



# THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

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## One of the Best Parts of My Job!

Did you know that our congregation extends far beyond the pews?

Some of our members are away at school or in the military. Others are retirees who have moved far away. A few members work on Sundays and aren't able to attend each week. And a number of people are homebound or unable to attend because of illness or injuries.

The Spire, our Yahoo e-mail group, and our Facebook page are just three ways we can stay in touch. But I love seeing you in person, too! One of the best parts of my job are the visitations with longtime members who still live on Long Island. I love catching up and hearing stories of the church from years ago.

If there's some reason you're not able to see us at Sunday services, we want to make sure you're still involved here at Bay Shore United Methodist. Please contact Tom Wilson (at [twilson@brightwaters.com](mailto:twilson@brightwaters.com)) to be added to our group mailing list or call the church office to schedule a home visit with me.

I wish you a blessed (and safe!) summer. And if you're away on vacation, keep in touch!

Pastor Wendy

*Remember these Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers*



Donald Hoffmann



Naomi Freije



Clara Trotta



Donald Timmoney

*Others who are not pictured*

Eleanor Bisso • Alice Cavalla • James Cooper • Yvonne Hazel-Kinia

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Kailey Dowd graduated May 6th from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA with a Bachelors of Arts in Music Education. Kailey is a lay reader for our church and an integral part of our music ministry. This summer she will be the Director at the United Methodist Church's Camp Quinnipet on Shelter Island.



Kwaku "Junior" Owusu is the 2016 Valedictorian of Bay Shore High School and will be attending the University of Pennsylvania this fall. Junior serves in our music ministry, is a member of the Bay Shore Harmonaires, marching band head drum major, and International Thespian Troupe President.

Delia Berka (second from right) has been named a National Hispanic Scholar. She is Secretary of the BSHS National Honor Society, plays in numerous musical groups, and will be attending Yale University in the fall.

Congratulations to Delia, Junior, Kailey, and all the other young people in our Church and community who are graduating from high school or college this spring. May God continue to bless and keep you as you enter the next stage of your life.



## A "CREOLE LOVE SONG" WITH A BSUMC CONNECTION



Dorothy and William Powell were long time members of our Church. When William entered the Life Eternal, Dorothy asked Tom Wilson to find a good home for his cornet. It took a number of years but Tom reports that William's cornet has now become part of "Creole Love Song – Operation Haiti", an ongoing program by the Jazz Loft in Stony Brook to bring instruments and

teach aspiring musicians who would otherwise never have an opportunity to own an instrument or learn to read and play music. At right is the young man who received William's instrument at one of his first lessons.





### AND THE LORD SAID, 'FEAR NOT!'

At our final Impact discussion group before the summer break, we learned how to conquer common fears: terrorism, identity theft, global warming and other big topics in the news. Moderator the Rev. Dyanne Blair-Pina gave valuable tips on how to stay grounded and find personal peace.

Impact is a new ministry that started in January. Sessions are held once a month at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library, and we've gotten to know members of the community and other congregations. Topics have included "Finding Peace in a Troubled World," "Disconnect From Digital and Reconnect With People," "Finding Joy in Everyday Things," and "How to Nurture Yourself So You Can Nurture Others."

We invite you to join us and "Make An Impact" when we resume in the fall.

### SOWING SEEDS FOR SUMMER



Adult Fellowship met one last time before the summer break to transplant tiny seedlings into cute cups and mugs. In our windowsill gardens, we are cultivating oregano, parsley and basil. Some "Big Boy" tomatoes were also taken home to transplant in the garden. A few marigold and zinnia plants rounded out our project. A special thank-you to Christine Hoff, who collected teacups and mugs from the thrift shop, and Eric and Regina Schneider who provided foam egg cartons for the seedlings.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in Adult Fellowship over the past year. We kicked off this new ministry with a six-week yoga class, followed by a cooking demonstration, Valentine-making project, a Passover Seder and a trip to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. Adult Fellowship will resume in the fall, and possible activities are a trip to a Long Island Ducks game, a sing-along and a visit to Bayard Fields Cutting Arboretum for a holiday tea and house tour.

If you have ideas for fun gatherings and activities for the fall, reach out to Beth DeCarbo.

**BIRTHDAYS**

June 2	Kerry Seyda	July 20	Michael Weick
June 3	Patrick Farugio	July 21	Kevin Ryan, Tyler Seyda
June 4	Kristina Conste	July 22	Sarah Elizabeth Kirkup, Stephanie Nock, Herbert VanNostrand, Kwaku Amoako-Ababio
June 5	Sarah Schaw		
June 6	Kwaku O. Owusu		
June 9	Jeffrey Zelenka	July 23	John Kresse III, Robyn Schwartz, Diane Timmoney
June 10	Amanda Van Nostrand		
June 11	Kristina Valcarce	July 24	Corrine Conste
June 13	Christine Williams	July 26	Alexander DeVita
June 14	Naomi Freije, Kimberly Gosline	July 27	Geoffrey Lawther
June 17	Melinda Dieters	July 30	Timothy Sullivan
June 19	Jonathan Hannett	July 31	Kailey Dowd, Harold Owen
June 20	Jason Abrams, Kerri Giesler, David Scharfenberg	August 1	Charles Finfrock
June 21	Bill Aromi, Megan Joseph, Ed Williams	August 2	Wayna Beaudrie
June 24	Otila Perez	August 3	McKinley Seyda
June 25	David Fager	August 6	Michael Burvenich
June 26	Brittany Arrigo, Robert Miller	August 8	Megan Renwick, Bill Scharfenberg
June 27	Joyce DeLuca	August 9	Coralie Guittard, Charles Mayer
June 28	Megan McElroy	August 10	Eleanor Bisso
June 29	Stephen Schmalfuss	August 11	Ben Klimpel, Scott Owen
June 30	Jessica DiPietro	August 15	Linda Bullock
July 3	Carol Moore	August 16	William Moore
July 4	Abena Amoako-Ababio	August 20	Jim Cooper, Ebenezer Enin, Susan Yost
July 8	Richard Berka, Caitlyn McElroy		
July 9	James Erale	August 25	Kim DiGiovanna, Chris Sawyer
July 10	Jean Ufer	August 26	Michael Harrington, Michael Renwick, Sr., Pansy Tomlinson
July 11	Riana Kane		
July 12	Helen Wilson, Tom Wilson	August 29	Charles Mayer, Jr., Harold Sweetland
July 14	Christopher Sweetland, Brianna Tucciarone	August 30	Anthony Seabrooks
July 18	Cynthia Conste, Sean Wilson	August 31	Elizabeth Weick

**ANNIVERSARIES**

June 9	William and Jeanne Aromi	June 26	Luis and Kathy Guevara
June 11	Sam and Karen DiPietro	July 12	Benjamin and Carol Langstroth
June 12	Raymond and Ginger Sullivan	July 15	McKinley and Kerry Seyda
June 15	Michael and Joan Burvenich	July 22	Richard and Pat Riedel
June 18	Nicholas and Lorraine DiGenaro	July 23	William and Gail Moore
June 19	Ridley and Pansy Tomlinson	July 26	Donald and Diane Timmoney
June 20	Harold and Leslie Owen	July 28	Kevin and Ellen McElroy
June 25	Thomas and Helen Wilson	July 30	George and Betty Mack

*Contact the Church Office to add or correct your birthday or anniversary.*

**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER**

Soup Kitchen Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

Thrift Shop Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HERE!



“Made by God!” is the theme of Bay Shore United Methodist’s Vacation Bible School. Sunday School-aged kids are invited to join us for five Sunday sessions, with hands-on Bible lessons, fun games and cool crafts. We’ll learn about the sun and sky, plants and animals and see first-hand the wonders of God. Together, we’ll create fog, generate a mini tornado, make birdseed feeders and see some unusual animals that live in the dark.

Classes will take place in the Education Building over five Sundays: 10 a.m. on June 26, and 9:30 a.m. on July 10, July 17, July 24 and July 31.

Registration forms are available before and after services, as well as in the church office. Questions? See Beth DeCarbo or Susan Yost.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As this is the last Spire that I will edit, I wish to thank everyone that has helped me along the way. Especially to Donna, who helped me right from the beginning with my questions, guidance, and patience; then to Tom who re-did the format and helped with the new format. It has been a pleasure, and I did enjoy doing the Spire. Time has come for me to pass the job along to someone new, and I hope that they too enjoy the job! God’s love to you all, Ellen.

### A NOTE ABOUT THE EDITOR

In her 45+ years as a member of Bay Shore United Methodist Church, Ellen Fager has served the Sunday School, MYF, Altar Guild, Bible Study, Worship, and of course Spire Editor (just to name a few). As she moves on to her new position in Missions, let us thank her for her long and varied Service to our little corner of God’s Universal Church – and be inspired by her example!

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