

March 2022

Magothy Messenger



Magothy United Methodist Church

Lent, from the Old English word *lencten*, means lengthening of the daylight hours, which is what occurs in spring, which officially begins this month. Lent, in its traditional Christian sense, is an annual season of fasting and penitence in preparation of Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 days (not counting Sundays) to Easter Sunday. It is a time when we attempt to be honest with ourselves and with God about our sins.

We often don't want to talk about or even acknowledge our sins. Doing so can be painful or embarrassing. Thinking about ways that we have acted sinfully can cause us to remember things that we would prefer remain hidden. Acknowledging our sin forces us to dredge up old memories which remind us that we are not as virtuous as we would have ourselves and others believe.

But, like it or not, sin is real. Grace, love, forgiveness, and salvation are real as well, but we can't fully enjoy them unless we

realize how far we have come. We are making our way to Easter on April 17 and the empty tomb, but we can't experience the tremendous joy in that event without first considering the depths of sin from which we have been saved through God's grace. Coming face-to-face with our sins helps us to understand that we have a choice. We can choose to remain mired in our sin, or we can choose the way of Jesus, the path of righteousness, the road to salvation. It was Jesus' intent through God's grace both to forgive us for our sins and to encourage us to live a virtuous life of faithfulness to God.

During this Lenten season, I pray that we will all do our best to get a handle on the sin that brings destruction of our relationships with others and devastation to our lives.

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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.**

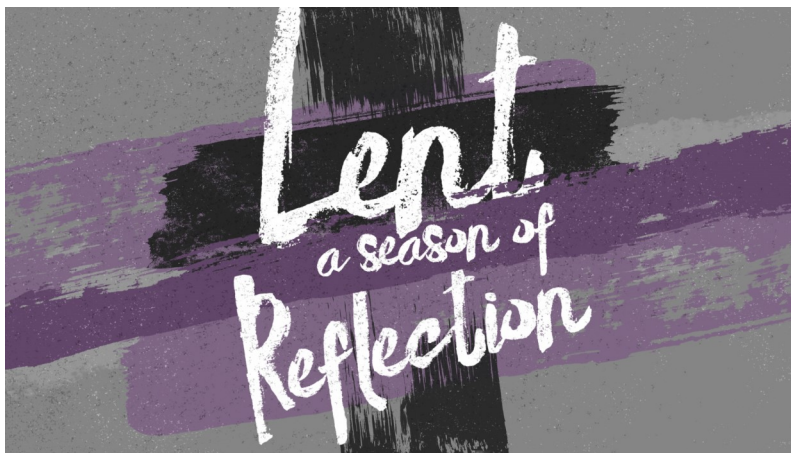
With your help, Doorstep Mission served 28 families and 43 individuals in February.

This month we especially need: breakfast cereals, mac 'n cheese and children's snacks (pudding cups, granola bars, applesauce cups, etc.).

Special dates to note: We'll make our **next Foodbank run on March 31st for an appointment at 10 a.m.** (Also, mark your April calendar for April 28th.) Please let Ellen know if you can be a driver or helper. Thanks! Thank you again, and God bless our church, and all who enter!

Pastor's Corner (continued from Page 1)

I pray that we will all be able to bow before God in humility, confessing our need for God, repenting of the ways in which we deny God, and opening ourselves up to be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us use this time before Easter to prepare ourselves for the greatest gift of all time: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus! When we realize the depth of our sin, we will then be able to know that God's grace is greater than all our sin.



Let us ask God to grant each of us the humility to live with this knowledge and to serve one another in the humble image of God.

Pastor Martin

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 is with Jeannie Kelly, our new Sunday School Superintendent

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?]

Jeannie, are you from around here?

I grew up in Woodlawn, moved to Catonsville early in my marriage and then settled down in Pasadena in 1987

What about work life?

I worked as a medical secretary at Univ. Maryland in Baltimore for 43 years in the Pathology Laboratory, where I met many dear friends, AND my husband, Jeff

Tell us about your family...

Jeff and I were married right here at Magothy! And we have 3 sons (Jeff, Chad and Kyle), all baptized here. Our lively and adorable grandchildren are Braeden, Payson, Layton and Carson.

Favorite Music?

Music is my passion, anything from rock & roll to classical (country not as much, but some exceptions)

Favorite Musician?

People may be surprised to hear that one of my favorite musicians is Janis Joplin— her Mercedes Benz and Bobby McGee songs never fail to make me “sing along”

What are your favorite Magothy memories so far?

Besides my wedding, being part of 3 mission trips 1997-1999 (Hendersonville, NC; Peterstown, WV; and Myrtle Beach, SC)

You've been active at Magothy. What kinds of roles?

I have done Sunday School, VBS, and the nursery for years. We did plays in the 90's that were popular (including “Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang”, “Buckshot and Blossoms”)

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 above your normal giving 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, hot, bottomless breakfast is \$8 for adults; free for children 11 and under. Breakfast is served each third-Saturday of the month.

Mark your calendar to join in for the next breakfast on **Saturday, March 19th**, serving from **7 to 10:30 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

Registration Open for 2022 Baltimore–Washington Annual Conference

Registration for the 2022 Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, to be held online June 1-3, 2022 is now open. Clergy and lay members will meet virtually June 1-3 for this time of holy conferencing. There will be no registration fee this year. The conference will also be live-streamed for non-voting members who wish to watch the plenary sessions and worship services. www.bwcm.org/events/2022-annual-conference

The Way Homes - Update

Sharing a handwritten, unsigned note the church received in February from someone living at The Way Homes:

Dear friends at Magothy UMC, God bless you for your ongoing generosity to The Way Homes. People like you help make this place possible. I am proud to call TWH my home; this is a very unique setting for someone to grow in his/her sobriety. Staff and volunteers make sure we have a way to get out to recovery meetings several times per week, as well as church on Sundays. I was recently able to find a recovery sponsor at one of the Celebrate Recovery meetings we're taken to each week. CR is a Christian



12-step program that provides the necessary framework for sustained recovery. My sponsor will help with that process. I'm excited to see the transformation of everyone here. God bless you!

"... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise, instead of a spirit of despair." Isaiah 61:3

Magothy Trustees Want You to Know ...

Trustees for Magothy UMC:

Bud Parrott, Class of 2022 Chairman
 Ken Zimmerman, Class of 2022 Secretary
 Chuck Gassmann, Class of 2022
 Jim Schmidt, Class of 2022
 Robin Bartlett, Class of 2024
 Elaine Grahe, Class of 2024
 Alexia Avery, Class of 2024
 Sonny Moreland, Class of 2024

The Trustees are very active in maintaining the three buildings and large property. Above are members of Magothy UMC Trustees that meet regularly once every month. Pastor Brooks, Felicia Granofsky (Treasurer) and Josie Pritt (Custodian) also usually attend our meetings.

Recent Projects:

- Contractor cleaned the Kitchen Hood. Cost \$375
- Contractor made modifications to the Fire Suppression system in the Kitchen Cost \$2000
- Contractor made repairs for hallway heaters to operate.

Project to be done within 30 days

- Contractor to replace battery to repair the automatic handicap door operator at main entrance to Fellowship Hall.
- Contractor to replace thermostat in men's restroom.
- Install some weather strip on various doors to stop cold air coming in.
- Adjust some windows so will close and secure
- Too hot in kitchen sometimes when not in use. Return vent change.
- Too hot in robe room in Chapel. Modify supply vent required

Future Projects:

- Replace Plexiglas currently on stained glass windows in the Chapel and repairs broken stained glass. Cost about \$47,000
- Replace the Heating/Air Condition System for Fellowship Hall that was installed in 1994. Cost about \$50,000. Install heat exchanger for \$8,000.00
- Repair the sidewalks near the Fellowship Hall that are not level. Cost: \$3500 to \$12,000.
- Purchase new chairs and tables for the Fellowship Hall. Cost about \$2,500

Reminders:

- Please reset thermostats in rooms when not be occupied to 68 degrees and reset when occupied to 71 degrees.
- Insure all interior doors and exterior doors are closed/shut all the way. Sometimes doors do not close automatically. Ensure doors are locked. Exterior doors have been found to be unlocked the next day.

Normal Church Expenses:

Utility Bills (telephone/internet, electric and water/sewage). Pest Control. Inspections of Fire Alarm and fire extinguishers, HVAC preventative maintenance, custodial services/supplies, Copier rental, landscaping/snow removal. Property insurance and trash removal. As noted, a lot of regular expenses to operate/maintain the church property plus repairs as needed.

If you see any unsafe conditions or issues in the building, please let a Trustee know or contact the church secretary.

Niftee Thriftee News

We all know the Niftee Thriftee as a great place to donate items or to find a bargain. The store also provides necessities to guests of our Doorstep Mission and others who request assistance. As we wrote last month, the Niftee Thriftee has begun outreach to school nurses and counselors in our area, providing clothing to be used for students to be able to change, baby things for students, and other items that let the school staff help students preserve their dignity in times of need.

In addition, every year, the Niftee Thriftee Shoppe Board of Directors spends a lot of time and energy researching and discerning a list of deserving, vetted, charitable organizations to which it donates profits from sales income. This year, as in the past, some of the recipient organizations selected are local, some national, and still others are international in scope. Here's a partial list.

Local

Magothy Church Winter Relief (March 2022); Anne Arundel Food Bank; Mary's Center (pregnancy center); Sarah's House (emergency shelter and projects supporting housing for unhoused AA County families); Quality of Life Retreats (BWC-UMC retreats educating, supporting and empowering people with HIV); Meals on Wheels (delivering nutritious meals to the elderly); Child Hunger Outreach Partners (C.H.O.P.) (food backpacks to eliminate child hunger);



Helping Up Mission (H.U.M.) (a women's addiction center); Chrysalis House (for women and children in recovery); Westminster Rescue Mission; Sexual Assault /Spouse Abuse Resource Center (S.A.R.C.); House of Ruth (food, shelter, counseling, legal services); YWCA (Domestic Violence Assistance); Opportunities Ministries (safe, drug-free, affordable housing)

National

Red Bird Mission (creates opportunities thru education, health and wellness, community outreach and economic programs); Henderson Settlement (creates opportunities for better lives through Christ-centered service); MD Bible Society (distributes Bibles throughout the U.S.)

International

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief); Doctors Without Borders (medical care in areas of crisis and conflict); Heifer International (working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based community development); Mercy Ships (humanitarian aid through its hospital ships and other programs)

Giving Opportunities in Response to War in Ukraine

United Methodists continue to pray and respond to the war now being waged in Ukraine. On February 24, Russian military forces invaded Ukraine, causing hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes. US government aid officials report that the people of Ukraine have been caught in the middle of conflict for nearly eight years, and there are currently 2.9 million in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

To assist in these efforts individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to The United Methodist Community on Relief (UMCOR) International Response and Recovery fund (Advance #982450).

To give now online to the **global general UMCOR fund**, type the following into your browser:

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/>

UMCOR also offers other **opportunities for more specific giving** to **Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania**. You can designate giving by stating it is for "Ukrainian Refugee support" to the following Advance numbers:

- Hungary In Mission Together (**Advance # 00175A**)
- Poland In Mission Together (**Advance # 00408A**)
- Romania In Mission Together (**Advance # 00211A**)
- Slovakia In Mission Together (**Advance # 00236A**).

You can also use the UMCOR Advance #982540 which also supports humanitarian aid for refugees.

In addition to online giving, credit card contributions will also be accepted by phone. Call toll-free 888-252-6174 to make your gift. Designate your gift for one of the Advance numbers.

To send donations by mail, make your check payable to **Magothy UMC**, but write in the "for" line **UMCOR and the Advance Number of your choice**. We will note your donation in the church's envelope accounting system for your year-end statement, and will then forward the monies to UMCOR.



UMCOR is a United Methodist global relief agency, assisting those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters and offering long-term hope, relief and recovery. 100 percent of donations made to UMCOR go to people in need

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SATURDAY, March 19, 2022, 10:00am EDT
Theme: Men working together to follow Jesus. Follow Us!
Calling Men and Women of All Ages!
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!
Zoom Meeting ID: TBD Passcode: TBD

Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of:

***Prayer *Grace *Testimonies *Blessings**

Be inspired by a **host of Prayer Warriors**. Let the Holy Spirit consume you as you build genuine relationships through prayer.

Our purpose as UM Men is to continue to grow disciples through links of love and prayer. As we overcome the trials and tribulations of our times, we follow the lessons of Jesus Christ.

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." - Luke 9: 23

REGISTRATION: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-united-methodist-men-prayer-revival-registration-288237174147>

Two, Count 'em, Two Bible Studies in March

The **Monday afternoon Bible Study** returns on March 7th, when this study group again meets 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 has chosen to study the Book of Luke. Free Bibles are provided, if you need one!

FREEDOM TO CHOOSE: An additional, **new evening weekly Bible Study will launch on Monday, March 14th at 7 p.m.** in the church Library. The first night, the Pastor will provide something. After that, the group will decide which study they'd like to

pursue. Please let Pastor Martin know if you'd like to join this study, so we'll have enough 1st night materials ready.

Yes, that means we'll have TWO Monday Bible Studies. 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