



**THE MAGOTHY DEAF MESSENGER**

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**A Note From Leo**



I was recently asked where will I be going, what is it that I'll be doing when I leave June 30th. Well, these are two good questions. If I was a church member, I would be asking the same questions.

Last summer I had planned to leave the church and go back to college in the fall. In fact, I was already enrolled and registered for my fall classes. What kind of classes you might be wondering? I want to become a mental health therapist. As a pastor, I come across many people who have difficulty developing and/or deepening a relationship with God because of unresolved conflict or issues that still bother them. For some, they are stuck in a cycle where a type of behavior happens over and over.

Unfortunately I don't have the skills as a pastor to assist people through their issues and problems. If they can put most of their problems behind them or reach some kind of balance in their life, then they will be able to see the love and grace that God is offering them.

This August, I start college again. I will be getting a master's degree in counseling from a Christian school in VA. The blessing in all of this is I won't be moving out of the area. So, I'll still be around. However, I will be leaving the United Methodist Church and seek ordination in the Episcopal Church. Simply, it will be easier and better fit my future needs. I'll always love Methodism - I have visited John Wesley's house in London three times.

Beginning in July, I will go back to interpreting and in August I will begin school. Where do I see myself in 5 years? I see myself working with both deaf and hearing people, being the healer who directs people on their life's path that goes toward God - whether they know it or not.

It's been a privilege to work at Magothy. This congregation will always have a special place in my heart, and it has been a pleasure and an honor to come back full circle (starting and ending) with my beloved Magothy.

***We wish him the best!.....so, who is our new pastor???* (continue pg.5)**

## OUR MISSION NEWS

On May 23rd, our church hosted an "All-You-Can-Eat" Spaghetti Dinner. The fundraiser was held to help raise money for an annual deaf blind camp. It was a huge success! We earned \$689.00. Magothy would like to thank the volunteers from the deaf and hearing church for helping to make this a huge success. We would also like to thank Safeway, Food Lion, Lauer's IGA, Weiss and the Food Bank of Maryland for their donations. Our friends of Magothy Hearing Church donated \$150.00 as well.



We wish the Annual Deaf Blind Camp the best of luck for another successful camp!

### Note from Mission Committee:

Our missions committee is seeking donations of imperishable food items such as:

- \* macaroni & cheese, soup, jelly
- \* cereal
- \* snacks (i.e. cookies, canned fruit, etc)



Since school is out for the summer, the children are home & families in need will be seeking these types of food. Also, we are accepting cash/check donations. If you wish to make donations, please see Darlene Koontz. These donations will go to provide bread, eggs, meats & dairy products for needy families.

Our Northeast Jurisdiction will have a conference in Delaware in 2010 (location undecided). Please look for our next newsletter for more information. We will vote on new officers at this time. We will need your support to keep NEJ strong by coming to our conference and voting !

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Sarah Pyles, the oldest granddaughter of Carolyn Pyles, will be attending College (undecided). She wants to be a physician. We prayed for her when she was sick for 6 weeks. Thank God, she made it with honors & graduated from Chesapeake H.S. May God be with her during her college time.

Desiree Steinhice graduated from Kindergarten and will be in first grade @ Fort Smallwood Elementary.



Dominic Koontz graduated from Mt. Carmel Pre-school. He will be attending Ft. Smallwood Elementary where his cousin Desiree attends. Dominic & Desiree are the grandchildren of Darlene & Steven Koontz, & great grandchildren of Evelyn Pyles & Eileen Koontz.



Alyssa Krueger will be attending Jacobsville Elementary from Mt. Camel Pre-school. She is the 7th granddaughter of Carolyn Pyles.

### ASL DINNER

Please contact Joan Tucker if you know where we should go next month  
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## History of our Magothy Church [part 2]

The last issue regarding our history started with the establishment of the Methodist church in America in 1777. The writings of William T. Miller, pastor at Magothy in 1989, stated “Can you imagine?” This church was founded before we were the United States of America. Also it has seen every president’s term since George Washington and began even before the Methodist church was organized in 1784.

During our earliest history, there was no permanent church building and sermons were either given at someone's home or at “camp meetings”.

Whole families would camp in a place for several days and a traveling preacher or orator would do the sermons. Included in the laws governing religious societies, the giving, selling or otherwise disposing of any kind of liquors were forbidden within 2 miles of any camp meeting or any other place of religious worship.

In 1794, Magothy trustees bought an acre of land from Francis Cromwell, a former captain in the Revolutionary War, for 5 shillings and for the purpose of erecting a meeting house for the Methodist society. The old deed on file in Annapolis stated that the property is situated at the head of Rock Creek in Anne Arundel County and held by the trustees for the benefit of society.

The first permanent building was probably erected at the end of the 1700’s. Information and stories about the building were told to Charles Boone by his father-in-law, Henry Alfred Hancock. It was said to be a one-room log cabin, rough and unfinished inside. It was built on the property in the old burial grounds [the site of our current Thrift Shop]. No one knows what happened to the log cabin, but it is said that Reverend Dorsey Jacobs, a lay preacher at Magothy for many years, is buried beneath the ground where the pulpit once stood.

Descendants of the founders are also buried in Magothy’s cemetery as shown on the tombstones, such names are: Crane, Armiger, Cook, Boone, Jacobs, & Hancock.

Rev. Miller comments in his 1989 accounts of Magothy’s history, “It was a brave beginning made by a handful of men and women who dared to found a church in the wilderness; a church that has grown and prospered”.



## OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009 attended by Joan Tucker

This was the 225th session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

The proceeds from the sale of a parsonage in the Annapolis District will be used for the development of a new faith community and in support of Hispanic/Latin ministries in the Annapolis district. The budget approved was \$765,574.00. The budget for Deaf ministries will be \$217,536.00, an increase of \$6,336. (Praise the LORD) ←



The conference advance specials...

### Christ House:

A 32-bed facility for sick & homeless men & women: Its mission is to provide comprehensive health care and to assist patients to address critical issues to help break the cycle of homelessness.

### United Methodist Community Services:

Services offered include eviction & utility cutoff prevention, pantry food distribution, purchase of prescription medicines, thrift clothing, and budget and family counseling

### Social Help Center:

The center works with people in need to explore options that include mix of personal resources, effect use of government and non-government helping agencies, and financial assistance.

### Columbia Road Health Services:

They provide quality & affordable health care to poor and uninsured persons.

### Deaf Ministries:

Support deaf camp, Blind-Deaf Camp, Religious Interpreter's workshop, Deaf Lay Speaking Class, Deaf prison ministry, assistive listening devices, outreach materials, Africa Deaf Ministry Volunteers in Mission projects, Deaf State hospitals & religious Education at the Deaf Schools.

### Mount Auburn Cemetery:

This is for the restoration and preservation of Mount Auburn Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Baltimore for African-Americans.

### Nets:

Neighbors Eager to Serve (NETS) is an ecumenical outreach ministry that provides assistance to the needy and for victims of fire and other disasters.

### Smile:

This Ministry provides food, clothing, and other assistance to persons in need in the Lusby area.

**WELCOME TO MAGOTHY DEAF CHURCH  
FROM HAGERSTOWN TO PASADENA, MD**



Hello everyone,

I look forward to being in ministry with all of you. I look forward to getting to know you and I want you to get to know me better, too. I grew up in Hagerstown, MD (Western MD), and I still live there with my husband, Marcus, and our 4 cats.

I graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor’s degree in music education, and I am currently enrolled in Wesley Seminary. I am proficient in ASL, and I interpret on a very part-time basis. I am certified by EIPA (education interpreter’s performance assessment). I love being involved with the Deaf community in Hagerstown. I have heard great things about Magothy, and I am so happy that I have been appointed as your pastor starting in July. I am excited to hear about all the ministry that is happening now. I praise God for Magothy Deaf Church. I hope that we can think and plan together about new ministries and programs to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

So...please be thinking about ideas for Magothy Church of the Deaf. I can’t wait to meet all of you!

Blessings, Lisa Jordan

**PLEASE PRAY FOR 25 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DEAF MEMBERS WHO WILL FLY TO SEOUL, KOREA FOR THE 2ND WORLD METHODIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF FROM JULY 30-AUGUST 5. MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE (FROM KOREA, JAPAN, GUAM, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, AND THE USA). THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT WE WILL PRAY FOR THEIR SAFETY DURING THE TRIP.**

*John 3:16*

*God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.*



**Let’s pray for world peace!**

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***WHAT IS MISSING IN THE CH\_RCH ?***

## **JULY**

Fri 3 ASL Dinner (TBA)  
Sun 5 S. S. & Worship  
Sun 12 S. S. & Worship & Holy  
Communion  
Sun 19 S. S. & Worship  
Sun 26 S. S. & Worship  
after service we will have pot  
luck to welcome our new pastor  
Please join us and bring a  
covered dish



## **August**

Sun 2 S.S. & Worship  
Fri 7 ASL Dinner (TBA)  
Sun. 9 S. S. & Worship & Holy  
Communion  
Sun. 16 S. S. & Worship  
Sun 23 S. S. & Worship  
Sun 30 S.S. & Worship

S.S.= Sunday School