



THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

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A CHANGE IN SEASONS BRINGS EXPECTATION

It's almost the end of summer, and I hope that you have taken advantage of the season—nice hot weather, beaches, and family vacations. It's almost time for fall. My favorite time of the year—the gentle breeze, colder weather and I especially like the smell of fallen leaves; it's the season that falls between summer and winter. Also, autumn is a season of expectation for our ministry, to see the first phase of the restoration work come to completion.

Please see the Trustees report in this issue for an update on the restoration project. Thanks to you, our committed members and lovely neighbors in Bay Shore, Brightwaters, and beyond, from December 2017 through May 2018 we raised close to \$200,000 in capital campaign funds to restore the parsonage and church. Although the work has begun, we are still in need of another \$150,000 to reach our goal and complete the task.

We continue to trust in God: our hope, our confidence, our firm assurance, and our help in ages past. The Psalmist said “My soul, wait for thou only upon God; for my expectation is from [God]. (Psalm 62:5)

Please lift up prayers for all the returning college students and those entering college for the first time: Abena Ababio, *John Hopkins University*, Adwoa Enin, *Stony Brook University*, Hannah Gonzales, *Suffolk County Community College*, and Yaa Owusu, *Yale University*. We look forward to the return of all the summer vacationers back to church on Rally Sunday, September 9 at 10 a.m.

Warmly,

Pastor Wendy

RESTORATION UPDATE

The work on the parsonage is nearing the end, and the results so far have been terrific. Damage to the garage has been fully repaired, and the whole house now has a new roof, siding and windows. New outdoor lighting make coming and going easier and safer. Extensive interior repairs were also made to address urgent water and electrical issues. Finally, repairs to front walkway and stoop are in the works.

Work has begun on the church as well. Our contractor, Frank Locascio, and his crews have repaired and replaced crumbling masonry, which will ameliorate a number of water and dampness issues throughout the building. The West entry was also found to have rotting woodwork and was also sinking into the ground. The entryway was completely rebuilt and is both safer and more stable.

The next stage is the exterior painting. The bird infestation has been resolved, and crews are beginning to powerwash the exterior and prep for painting. Most of that work will take place on the weekends but not interfere with worship services.

The restoration project will take time, so we ask for your patience. In the meantime, our fund-raising campaign continues. Based on our estimates, we still need significant funding to complete the interior painting, as well as upgrades to the kitchen and Sunday School building.

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to this cause. As of the end of August, we have raised just over \$198,000. Remember that a local businessman has agreed to match your gifts up to \$25,000. Earmark donations to the church restoration fund, which will be used exclusively for this effort.

Beth DeCarbo for the Trustees



MUSIC AND ART FAIR

Thanks to all the friends and neighbors who stopped by our table at the Bay Shore Arts Fair Sunday June 10th as well as Christine Hoff, Christopher Sawyer, Tom Wilson, and Susan Yost for staffing, setup, and takedown. Special thanks to all those young visitors whose decorated magnetic fish and butterflies enhance refrigerator doors around the community!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On June 24th four young people made their confirmation at our Worship Service. May God continue to bless our confirmands as they walk in the way that leads to life.



Confirmands, parents, sponsors, and Pastor Wendy.

BAY SHORE UMC MEMBER INTERNS AT FACEBOOK

Bay Shore UMC member Kwaku Owusu interned at Facebook this summer and was mentioned by name in an article by Chief Operating Officer and billionaire best-selling author Sheryl Sandberg. The post is shared on our Facebook page. Wow and congratulations Kwaku!

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN...

On Sunday, Aug. 19th, the children of our congregation received a special blessing from Pastor Wendy during the worship service, asking that God will give them a fun and fruitful school year. You can support our school-age kids with words of encouragement and prayers.

... AND YOUTH ON THE MOVE!



On August 19th, four of our recent high-school graduates shared their “God Walk” with those in attendance, capped with special music:

Abena Abbabio will attend John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Adwoa Enin will attend Stony Brook University with a major in Biology.

Hannah Gonzalez will attend Suffolk County Community College with a major in Early Childhood Education.

Yaa Owusu will attend Yale University in New Haven, CT, with a major in cognitive science.

We wish these extraordinary young women all the best as they pursue their respective careers, and know they will make a difference in our world. Good luck and God bless you!

Our “College Connection” project sends care packages of snacks and supplies to all our college students so they can feel our love from afar. Please see Christine Hoff to donate and assist with this ministry.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM COOPER

On Aug. 19th, we celebrated the 97th birthday of longtime member Jim Cooper. He still makes it to Worship most every Sunday and invites you to join him. We are so blessed to have him in our church family!

BAY SHORE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDS “WALL OF HONOR”

The Bay Shore High School Alumni Association is building a “Wall of Honor” to pay tribute to Bay Shore students who served or are serving in the military. The Alumni Association is collecting information about and photos of veterans and active duty service members who graduated from Bay Shore High School. There is no cost to submit any veteran data. To submit information and photos, email Viki Zimolka at vzimolka@bayshoreschools.org.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next Women's Fellowship will be Saturday September 8th at 10am at the Parsonage. We will continue to talk about women in the Bible and how their stories can inform our lives today. Refreshments will be served. Contact Pastor Wendy or Dale Dowd for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY



It is that wonderful time when Sunday school starts. This year will be fun and exciting as we are beginning a new curriculum in our one room school house. We have lots of fun games, activities, and stories to learn and excite you all. Our first day is Rally Sunday September 9th. We will meet in fellowship hall and then go upstairs for some fun.

The first Sunday of the month we will meet downstairs. Those children whose parents choose for them to receive communion will stay downstairs. Those students who parents choose for them not to receive communion will go upstairs to have their children service and story.

The teachers are excited to see you all and welcome you back. See you on September 9th!

POT LUCK PICNIC AND BARBECUE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9th

Our Rally Day Pot Luck Picnic and Barbecue will be held on the Church lawn after Service on Sunday September 9th. 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 6th 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!

A SEPTEMBER CRAFTERNOON



The crafters are back! After a summer hiatus, we will pick up our handiwork for the November Craft Fair. Join us on Saturday, Sept. 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. to help make finger puppets. All of the materials and instruction will be provided to make barnyard buddies and exotic animals. Pack a small pair of scissors if you'd like to help out,

or bring a crafting project to work on independently.

Meanwhile, this is a good time to find sales and good deals to stock the ever-popular raffle baskets. There are a number of themes that could use supplies, such as crafting, baking, children's activities, gardening and spa day. Questions? Ask Donna Lechner, Christine Hoff or Beth DeCarbo.



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop is an important source of economical clothing and household goods for all in our community. We are open Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

Please send in clean, reusable clothing and household items to stock the shelves. We could also use more volunteers, even one shift every month or two helps out. Please see Christine Hoff to make donations or for more information about volunteering. Thank you for your Service!

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 8	Raymond and Dorothy Allen	Sept. 24	Stephen and Jessica Schmalfluss
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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A detailed 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 lawn, with a fence visible in the foreground.

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**“For I know the PLANS
I have for you”
declares the LORD
“plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”**
Jeremiah 29:11