



THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

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RESTORING OUR SANCTUARY AS A *TRUE* SANCTUARY



Visiting an elderly member
of our congregation



With the Children
on Palm Sunday



Girl Scouts making hygiene
kits for the homeless.

Weddings and funerals, baptisms and confirmations. All of that and more happens at Bay Shore United Methodist Church. As pastor, I work hard to create a place where members and visitors alike are spiritually nurtured and encouraged to develop a personal relationship with God.

But being a minister here goes far beyond these walls. Increasingly, our young people feel adrift, our elderly and shut-ins have no one to watch over them, families are feeling the squeeze from the high cost of living, and immigrants live in fear of persecution. God calls His disciples to reach out to, comfort, and serve those in need. This is a call we answer every day at Bay Shore UMC.

Members of our congregation have always been outward-facing servants of God, engaging our neighbors with projects like our Soup Kitchen, Thrift Shop, and Childcare ministries. In my time here, we have introduced a women's prayer group, active elder ministry, adult fellowship and homeless outreach program. Our new youth ministry is designed to help young people work through real-life issues.

In applying for grants, we look to restore our building so that we may minister to our community for another 200 years. My dream is to have a beautiful "sanctuary" – both in the physical and the spiritual sense.

I encourage your involvement to understand both our challenges and our commitment. We are a diverse congregation that is united in serving the Lord and our community — and for this I am joyful.

—Pastor Wendy

PALM SUNDAY THANKS

Thanks to all who donated and helped with the Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, it was a great success and fun for all the children – Susan Yost.

THE SANCTUARY AT EASTER



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to all of the recent college graduates! We are so proud of all of you. God bless you as you start your new lives and careers. Among our graduates are: Cindy Finfrock who received her Masters from SUNY New Paltz, Kwaku Owusu who graduated from Stony Brook University, and Dr. Sean Wilson who received his PhD from Arizona State University. Best wishes to you all!



Graduates & families: please send us photos for our Facebook page and the September Spire.

CRAFTING KLATCH

The last official Crafting Klatch before the summer break featured Prayer Boxes to sell at the November Craft Fair. See Beth DeCarbo for more information about plans for fall and possible “pop up” klatches this summer.



BAY SHORE MUSIC AND ART FAIR JUNE 11th

Join us on Sunday June 11th from 11am to 3pm as we take part in the annual Bay Shore Music and Art Fair. Stop by and help staff the Church table on Main Street. Free fish coloring craft for the kids. Invite families with children ages 18 months to 5 years to come to the Childcare Open House at the Church. Free face painting and free kids craft.



Young visitors at the Church table last year

BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Lorraine DiGenaro, Jessica Wood	June 13	Christine Williams
May 2	Shaylin Kane, Andrew Navratil	June 14	Kimberly Gosline
May 5	Kwasi Enin	June 17	Melinda Dieters
May 9	Robert Hogan, Kevin McElroy, Christopher Madeska	June 19	Jonathan Hannett
May 10	Ellie Barbieri, Samuel Owusu	June 20	Jason Abrams, Kerri Giesler, David Scharfenberg
May 11	Ridley Tomlinson	June 21	Bill Aromi, Megan Joseph, Ed Williams
May 12	Kaitlyn DiPietro	June 24	Otila Perez
May 16	Jean Carr, Aurora Costales, Sean Tomlinson	June 25	David Fager
May 18	Arvind Chandran	June 26	Brittany Arrigo, Robert Miller
May 19	Deirdrea Renwick	June 27	Joyce DeLuca
May 23	Joseph Essuman	June 28	Megan McElroy
May 24	Akosua Aboagye	June 29	Stephen Schmalfuss
May 26	Richard Berka	June 30	Jessica DiPietro
May 29	Donald Conste	July 3	Carol Moore
June 2	Kerry Seyda	July 4	Abena Amoako-Ababio
June 3	Patrick Farugio	July 8	Richard Berka, Caitlyn McElroy
June 4	Kristina Conste	July 9	James Erale
June 5	Sarah Schaw	July 10	Jean Ufer
June 6	Kwaku O. Owusu	July 11	Riana Kane
June 9	Jeffrey Zelenka	July 12	Helen Wilson, Tom Wilson
June 10	Amanda Van Nostrand	July 14	Christopher Swetland, Brianna Tucciarone
June 11	Kristina Valcarce		

EVEN MORE BIRTHDAYS!

July 18	Cynthia Conste, Sean Wilson	August 6	Michael Burvenich
July 20	Michael Weick	August 8	Megan Renwick, Bill Scharfenberg
July 21	Kevin Ryan, Tyler Seyda	August 9	Coralie Guittard, Charles Mayer
July 22	Sarah Elizabeth Kirkup, Stephanie Nock, Herbert VanNostrand, Kwaku Amoako-Ababio	August 10	Eleanor Bisso
July 23	John Kresse III, Robyn Schwartz, Diane Timmonee	August 11	Ben Klimpel, Scott Owen
July 24	Corrine Conste	August 15	Linda Bullock August 16 William Moore
July 26	Alexander DeVita	August 20	Jim Cooper, Ebenezer Enin, Susan Yost
July 27	Geoffrey Lawther	August 25	Kim DiGiovanna, Chris Sawyer
July 30	Timothy Sullivan	August 26	Michael Harrington, Michael Renwick, Sr., Pansy Tomlinson
July 31	Kailey Dowd, Harold Owen	August 29	Charles Mayer, Jr., Harold Swetland
August 1	Charles Finfrock	August 30	Anthony Seabrooks
August 3	McKinley Seyda	August 31	Elizabeth Weick

ANNIVERSARIES

May 3	Floyd and Donna Lechner	June 20	Harold and Leslie Owen
May 9	Ed and Joyce Stein	June 25	Thomas and Helen Wilson
May 17	Frederick and Adwoa Ababio	June 26	Luis and Kathy Guevara
May 20	Roy and Ellen Fager	July 15	McKinley and Kerry Seyda
May 28	Steven and Mary Hemmerle	July 22	Richard and Pat Riedel
June 9	William and Jeanne Aromi	July 23	William and Gail Moore
June 11	Sam and Karen DiPietro	July 26	Donald and Diane Timmonee
June 15	Michael and Joan Burvenich	July 28	Kevin and Ellen McElroy
June 18	Nicholas and Lorraine DiGenaro	July 30	George and Betty Mack
June 19	Ridley and Pansy Tomlinson		

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.

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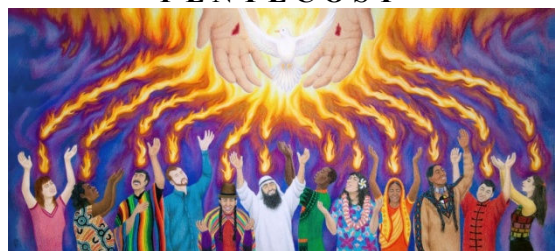
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All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:4a