



# THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

March/April 2019

## We Spring into the New Season!

A wonderful time of the year to welcome the new season as we look forward to Phase 2 of the Restoration Project. Board of Trustees President David Timmony and Vice President Greg Goodrich have been a blessing with their knowledge of the building and the work that needs to be done. They have been working to see the restoration of the church and parsonage come to completion.



We met with Joel Snodgrass, the architect who will be working closely with the contractors to restore our sanctuary. Joel is the principal of Steward Preservation Services LLC and he specializes in preservation and restoration of sacred sites such as our 210-year historic building. We want to concentrate on fixing problems to avert making continuous repairs in the future. We are also blessed to be working with the New York Landmarks Conservancy in restoring our beautiful sanctuary. God has shown us favor in sending us help. We can say like the psalmist, "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 124:8)

On March 1, Long Island Head Start moved back into Bay Shore and is leasing the second floor of the Education Building. Preparing for Head Start move-in was not a part of the Capital Campaign funding. The trustees applied for a loan from the New York Annual Conference and were approved. A loan in the amount of \$45,000 was awarded, 10% of which was given as a grant with a repayment amount of \$40,500. Monthly payments of \$450 are being made from the trustees account.

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We are thankful and grateful for all of you; we will see this restoration project through because of your faithfulness to the ministry. We thank you and our wonderful Bay Shore neighbors for their support in helping us raise the funds. We are blessed to be a part of this thriving community of Bay Shore and Brightwaters.

During the Lenten season, we are meeting after Sunday services for a 20-minute Bible study to discuss the sermon. It is a wonderful experience, with our brothers and sisters interacting over the sermon and sharing joys and pains of our faith journeys. Don't miss the opportunity!

Warmly,  
Pastor Wendy

### **Bay Shore Ecumenical Lenten Services**

March 13: Bay Shore UMC

March 20: First Congregational Church, 1860 Union Blvd.

March 27: First Baptist Church, 175 Second Avenue

April 3: Bethel A.M.E.: 32 Brook Street

April 10: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 5 Lawrence Lane



### A Wonderful Lenten Evening

I want to thank everyone who helped in making last evening's Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper (and Service!) so successful. As always, we had enough food to feed about 200 guests. I believe we had roughly 75 in attendance. So, at least no one went hungry. Everything went smoothly, and I hope everyone had a nice evening. Pastor Kris Baudler (from the Lutheran Church) gave a wonderful sermon on the importance of Good Friday, and without it, we would have no reason to celebrate Easter or Christmas. It's all about the Cross. Beautiful music by our Music Director Daniel Cafiero. **-The Worship Committee**



## Holy Week

### PALM SUNDAY SERVICE – APRIL 14, 10 a.m.

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 – APRIL 18, 7 p.m.

Join us on Holy Thursday as we commemorate the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified.

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – APRIL 19, 7 p.m.

At Islip United Methodist Church, 350 Main Street, Islip

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE – APRIL 21, 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

**Calling all our beautiful Sisters!** Join us for a time of sharing, praying, and discussions about the women in the Bible and how their stories can inform our lives. The next three gatherings start at 10 a.m. on April 13, May 18, and June 22. See Pastor Wendy or Dale Dowd if you have questions.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday at about 10:45. Candy donations are appreciated; donation box will be in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks.

### THRIFT SHOP

While the Thrift Shop is closed for restoration, we are still accepting donations. Please arrange to meet me during the week or on Sundays. Thanks! **-- Christine Hoff**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

March 1	Joseph DiGiovanna, Jeanne Wood	March 24	Delia Berka
March 2	Jasmine Jones	March 26	Leslie Owen, Brandon Robinson, Jessica Schmalfuss, Elizabeth Suda
March 3	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
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**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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