



Magothy Messenger

Pastor's Corner

In 1998, high-definition television (or HDTV) was introduced to the entire United States when astronaut John Glenn returned to space on board the Space Shuttle *Discovery*. Although a few local station networks had been using HD for their television transmissions since 1996 in the U.S., the *Discovery* mission coverage marked the first time that high definition transmissions were broadcast coast-to-coast. A few years later, the manufacture of traditional television systems had become a thing of the past.

High-definition television (HDTV) is video that has resolution substantially higher than that of traditional television systems (also known as standard-definition TV, or SDTV, or SD). HDTV has one or two million pixels per frame, roughly five times that of SD. Early HDTV broadcasting used analog techniques, but today HDTV is digitally broadcast using video compression. As anyone who watches television or movies today will attest to, some of the pictures we see are so amazingly clear and intricate that we sometimes feel we are right at the place where the action is happening!

As we embark on a new “year” at Magothy United Methodist Church, I wonder

how we might be able to move our faith journey from traditional-definition to high-definition. How can each of us or our community look at our Christian journey as **HD Faith**? In other words, how might we come to transmit our faith in a way that allows others to see our Christian love so amazingly clear and intricate that they feel as though they are where the God-action is happening? How do you experience Christian love from or share love with others? How do you receive service from or give service to others? I think there are many different approaches that may help us transform our church to be one that transmits **HD Faith!**

We need to continue to study what the Bible has to say to us. Through worship, Bible studies, and fellowship activities, we bring the action of the Bible stories right into our lives. This means understanding the text in the context of when and where it was written, but also how the lessons relate to our lives today. We need to witness to each other one-on-one and in groups to how the words of Jesus and the actions of the Holy Spirit have confronted us in amazingly clear and intricate ways.

We must challenge ourselves to share our **HD Faith** with people we know (or may come to know) who have not yet recognized how God is working in their lives. Sharing

our stories of how Christ inspires, transforms, or challenges us is necessary to making our faith relevant both to ourselves as well as to people who have yet to come to church. Sharing our stories is more than simply telling people about the grace of God that we experience. It also means “learning the language” of others so that they can understand in clear and specific ways what we have experienced and what a personal relationship with Jesus Christ looks like. Sometimes, our “church talk” may need to sound like “street talk” to make sense to people who don’t know what church is all about!

HD Faith is not a new program or even a way of proclaiming a new message. It is a way of sharing the old message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that becomes exciting and meaningful to those who need to hear it as well as to ourselves who have been commissioned by Christ to “*go and make disciples...teaching them everything that I have commanded you*” (Matthew 28:19 – 20). We don’t need to watch tv to see HD action. **HD Faith** is telling our **HD stories** and in showing our **HD action** to the world! Let’s share our **HD Faith!**

Pastor Martin

Street Care

Magothy United Methodist Church is embarking on a new ministry in partnership with Bright Mind Enrichment: Street Care!

This ministry will involve offering necessities (socks, hygiene items, small nut-free snacks, etc.) to homeless people in the community and beginning to build relationships with this vulnerable population. We will begin this on-going outreach in Pasadena and gradually move into the rest of Anne Arundel County.

We are in need of:

- Socks
- Hygiene items (especially female products)
- Nut-free snacks
- Deodorant
- Shampoos
- Soaps

We need volunteers to join an outreach team led by Magothy members to spend 2 – 4 hours per month in this endeavor.

There is a bin in the Fellowship hall to collect

the needed items. Please offer any of these items as you are able.

For more information, please contact Pastor Martin at 410-255-2634 or at pastor@magothy.org



United
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The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative and supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in

the global ministries of the church.

All women who feel the need for Christian fellowship and desire to make a difference in their relationships through spiritual growth are welcome to join us Tuesday, September 14 at 10:45 in the church library. Please bring a sandwich/salad/ yogurt for your lunch, beverages and desert will be provided. The study for the next several weeks will be Finding Peace in an Anonymous World. This is a series of lessons based on the serenity prayer.

If this sounds like you, please come join us!! You will be welcomed with open arms! We can't wait to see you at the meeting.

Community Breakfast

Our community breakfast begins again! Starting this month, September 18, 2021. Cost will be \$8 for adults and children 12 and under are free. The time will be from 7am—11am. If you would like to volunteer please contact Robin Bartlett at robinbartlett1518@gmail.com



Adult Sunday School

Exciting News! Come and bring your friends!!

Adult Sunday School will begin meeting in person again starting on Sunday September 12 at 10:30am in the church library.

All Adults interested in sharing ideas and personal reflections on the Holy scripture are welcome to attend. The fall study is entitled *Belong*; relying on the biblical narrative which makes it clear “we belong to God.”

Please grab your coffee and donut during fellowship time and join us—we want you to belong!

Baseball Game

An invitation to all children and youth (and families):

You are invited to join Pastor Martin (and our friends from Pasadena UMC) for a baseball game between the Bowie Baysox and the Altoona Curve on Sunday September 19 2021, 1:35pm. We will meet in the Magothy parking lot and leave by 12:30pm. Expected return time is 5pm. Ticket prices are approximately \$15 per person, but if we get a big enough group, we expect the tickets will be cheaper. Please bring some extra spending money for food at the game. If you need financial help, please let Pastor Martin know. Deadline to let Pastor Martin know is September 16, 2021 at 12pm. If any adults are willing to help drive, please let Pastor Martin know at 410-255-2634 or pastor@magothy.org

United Methodist Men

The Magothy United Methodist Men (UMM) are joining the Community UMM for a joint retreat being held October 22 – 24, 2021, at The United Methodist Manidokan Camp & Retreat Center, 1600 Harpers Ferry Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758. It will begin at dinner time on Friday and end after lunch on Sunday. Cost: \$140 (includes lodging of shared rooms with bunk beds and

5 meals); Friday dinner is at a local restaurant and is covered by the participant. Money is due by September 30, 2021.

If you should need financial help, please contact Pastor Martin at 410-255-2634 or at pastor@magothy.org

For more information or to sign up to attend, please contact Bill Buck at 410-255-6211.



Doorstep Mission



To all of our Doorstep Mission supporters, we send our sincere thanks and many blessings for your continued help. A special thanks to the foodbank runners. During the month of August our mission helped 25 families, which included 77 people!

Our monthly foodbank visit this month will be Thursday September 30, 2021 at 10am. If you are available please let us know. If you desire to help, the pantry supply we can use this month is canned tuna and dried beans.

Holy Smoke Live

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Magothy CHURCH CONFERENCE – September 23, 2021!

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE THIS year WILL take place ON THURSDay, September 23, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. OUR NeW ANNAPOLIS District Superintendent, THE Reverend SARAH SCHLIECKERT, WILL preside. We WILL meet in the Magothy Sanctuary to hear reports FROM our COMMITTEES and CONDUCT the BUSINESS OF elections to committees and other MATTERS. WHILE all are Welcome, ONLY FULL Members OF Magothy United Methodist Church are eligible to vote.

Meals on Wheels

On August 11th, five church members went to the Meals on Wheels (MOW) facility in Baltimore City. This was a first time service event for Magothy United Methodist Church involving MOW that was put together by Mr. Garrett Hayden. Rev. Brooks and Mr. Hayden had previously toured this MOW facility, and they found it adequate for an external service project. MOW followed all of COVID protocols, and they were very gracious to all participants. These church members worked in a team environment with other local volunteers and MOW employees.

As a result, 546 boxes of food were filled in three hours. This means that 3,372 individual meals were packed. These meals were packed up and immediately loaded onto refrigerated vehicles bound for various communities in MD. It was an inspiring team effort, and these church members received a tour of the MOW facility at the end of their work session. Mr. Hayden would like to thank Jeannie Kelly, Brenda Parker, Josephine Pritt, and Sandy Queer for their participation, sup-

port, and dedicated work that day. If you would like to be involved in a future meal packing service project at MOW or have any ideas for other service projects, please contact Mr. Hayden (gwhayden1@netzero.net).

The next day we received this email from the volunteer support services specialist, Amy Dell.

Dear Magothy United Methodist Church,

Thank you for taking the time to volunteer with us yesterday! Because of committed volunteers like you, Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland continues to provide nutritious, home delivered meals to the aging and disabled during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have proudly prepared, packed, and delivered served 3.5 million meals across Maryland since March 2020, helping our most at risk neighbors remain safely in their homes. Because of your ongoing support we are 'More than a meal' to so many, offering additional support services such as grocery shopping, wellness calls, and home repairs, that keep people living safe, independent, and healthy lives at home.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help pack meals again as a group or individually or if you would like to volun-

teer in a different capacity such as delivering meals, grocery shopping or calling clients! We have the opportunity for substitute delivery if you can't commit to a weekly shift, or we could set up a group delivery Lunch Bunch with MUMC!

We are grateful for your time and talent, and if you can, would you consider a donation of any size to help us to continue to achieve our mission, especially during these unprecedented times. You can also support us by liking us on Facebook for up-to-date information about our work, events, and the impact you have on the lives of those we serve. If you would like more information about Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland's full array of More than a meal services, volunteer opportunities, special projects, or upcoming events please visit our website at www.mealsonwheelsmd.org

Thank you again for volunteering with us, and we look forward to your continued support of with Meals on Wheels Central Maryland!

Thank you all,

Amy Dell

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Regular Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Historic Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes for Adults (September–June)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise Service in the Fellowship Hall.

-Sunday School for children and youth following Children's Time.

-Holy Communion the first Sunday of every month.

Summer Worship Schedule (June– September)

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Chapel in the Woods (weather permitting)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Trustees

The Trustees have completed the following projects recently:

1. Outside fellowship hall electrical work was done to re-wire electric outlet to operate a sewage pump. Cost \$1250.00
2. Replaced a sewage pump that was not working Cost \$1350.00
3. Scheduled maintenance was performed on all three air-conditioners in the fellowship hall, white chapel, and parsonage. Changed thermostat settings in fellowship hall to coordinate with occupancy times. Total cost: \$900
4. Outside clean-up and mulch in flower bed was done by Boy Scouts and church members. Mulch donated by church member.
5. Copier in church office was returned to leasing company. Cost savings to the church now as there will be no lease payments and maintenance fees. Still a copier in the library.

Future projects for the Trustees:

- 1 Replace chapel church concrete ramp with new concrete or metal ramp. Base of existing ramp is falling apart and beyond repair / patching.

2. Repair kitchen back door as hard to open.
3. Remove plexi-glass on chapel stain glass exterior that yellowed and replace with new material. There are 20 stain glass windows, and some need individual glass needs to be replaced. May require a fund-raising plan and / or the need to find grant funds.

4. Install a monitoring device on the co-op nursery school electrical panel to determine the electric usage.

Please contact the Trustees at magothyumc@hotmail.com or at 410-255-2420 if you want to support any of the above projects. Also, contact us if you notice any safety, health, or hazardous issues at the church.

Please remember to turn-off lights when leaving a room. Check if exterior doors are secured when leaving the building