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### **Pastor farewell Letter to Magothy Deaf Church**

I want to thank God for the opportunity to serve the Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf as pastor for two and a half years. However, I have to regret fully inform you that it is time for me to resign. The reasons for my decision to resign are as follows:

First of all, my mother is in Korea alone currently and very sick. I can't leave her alone. Of course, she could come and live here in the USA with us, but she would have to be confined in the house without my provision with rides. That would worsen her depression and loneliness. It is obvious she would prefer to live in Korea where she has many friends and gets easy means of transportation than in the USA for the sake of her social needs. Still, she could not overcome her depression without her children around her in Korea. She needs me because I am her first child and in Korean culture the first male child has an obligation to take care of aging parents.

Second, I have been feeling tremendously burdened by the Baltimore-Washington conference plan to cut down the budget for deaf ministry. It is my earnest prayer that Rev. Leo Yates may be appointed to serve the deaf church in our conference next year. I believe his ministry at the deaf church will be successful.

Third, my ministry here has been struggling. I feel a responsibility for failing to make our church grow. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your steadfast support and prayers for my ministry and family. I will cherish sweet memories of my days of serving you as pastor and never forget your love and respect for me as your pastor. I will remember you in my prayers even after I leave. May God richly bless you!

Your servant, Joo Hai Kang

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We are sad that our pastor, Rev. Joo Kang will leave our church to go back to his hometown in Korea. He will be missed by many people in our church and friends. However we respect his request to take care of his ailing mother with God's grace and love. Rev. Kang had great concern over

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## OUR MISSION NEWS

As outgoing chairperson for the mission committee, I want to thank all of our committee members for their hard work. We had another successful year of outreach and mission work, and it would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the committee. In summary, for 2008, our accomplishments (donations and fundraisers):

- Deaf Blind Camp
- Deaf Children's Camp
- Deaf Adults Camp
- Global Ministry (Zimbabwe and other African countries)
- Adopt-A-Family: AACo Dept. of Social Service (Summer/Thanksgiving/Christmas)
- USO Kaiserslautern (Lundstal hospital, Germany) calling cards for injured soldiers
- Door Step Mission (all year round) and Thanksgiving baskets
- Anne Arundel County Schools
- Harmony House (Anne Arundel County Dept. of Social Services)
- A Methodist pastor in need

What an accomplishment! I pray and hope that 2009 will bring just as much fruitful works as 2008 and that our committee members continue to serve in the name of our Lord. Thank you and God Bless! —Sarah Yates

**We thank Sarah for her faithful work for 3 years. Nina Gilbert is our new Missions Committee Chairperson and will need our support and cooperation for the missions.**

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our church's declining attendance, but he can be assured that he has inspired faithful followers. Speaking from our hearts and thoughts, he has strengthened our faith and instilled in us a greater love for God and one another. For that, we will forever remember him. May God be with Rev. Kang and his family and bless them as they return to Korea.

Rev. Leo Yates, Jr. will be our temporary pastor until the end of February. The conference will find us a new pastor whom we will continue to appreciate and support. God never fails our church.

From Magothy UMCD



- \* Dave Cope's speedy recovery from surgery
- \* Barb Sully's mom and her friend Mickey and his family.
- \* Peace in the Middle East

- \* Parents of Leo & Sarah Yates
- \* Ava, granddaughter of Carolyn Pyles
- \* Better year in 2009 for families
- \* Bring glory to Magothy UMCD

### OUR FAMOUS SOUP FEST

**Jan 10..fundraising for netting**

**Feb 2....building material for deaf orphanage in Kenya**

**March 1....Korea expenses for Maddox family**

UMW will have Flea Market too  
8am to 12pm

Soup Fest starts @ 11am to 2pm

**8-10 Homemade Soups**

Please come and support our missions.

Thank for your continual support of our church.

May God bless you.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Angela and her husband, Josh Reel, are expecting their 2nd baby in August.

**UMW NEWS** by Evelyn Pyles

## A "Surprise Shower"

On Nov 13, the ladies from the UMW and Church members had a baby shower for our church member, Donna Easton. She thought it was a meeting to vote in new officers for 2009, but it turned out to be a surprise baby shower. It caught her very surprised. She was given a lot of nice and cute baby things. Refreshments were also served.



Everyone enjoyed every minute of the party. We all wish her and her family best



luck and happiness with the new baby.

**Update: Donna had a 10-pund baby girl!**

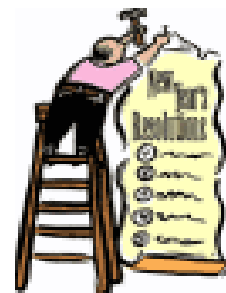
From Donna Easton

My husband and I would like to thank you for the baby shower. The gifts were precious. I know I will need everything. It was nice of you to donate the clothes for my children. I never thought people would give us so much and I feel so thankful. I know God is good to me and my family and I feel that God will bless you too for your kindness.

**Promises for Change – The Right Resolution**

By Rev. Leo Yates, Jr.

January is a time of year that brings new beginnings. It is a time where we can start from scratch (start over) and begin again with what we would do different from last year. Some of us like to make resolutions/promises to make changes. These changes are usually to be for the better. These changes (resolutions) that we want are the same ones that God wants for us. Sometimes we need fresh starts in order to go in the right direction with our lives. When we are in the right frame of mind, we can experience the promise that God has made to us. In fact, it is Jesus' words we can be confident in. Jesus said, "I will send him (the Spirit) to you." (John 16:7) God is present to us through the Holy Spirit. To help ourselves grow in our faith to become closer to God – the resolution for us to make in 2009 is to pray more. But this year, we don't want to make a resolution that we will soon break by February (e.g., diets, exercising, etc.); we want to make a promise to pray more deeply, more often, and even longer. For those of us who only pray once a day (e.g., at bedtime), we can promise to pray in the morning and at bedtime. Begin with a short prayer in the morning, like "Thank you Lord for giving me a new day to serve you. Help me, Lord, to be faithful to you today. I ask that you protect my family and me this day. And, Lord, bring someone into my life today that I can witness, serve, or encourage. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."

**What is your Resolution for new year?**

- \*To make God my top priority! (No name)
- \*To not let my anger get the best of me (Sarah)
- \*To devote more time to prayer & be a better steward of my money, more careful with spending (Leo)
- \*To have more confidence in myself & to continue working towards becoming an interpreter people will want to work with (Angela)
- \*Walk at least a mile two times a week (Darlene)

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## **January**

Fri. 2 ASL Dinner  
Sun 4 Sunday School @ 9:30  
& Worship  
Tues. 6 UMW @ 6:30pm  
Sat 10 Flea Market & Soup  
Fest @ 8am-2pm  
Sun 11 Sunday School @9:30  
Worship & Holy Communion  
Sun. 18 Sunday School @ 9:30  
& Worship  
Mon 19 Martin Luther King  
Sun. 25 Sunday School @ 9:30  
Worship by Rev. Deford & Pot Luck

## **February**

Sun 1 Sunday School @ 9:30 &  
Worship  
Fri. 7 ASL Dinner @ 5pm  
Sat 8 Flea Market / Soup  
Fest @ 8am-2pm  
Sun. 9 Sunday School @ 9:30  
Worship & Holy Communion  
Sat 14 Valentine's Day  
Sun.15 Sunday School @ 9:30 &  
Worship  
Sun. 22 Sunday School  
Worship & Pot Luck

