



Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

October 2013

As we celebrate the World Communion Sunday on the sixth day of this month, I would like to differentiate “being different” from “being strange” or “being wrong.” Here is the story about Peter (the famous apostle of Jesus) and Cornelius (the Roman or the Gentile).

Cornelius’ dream came first. An angel told him to send some of his men to the house where Peter was staying. The next day, as those men were approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof of the house to pray. While he was there, he got hungry and sent for something to eat.

While it was still cooking, he had a vision of his own in which heaven opened and something like a large sheet came down, lowered to the ground by its four corners. When Peter looked inside it, he saw every kind of forbidden creature—camels, badgers, buzzards, bats, crocodiles, lizards, a pig—all the things on the “don’t eat” list in the Old Testament.

Then, Peter heard a voice say, “Get up, Peter, kill and eat.” He answered, “No way, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” The voice said back, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times, and then the sheet was hauled back into heaven. So, when Cornelius’ men arrived shortly after that and told him they were there because of a vision too, Peter followed them, met Cornelius, and opened the Christian church door to those it had precious shut out.

This is God’s message to us who celebrate the World Communion Sunday when all the Christians in the world celebrate the Lord Supper together. We want to show we are the same children of God regardless of our race, culture, life style, and so on.

Why are we so different from each other? It is because God has created us that way. Then, how can we become one? It is because the Holy Spirit works with us and helps us to respect each other’s differences. This is God’s will! As we respect God’s will, we are able to differentiate “being different” from “being strange” or “being profane.”

“What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” Amen.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee is very excited to share with you the up coming events on our church calendar!

[November 24, 2013](#) – Thanksgiving Sunday

[December 6, 2013](#) – Greening of the Sanctuary

[December 15, 2013](#) - Sunday School Pageant

[December 24, 2013](#) There will be two Services 4 and 11 pm.

Volunteers needed! We are in need of volunteers for Ushering, Acolyte, Alter Guild, Lay Readers, Greeters and Coffee Hour Host.

We have guides and training material available. Some of our committee members can even do One on One coaching with you! Please don't be shy! Not everyone can do everything, but everyone can do something! If you would like to volunteer please email me KimGUMC@yahoo.com

Thank you for volunteering and your commitment to help serve our Church!

LAITY SUNDAY

October 20th is Laity Sunday. Please let me know if you wish to participate and in what role. A sermon, a solo, a prayer? Thanks, Christine

DAY CARE CENTER

The Day Care Center now has 13 children attending. Our Preschool room (3, 4, & 5 year old children) is licensed for 10 children at a time. We have 8 attending but they are not there every day or all day so there is still plenty of room. The Toddler room is licensed for 9 children at a time. Presently we have 5 children enrolled in the Toddler room and they come at different times so we have space for more. The Toddler room can accept children ages 18 months to two years. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends and help us increase enrollment. You could also help by distributing a Bay Shore Day Care Center Preschool flyer to a library or store that you visit. We have plenty of flyers.

Stop down and visit the rooms and look around after church on Sunday or during the week if you are in the building. We are always looking for volunteers if you want to offer an hour or two each week. We do need someone to answer the phone on Friday when Donna is off.

Thank you to the generous church member who donated the money to purchase a new refrigerator for the office to store the children's lunches. We are very grateful.

Lois Fallon

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



Notes from the Music Director

Church Cabaret Concert

Bay Shore UMC's Music Program will host it's 4th Cabaret Concert on Sunday November 3rd at 4:00pm, in our church sanctuary. Please join us for a great concert of Broadway Showtunes, Classic Songs, and Popular Standards. If you've joined us in the past, you know what a fun afternoon it will be! 20 of our church members will perform such hits as, "Til There Was You", "Someone To Watch Over Me", "If Ever I Would Leave You", "The Way You Look Tonight", and many, many more. Tickets are \$10.00 each, and are on sale following worship services in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds benefit our music program. You can purchase tickets in advance, or at the door. Mark your calendars now, and DON'T MISS OUT!

We will be serving refreshments at intermission. If you are willing to help out with baking, or serving, please see Donna Lechner for more information. Thank you!

Chamber Choir Rehearses

Thursday October 3 rd -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday October 10 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday October 17 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday October 24 th -	No Rehearsal	
Wednesday October 30 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building

Youth Choir Rehearsals

Sunday October 13 th -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary
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Penataquit Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Sunday October 6 th -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the West Room
Sunday October 27 th -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the West Room

2013 Charge Conference at 8pm on October 9th (Wednesday) at our church

NEED DONATIONS FOR CRAFT FAIR

Can you please let everyone know through the Spire that we need metal coffee cans for the Craft fair as soon as possible. Thank you, Cathy Bernard

MISSIONS

Upcoming Missions events-please mark your calendars:

*10/06/2013-World Communion Sunday, one of the six special Sundays. Please give generously to help with scholarships for Seminary students.

*10/27/2013-Missions Sunday- we will be looking forward to the congregation bringing ethnic foods to share.

*Annual fall food drive-bags will be given out on 10/27/2013 and all donations are expected to be back by 11/18/2013.

*11/10/2013-Pancake breakfast, please check the Missions bulletin board for further information.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 2	Donna Lechner, Kevin McElroy, Frederick Miller
Oct. 3	Ellen McElroy
Oct. 4	Marie Markey
Oct. 6	Jonathan Andrews
Oct. 9	Gregory Wells
Oct. 10	John Bullock
Oct. 11	Norman Stahl
Oct. 12	Sandy Costa, Jay LePrell
Oct. 13	Chase Hirsch
Oct. 14	Eunice Ledgister, Charlotte Murray, Jonathan Rivera
Oct. 16	Heather Charles, Amy Guittard, Raymond Sullivan
Oct. 17	William Hoffman, Jeanette Smith
Oct. 20	David Guevara
Oct. 21	Deborah Williams
Oct. 22	Michael Estevez
Oct. 23	Floyd Lechner, Margery Kirkup
Oct. 24	Christopher Bamfo, David Timmoney
Oct. 25	Jonathan Navratil, Richard Riedel, Gilberto Rivera
Oct. 27	Ronald Bennett, Peter Daniel
Oct. 28	Carolyn Koeper
Oct. 29	Elizabeth Estevez, Flaye Stahl, Donald Timmoney
Oct. 30	Frederick Miller, William Scharfenberg
Oct. 31	Bill Carr, Betty Mack

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 1	Don and Dolores Hoffmann
Oct. 4	Timothy and Vicky Kirkup
Oct. 10	Ed and Margurite Meehan
Oct. 11	Thomas and Christina Shaw
Oct. 13	Thomas and Sandy Costa
Oct. 16	Don and Dee Navratil
Oct. 18	Dick and Irene O'Sullivan
Oct. 23	John and Suzanne Kresse
Oct. 24	Walter and Dorene Gonzalez
Oct. 29	Edward and Deborah Williams

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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