



# THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

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## A New Season!

After a beautiful but long winter, we welcome the coming of spring. It is a new season, a new chance to see God's hand in the earth and sky.



It is a new season at Bay Shore United Methodist Church—and God's hand is evident here as well. We are undertaking the largest capital campaign in our history to restore our church buildings and parsonage. News of our efforts is spreading throughout the community – and the response has been very strong. The Chamber of Commerce has distributed a call for pledges from the business community, and Msgr. Thomas Coogan at St. Patrick printed an appeal in the parish's weekly bulletin. In February we held a community open house, and about 40 people came to hear about our campaign story and tour the buildings. We are grateful for this outpouring of support and ask that God bless those who have helped.

In Phase 1, we plan to focus on the sanctuary—both inside and out. The roof, flashing and trim will be repaired or replaced, and the bird infestation in the tower will be addressed. Once all of the structural and foundation issues are addressed, we will paint the walls, ceiling and exterior. Close your eyes and imagine a freshly painted ceiling in the sanctuary!

**So far we have raised \$100,991 from the congregation and \$10,946 from the community.** We have a long way to go, but God is with us. We must be responsible stewards of this great place, so prayerfully consider ways you can help. Donations earmarked for the restoration fund will be used solely for the repairs. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors as well. UMCBS plays a huge role in the community, and with everyone chipping in we can preserve our legacy of love.

-Beth DeCarbo for the Board of Trustees

**A WONDERFUL LENTEN EVENING**

The Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper and Service on February 28<sup>th</sup> was a big hit! We had a great turnout, a stirring sermon and beautiful music. The congregation enjoyed it all on a full stomach, thanks to the yummy soups, sandwiches and desserts brought by our church family. A special shout-out to all of those who helped set up, serve and clean up. Thanks to all for making this a wonderful night.



**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE – MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 29<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm. At Islip United Methodist Church, 350 Main Street, Islip NY.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – March 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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.

**WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP**

**Come:** Women of the church -- and friends! -- are invited to join us on the third Saturday of every month at the parsonage, where we'll discuss women in the Bible and how their stories can inform our lives today. The next two gatherings start at 10 a.m. on April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions, see Pastor Wendy or Dale Dowd.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

March 1	Joseph DiGiovanna, Jeanne Wood	March 24	Delia Berka
March 2	Jasmine Jones	March 26	Leslie Owen, Brandon Robinson, Jessica Schmalfluss, Elizabeth Suda
March 3	Nick DeLuca, Larissa DiPietro,	March 27	Nicholas, Janna & Janel DiGenaro, Joseph Schlamowitz
March 8	Garrett DiPietro	March 28	Karen Lozano
March 15	Jennifer Swetland	March 30	Karl Bocchieri, Patti Booy, Paul Burvenich, James Cameron, Kristin Lechner De Vita
March 16	Brian LePrell, Edward Shirley		
March 17	Karen LePrell, Katrina Jones, Edward Stein		
March 19	Dorothy Miller, Lillian Montemagno		
March 20	Mary Wilson		

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

March 8 Gene and Jean Ufer

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 1	Nicolle Costa	April 19	Mathew Allen, Gail Moore
April 2	Dale Dowd, Bud Ruter	April 22	Gina Marie Biondolillo
April 3	Sean Sawyer	April 23	George Mack, Anyel Maritza Pinto
April 4	Randall Kane, Diane Stead	April 24	Juliana Fenton
April 7	Susan Arrigo	April 26	Brian Hoffmann, Stephen Munoz, Marjorie Myers
April 8	Maureen Aromi, Barbara Witherspoon	April 27	Beth DeCarbo, Richard O'Sullivan
April 9	Kevin Sharfenberg	April 28	Peggy Figliuolo, Robert Nickels, Pat Riedel
April 11	Alexandra Mayer	April 29	Robert Warren, Halley Low
April 13	James Markey, Tim Stein	April 30	Jean Finfrock
April 14	Donald Conste		
April 18	Hannah Gonzalez, Gene Ufer		

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

April 4	Joseph & Eileen DiGiovanna	April 26	Charles & Jean Finfrock
April 15	Michael & Susan Arrigo	April 27	Michael & Lilyan Harrington

*Please contact the Church Office to add your birthday or anniversary to our list.*

**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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