

October 2021

Magothy Messenger

Pastor's Corner

As the baseball season winds down, I find that this professional sport has me thinking about how we share our Christian faith. On July 9, 2009, a baseball game between the Washington Nationals and the Houston Astros ended in the 11th inning when a wild throw from an infielder allowed a base runner to score from second base. The final score was 11-10, in favor of the Nationals. It's unusual to have such a high score in baseball. And it was even more unusual for the Nationals to win a game... they were not very good that year. This game was a bit unusual because the part of the game they played that night lasted all of seven minutes! It turns out that the July 9 competition was the continuation of a game that started back in May of that year, and was called due to bad weather in the middle of the 11th inning! Since that game was the last in the series between the teams, and both were to fly to other cities that night, the league decided the game would be finished the next time Houston came to Washington...in mid-July. What REALLY made this game unusual though, is the fact that the winning pitcher in this game was a guy by

the name of Joel Hanrahan, who no longer even played for Washington by that time! In late June, he was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates. On July 10, he was taking a nap in a hotel in Atlanta when a friend and former teammate called him on his cell phone to tell him that he had officially won the game!

This story sometimes resembles the work we do together in the church to bring people to faith in Christ. When confronted with believers arguing over which apostle brought them to faith in Christ, Paul responded by saying that none of that mattered! Some disciples plant, some disciples water, but it is God who gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6 - 7)!

Sometimes we get discouraged when we share our faith with others because it seems we never see any fruit. We invite someone to church, and they turn us down. We share a conversation with someone at work about God's goodness, and that person ignores us. We encourage someone to join us at Bible study, and after coming once, they never return. Visitors to worship are greeted and welcomed, and the pastor preaches a decent sermon... and yet we look for the family the following Sunday, and

they do not return. We invite a friend to consider taking the leap of faith and trust Christ, and they reply by saying, "Maybe someday." Each of these kinds of experiences can make us feel like giving up.

But remember the words of Paul. It is our job to plant the seeds. It is our task to provide water on a hot day. It is our role to welcome, to offer Christ in word, to model a Christ-like life. We may or may not ever see fruit. But that is not our job anyway. It is up to God's spirit to draw persons to Christ. It is God's job to bring the fruit.

So keep inviting your friends and neighbors to church. Keep loving people unconditionally. Keep welcoming new-comers warmly. Keep telling people of God's goodness in your own life. Keep providing acts of kindness. Keep encouraging those previously harmed -by-church people to join us in worship. And do not get discouraged. Remember pitcher Joel Hanrahan. You never know when someone might wake you up from a nap with some good news!

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.

Over the next few weeks, you will see a bin or two available 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

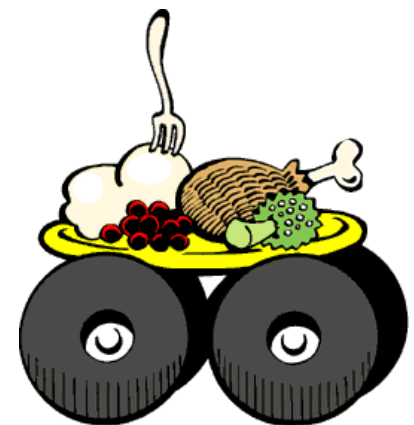


Hygiene Kits Needed

Meals on Wheels

We are looking for volunteers who want to make a difference for the local Meals On Wheels (MOW) folks. We have secured a slot on 17 November for the 1:30–4:30pm shift. We must leave the church by 12:45pm. There is easy paperwork to be completed, but please sign up SOON. This is a great opportunity FOR YOU to make a real difference for thousands of others in Maryland who receive meals from MOW. Five volunteers from Magothy visited MOW in early August. The result was 546 boxes of food were packed in

three hours. That was 3,372 individual meals that were delivered to the community. Wow! Can we do this same thing again for the less fortunate in our area? Please call or e-mail Mr. Garrett "G" Hayden to sign up (gwhayden1@netzro.net; 410-255- 0816).



MEALS ON WHEELS

Pastor Vacation and Guest Preachers

Pastor Martin will be out of the office October 14 – 27, 2021. In addition to vacation, he will be attending the United Methodist Men's retreat at Manidokan as well as Annual Conference. Emergency pastoral coverage will be supplied by Pastor Sarah Elliott of Pasadena United Methodist Church. She may be reached at 703-801-7355 or at pastorsarahelliott@gmail.com

While Pastor Martin is away, we welcome Tim Jones to our pulpit on October 17 and 24. Tim is a dynamic preacher and currently serves as the Director of Youth Ministry at Bethany United Methodist Church of Ellicott City, MD. He will lead young and old alike in worship to hear the Word of God!

Join us for one worship service on October 31, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Magothy UMC of the Deaf Pastor Kathy Lossau will be preaching!

Blessing of the Animals

Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf invites you to bring your furry, feather, or scaly family members to be blessed in the Magothy parking lot. The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Stop by for just a few minutes

during this time to have your pets blessed!



United Methodist Men

Magothy Methodist Men will be joining Community United Methodist Men for a retreat at Manidokan in Harpers Ferry on October 22–24, 2021. For more information contact Bill Buck at 410-255-

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We are honored to financially support organizations that help women and children locally, nationally, and internationally. In addition, we assist community churches and individual families in need with clothing, household goods, and food. Currently we help the following organizations: the Doorstep Mission, the Way Homes, the Baptist Church in Lake Shore, the Grace of God in Mil-

lerville, the American Rescue Workers in Baltimore, and a no kill Animal Shelter on the Eastern Shore. We continually receive expressions of sincere gratitude and appreciation for the help given to them.



Magothy Church of the Deaf, ASL basic lessons

Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf invites you to join us on Zoom for a 4-week Introductory ASL class on Tuesdays (Oct 5-Oct 26) starting on October 5, 2021, from 6pm-7pm.

The class is free! This is our way of giving back to the community and it will help raise awareness for Deaf people and American Sign Language. Please feel free to share with others!

Registrations will be limited to the first 10 people that sign up. Please send an email to magothydeaf@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Doorstep Mission

Thanks to all those who support our Doorstep Mission pantry. In October our Foodbank appointment is 10/28 at 10:00. We will need 3 drivers for our appointment at 10:00 at the Foodbank. Please let Ellen Heath know if you are available to

drive. You must leave from the church at 9:30 to arrive at the Foodbank by 10:00. Your help loading or unloading at 10:45-11:00 would be much appreciated.

For the month of October, we are in need of Pancake mix and syr-

up. May God bless all of our recipients who are most thankful for all of the groceries that we provide. God bless you for all of your help.
Ellen Heath



Trunk—or—Treat

MAGOTHY WILL BE HOSTING ITS ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. (OR WHILE CANDY LASTS) IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT! TRUNK-OR-TREAT INVITES CHILDREN TO ENJOY HALLOWEEN EARLY. WE INVITE YOU TO DECORATE YOUR CAR TRUNK AND BRING LOTS OF CANDY AS CHILDREN "TRICK-OR-TREAT" (OR "TRUNK-OR-TREAT") AT MAGOTHY!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MARTIN AT 410-255-2634 OR AT PASTOR@MAGOTHY.ORG



Farewell and Thank You

Magothy,

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the church as the secretary the past two years. I am sorry to inform you that I have put in my resignation as church secretary, but I hope you are happy for me as I have accepted a position at McLean contracting as the Equipment Services Business Administrator. I am truly thankful for the opportunities that you all have given me and I hope to see you soon.

Cadie Lanager

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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

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

Trustees will have there next meeting Monday October 4, 2021 at 6 pm in the library.

