



Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

December 2013

When I was not in this world, my parents were waiting for someone. While waiting for the person whom they had never met, they had hope and surmounted difficulties in life. Eventually, when they met the person, their memory of difficulties disappeared. When they met the person, they were able to transform the memory of difficulties into that of joy. Can you imagine who the person was? The person was me, their youngest son.

While conceiving me, my mother lost her taste for food because of her pregnancy and became weak. Yet, since she had a dream that she would have a new baby, she hopefully prepared my clothes and knitted wool socks for me. She also read the Bible everyday for fetal education. Their nine-month wait was difficult but also hopeful and joyful.

During the season of Advent, we Christians are also waiting for someone with hope. The person we are waiting for is Jesus Christ, who was born two thousand years ago. As our parents suffered from mental and physical difficulties to give birth to us, so we Christians encounter many difficulties in life in preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ.

I used to pray, "God, get rid of difficulties in my life." But now I pray, "God, help me to overcome these difficulties. And give me strength and faith, so that I may have hope, even in this tough situation."

Our mothers conceived us and willingly suffered from delivery. We also suffer from certain conflicts in our lives. However, as our mothers transformed pain into joy when they had new babies, so we will transform sufferings into joy when we experience Jesus Christ.

Our Messiah came to this world two thousand years ago, and he is coming again this Christmas. Let us remember that when we suffer, Jesus Christ also suffers with us. Let us mature faithfully and spiritually through difficulties in life. We will experience the baby Jesus in the manger. Happy Advent!

MISSIONS

The missions Committee would like to thank all those who participated in and supported the pancake breakfast. We raised \$260. Special thanks to the Schneiders, Steve Hemmerle, Cindy Conste, Patrick Dowd and the confirmands for making it a success.

This year's United Methodist Student's day will be celebrated on December 1. Your donations support scholarships for students who attend United Methodist related college or university.

Missions Committee appreciates the congregation's generous donations during the Fall food drive to benefit the Bay Shore Food Pantry. Thank you. Vida Owusu, Missions Committee.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS

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)

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

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.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday - 4:30 p.m – 5:30 p.m.

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

He Who Sings, Prays Twice!"- St. Augustine

Notes from the Music Director

Merry Christmas and a Happy Blessed New Year!



Church Cabaret Concert

I want to say a BIG "Thank You" to everyone who participated, and helped out with our Cabaret Concert on November 3rd. I was very pleased with the concert. I honestly think this was our best Cabaret to date. We helped to raise roughly \$1,225.00 on tickets and plant sales.

Thank you to all the singers. You all did an outstanding job. Your dedication and hard work paid off. I was very proud. Thank you for sharing your time and talent.

*Abena Amoako-Ababio
Eileen DiGiovanna
Adwoa Enin
Marilyn Goodrich
Kwaku Owusu Jr.
Regina Schneider
Palmer Tucciarone*

*Mary Ann Cafiero
Joseph DiGiovanna
Kwasi Enin
Hyeonjin Kim
Yaa Owusu
Edward Shirley
Tom Wilson*

*Manuel Costales
Kailey Dowd
Greg Goodrich
Rev. Sungmu Lee
Tom Scherer
Diane Timmoney*

More thank you's to everyone who helped out behind the scenes. Thank you to Donna Lechner for all her help with tickets, and with organizing the refreshments at intermission. Thanks to Sam Owusu for his help with the sound system. Thank you to the following people who brought in food, and helped serve. There was a ton of great food and snacks, and everything looked and tasted incredible. I apologize if I have left anyone off this list:

*Alice Cavalla
Kristina Conste
Ellen Fager
Hannah Gonzalez
Donna Lechner
Diane Timmoney*

*Cindy Conste
Beth DeCarbo
Lois Fallon
Marilyn Goodrich
Eric Schneider
Debbie Williams*

*Corinne Conste
Kristin DeVita
Dorene Gonzalez
Christine Hoff
Regina Schneider*

Chamber Choir Rehearsals

Thursday December 5 th	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday December 12 th	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Thursday December 19 th	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	in the School Building
Monday December 23 rd	7:00 pm. – 8:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary

Youth Choir Rehearsals

Sunday December 8 th	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary
Sunday December 22 nd	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the Sanctuary

Penataquit Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Sunday December 1 st	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the West Room
Sunday December 15 th	11:15 am. – 12:00 pm.	in the West Room

**REMEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 4 pm Lessons & Carols
11 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**

THIS AND THAT AROUND OUR CHURCH!

Our bake and craft sale thanks to all involved brought \$860.00 last month.

The Church will hold a Spaghetti Luncheon on December 8th starting after service. Price will be \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Thanks Cathy Bernard.

LADIES THAT LUNCH

A ladies luncheon is being planned for the second week in December. If you are interested in attending, please contact Christine Hoff. (631-665-7237)

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