



Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

April 2014

We are deep in Lent, and I ask by myself, “Why was Jesus crucified?” There would be many different answers. Is it because God forced him to die on the cross? As I read the bible, I conclude that Jesus had chosen to be crucified. In fact, he had many chances to avoid the crucifixion.

The gospel of Matthew says “the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, although many false witnesses came forward.” When they testified against him, Jesus could have defended himself, but he was silent.

The high priest asked, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of God?” Jesus could have answered, “Are you kidding me? Of course not!” But he said, “Yes, I am.” Then, the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed!” And the council responded, “He deserves death.” Then, they spat in his face, and some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?” This is an incredible humiliation. It is hard to believe that this is Jesus whom we have called *Lord*.

What do you want Jesus to do in this terrible situation? Honestly, what do you want him to do? We want him to act like the son of God. We want him to call the angels of heaven and order them to kill all those who had humiliated him. We want to see them suffering in the unquenchable fire and begging for their life. However, Jesus chose to be silent, helpless, and powerless. We don’t like that. However, this is Jesus whom we believe in.

This might be good news and at the same time, bad news. It is good news because we have been saved from sins as Jesus died helplessly on the cross. And it is bad news because we are asked to do the same as the followers of Jesus Christ. Lent is a good time to be reminded that Christians are those people who follow Jesus Christ, who did not teach us to control others by power or by violence but to love our neighbor as ourselves.

This may not be popular in our modern society, but this is what Jesus showed us in this world. We Christians believe that a whole new world began, and the world was changed forever on Good Friday at noon at Calvary. This may not be popular in our society, but this is what Jesus showed us on the cross. Amen.

NEWS REGARDING PASTOR LEE

Pastor Sungmu Lee has been appointed to West Haven UMC, CT, effective on July 1st. We have been blessed having him serve as our Pastor, and wish him well in his new Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school would appreciate donations of plastic eggs or wrapped Easter candy for our Sunday school Easter egg hunt that will be held Palm Sunday after church on the front lawn (weather permitting) or in the Sanctuary. A donation box can be found in fellowship hall, thank you in advance. Susan Yost

MISSIONS

Thanks to all who participated in the Pancake Breakfast.

The UMCOR health kits are being collected. The needed items are posted on the Mission bulletin board. The kits will be delivered to NYAC at the Annual Conference. They are used in times of disaster around the USA and the world.

The Women's Advocate Ministry baby shower will be held in early June. The clothes are given to babies born in prison. Sizes newborn to 2 years, only new items, no diapers or formula.

Our spring food drive for the Bay Shore Food Pantry will run from March 30th to April 13th. Special bags, decorated by the Confirmants, are available.

The Mission Committee needs someone to cut out UPCs and Boxtops. These are sent to the McCurdy School and the Red Bird Mission. This can be done in your home, and a committee member will mail to their destinations.

Thank you for your support



LENTEN SERVICES AND HOLY WEEK

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.

Our Church will be hosting on April 9th. 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.

“Jesus’ Words from the Cross”

April 2 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BAY SHORE: Preacher: Pastor Darius Dickson-Clark
175 2nd Avenue, Bay Shore, N.Y.

April 9 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BAY SHORE: Preacher Pastor Allan Robinson
107 East Main Street, Bay Shore, N.Y.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 13 Palm Sunday Service 10 a.m. Bay Shore United Methodist Church

April 17 Maudy Thursday 8:00 p.m. at Islip United Methodist Church

April 18 Good Friday 8:00 p.m. at Bay Shore United Methodist Church

April 20 Easter Sunday Bay Shore United Methodist Church 10 a.m.



“He Who Sings, Prays Twice!”- St. Augustine
Notes from the Music Director



Holy Week Services

Sunday April 13 th	Palm Sunday	10:00 am Worship Service at Bay Shore UMC The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem .
Thursday April 17 th	Maundy Thursday	8:00 pm Seder Service at Islip UMC The Christian feast, or holy day, falling on the Thursday before Easter . It commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles .
Friday April 18 th	Good Friday	8:00 pm Tenebrae Service at Bay Shore UMC The holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary . Our Chamber Choir will perform a cantata with an 8 piece chamber orchestra. Please join us for this very solemn service on the holiest day of the year.
Sunday April 20 th	Easter Sunday	10:00 am Family Worship Service Bay Shore UMC The holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion at Calvary . Please join us for a glorious service of music and joy. Our Chamber Choir, Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, Soloists, and Brass Quartet will help celebrate this day of Resurrection.

Chamber Choir Rehearsals

Thursday April 3 rd	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	School Building
Thursday April 10 th	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	School Building
Thursday April 17 th	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	School Building
Thursday April 24 th	No Rehearsal	

Penataquit Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Sunday April 13 th	11:15am-12:00pm	West Room
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Youth Choir Rehearsals

Sunday April 6 th	11:15am-12:00pm	Sanctuary
Sunday April 13 th	11:15am-12:00pm	Sanctuary
Sunday April 27 th -	11:15am-12:00pm	Sanctuary

Anyone wishing to join our music groups, please speak with Danny. New members are always welcome!

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
April 12	Peter Hoffman
April 13	James Markey, Tim Stein
April 14	Donald Conste
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.

Elaine Williams is now at

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