

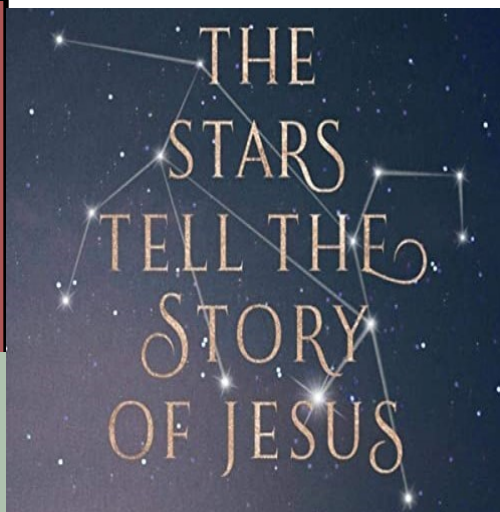
December 2021



Magothy United Methodist Church



# Magothy Messenger



What in Heaven's name do the stars have to do with Christmas? Plenty! I bet you recall the star that guided the Wise Men to the birthplace of the Savior. Far to the east they looked up one night and saw it brightly beckoning them to Bethlehem. But that's just one star. Stars are scattered throughout the pages of Holy Scripture.

This Advent season, we engage in a sermon series called *The Stars Tell the Story* (based on script provided by Creative Communications, adapted by D Simpson, C. Vitek, & M. Brooks). We will explore the lives of Polaris the North Star, Lucifer, Abraham, and Melchior (one of the Wise Men from the book of Matthew). And, of course, we will prepare our hearts and minds to welcome the Christ child into our lives anew this Christmas!

Join us every Sunday at during Advent as we hear how *The Stars Tell the Story* of Jesus!

## *The Stars Tell the Story*

### *Worship Services:*

**9:00 a.m. Historic White Chapel**

**10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – **November 28th**

Part 1: Polaris

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – **December 5th**

Part 2: The Fallen Star

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – **December 12th**

Part 3: Abraham

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – **December 19th**

Part 4: Melchior

**Christmas Eve –**

**December 24th**

**4:00 p.m.** – Fellowship Hall: Family-friendly Birthday Party for Jesus!

**11:00 p.m.** – Historic White Chapel: Candlelight worship service

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas –**

**December 26, 2021**

ONE SERVICE in the Historic White Chapel

**10:00 A.M.** – Christmas Carols and Stories

**The mission of Magothy United Methodist Church is to:**

**-Share Christ's Love**

**-Hear the Word of God**

**-Serve People**

**Our vision: To build a Christian community that serves the least, the lost and the lonely**

# Doorstep Mission



We **distributed our Thanksgiving Baskets** on **November 20th** and, with your help, served 35 families.

We will be taking names of 50 families for Christmas.

If you know anyone in need, please inform us. We will be glad to provide food and a kind word to anyone in need.

## Special December dates to note:

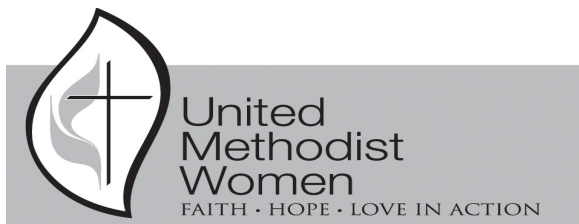
**Food Bank run Thursday, December 16th**

**Assembling Christmas baskets Friday, December 17th at 9 a.m.**

**Distributing Christmas baskets Saturday, December 18th from 9 to 11 a.m.**

Thank you again, and God bless our church, and all who enter!

# United Methodist Women Cookie Bake Sale - Help Wanted!



**Please put on your apron and help us make the December UMW Cookie Bake Sale a success!**

We would love to have you join us at our Tuesday, December 14th gathering meet at 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring in 2-3 dozen of your cookie creations (or more, if you'd like —we LOVE cookies!) and then help assemble cookie boxes for the bake sale to be held at the December 18th Community Breakfast.

If you can't join in for packing assortments, but want to donate to our cause, your baked cookies will be accepted at either church service on Sunday, December 12th.

Cookies will be sold in small \$5 and large \$10 boxes this year. They make great gifts! Yummm. Can't wait!



## Profiles of Our Church Leaders

In this feature, we'll get to know a **different member of our church leadership team each month.**

**This month's interview was with Erma Ellecamp.** Erma says she has served on many church committees, "but nothing with numbers!" She currently teaches Adult Sunday School.

Here's what we learned:

**[Hint: Just for fun, cover the answers column and try to guess possible answers in each category.]**

**How well did you do at guessing?  
What surprised you?]**



Where were you born?

I was born in Pennsylvania, but have spent most of my life living within 10 miles of Pasadena, MD.

What do you like to read?

For quiet times, I pick devotional books and poetry.

Besides Magothy, what's your favorite place to be?

Out of doors!

What are some high points in your life?

I have been backpacking by horse in Colorado, canoeing in Minnesota, and watched the hot air balloon festival in New Mexico.

What might we be surprised to know about you?

I officiated girls' and women's softball for 15 years, and was honored to officiate the Women's College Softball World Series in Omaha.

Do you have any pets?

I have a dog, rescued from the SPCA. His name is Monte.

## Meals on Wheels - Magothy's Team is Amazing!

On November 11th, a team of eight from Magothy volunteered at Meals on Wheels to pack 458 boxes of meals (that's 2,519 meals for 458 individuals)!

If you are curious about how MOW works its magic using an assembly line of volunteers, please **swing into action** to sign up for future MOW trips by contacting Pastor Martin, (410) 255-2634 or by email at [pastor@magothy.org](mailto:pastor@magothy.org)



From Left to Right — Jim Schmidt, Sandra Queer, Doretta Ferrall, Lorraine Eddy, Pastor Martin P. Brooks, Josie Pritt, Jeannie Kelly, Sara Bazen

## Endowment Support - the gift that keeps on giving

**Did you know** Magothy has several investment opportunities to help grow our finances for the future?

We have partnered with Edward Jones, a registered broker-dealer investment advisor, to help grow extra income that can make a difference in the life of our congregation, its members and mission.

Edward Jones Guided Solutions Fund Accounts will direct a small portion of our income into five separate funds that could assure support for expanded ministry opportunities and ongoing programs during occasions when ordinary income may fluctuate. These various endowment funds will provide ways of

giving to ensure that your money goes toward your values and priorities.

We believe that a gift to benefit Magothy United Methodist Church is a transforming experience, and a wonderful example of Christian Stewardship.

For more information, please email Pastor Martin: [pastor@magothy.org](mailto:pastor@magothy.org)

## Community Breakfast

Our community breakfast is back! This fresh, all-you-care-to-eat hot breakfast is \$8 for adults; free for children 11 and under. Breakfast is served each 3rd Saturday of the month, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Mark your calendar to join in for the next breakfast on December 18th.

We welcome volunteers for roles before, during and after each breakfast. If you would like to volunteer please contact Robin Bartlett, robinbartlett1518@gmail.com



## Kurtz's on Dec. 5th!

All at Magothy UMC are invited to Kurtz's Beach **THIS SUNDAY, December 5th at 3:00 p.m.** to celebrate Christ's birth with carols, scriptures and choir anthems at **WitnesSing 2021**, co-sponsored by Jenkins Memorial and Kurtz's. It's a one-hour service. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available afterwards. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable item for those in need, to be distributed by Caring Cupboard.



## Santa's Workshop - Giftables Needed

Even Santa needs a little help in his "busy season". Magothy's UMW is seeking donations of small gift items "in new or re-giftable condition" for use in Santa's Workshop. These gifts could be for either adults or children.

Please bring items you'd like to donate to church by December 12th in bags marked "Santa's Workshop", or give them to a member of UMW. Gifts will be made available for purchase at very affordable prices in Santa's Workshop at the Community Breakfast on December 18th.

It's the perfect opportunity for little ones to shop for their family members! Children under 11 eat free at the Breakfast!



This is an opportunity to do good by downsizing or simplifying your closets and cupboards! Your "white elephant" could become someone's treasure! The Workshop could also use a few of your plastic grocery bags for customers to use to carry their treasures home.

## You Can Help - Support The Way Homes



Christ-centered recovery is the goal of The Way Homes, a non-profit providing a healthy drug and alcohol-free environment to men and women. Their hope is for individuals to commit to a 12-step program with Jesus Christ as their higher power. Several of our members call their home, The Way Homes.

Recently, Mark Rohmann, Home Missions Director, approached the Administrative Council to seek ongoing financial assistance. The cost of living at The Way Homes for an individual is \$175/week with a \$350 entry fee for a fully-furnished, private room. The group of houses are located in Pasadena, MD.

Magothy is faithfully committing \$125/month during 2022 to support this Christian recovery ministry. If you would like to contribute to our monthly pledge, please identify your contribution on your check or on your giving envelope.

Please know that financial assistance is completely optional as they greatly appreciate volunteer support for leading a Bible study or just to be a friend to a resident. For more information about The Way Homes, please visit [www.thewayhomes.org](http://www.thewayhomes.org)

Matthew 25:35—36, 40

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a beggar and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

## Join in the Hangin' of the Greens!



Any who care to join in are invited to “get into the spirit of the Christmas season” by helping to decorate our Historic White Chapel **THIS Saturday, December 4th at 10 a.m.**

Bill Buck and crew (yes, this could include YOU), working together, will make quick work of putting up festive decorations in our sanctuary.

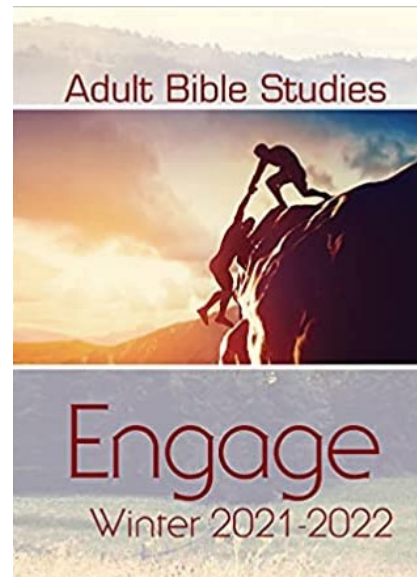
## Adult Sunday School - Come and Engage!

Come and bring your friends!! All are welcome! Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday, in-person in the church Library, starting at 10:30 most weeks.

All Adults interested in sharing ideas and personal reflections on the Holy Scripture are welcome to attend. Our lessons this quarter encourage us to pause, and invite us to celebrate with wonder God's activity around us. And wonder of wonders, God invites us to become involved.

Psalm 136:4 *Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders.*

Please grab your coffee and donut during fellowship time in Fellowship Hall and then join us— we want you to engage!



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### Regular Worship Schedule (except 5th Sundays)

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Historic White Chapel
- 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 at 10:30 service
- ◇ Holy Communion is shared the first Sunday of every month

### 5th Sundays:

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes for Adults
- 10:00 a.m. One Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School for Children follows children's time in the service