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Magothy United Methodist Church



# Magothy Messenger

For many years now, I have spent some time alone on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day to reflect on my life during the previous year. I have taken time to thank God for the high points in my life during the year and for comforting me during the low points of the year. Low points included the deaths of beloved church members and the suicide that took place on our church property during my family vacation. The highest point of 2021 for me, however, was seeing my daughter begin 1st Grade at her new school. She enjoys learning, and I enjoy watching her grow in knowledge and wisdom.

I have felt welcomed by you these past three years, and also supported by you. I am extremely grateful for all of the love you have shown to me and my family. Thank you also for your leadership of the church, for all of the cards and well wishes during Pastor Appreciation Month, and for the generous gifts and cards during the Christmas season!

Even though Magothy is my fourth pastorate, I realize I still have much to learn about being a pastor. Despite the seminary training I received and the support groups provided me by the Baltimore – Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church, there is no "how-to" manual to follow. I am still truly "learning as I go" as a pastor! Thank you for your grace and forgiveness as I continue to grow.

I do not tend to make formal New Year's Resolutions for myself, usually for fear of not being able to live up to

them! I am, however, resolved to serving Magothy better as I continue to learn from my mistakes and to refine my successes. As your pastor, I believe God has some high points ready for us to celebrate in 2022. I also suspect there will be some low points during the new year from which we will need to ask God for guidance and comfort.

For both our high points and our low points that are to come, I am clear on at least two things. The first is that God will be with us when we rejoice as well as when we feel down. We need to remember to spend some time with God in prayer during both the highs and the lows.

The second thing I am clear on is that we will need to be creative as we move forward as a church. Our future as a church and our understanding of God working in our lives, both individual and corporate, are limited only by our imaginations. Our ability to imagine the future is a gift from God! Let us be mindful to take some time this year to ask God to inspire us as individuals and as a faith community.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Martin

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

- Share Christ's Love**
- Hear the Word of God**
- Serve People**

**Our vision is to build a Christian community that serves the least, the lost and the lonely**

## Doorstep Mission News

We served 40 families with our DSMChristmas Baskets that were handed out on December 18th.

At right is a photo of what some of the filled bags looked like while waiting in Room 5 before the start of distribution.

Each family received a ham or a turkey and all of the trimmings. One family in our church also adopted a needy family with children.

We are very grateful for the many people in our church who helped out and donated food and money to make it all happen!

January's Food Bank run is January 27th for a 10 a.m. appointment. Please let Ellen or the DSM team know if you can help as a driver or helper.



If you know of anyone in need, please inform us.

We will be glad to provide food and a kind word to anyone in need.

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



## Community Breakfast

Please tell your friends and neighbors that our community breakfast is back! This fresh, hot, all-you-care-to-eat breakfast is \$8 for adults; free for children 11 and under.

Breakfast is served each 3rd Saturday of the month, from 7 to 11 a.m. Mark your calendar to join in for the next breakfast on January 21st .

We welcome volunteers for roles before, during and after each breakfast. If you would like to volunteer please contact Robin Bartlett at [robinbartlett1518@gmail.com](mailto:robinbartlett1518@gmail.com)



## 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 Bill Buck.** 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 did you grow up?

- I was born in Baltimore and lived there until 1957 when my family moved to Pasadena

Tell us about your family

-I have a son, Timothy and daughter, Katie who is married to the grandson of Glen Clulow (former pastor at Magothy). My two grandchildren, Lucas (5-1/2) and Kiera (2-1/2) live nearby.

Favorite reading:

-I like reading non-fiction, true stories, biographies. Most recently: *Don't Stop Believing* by Olivia Newton John

High Points?

-In 1984, traveled to Europe for our honeymoon (Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Germany). Also a religious-based trip to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. I took a wonderful cruise with my family to Alaska. It was great! We went whale watching saw bald eagles and a glacier.

Something you may not know about me:

-As a teen and into my mid-20s, I worked for very affluent families that lived on Gibson Island. (Folks, he still refuses to name them!)

Pets?

-I love Labrador retrievers—when a young boy, I bought a mixed-lab puppy for \$2 at the annual church auction, sponsored by George Schmidt to benefit Magothy. I like and have had all kinds of animals, many because of my daughter, birds, guinea pigs, rabbits. We even had a hedgehog!

Volunteer work and church ministries:

-I was a Rotarian, and love to help out with ringing the bell for Salvation Army's Red Kettle

-At church, I enjoyed working with the Magothy MYF for many years, taking the youth on work camp trips and sponsoring an annual Halloween haunted house to raise money for our youth activities

-Currently, I count money for the church and also help with the Doorstep Mission.

## The New Year Brings New Representatives onto Our Board of Trustees and Other Committees

At Magothy's Church Conference, those present voted on new members for the church's important committees. One of those committees is the Board of Trustees, whose role is to be responsible for the church's property. The Trustees usually meet on the first Monday of each month and meetings are open to all who want to attend.

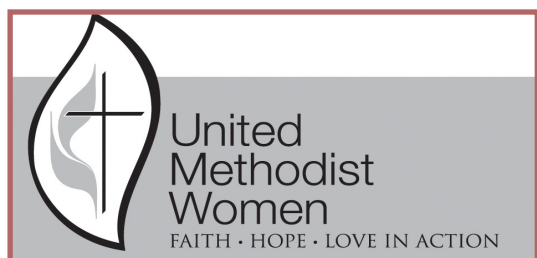
Trustees are elected for a period of three years, but they may stand for re-election after their term ends. Like other church committees, Trustees join and roll off the committee in a way that mixes and overlaps terms, so that the church has both continuity and diversity in its leadership.

Below is a list of Magothy's active Trustees (as of January 1, 2022). Their term is scheduled to end December 31st of the year listed.

- Casper (Bud) Parrott (Chair) '22
- Robin Bartlett '24
- Chuck Gassman '22
- Elaine Grahe '24
- Lionel (Sonny) Moreland '24
- Jim Schmidt '22
- Alexia Valarie '24
- Ken Zimmerman (Secretary) '22

We will showcase other committees next month.

**Magothy's UMW sends a BIG thank you** to everyone who brought and bought delicious cookies, candies, loaves and dumplings for the bake sale, and also to those who contributed treasures to be sold in Santa's Workshop. The amazing "Christmas store" stocked with these contributions was open Friday night at the band's concert and again on Saturday morning at the Community Breakfast. This annual holiday sale is the only fundraiser our UMW conducts and your support is appreciated. Proceeds from the sale (a record \$732!) help fund our chapter's pledge to United Methodist Women that supports programs focused on the needs of women and children.



**An invitation:** All women who desire Christian fellowship and are open to enriching their lives and relationships through spiritual growth are welcome to join in at the UMW gathering. We meet monthly (usually on 2nd Tuesdays at 10:45 in the church Library) but sometimes we end up in Fellowship Hall, on days we want to spread out. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along! UMW participation does not require membership in this church.

Feel free to bring a sandwich/salad/ or yogurt for your lunch, and call it an early lunch hour. Beverages and desert are provided. We're at the start of a new study, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, a series of lessons based on The Serenity Prayer, which is especially relevant in 2022!



## UMCOR Responds with Tornado Disaster Relief

“For a long time, we’ve talked about how discipleship is forged in a crucible of suffering,” the Rev. Joey Reed, lead pastor at Mayfield First United Methodist Church in Kentucky, told CBS News when talking about the December 2021 tornadoes. “After that suffering is acknowledged...after we have mourned our losses and start to let go of the things that mean so much to us, we can move into a bright future where we are helping our neighbors.”

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already taking action to make that bright future possible. Mayfield, which is now well-known because of the dramatic images documenting the damage it sustained, is one of the communities in eight states devastated by the recent disaster. More than 60 tornado reports were recorded in Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri that Friday night and Saturday morning, according to the National Weather Service.

In the moments after the storm, the director of U.S. Disaster Response for UMCOR was in contact with Conference Disaster Response Coordinators serving the impacted regional conferences. The CDRCs had each received training from UMCOR and were already responding. As part of its mission, UMCOR supports its local partners with education, training, resources, volunteers and access to materials that help them lead disaster response and recovery efforts. The district DRC for the Mayfield area was onsite the day after the storms ... and grants were made available to conferences in 8 states within days. (excerpted from <https://umcmmission.org/december-2021/blessed-to-be-alive-in-mayfield-kentucky/> Check out that website to learn more.)

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

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

10:30 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 Schedule:

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