



THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

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New Year—New Possibilities!

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ! I greet you in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Grace and peace!

Just beginning the New Year and we already have so much progress to report. We continue to receive donations from the community toward the restoration of the sanctuary. Just a few days ago a check for \$2,500 came from St. Patrick's RC Church. God has touched the hearts of our neighbors to assist us in our restoration project.

We are grateful to the handful of members of our congregation who have contributed to the cause, but we need everyone to chip in toward this lofty goal. We're in this together; therefore, I want all of us to participate—especially church leadership. Large or small, whatever you are able to contribute is all we ask. Please be prayerful about doing your part.

Here's the breakdown of our goal:

- Bay Shore UMC membership: \$50,000
- New York Annual Conference grant: \$100,000
- Bay Shore-Brightwaters Chamber of Commerce business support and community giving: \$50,000

To better inform the community and enlist their support, we are hosting an open house on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Here's how you can help: We need greeters, people to oversee the self-guided historical tours and volunteers to help with refreshments. Please let us know if you are available to help.

Thank you for your commitment and support in the ministry. For the glory of God!

Warmly,

Pastor Wendy

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

We offered up the Spirit of the Season not just in Worship but through service to and fellowship with our neighbors. *For more pictures see our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/BayshoreUMC*



Children's Christmas Pageant



The Altar Christmas Eve



Carolers visited six venues, gave over 150 lyric books as gifts, and helped celebrate long time member Clara Trotta's 99th (!!!) birthday.



Volunteers at the Soup Kitchen Christmas Dinner served over 55 folks the best holiday meal in town - because none of us cooks as well as all of us together - and sent guests home with takeout dinners and gifts of caps, gloves, and scarves



ONE SOUL ASCENDS TO GLORY...

Prayers of comfort and healing to the friends and family of Deacon Neville Scott Modeste, father of Pastor Wendy Modeste, who went to be with the Lord on January 1st. We offer prayers of Thanksgiving for the life of this powerful man of faith and prayer, a godly husband, father, and righteous man.

...AND TWO NEW CHILDREN OF GOD JOIN US

Prayers of Thanksgiving for:

Alanna Rose Allen, daughter of Krisy and David Allen and second grandchild to Dot Allen.

Colin Sean Wilson, son of Samantha and Sean Wilson and first grandchild to Helen and Tom Wilson.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." – Numbers 6:24-26.

RESTORATION FUND

As of December 31, 2017 we have raised \$13,569 towards restoration of our buildings. We hope that each of you will prayerfully consider what you are able to give. There is no gift too small. It is more important that we all take part in this project together.



RESTORATION OPEN HOUSE

Sunday February 4th – 2 to 4 pm

Bring your friends and neighbors, join us for refreshments, and learn about our ambitious project to restore our historical house of worship.

2-4 pm: Self-guided Sanctuary tours with historical details and archives.

3 pm: Overview of project and Community Q&A.

Volunteers needed – please contact the Church office to greet, oversee tours, or help with refreshments.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop is temporarily closed pending repairs to the access stair railing. We hope to reopen soon. We have received a rollaway bed, bunk beds, dressers, and a large computer desk. If you are interested in any these items, please speak to Thrift Shop coordinator Christine Hoff.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Come: Women of the church -- and friends! -- are invited to join us on Saturday February 17 at the parsonage, where we'll discuss women in the Bible and how their stories can inform our lives today. The gathering starts at 10 a.m., and refreshments will be served. If you have questions, see Pastor Wendy or Dale Dowd.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



The lovely Easter lilies that beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday have a dual purpose: not only do they symbolize God’s promise of rebirth, but 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 provide the information below to Flaye Stahl or the Church Office with a \$10 donation to cover costs. Please print all information.

If you don't want to cut your paper Spire, Flaye and the Church Office have extra forms.

NAME OF DONOR: _____

FLOWERS DONATED: _____

_____ To the glory of God

_____ In memory of: _____

_____ In honor of: _____

_____ I will take my plant after Easter

_____ I would like my plant delivered to a shut in.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN MARCH 11th!

LENT AND EASTER – MARK YOUR CALENDARS



ASH WEDNESDAY
**Joint Worship Service with Bay Shore,
 Islip, and Sayville UMC**
Wednesday February 14
7:30pm
Sayville UMC
164 Greene Avenue
Sayville NY

LENTEN WORSHIP WITH SUPPER. During Lent, five Bay Shore Churches join together for Worship every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm. Before each Service the host church provides a Soup & Sandwich Supper at 7:15 pm. Please join us in traveling to different parts of God's Universal Church for rewarding fellowship and uplifting messages as we prepare for the resurrection of Christ. **Our Church will be hosting the Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper at 7:15 pm on Wednesday February 28th, followed by Lenten Worship at 8:00 pm.** We need cooks to prepare a variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts, as well as four or five volunteers to set up and help serve. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by calling or emailing the Church office.



February 21 – at First Congregational Church – 1860 Union Blvd.
 Preacher: Pastor Wendy C. Modeste of Bay Shore UMC.

February 28 – at United Methodist Church of Bay Shore – 107 East Main St.
 Preacher: Pastor Kris Baudler of St. Luke's Lutheran.

March 7 – at First Baptist Church – 175 Second Ave.
 Preacher: Pastor Brandon Karl Allen of Bethel AME.

March 14 – at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church – 32 Brook St.
 Preacher: Pastor Zuleima Zuleta of First Congregational.

March 21 – at St. Luke's Lutheran Church – 5 Lawrence Lane.
 Preacher: Pastor Daris Dixon-Clark of First Baptist.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE – MARCH 25th, 10:00 am. The children will place the palms on the altar and help distribute them to the congregation at the end of the Service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – MARCH 29th, 7:00 pm. At Islip United Methodist Church, 350 Main Street, Islip NY.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – March 30th, 7:00 pm. As in the past, congregants will be given a symbolic nail upon entering the sanctuary that will be placed in a basket at the foot of the cross at the end of the service.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE – April 1st, 10:00 am. Join us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with special music and communion (as always, open to all) in the pews.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 Ellen Fager, Evan Nock	Jan. 23 David Allen, Alice Cavalla, Michael Falcon
Jan. 3 Rashida Charles	Jan. 24 Adwoa Enin, Michael Renwick, Jr.
Jan. 5 Ally Sullivan	Jan. 25 Heather Molaro
Jan. 4 Shirley Giesler	Jan. 27 Robert Booy II, Steven Hemmerle, Eric Schneider
Jan. 6 Fran Vinas	Jan. 28 Dee Navratil, Lynda Ruter, Ginger Sullivan
Jan. 11 Doreen B. Enin	Jan. 29 Jacob Fahey
Jan. 15 Jacob Sawyer	Jan. 30 Mary Hemmerle
Jan. 18 Regina Schneider	
Jan. 19 Elijah Smith, Anna S. Hoffman	
Jan. 20 Nancy Erale	
Jan. 21 Kwaku G. Owusu	
Feb. 1 Jennette Hemmerle	Feb. 16 Joyce Bennett, Danielle Keskinen
Feb. 2 Christopher Forino, Rocco Gosline	Feb. 20 Charles Finfrock
Feb. 3 Patrick Jones	Feb. 21 Alana Aceveda-Guittard
Feb. 5 Zachry Abrams, Mark DiGiovanna, Charles Kirkup, Stephen Navratil	Feb. 22 Jameela Charles
Feb. 8 Alison Finfrock	Feb. 26 Geri DiGiovanna, Elijah Davis, Bernard Essuman
Feb. 10 Cindy Amos, Christopher Hirsch	Feb. 27 Deborah Biondolillo, Michael Lechner, Joyce Stein, Kelly Anne Williams
Feb. 12 Dylan Schmalfuss	Feb. 28 John Maniscalco, Aaron King Thomas
Feb. 15 John Witherspoon	

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 3 Samuel and Vida Owusu	Feb. 8 William and Susan Yost
Jan. 19 Ebenezer and Doreen Enin	Feb. 14 Winston and Heather Charles
Jan. 21 Norman and Flaye Stahl	

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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Yahoo email group: to receive occasional emailed news and notices about the Church, please send a request to be added to office@bayshoreumc.org.

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Elaine Williams is now at
Bella Mi Salon
135 East Main Street East Islip NY



Bay Shore Day Care and Preschool

A nonsectarian public service ministry
of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

New! "Discovery Playground"
Outdoor Classroom
Fun and learning in the fresh air.

Day Care 3 - 5 years 8am - 6pm M-F
Morning preschool classes for ages 2 to 5
631-647-4326 * bayshoreumc.org/childcare

No better start anywhere!

A black and white illustration of a large, multi-story house with a prominent porch and a gabled roof. The house is surrounded by trees and a fence, suggesting a suburban or rural setting.

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