conference encourages local churches to pray for, give financial support to and lend assistance to the operation of a Pregnancy Center in their area. A Pregnancy Center encourages mothers to bear their children and will help with pre and post-natal care as well as helping with decisions on parenting or adoption.

Each Methodist Church struggles with issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity. The conference is asking us to keep dialog going without showing how we feel about the subject.

We endorsed Rev. Peggy Johnson as a candidate for bishop from the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference now is composed of 13 counties, 3 cities (Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis) and Bermuda.

Bishop Minerva Carcano, leader of the Desert Southwest Area, reaches out to undocumented immigrants who are pouring into the United States. She said that they are coming here to survive and we are called to help and exclude no one. The decision of whether they should be here or be sent back is not our decision.

Bishop Jane Middleton of Central Pennsylvania Conference led a study on "A Wesleyan Way of Living." Do no harm. Think twice and speak once. Do good. Encourage don't discourage. Stay in love with God. Keep God at the center of all you do and say.

Bishop Thomas Bickerton, leader of almost 900 congregations of the Western Pennsylvania Conference, delivered the ordination address. The ordination included 18 women and men who were ordained as Elders and one woman who was ordained as a full Deacon. For the next three years, they will be on probation.

Attendance by Joan Tucker and Rev. Joo Kang.



**In Loving Memory
of Bernie Koontz Jr.**

Dear Magothy UMW,

Your flowers were beautiful, but most of all, your personal appearance to share our grief meant so much. Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and your prayers for all of us.

Dear Magothy Members,

Your prayers support and expressions of sorrow during Bernie's illness and our loss deeply touched our hearts.

No words can explain our thanks for all of the thoughtful things and the care shown for Bernie and our family.

Bless You all, Alma & children, Steven, Darlene & family and Eileen



Congratulation !

Bernie Koontz III graduated from elementary school. He will be transferred to Middle School where his sister is. He wants to be a comedian when he grows up.



* For the children and families who lost their loved ones due to the war, nature's disasters, auto, illness

* The growth of our church

* Rev. Peggy Johnson for her work as bishop

* Barb Sully's husband who has been ill in the hospital

* Kathy Russo's mom who is sick with cancer



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 13-Holy Communion
 14- Cactus Willis
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DEAF COMMUNITY NEWS

- * Sign Dinner on first Friday of each month, Please contact jet-tlc@juno.com
- * UMW will be meet again on Sept. 2 (every first Tuesday at 6:30pm)
- *Cactus Willis on every 2nd of Monday at 5pm (fund raising)
- * Rev. Joo Kang teaches Bible Study at Christ Church for 10 weeks starting August 6
- * **Rescheduled Mission Committee Mtg. to Sept 14 (2nd of Sunday)**



1-Stoney Creek Inn Dinner
 3-Joan Tucker preaches
 10-Bishop Peggy's last sermon at Christ Church
 10-Holy Communion
 11- Cactus Willis
 17-PPRC Mtg.

Hello everyone!

The mission committee has been serving and working for the Lord all year long. This summer we have a few things going on and we could use your help! The community near and far needs us and our church wants to help all that we can.

Recently, we donated money for the United Methodist Global ministry to help them purchase mosquito nettings for families in need in Africa. Mosquitos carry disease and this has caused many in Africa to become sick. The mosquito netting is used to protect families from mosquitos and keep them from becoming sick. Currently, our committee is working on 3 missions this summer. We continue to collect food items for the Door Step Mission. Through the summer, we are collecting canned meats such as tuna, corned beef, and beef stew. We are also collecting macaroni and cheese.

One of our newest missions involves collecting used paperback books for our dedicated military personnel. BWI airport has a USO lounge reserved for our military personnel. We are collecting paperback books and we will be delivering them to the USO lounge. This is our way of giving what we can and it gives the military personnel something to do while waiting for their flights. They can also take the books with them as they travel the world.

Towards the end of the summer, we will be collecting school supplies for Anne Arundel County Public Schools. All kinds of school supplies will be needed! There are many children who will be returning to school at the end of August and some will have nothing. We have a chance to give and help children in our own local community.

Thanks so much and remember every little bit helps! God bless you all!

Sarah Yates , Mission Chairperson



Melissa Steinhice, Barb Sully & Kathy Russo

We did very well at our flea market a few months ago. Our church would like to do this again in the fall for a charity which has not been decided yet. Please contact Barb Sully or Magothy church for more information about flea market.



QUIZ

What are the names of the four (4) Gospels?

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Postmaster, please deliver to:

“When I say..” I am a Christian” I’m not shouting “I’m Clean Living” I’m whispering “I was lost. Now I’m found.”

“When I say..”I am a Christian” I don’t speak of pride. I’m confessing that I stumble and need the Christ to be my guide.

“When I say..I am a Christian” I’m not trying to be strong. I’m professing that ’m weak and need His strength to carry on.

“When I say.. I am a Christian” I’m not bragging of success. My flaws are far too visible but God believes I am worth it.

“When I say.. I am a Christian” I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches so I call upon His Name.

“When I say.. I am a Christian” I’m not holier than thou. I’m just a simple sinner who received God’s good grace, somehow!