

February 2022



Magothy United Methodist Church



Magothy Messenger

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4:18 – 22 [NIV]

Questions abound as to why the fishermen (and others) decided "at once" and "immediately" to follow Jesus. Did Jesus use a Jedi-mind trick on them? Did they desire to learn how to be rabbis? Did they simply hate their jobs of being fishermen and decided they would enjoy what Jesus had in store for them?

We can speculate on their motivations, but we should not miss the challenge being offered by these events that Matthew reports. The lesson we need to learn and do is to follow the fishermen's example. They followed Jesus without

hesitation! They left their familiar life, even their family at times, and followed Jesus without hesitation. What might your life be like if you did that? Would following Jesus without hesitating be scary? Would it be exciting? What would our friends and neighbors think of us? But more important, what might God think of us?

Friends, Jesus calls out to us in our difficult times and in the best times of our lives. Consider how the world might be transformed if even just a FEW of us followed Jesus's teachings and decided to be like him. Then consider what the world and Magothy might be like if ALL of us followed him without hesitation! The world would be transformed! Magothy would grow! We would be changed in a powerful and Godly way! Jesus is saying to us, "Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people." Let's go fishing, friends! Let us follow him at once and immediately!

Pastor Martin

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 are glad to provide food and a kind word to anyone in need. Doorstep Mission staff is in at the pantry **every Thursday from 10:00 – 12:00, Sundays 10 – 10:30, and Saturdays by appointment.**

With your help, Doorstep Mission served more than twenty families in January. **This month we especially need:** breakfast cereals, mac 'n cheese and children's snacks (pudding cups, granola bars, applesauce cups, etc.).

We send special thanks to our “mystery giver” who shows up every week and leaves multiple cases of soup and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, fruit WOW. We'd love to be able to thank you in-person!

Special date to note: We'll make our **next Foodbank run on February 17th for an 11 a.m. appointment. Our March Foodbank run will be March 31st at 10 a.m.** Please let Ellen know if you can be a driver or helper. Thanks!

Nifty Thrifty News

The Nifty Thrifty has found yet another way to serve our community. After hearing from one school nurse, proactive outreach to elementary schools in the area found that school Nurses are in need of clothing items for students who needed a change of clothing during the day because of rips, spills or illness.

Jacobsville, Lakeshore, Riviera Beach, Solley and High Point Elementary Schools each received emergency kits (including underwear and school clothes in various sizes). The Nurses were

overjoyed. Other schools will be on our list for next time.

We learned that High School Guidance Counselors also work to meet students' needs discretely. One Counselor from Northeast said that she often shops at Nifty Thrifty for T-shirts and other clothing items, and currently she is helping a student who needs baby clothes and other items.

Small things can make a big difference! Thanks to those who donate and who staff the Nifty Thrifty!

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 Arlene Gassmann

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?]



Are you from around here?

I grew up in Glen Burnie and now live in Millersville.

Tell us about your family...

I've been married to Chuck for 34 years and have three children and two granddaughters. Megan (husband Kenny), Cadie (husband Kris and daughters McKenzie and Josephine) and son, CJ

What about hobbies?

Scrapbooking, card making and paper crafting

Your favorite movies?

The original Overboard and The Holiday (and I love to watch anything on the Hallmark channel!)

What brought you to Magothy?

I grew up in the Methodist Church and attended and was a member of Messiah UMC until after I married. I started going to Magothy with my husband and his family, transferring my membership from Messiah to Magothy in the late 80's.

What are your favorite Magothy memories so far?

I've been active at Magothy for years, teaching Sunday School and most recently helping with the monthly breakfast. Watching my children participate in Sunday School activities as children and then young adults was great. One of my favorite memories was CJ dressing up as a bunny for an Easter egg hunt.

Winter Relief is Coming to Magothy March 21-28!

Our Winter Relief or “homeless shelter” week is Monday, March 21 through Monday, March 28, 2022. As many of you know, Magothy UMC has hosted homeless clients for a full week once per year for well over a decade (except for 2021 when the program was cancelled due to COVID). The program is organized and administered by the Arundel House of Hope, a non-profit organization located in Glen Burnie. Approximately 30 churches are participating in the program this season.

Generally, we host about 30 clients, but this year it will only be 15 or less due to COVID restrictions. All clients are required to be fully vaccinated and will be tested and relocated upon any sign of illness.

WHAT WE WILL NEED:

Chaperones – We need at least 2 chaperones for each shift. The evening shifts are 7:00 pm to midnight. The overnight shifts are midnight to 6:00 am. On weekends we need chaperones during the day, split into 3-hour shifts for morning, mid-day, and afternoon. (Monday through Friday, clients are transported to the Arundel House of Hope facility during the day.)

Food and Meal Providers – We serve hot breakfast and dinner on-site each day. On weekends, we serve lunch on-site. Typically, small groups of volunteers will prepare, serve, and in many cases, provide the food. On weekdays, bagged lunches are provided to the clients as they leave each morning. Thus, we need volunteers to make and bag the lunches each night before. Donations of packaged snacks, bottled and canned drinks, etc., are also encouraged.

Funding – Typically, it costs about \$1,500. This includes food, supplies, transportation, laundry, Dish TV service, and any unanticipated costs. (We get some food from the foodbank and volunteers, but typically only about half.) We would appreciate monetary donations designated for Winter Relief. They can be given to the church in the offering plate, marked “For Winter Relief”.

Please pray about how God is calling you to serve this year.

The sign-up charts are up in the Fellowship Hall now!

Questions?

Jim and Laura Schmidt coordinate our Winter Relief program at Magothy UMC.

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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

Mark your calendar to join in for the next breakfast on Saturday, February 19th, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. .



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

UMCOR Update

Through the generous donations of the people of Magothy UMC, we were able to send financial assistance to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Our donation will continue to provide relief efforts to the communities hit hardest by the tornadoes in December 2021.

Thank you for supporting UMCOR's holistic response efforts to disasters across the United States.



Manna Fund News

Magothy UMC has established the Manna Fund, a discretionary fund which gives Pastor Martin discretion and authority to provide confidential financial support to persons in need. When a request is made for assistance, documentation ensures that the money goes to the intended purpose. Often members of the Magothy congregation make contributions to this fund above their pledges or tithes to the church's general fund. Here are a sampling of thanks recently sent to the congregation by recipients of funds from the Manna Fund.

"I wanted to thank you for helping. I'm very appreciative. It really helped!"

DID YOU KNOW...

"We can't thank you and the Magothy church family enough for your generosity. These acts of kindness are demonstrations of God's love and have truly helped make an otherwise difficult phase mean so much more. I have and continue to see God's hand of protection all through this situation. So thank you for caring for and praying for neighbors that you didn't even know. Magothy Church will hold a special place in my heart. God bless you."

Walk-In FREE COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

We are excited to announce a COVID Vaccination Clinic right here at Magothy UMC on Saturday, February 19th from 7 to 11 a.m. in Room 5. (Yes, that's conveniently during the next Community Breakfast.) All three COVID vaccines will be offered (Pfizer, Moderna and J&J), full adult doses, boosters and doses appropriate for children over 5 years of age and teens. Tell anyone you invite to bring along their vaccination card, if they have one, and their ID. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. This Vaccination Clinic is FREE and open to Magothy and to the public, and will be staffed by the Vaccine Equity Task Force and the Maryland National Guard.

We will need a hospitality team from Magothy as well. Please let Pastor Martin know if you're interested in helping take care of our troops while they are serving our local community.

WALK-IN FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

Saturday, February 19th - 7 to 11 a.m.



Get Vaccinated or Get Boosted

Ages: 5 and up

ALL are welcome!

Magothy United Methodist Church
3703 Mountain Road
Pasadena, MD 21122

More info: Magothy.org

Next to Jacobsville Elementary School

During the

Fresh, hot, bottomless Breakfast
\$8/adults, under 11 FREE
 Monthly, 3rd Saturdays, 7-11 a.m.

Am I eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot?

Who?

Individuals 12+ who are fully vaccinated*

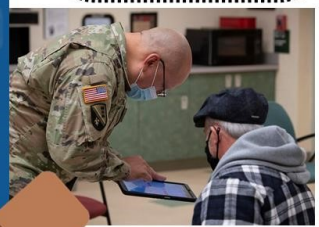
*Individuals age 12-17 can only get the Pfizer booster

When?

- At least 5 months after Moderna
- At least 5 months after Pfizer
- At least 2 months after Johnson & Johnson

Which booster shot do I get?

- You may have a preference, but you can get any type of vaccine for your booster shot



Easy e-registration from your car or in-person, with help available



This vaccination clinic is a partnership effort for public health Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force, the Maryland National Guard and Magothy United Methodist Church





12 Steps to Recovery in 2 Days !!

The Way Homes Presents:

Dr. David Sutton

12 in 2 Conference, "The Principle Approach" sponsored in part by "Next Step Group" of Bradenton, an AA Group.

When:

Friday, February 18, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 19th, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Where:

Redemption House Life Center

502 Victory Way, Pasadena, MD 21122

Online Registration www.RHLC.us/eventickets

- Registration \$25 (use discount code "FREE4ME" if you cannot afford it)
- If you can pay for yourself AND someone else, use code "PAYITFORWARD"

Volunteer Temporary Sponsors Are Needed for this 2-Day event.

The Way Homes says: "This event will be revolutionary for both newcomers to sobriety and those seasoned in the recovery community. When A.A. first started, their sobriety rate was as high as 93%! Find out WHY!

You will not be disappointed! Getting the "big picture" in a short period of time and ACTUALLY DOING the 12 steps in 2 days will impact you profoundly! It will also better equip you for the process of going through the 12 steps over longer periods of time. If you're a sponsor, bring a sponsee! If you have a sponsor, ask them to join! "

To Learn More: Contact Mark Rohmann

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A Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to see the ways you have guided us in the past, and grant us faith to trust our futures to you, no matter what is happening in the present. Amen

Bill Kirklin (Indiana)



WE EXPERIENCE
JOY
WHEN WE
LEARN TO
LISTEN & TRUST

Two, Count 'em, Two Bible Studies in March

The **Monday afternoon Bible Study** is on break until March 7th, when this study group will resume meeting on Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall – **New members are welcome** and the format of the study means you may miss an occasional class without falling too far behind. This group chose to study the Book of Luke. Free Bibles are provided, if you need one!

FREEDOM TO CHOOSE: A new evening weekly Bible Study will launch on Monday, March 14th at 7 p.m. in the church library. At this first meeting, the group will decide which study they'd like to pursue first. Please let Pastor Martin know if you'd

like to join this study, so we'll have enough materials ready, once it's underway.

Yes, that means we'll have TWO Bible Studies to select from. Since they will not focus on the same study material, you may attend one or both!

NOTE: If you'd like to attend the evening group but

have difficulty driving at night, let us know and we'll work on carpool arrangements.



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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:

- 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