

Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

November 2013

As we celebrate All Saints' Sunday on November 3rd, we remember our loved ones who had been embraced by the Lord in heaven. We often think of saints in some exalted way: St. Nicholas, St. Valentine, St. Patrick, and so on. Yet, we celebrate all saints who lived ordinary lives but were blessed by God. They tried to follow Jesus, love God and their neighbors as themselves, and do kind deeds as Jesus taught. They are all saints.

We honor persons who have taught us to have Christian faith, to trust God with our salvation, and to expect God to bless us in whatever state of living we might find ourselves. Our Sunday school teachers can be the saints, our grandparents can be the saints, our parents can be the saints, our friends can be the saints, and our spouses can be the saints, too.

I would like to introduce a saint who has touched my life significantly. This person is not a pastor and not a theologian. She enabled me to have my life, both physically and spiritually. This person is my mother. Although she passed away 25 years ago, she still influences my spiritual life because she is alive in my heart.

She used to share her Christian experiences with me. One of them happened during the Korean War. She had to walk about 3 miles to go to church, but she was thankful that she could worship God during the War, and she was always looking forward to Sunday. She said to me, "Nowadays, Christians rarely have a chance to risk their lives for their beliefs. Nevertheless, sincere Christian faith is still needed in our complicated modern society."

She was an ordinary person, but she was special and blessed by God because she tried to follow Jesus Christ. She remains as a saint for me. I know that you also have your own saints. Let us remember and honor our own saints who have taught us to live our lives in glory to God, in Jesus' most holy name. Our saints now rejoice and leap for joy because their reward is great in heaven.

ANNUAL CRAFT AND BAKE SALE AT BAY SHORE UMC

On Friday, November 8 from 5-7 PM and Saturday, November 9 from 10 AM-2 PM our church will be hosting our Annual Craft and Bake Sale. On Friday night, as is our custom, we will be joined by our Boy Scout Troop #153 who will provide a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner for a nominal charge.

We will need many volunteers for this fair to be a success. We need people to donate crafts, bake HOMEMADE cookies and set up the fair. If you can help with any of these things please see Diane Timmoney or call the church office at 631-666-7194.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENTS' DAY

November 24, 2013 is United Methodist Students' day, one of the six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings. Your generous donations help provide scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities. Vida Owusu Missions Committee

MISSIONS

Bags for the annual fall food drive will be handed out on 10/27/2013 and all donations are expected to be handed in by 11/17/2013. The pancake breakfast will be held on 11/10/2013. We are looking forward to your support and participation.

Vida Owusu, Missions

MISSED SUNDAY WORSHIP? CDs AVAILABLE

Did you miss a Sunday Service? Would you like to hear it? Marvin Allen records every worship service on a CD. It is available the following Sunday. Please ask Marvin or call the church office at 631-666-7194 and you will receive a CD, no charge.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

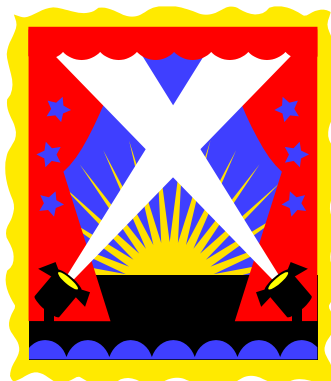
Our November 24th worship service will be a celebration of Thanksgiving. Please join us at 10 AM to praise God and celebrate all that you are thankful for.

The Day Care Center is looking for a small platform rocker and a child's play table.

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

Notes from the Music Director

Cabaret Fundraiser



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!

Chamber Choir Rehearses

Thursday November 7 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday November 14 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday November 21 st -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Tuesday November 26 th -	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building

Youth Choir Rehearsals

Sunday November 10 th -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary
Sunday November 24 th -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary

Penataquit Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Sunday November 17 th -	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the West Room
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Sunday November 4 th -	11:15 am. – 12:15 pm.	in the West Room
Sunday November 18 th -	9:00 am. – Rehearse for Thanksgiving Worship Service	
	11:15 am. – 12:15 pm.	in the West Room

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 3	Stan Orme
Nov. 4	Allison Becker, Sean Joseph, Alyssa Hourican
Nov. 5	Jonathan Wood
Nov. 6	Douglas Herd
Nov. 7	Cameron Allen, Christopher Witherspoon, Manuel Costales
Nov. 8	Payton Feil
Nov. 10	Eric Fager
Nov. 11	Kara Seyda
Nov. 14	Barbara Zelenka
Nov. 15	Edward Goldman
Nov. 16	Yaa Antiwiwaa Owusu
Nov. 17	Ava Lynn Statam, Caren DeRonde
Nov. 19	Ann Marie Falcon, John Murray
Nov. 21	Devin Keskinen
Nov. 22	Jennifer Allen
Nov. 25	Max Lyman
Nov. 26	Christopher Rivera
Nov. 27	Adwoa Ababio
Nov. 27	Marguerite Meehan
Nov. 29	Comfort Aboagye
Nov. 30	Mildred VanSicklen

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 20	Jim and Katherine Cooper
Nov. 25	Eric and Regina Schneider
Nov. 29	Jeffrey and Dawn Lawther
Nov. 30	Bill and Ann Scharfenberg

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Soup Kitchen Thursday -4:30pm

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

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Instead of sending cards to your church friends, you can participate in the Church Card that is mailed to all our members. Just submit your name, the way you want it to appear, **AND RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.** The cost is \$3.00.

Please print your name(s) exactly as you want them to appear.

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The beautiful Christmas Poinsettias, which decorate our sanctuary on Christmas Eve have a dual purpose: Not only do they symbolize the birth of Jesus; 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 or leave it at the church office. You may also call the church office at 666-7194 to order your plant.

(Please Print)

NAME OF DONOR:

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_____ In honor of: _____

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