



## Bay Shore United Methodist Church

# THE SPIRE

**The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee**

**March 2013**

The due date for the Spire is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, and I am writing just after I had the toughest week in my ministry. I pray that our situation would be much better when you read the March Spire.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, our day care director left with a 12 hour notice. The story has not ended yet. On the day after the director left the center had the NY State Office of Children and Family Services received two complaints, and the inspector came to our day care center. As a result, our church needs to fix many things based on the 11 page request list.

Eight years ago I wanted to leave the previous church in CT because I felt my ministry was getting routine. I used to play golf twice a week, hitting mid-80s. Obviously, as I wished, my ministry at our church has never been routine, especially during the past week. Now, I miss the routine ministry!

However, I was able to experience God as I watched many of you dedicating yourselves to our church. I heard God's voice and saw God's face in such devotion. Our Lay Leader, Christine Hoff, has worked for more than 10 hours a day Monday through Friday. Our Church Council Chair, Lois Fallen, said, "I will not take this job even if I get paid \$1,000 a day, but I am doing this for free for our church."

Louise Bernard and Edward Shirley worked day and night to fix things to meet the requests of the State inspector. Donna Lechner came to the church office on her day-off. Cathy Bernard, Millie Kresse, Diane Timmoney, Tom Wilson, and much more volunteers have worked for our day care center during the past week.

As mentioned before, it was the toughest week in my ministry. I was so tired that I fell asleep, sitting on the couch. Yet this week gave me the opportunity to experience God. As I watched many of you devoting yourselves to our church, I was sure that you and I can do great things for God and God's church and our neighbors.

May the Lord, who has kept our church during the past 203 years, continue to guide us, giving us strength for the spiritual journey! The purpose of the journey is to glorify God by loving, understanding, serving, respecting, and helping each other. Amen.

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**MISSIONS**

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Thanks to the congregation for the donation of non-perishable food items for the Bay Shore Food Pantry. Thanks also for returning the UMCOR house banks.

Mark your calendars! Missions' All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 17, 2013 from 8:15 am to 9:30 am. Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Contact myself, Lois or Chris for tickets. Come with your family and friends to support our Missions fundraising effort. Vida Owusu, Missions Chair

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**LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES**

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During Lent our congregation worships with other Bay Shore Churches every Wednesday evening at 8 PM. Before each Wednesday evening service the hosting church provides a Soup & Sandwich Supper at 7:15 PM. Those of us who have attended these have found the fellowship rewarding and the reverence of the service in neighboring churches uplifting. Won't you join our congregation during Lent and travel to our neighboring churches to worship as we prepare for Easter? Watch for the schedule of the Wednesday Soup & Sandwich Services in the Sunday Bulletin and also on the Yahoo Church e-mail.

Our Church will be hosting on March 6th. Please help us host this event by signing up to bring soup or sandwiches for the supper. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

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**EASTER WORSHIP**

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PALM SUNDAY SERVICE, Sunday, March 24th at 10 AM in our sanctuary

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE, Thursday, March 28th at 8 PM in our sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, Friday, March 29th at 8 PM at the Islip UMC-350 Main Street, Islip

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, March 31st at 10AM in our sanctuary



*Jean Stark passed into Eternal Rest on February 12, 2013*

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**EASTER LILIES**

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The lovely Easter lilies that beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday have a dual purpose: not only do they symbolize God's promise of rebirth, but they also enable us to share this joyous spirit with the sick and shut-ins among our church family. If you would like to provide flowers for these purposes, please fill out the form below and give it to Flaye Stahl (665-2575).

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## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 2013

### *"Jesus's Words from the Cross"*

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY - (Each Congregation at Home)**

**February 20** - BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL: 54 Brook St., Bay Shore, NY (Preacher: Pastor Lee) *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."* -- Luke 23:34

**February 27** - FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BAY SHORE: 1860 Union Blvd., Bay Shore, NY (Preacher: Pastor Gerth) *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."* -- Luke 23:43

**March 6** - UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BAY SHORE: 107 East Main St., Bay Shore, NY (Pastor Baudler) *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* -- Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34

**March 13** - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BAY SHORE: 175 2nd Ave., Bay Shore, NY (Pastor Robinson) *When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit."* -- John 19:30

**March 20** - ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE: 3 Lawrence Lane, Bay Shore, NY (Pastor Dixon-Clark) *Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."* -- Luke 23:46 (Holy Communion)

All services begin with a communal evening meal of soup & sandwich at 7:15 PM, followed by joint worship at 8 PM.

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*“He Who Sings, Prays Twice!”- St. Augustine*



**Notes from the Music Director  
Wishing Everyone a Blessed Easter!**



**Please Join Us.....**

Please join us for these special services on our Lenten journey toward Easter. Our music ministry has been preparing some beautiful music to help strengthen the Easter message. I hope you'll join us, and help celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Wednesday	March 6 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm.	Evening Lenten Service
Sunday	March 24 <sup>th</sup> -	10:00 am.	Palm Sunday Worship Service
Thursday	March 28 <sup>th</sup> -	8:00 pm.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Friday	March 29 <sup>th</sup> -	8:00 pm.	Good Friday Worship Service- Islip UMC
Sunday	March 31 <sup>st</sup> -	10:00 am.	Easter Sunday Family Worship Service

### **Chamber Choir Rehearses**

Thursday March 7 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday March 14 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday March 21 <sup>st</sup> -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday March 28 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 8:00pm.</b>	

### **Youth Choir Rehearsals**

Sunday March 10 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary
Sunday March 24 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary

### **Penataquit Handbell Choir Rehearsals**

Sunday March 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	11:15 am. – 12:15 pm.	in the West Room
Sunday March 17 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am. – 12:15 pm.	in the West Room

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**CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES**

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As Church Council Chairperson I want to continue to inform you about the church committees and members. Listed below are several committees and their members. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees in the future please speak to the chairperson.

Lois Fallon

Church Council Chairperson

## **Church Committees**

### **Worship Committee**

Chair: Kim Gosline

Ex-officio Music Director, Lay Leader

Dorothy Allen, Hyeonjin Kim, Diane Timmone, Ellen Fager, Chester Hazel, Donna Lechner, & Alice Cavalla

### **Staff Parish Relations Members:**

Chair: Marvin Allen

(Delegates to Annual Conference, Lay Leader)

2013 Dorothy Allen, Catherine Bernard, Doreen Bimpong

2014 Marvin Allen, Susan Yost, Kim Gosline

2015 Joan Burvenich, Eileen DiGiovanna, Diane Timmone

### **Finance Committee**

Chair: Catherine Bernard

Sam Owusu, Pastor Lay Leader Conference Delegates

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

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March 1     Joseph DiGiovanna, Jeanne Wood  
March 2     Jasmine Jones  
March 3     Nick DeLuca, Larissa DiPietro,  
March 8     Garrett DiPietro  
March 15    Jennifer Swetland  
March 16    Brian LePrell , Edward Shirley  
March 17    Karen LePrell , Katrina Jones, Edward Stein  
March 19    Dorothy Miller, Lillian Montemagno  
March 20    Mary Wilson  
March 24    Delia Berka  
March 26    Leslie Owen, Brandon Robinson, Jessica Schmalfuss,  
              Elizabeth Suda  
March 27    Nicholas, Janna & Janel DiGenaro, Joseph Schlamowitz  
March 28    Karen Lozano  
March 30    Karl Bocchieri, Patti Booy, Paul Burvenich,  
              James Cameron, Kristin Lechner De Vita

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

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March 8     Gene and Jean Ufer

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**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER**

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Thursday - 4:30 p.m.

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

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