

Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

February 2013

Forty days of Lent begin on the 13th of this month, Ash Wednesday and end on March 30th, Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Before celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we Christians have forty days of preparation time. Now, you may say, “Pastor, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, there are forty six days. Why do you say 40 days of Lent?”

In the early Christian Church Lent was associated with baptismal preparation. While preparing for the baptism, the candidates were expected to fast. When early Christians had the desire to keep the Lenten fast as strict forty days, they needed forty six days before Easter because they traditionally never fasted on Sundays.

Every Sunday for early Christians was a little Easter. The day when the Lord was resurrected must always be a day of joy, thanksgiving, and victory. Therefore, fasting was most strictly forbidden on Sunday. Now, you have the answer. Forty six days minus six Sundays equals forty days! This is the wisdom of our Christian ancestors who balanced between religious piety and victorious joy during Lent.

Piety and joy can be expressed very differently. As we come to church on Sunday, we are invited to contemplate our failures. We are the workers of iniquity, killers of the prophets, and enemies of the cross of Christ. Thus, we should be in religious piety at the service. On the other hand, by the grace of Jesus Christ we have become children of God, citizens of the kingdom of God, and members of Christ’s glorious body. Now we are in a dilemma. Do we sing alleluias or run for cover? Do we praise God, clapping our hands with great joy, or beg eternal pardon, saying, “Lord, I am a sinner. Give mercy on me.”

In the Medieval Church, piety was emphasized and its Sunday worship was like a funeral: “Lord, I am a sinner not worthy of your grace.” However, since the 16th century Reformation, the Protestant worship has changed dramatically, allowing the congregation to express joy at worship.

As a Methodist pastor I would like to emphasize the balance between religious piety and spiritual joy. If you want to kneel and pray at the altar rail, please feel free to do so before or after the service. On the other hand, if you want to clap your hands, shout alleluia or amen, or dance a liturgical dance, please feel free to do so during the service. This is the wisdom and faith of our Christian ancestors who kept the balance between piety and joy at worship.

Do you want to inherit the faith and wisdom as we begin the season of Lent? Please come to the combined Ash Wednesday service at Islip United Methodist Church at 8:00 pm. Through the worship service you will encounter our Lord who died for us and was resurrected to save each of us from sins. Through the Word and the acted symbol of ashes, you will experience both religious piety and spiritual joy for eternal life. Amen.

MISSIONS

Missions would like to thank the congregation for the hats and mittens and also for the donations for the Rosebud kids this Christmas. For the month of February, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Bay Shore food pantry. Please put your donations in the boxes in the back of the pews

Please note the following upcoming events. We will hand out house banks for donations for UMCOR during Lent season. Our popular pancake breakfast is scheduled for March 17, 2013. Please plan to attend and help with our fund raising effort.

Vida Owusu

THANK YOU

Thanks for Caroling and Christmas Dinner

On Sunday December 16th our church carolers and an eleven piece band (an all time record) visited Clara Trotta with the residents of the Arbors in Bohemia, Naomi Frieje at home, and Jean Stark with the residents of Sunrise Manor. We sang and played with those we visited and gave out over 90 caroling lyric books as gifts.

Although attendance was light at the Soup Kitchen compared to previous years, on Thursday December 20th we served the best Christmas Dinner in town to over 25 people and followed it up with a four piece band leading a caroling sing-along. We sent our guests home with big plates of leftovers, and the extras were frozen to hold for the week and served on December 27th.

Thanks to all the servers, cooks, singers, and musicians who served God and our neighbors and friends in these ministries.

Tom Wilson

THIS AND THAT

There will be no Dorcas meeting this month.

A few things have been left in the kitchen again; please claim or we'll be selling them in the Thrift shop. Thanks.

The Day Care is in need of small toys for the 4-5 year old group. Please make sure that they are clean and in working condition. Thanks, Day Care Support Group.

Everyone is invited to the next Church Council meeting Sunday, February 10th, in Fellowship Hall after church.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!



Notes from the Music Director

Happy St. Valentine's Day



Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us, as we prepare for the season of Lent, at our combined Ash Wednesday Service at Islip Methodist Church- 350 Main Street, Islip, New York. The service is Wednesday evening February 13, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

Chamber Choir Rehearses

Thursday February 7 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday February 14 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday February 21 st -	No Rehearsal	
Thursday February 28 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building

Youth Choir Rehearsals

Sunday February 3 rd -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary
Sunday February 17 th -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary

Penataquit Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Sunday February 10 th -	11:15 am. – 12:15 pm.	in the West Room
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CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES

As Church Council Chair I would like to keep the congregation informed. In every issue of the SPIRE there will be a committee and its members listed so the congregation is aware of who's who on our church committees. Last year, in October, the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development met to nominate church members for positions in our church. These nominations were approved at the Charge Conference. In this issue I have listed members of the Church Council. Listed below that are our church trustees.

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Church Council Chair

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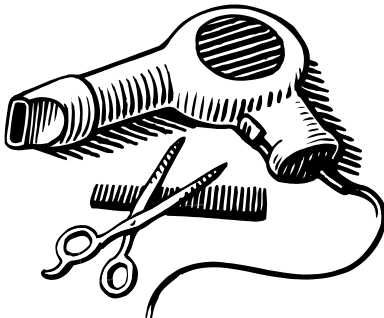
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 1	Jennette Hemmerle
Feb. 2	Christopher Forino, Rocco Gosline
Feb. 3	Katherine Cooper, Patrick Jones
Feb. 5	Zachry Abrams, Mark DiGiovanna, Charles Kirkup, Stephen Navratil
Feb. 8	Alison Finfrock
Feb. 10	Cindy Amos
Feb. 12	Dylan Schmalfuss
Feb. 15	John Witherspoon
Feb. 16	Joyce Bennett, Danielle Keskinen
Feb. 18	Dorothy Allen
Feb. 20	Charles Finfrock
Feb. 21	Alana Aceveda-Guittard
Feb. 22	Jameela Charles
Feb. 26	Geri DiGiovanna Elijah Davis, Bernard Essuman
Feb. 27	Deborah Biondolillo, Michael Lechner, Joyce Stein, Kelly Anne Williams
Feb. 28	John Maniscalco, Aaron King Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 8	William and Susan Yost
Feb. 14	Winston and Heather Charles

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Soup Kitchen

Thursday - 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thrift Shop	Wednesday	12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. and
	Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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