



THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

September 2017

OUR SMALL BUT MIGHTY MINISTRY

As we prepare for the upcoming Sunday school year, we are excited to welcome our new superintendent, Barbara Van Nostrand. Barbara is a longtime member of our church, but has been away for the past few years taking care of family and her sick mother, who passed on May 20. As we sat to discuss her mother's funeral services, she received God's call for Sunday school and ran with it.

Together with Coordinator Susan Yost, Dorene Gonzales, and youth workers Jasmine Jones, Lucas Cruz and Hannah Gonzales, Vacation Sunday School (VSS) was in full session July 9 to Aug. 27. On Saturday, Aug. 26, Barbara and her VSS team took children to the Jets/Giants pre-season game at Metlife Stadium as she closed out the summer session.

This school year we are holding a Confirmation class for youth 12 years and older. Please call the church office to register yourself or your child. The class is scheduled to begin on Sept.10.

Last month I attended the United Methodist conference *School of Congregational Development 2017* in Atlanta. At one of the workshops I realized how blessed we are to have a congregation that serves the community faithfully in so many ways, and that we are committed to loving God and each other. Facilitator Rori Blakeney discussed Judges 7, the story of Gideon, and how God downsized Gideon's ministry to the smallest numbers. God is not concerned with our size but our faithfulness to the call and ministry. We all have a part to play; too often we place so much emphasis on growing the ministry, ignoring the significant impact of the small ministry in the community.

"The LORD said to Gideon, "The troops with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand. Israel would only take the credit away from me, saying, 'My own hand has delivered me.' Now therefore proclaim this in the hearing of the troops, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home.'" – Judges 7:2-3

How may God be calling you to leave a legacy for future generations? What other ways has God called our congregation to minister to the community?

In His grip!
Pastor Wendy

YOUTH ON THE MOVE!

We encourage these young members of our Ministry and continue to pray for them as they grow toward reaching their full potential. Congratulations on your accomplishments. We love you!



Above, L to R: Brianna and Mayia, Mayia and Dorothy.
Below, L to R: Molly, Abigail, and David.



Brianna Marie Tucciarone, Mayia Janelle Hinds, Dorothy Anne Vollmer, and Molly Dowd all graduated from Bay Shore High School this June.

Brianna is attending SUNY Geneseo in Geneseo, NY and majoring in Business Administration.

Mayia is attending Suffolk County Community College in Selden, NY and majoring in Biology.

Dorothy is attending Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, NY and majoring in Liberal Arts.

Molly is attending Long Island University Post (LIU Post). She received the Presidential Scholarship, will be playing soccer for the LIU Post Pioneers, and is following the Pre-Veterinarian curriculum.

Abigail De La Cruz graduated from Bay Shore Middle School and is attending Bay Shore High School in September.

David Michael Tucciarone departed the USA on August 5th to spend the academic year as an exchange student in Copenhagen, Denmark. He returns June 15th, 2018.

CHAMBER CHOIR

As the summer is coming to an end, and Rally Day is upon us, it's time for the choir to resume singing during Sunday service. If anyone is interested in singing with the choir, we will meet Thursday evenings starting September 7th at 7:00pm in the Sunday School Building. Rehearsals are usually an hour long and new members are always welcome! If you are interested, please let me know. Danny Cafiero, email: DCaf31@aol.com.



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Welcome back!

Sunday School Rally Day will be September 10. We are looking forward to a new and exciting year in Sunday School!

-Barbara Van Nostrand

POT LUCK PICNIC AND BARBECUE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th

Our Rally Day Pot Luck Picnic and Barbecue will be held on the Church lawn after Service on Sunday September 10th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, paper goods, and cake will be provided. Each family is invited to bring a side dish or beverage to share.



The cost is \$6.00 per family. You can pay at the door. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, or contact the Church Office (631-666-7194 or office@bayshoreumc.org) by Thursday, September 7th so we know how many people to buy for.

Come and enjoy the summer weather, our beautiful front lawn, and your Church Family as we celebrate one of our great fellowship traditions. Hope to see you there!



In September we resume our monthly crafting klatch. Join us on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Help create merchandise for our annual craft fair, or bring a project of your own to work on. You do not need to own or operate a glue gun (or any other heavy machinery) to participate. All are welcome! For more information, see Donna Lechner or Beth DeCarbo.

THRIFT SHOP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Thrift Shop is an important source of economical clothing and household goods for our less fortunate neighbors. Volunteers are needed for the months of September and October. Please consider volunteering for one Saturday during this two month period to support this ministry. Our hours are 10am to 1pm. We are also in need of periodic help in removing heavy items to the dumpster. To volunteer please call Christine Hoff (621-665-7237) or email chof65@aol.com. Thank you

Calling All Confirmands

A new
class starts
Sept. 10.
Call the
church
office to
enroll
yourself
or your
child.

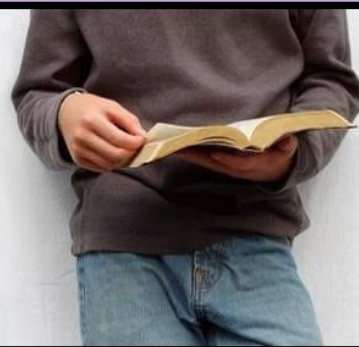
Confirmation is an important step in a young person's spiritual journey. Learn how to:

- ❖ Strengthen your faith
- ❖ Be the person God wants you to be
- ❖ Find inner calm when classwork gets crazy
- ❖ Show others that it's cool to be kind

LOVE GOD.

LOVE EACH OTHER.

CHANGE THE WORLD.



Women's Fellowship

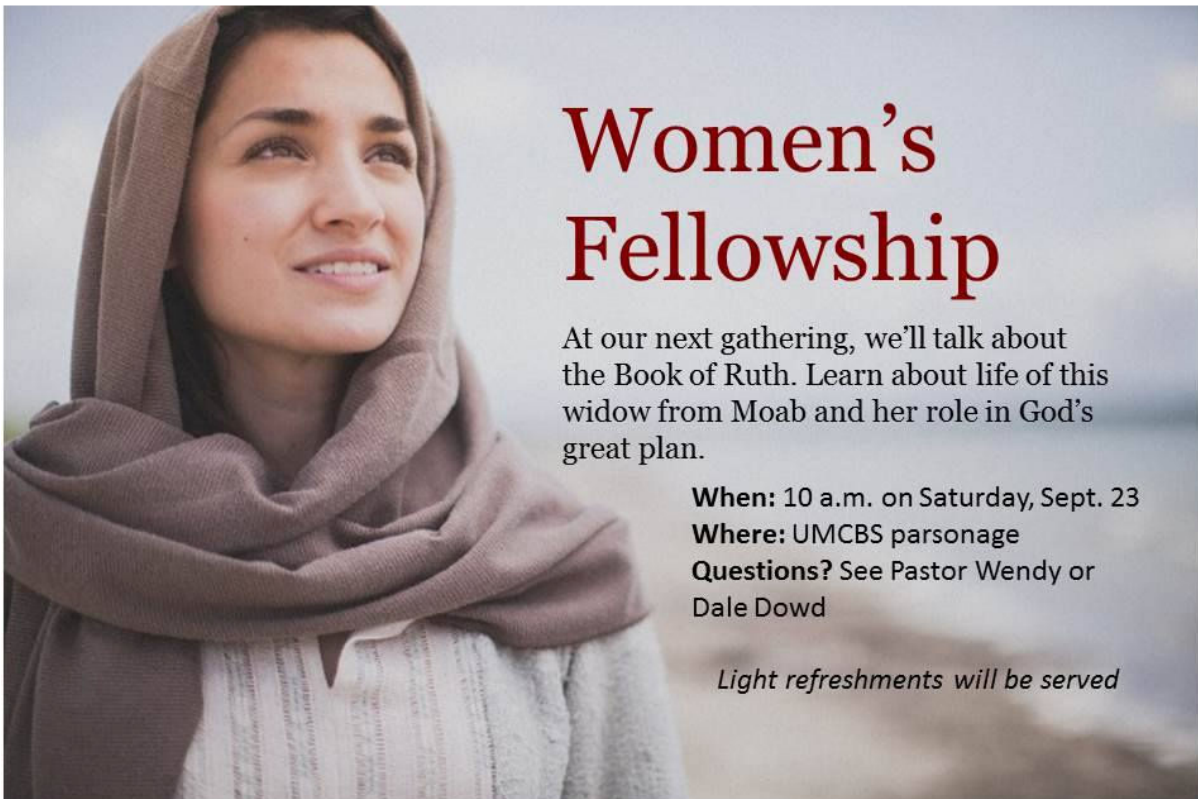
At our next gathering, we'll talk about the Book of Ruth. Learn about life of this widow from Moab and her role in God's great plan.

When: 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23

Where: UMCBS parsonage

Questions? See Pastor Wendy or Dale Dowd

Light refreshments will be served



REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 7-10 were the dates for this year's annual conference at Hofstra University. The days and evenings are filled with worship, meetings and fellowship. Over the four days, we had services of healing, remembrance, retirement, commissioning and ordination. Speakers included Bishop Bickerton, Rev. Dr. Susan Henry Crowe (General Secretary of Church and Society), and Rev Gerald Williams (Pastor, San Francisco, California). Offerings were collected for Bishop's Partners in Mission, Black College Fund, Justice For Our Neighbors, Anchor House, and Young Clergy Debt Assistance.

I attended a workshop on Ableism, making our churches aware of the need to welcome every person. Our church seems to be on top of this. I participated in Legislative Section 3, Ministries of Advocacy. I must say the controversy of years past is gone.

Appointments for the following year were announced by district at intervals during conference. More health kits were collected this year than last, but the need is greater. Cokesbury and The Festival of Ministries were once again open, both of which I visited.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Hoff, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference.

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1	Erik Udvardia	Sept. 17	Maureen Guadalupe, Diane Lewis,
Sept. 5	Heidi Fahey, Thomas Madeska		Justin Wells
Sept. 6	Irene O'Sullivan, Alice Swetland	Sept. 20	Kaitlin Kresse, Edward Meehan
Sept. 7	Gregory Sassone	Sept. 21	Emanuel Jones
Sept. 9	McKenzie Dowd	Sept. 22	Edward Owen, Ann Scharfenberg
Sept. 10	Kevin LePrell	Sept. 24	Joel DiGenaro, Lucy McCarthy
Sept. 11	Lecretia Charles, Patrick Dowd,	Sept. 25	Pastor Wendy Modeste
	Melissa Yost	Sept. 26	John Ferraro, Jr.
Sept. 12	George Mack, Jr.	Sept. 27	Jonathan Bloom, Daniel Antonik
Sept. 15	Raymond M. Allen, Jr.,	Sept. 28	Jonathan Hoff, Joseph Calvacca
	Cynthia Finfrock, Rachel Wood	Sept. 29	Lenora Daniel, Jacqueline Suda
Sept. 16	Ed Stein		

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 8	Raymond and Dorothy Allen	Sept. 24	Stephen and Jessica Schmalfuss
Sept. 10	John and Barbara Witherspoon		

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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Those who wait for the LORD
will gain new strength;
They will mount up with
wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not
become weary.
Isaiah 40:31