



Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

April 2013

I am a baseball fan (Let's go Yankees!), but I watch a basketball game from time to time. On March 4th, there was a game that the New York Knicks played with the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Knicks trailed by 22 points with 6:42 left in the first half. What was worse, the star player Carmelo Anthony had to leave the court as he landed hard after falling.

It seemed that the game was over. However, the Knicks overcame the loss of their leading scorer as well as a 22-point deficit and finally, won the game. How was it possible? When the Knicks lost their star player, everyone else stepped up and dedicated themselves to the game.

About 25 or 30 years ago our church used to have plenty of star players who dedicated themselves to our church with strong leadership. At that time, Christianity was part of American life, and many Protestant churches in North America thrived. Our church sanctuary was filled with worshippers at two Sunday services, and a number of Sunday school teachers greeted their students at the door with great joy. Our church did not have to worry about financial resources or volunteers.

Yet, our church has lost a lot of Carmelo Anthonys during the past 30 years. Modern Christians are too busy working during the week to volunteer at the church, and we are too tired to go to church on Sunday. Economy is slow, and almost all of us struggle financially. I feel like we are trailing by 22 points, and it seems like the game is over. We desperately need Carmelo Anthony, but he left the court. What can we do? Now is the time when all of us step up and dedicate ourselves to the game named God's ministry.

"I am busy!" This cannot be a good excuse, in that every modern person is busy. It is a matter of priority. We need more volunteers for the Soup Kitchen, the Thrift Shop, the choir, the fixing team on Saturdays, and so on.

We have lost a lot of Carmelo Anthonys, but the game is not over yet. Cheer up! We still have hope: As long as each of us steps up, we still have a chance to win the game of God's ministry together. May the Lord, who has kept our church during the past 203 years, continue to guide us and give us strength for the spiritual journey! Amen.

DAY CARE

Our Day Care needs magazines, calendars, etc. which have nice pictures. The children need pictures to help them learn colors, numbers, sounds, etc.

If you have any magazines you are finished with, Alice Cavalla who is in charge of pictures for the Day Care, would be more than happy to receive them on Sunday or and other Sunday.

The Day Care is in need of a two drawer file cabinet to store monthly curriculum. Christine Hoff 665-7237

Thank you all for supporting this ministry of our church.

DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle will meet Monday, April 1st at 10:00am. We will be wrapping coffee cans for the Holiday Craft Fair and discussing plans for the May and June meetings. All ladies are welcome.

Christine Hoff 665-7237

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Notes from the Music Director

Easter Thanks

Thank you to all the members of our music ministry who provided such beautiful music for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. They work tirelessly, and rehearse many long hours. I am truly grateful for their hard work and dedication to our church and music ministry. THANK YOU!

Hymn Suggestions

For those who are interested.... I have a sign-up sheet on the music board in Fellowship Hall for anyone to request a favorite hymn to be sung at our Sunday Services. Your chosen hymn will be sung when prayer requests are being collected. You may suggest a hymn to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, as a memorial, or for any reason at all. Just write your special hymn next to the corresponding date, and I will do my best to accommodate your request. Thank you.

Chamber Choir Rehearses

Thursday April 4 th -	No Rehearsal	
Thursday April 11 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday April 18 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday April 25 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building

Youth Choir Rehearsals

Sunday April 21 st -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Nicolle Costa
April 2	Dale Dowd, Bud Ruter
April 3	Sean Sawyer
April 4	Randall Kane, Diane Stead
April 7	Susan Arrigo
April 8	Maureen Aromi, Barbara Witherspoon
April 9	Kevin Sharfenberg
April 11	Alexandra Mayer, Kay Mc Cown
April 12	Peter Hoffman
April 13	James Markey, Tim Stein
April 14	Donald Conste
April 15	Nancy Stopenhagen
April 18	Hannah Gonzalez, Gene Ufer
April 19	Mathew Allen, Gail Moore
April 22	Gina Marie Biondolillo
April 23	George Mack, Anyel Maritza Pinto
April 24	Juliana Fenton
April 26	Brian Hoffmann, Stephen Munoz, Marjorie Myers
April 27	Beth DeCarbo, Arnold Muzzy, Richard O'Sullivan
April 28	Peggy Figliuolo, Robert Nickels, Pat Riedel
April 29	Robert Warren, Halley Low
April 30	Jean Finfrock

ANNIVERSARIES

April 4	Joseph & Eileen DiGiovanna
April 15	Michael & Susan Arrigo
April 26	Charles & Jean Finfrock
April 27	Michael & Lilyan Harrington

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Soup Kitchen
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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