



# THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

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## WE ARE BAPTIZED PEOPLE!

“For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” (I Corinthians 12:13)

On Sunday, January 12, we celebrated “The Baptism of our Lord,” and we are reminded that we are baptized people. How amazing to be in a relationship with God and receive God’s grace through God’s beloved Son Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live out our faith in this world as baptized people.



Bay Shore United Methodist Church is standing strong. We have successfully come through 2019 by God’s grace. “Nothing in our hands we bring but simply to your cross we cling.” There’s been some joyful and celebratory days as well as some rough and painful days, but through it all, we’ve learned to trust in Jesus. We are standing as baptized people making a difference in our community.

[As baptized people, we claim the name of Jesus as our Savior and Lord.](#) “So, if anyone is Christ’s, he or she is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

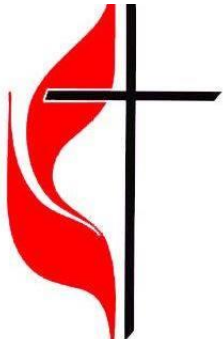
Being baptized is like becoming a new person. It’s a process of transformation that does not happen overnight. For us to embrace the change in our lifestyle, we must be reminded that we are baptized people, a new creation.

[As baptized people, we live in unity, preferring the other.](#) “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly [and sisterly] love, in honor giving preference to one another.” (Romans 12:10) Living together in unity is not always comfortable, but it is good and pleasant and invites God’s blessings. (Psalm 133)

[As baptized people, we are called to make disciples for Jesus Christ,](#) which means we call others to be baptized. We are witnesses in our everyday lifestyle, loving God and loving each other. This New Year 2020 let’s all seek to live as baptized people. Baptized people live “by faith and not by sight.” We trust God’s ways and lean not to our understanding. You are baptized, live like you know who you are. You are God’s special creation, walk and talk with confidence knowing that Christ Jesus has overcome so we can live like overcomers.

Warmly,  
**-Pastor Wendy**

**SOUTH SHORE PARISH CHURCHES  
LEADERSHIP RETREAT**



**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020  
8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**“CULTURAL COMPETENCY”**

For laity and clergy – learn what is  
Cultural Competency and the skills you would need to practice  
Cultural Competency. Rev. Doris Dalton will lead the workshops.  
If you have never heard her, you’re in for a treat.

**REV. DORIS DALTON**

Director of Leadership Development b  
and Intercultural Competency  
New York Annual Conference

**RSVP: United Methodist Church of Bay Shore  
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## Women's Sharing Group



### Women's Prayer Fellowship

#### Part II: "The Leah Syndrome," Genesis 29.

"The only thing worse than loving a man who doesn't love you is loving a man who loves someone else. Perhaps the second thing worse than loving a man who doesn't love you is loving a man who loves your sister. And the only thing worse than all the above is having sex with a man who hates you." *Renita J. Weems*

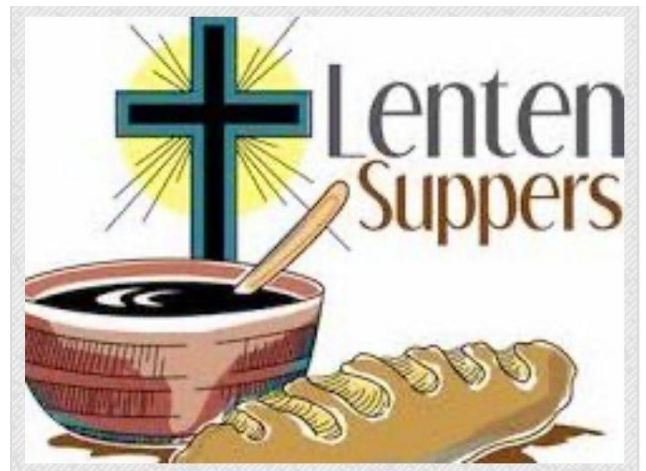
Join us as we discuss the story of Leah and her sister Rachael. **Saturday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Parsonage.** Refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing you there! For further information, please contact Dale Dowd at (631) 745-0334

### Ash Wednesday Service

**Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 26 at 7:00 p.m.**, held at Babylon UMC, 21 James Street. South Shore Parish churches will worship together: Babylon, Bay Shore, Islip and Sayville. The preacher is Pastor Wendy C. Modeste

### Lenten Soup and Sandwich Service

**Wednesday, April 1, Bay Shore UMC** will host our Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper and Service. Supper is served at 7:15 p.m. and Service starts at 8 p.m. Please sign up to volunteer to set-up, clean-up, usher, greet, bring a soup, sandwich, or dessert (or all the above) to share with our neighboring churches. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall or email me. Please drop off your food items between 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If possible, bring your soup in a crock pot so that it can stay warm throughout the supper. This is a great way to meet our neighbors and celebrate our ecumenical spirit as we journey toward the Resurrection together. Daniel Cafiero, Worship Committee Chair



### Bay Shore Ecumenical Lenten Services

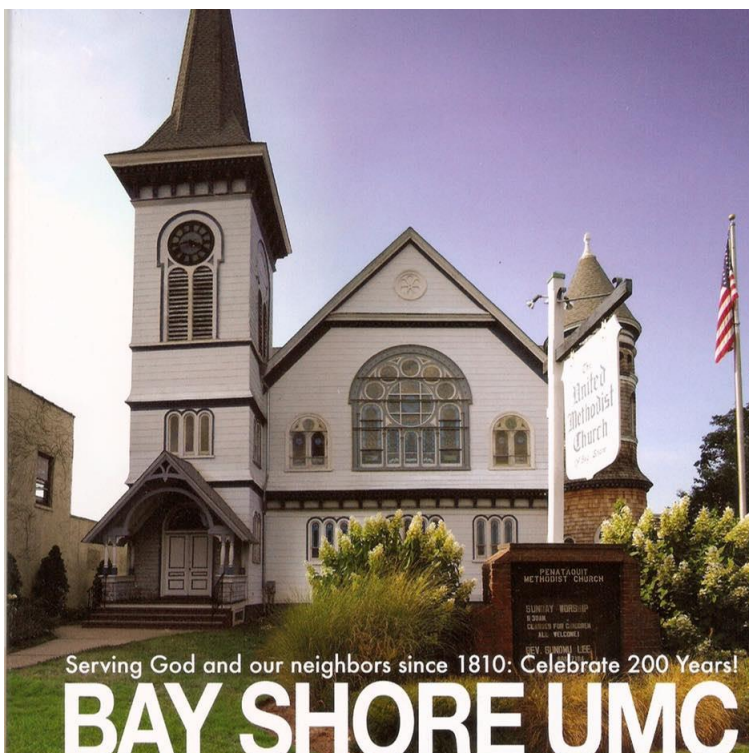
March 4 at 7:15 p.m.	First Baptist Church
March 11 at 7:15 p.m.	Bethel AME
March 18 at 7:15 p.m.	First Congregational Church
March 25 at 7:15 p.m.	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
April 1 at 7:15 p.m.	United Methodist Church

Pastor Anthony Vito Colangelo, *preaching*  
 Pastor Wendy C. Modeste, *preaching*  
 Pastor Daris-Dixon Clark, *preaching*  
 Pastor Brandon Allen, *preaching*  
 Pastor Kris Baudler, *preaching*

### Good Friday Service

**Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.**, held at **Bay Shore UMC**, 107 E Main Street. South Shore Parish churches will worship together: Babylon, Bay Shore, Islip and Sayville. A Tenebrae Service. The preacher is Pastor Richard Allen.

# BE A PART OF OUR FUTURE



Thank you for your continued support of the United Methodist Church of Bay Shore ministry and for being such a valuable member of our church and community.

The Capital Campaign Restoration Project started in December 2017, and since then we have raised over \$517,000. Thank you for your generous contributions. It could not have been done without your prayers and support.

We need to raise an additional \$300,000 to complete the sanctuary's interior, including the restoration of our historic stained-glass windows. We have applied for a grant to cover a portion of the costs, and the grantor has promised to match up to \$100,000. The deadline for the matching grant application is March 13. So, remember, every dollar you give has twice the impact!

With God's help we have already accomplished so much: the painting of the exterior, repairs to the foundation, a new roof on the Education Building, improvements to the kitchen, the Fellowship Hall and the preschool classrooms. We are so blessed to have come this far.

Here is your opportunity to be a part of this important moment in the life of the United Methodist Church of Bay Shore. You may make donations "in memory of," "to the glory of God," or add your name. All names will be engraved on plaques and placed on the walls as you enter the church in the Narthex. Please see the enclosed flier for a breakdown of how to make your donations.

**Please complete the attached Stained-Glass Window donation choice and send by Monday, March 2, 2020.**

Your donation will have a lasting effect on the Bay Shore community for generations to come. You can donate online at, <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/restoration-of-our-stained-glass-windows>, call us at (631) 666-7194, or send a check to United Methodist Church of Bay Shore, 107 E Main Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706, ATTN: Stained-Glass Window.

With warm regards,

**The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste**

**We need your help to continue making a difference in our community.**

# BE A PART OF OUR FUTURE

MAKE A DONATION TO RESTORE OUR STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS



**Bay Shore United Methodist Church  
Stained-Glass Windows & Sanctuary Interior Project**

**Please check the appropriate boxes below:**

**Plaque A**  
\$50 to \$100

**Plaque B**  
\$200 to \$500

**Plaque C**  
\$1,000 to \$5,000

**Plaque D**  
\$10,000 and Above

**In Memory of**

**To the Glory of God**

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print your name as you would like it to appear on the donation plaque:**

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# Bay Shore United Methodist Church

## Serving the community for two centuries

### How the building serves the community:

- Bay Shore Day Care and Preschool.
- Numerous weekly group meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.
- A weekly soup kitchen serves hot meals to the homeless and hungry.
- The community Thrift Shop, open Wednesdays and Saturdays, offers affordable clothing, furnishings and knick knacks.

Located in the heart of Suffolk's South Shore, Bay Shore United Methodist Church plays a vital role in the community, serving a diverse population in working-class neighborhoods.

Founded in 1810, the church has a long history of service:

⇒ In the early

1900s, Vacation Bible School classes were racially integrated long before the Supreme Court mandated desegregation.

⇒ During the Depression, the Milk Committee distributed nourishment to the needy.

⇒ At the height of World War II, the church bell was rung to signal air raid drills.

⇒ Amid the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1960, the sanctuary hosted a prayer vigil.

In 2001, Bay Shore United Methodist Church was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. We're proud of the des-

ignation and honored to continue a legacy service.

Today we are in dire need of exterior and interior restoration. The Great Recession that started in 2008 led to major shortfalls in church giving. Now, years of deferred maintenance must be addressed to save the structure and its priceless stained-glass windows.

Our congregation is a small one, with many members on fixed incomes. Just as we help the community, we turn to the community for help. Can you play a role in preserving this great place?



**“This is a place that fosters spiritual growth and renewal. But members also play a big role in the making Bay Shore better.”**

— **The Rev.**

**Wendy Modeste, pastor of Bay Shore United Methodist Church**



**The Queen Anne façade, built in 1893.**

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## BIRTHDAYS

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Feb. 1 Jennette Hemmerle	Feb. 16 Joyce Bennett, Danielle Keskinen
Feb. 2 Christopher Forino, Rocco Gosline	Feb. 20 Charles Finrock
Feb. 3 Patrick Jones	Feb. 21 Alana Aceveda-Guittard
Feb. 5 Zachry Abrams, Mark DiGiovanna, Charles Kirkup, Stephen Navratil	Feb. 22 Jameela Charles
Feb. 7 Denis Costigan	Feb. 26 Geri DiGiovanna, Elijah Davis, Bernard Essuman
Feb. 8 Alison Finrock	Feb. 27 Deborah Biondolillo, Michael Lechner, Joyce Stein, Kelly Anne Williams
Feb. 10 Cindy Amos, Christopher Hirsch	Feb. 28 John Maniscalco, Aaron King Thomas
Feb. 12 Dylan Schmalfuss	Feb. 29 Elaine Costigan
Feb. 15 John Witherspoon	
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	

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## ANNIVERSARIES

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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	
March 10 Gene and Jean Ufer	

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## OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

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Soup Kitchen Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.	Thrift Shop	Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Close for construction)
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## CONNECT WITH BAY SHORE UMC

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## Bay Shore Day Care and Preschool

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

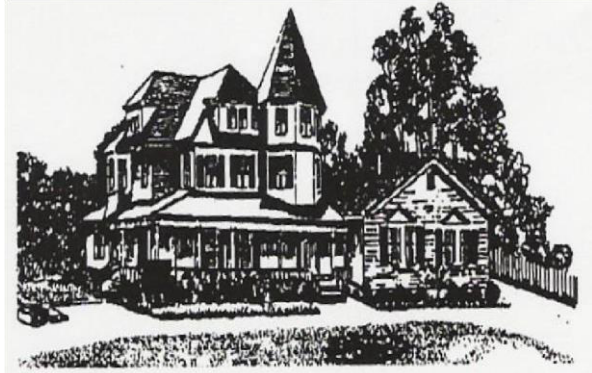
**Now enrolling for Summer and Fall**  
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Fun and learning in the fresh air.

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Preschool ages 3 to 5

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631-647-4326 \* [bayshoreumc.org/childcare](http://bayshoreumc.org/childcare)

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**1 Peter 5:6 "Humble yourselves,  
therefore, under God's mighty hand,  
that he may lift you up in due time."**