



**Bay Shore United Methodist Church**

# THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

April 2010

## ***From the Pastor***

After the Sunday service on March 7th, we had a farewell party for Caren DeRonde who is relocating to South Carolina after Easter. She has dedicated herself to our church faithfully serving in the capacity of Finance Committee Chair, Chair of Stewardship, an Offering Steward, Spire editor, Trustee, member of the flower committee, serving in the Soup Kitchen, working on getting grants for our church as well as being instrumental in setting up and running the Thrift Shop, and organizing Vendor Fairs. I may have missed something else that Caren has served for, but I know she will forgive me.

I have been impressed by Caren not because of the many services she has performed but also because of her attitude in serving. She always smiled, was humble and did not expect anything in return. I have met some Christians who said, "I have served my church, but I have not received much from the church. I am so disappointed and I am not going to work for my church anymore." If you encounter one of those people, please tell him/her to learn from Caren DeRonde, who has served God's church, not because she expects something in return, but because she has already received precious gifts from God, such as love, joy, and hope.

Caren reminds me of the woman, named Mary, who spread a bottle of costly perfume on Jesus' feet and washed his feet with her hair. This bible story has been used by preachers who emphasize the generous offering. When we say "offering," we usually think of financial offering, but our offering to God should be more than that. As Mary did, it is to give not only financial resources but also ourselves to the Lord.

Caren is leaving us after Easter, but her spirit will remain at our church as a good example of faithful dedication. Caren ...we will miss you! Although we are separated, we will communicate with each other through prayers and the Holy Spirit (and by email and phone). We will inherit your wisdom and sound Christian faith and do our best with joy to make our church better in God's sight. God bless you, Louis, and your family.

Sungmu Lee

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**EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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Maundy Thursday Service, April 1st at 8 p.m. at the Islip Methodist Church  
Good Friday Service, April 2nd at 8 p.m. at the Islip Presbyterian Church  
Easter Service, April 4th at 10 a.m. in our sanctuary

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**MISSIONS NEWS**

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Thank you all for attending the Pancake Breakfast. Many thanks to those who helped and donated food. Proceeds will go to help offset our share of apportionment.

Also, thank you if you participated in the food drive for the Bayshore Food Pantry. If you could not donate at this time, please don't forget there is a box in the Sanctuary for contributions.

The next planned activity will be health bags for UMCOR to be used in time of disaster.

*Marie Green, Missions Co-chairperson*

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**DORCAS CIRCLE**

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The April meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6th at 10am. Hostesses will be Eleanor Bisso and Clara Trotta. We will be working on service projects for the church. Also on the agenda are plans for the June Luncheon and officers for next year. There is no meeting scheduled for May. All women are invited to attend.

*Christine Hoff*

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**THRIFT SHOP**

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Thrift Shop needs donations of spring and summer clothing, and all bric-a-brac items

*Christine Hoff*

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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We are looking for volunteers for the Soup Kitchen and Thrift Shop. Some people have been carrying these responsibilities for a long time without a lot of help. My e-mail address is [edigiovanna@aol.com](mailto:edigiovanna@aol.com). Please let me know if you can volunteer for one or both of these, and which day you can work in the Thrift Shop. Thanks to all who support our mission.

*Eileen DiGiovanna*

**MYF**

We have the dates for the MYF District Youth Retreat. It will be held at Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island from April 16 – 18. Interested youth, 6th grade and up, should see Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Elaine Williams or Mrs. Van Nostrand for more information.

Sunday School and MYF will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday after church. We need plastic eggs and candy if anyone can help. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall for donations.

*S Yost/E Williams MYF Coordinators*

**FLOWERS ARE NEEDED**

We need flower donations for the altar. Do you have an anniversary, birthday, memory of a loved one that you would like to share with your Church? Just contact Flaye Stahl 665-2575 to request that flowers be put on the altar on a specific Sunday. In the bulletin your name will be shown as the donor and what occasion you are commemorating. After the service take the flowers with you. Mr. Highland who provides the flowers will bill you \$30.00 and pay him directly.

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD! Notes from the Music Director**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today! Alleluia!*

*Happy Easter to you ALL!*

I hope you all join us for our Easter Sunday Family Service at 10:00 a.m. on April 4th. Even if you have been away from church for a while, or are looking for an excuse to return, please come and join us for Easter. We will have a glorious service with music from our Senior Choir, Youth Choir, and Handbell Choir. There will be instrumentalists, and soloists, and I can guarantee you'll be glad you joined us. Hope to see you all there. Happy Easter Blessings to you all!

Senior Choir

This is just a rehearsal reminder for those who participate in the Senior Choir. Be sure to mark your calendars with the following rehearsals. The full rehearsal schedule is also posted on the music bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

Rehearsals

Thursday April 1st	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	in the Sunday School Room
Thursday April 8th	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	in the Sunday School Room
Thursday April 15th	No Rehearsal!	
Thursday April 22nd	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	in the Sunday School Room
Thursday April 29th	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	in the Sunday School Room

\*Also, just a reminder – there will be no choir participation for the Maundy Thursday Service on April 1st, being held at Islip Methodist Church. BUT we will be singing for the Good Friday Service on April 2nd, at Islip Presbyterian Church. Those who wish to participate, please see Danny for details.

Penataquit Handbell Choir

This is just a rehearsal reminder for those who participate in the Handbell Choir. Be sure to mark your calendars with the following rehearsals. The full rehearsal schedule is also posted on the music bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

Rehearsals

Sunday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 a.m.	in the Sanctuary
Sunday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.	in the West Room

Youth Choir

This is just a rehearsal reminder for the children and parents who participate in the Youth Choir. Be sure to mark your calendars with the following rehearsals. The full rehearsal schedule is also posted on the music bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

Rehearsals

Sunday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	in the Sanctuary
Sunday April 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	in the Sanctuary

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**IN APPRECIATION**

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I want to thank everyone for your warm sentiments at Church on March 7th. In case you couldn't tell I was very touched and am so honored to know that at future baptisms you will be using a vessel that was donated in my honor. I accept the honor you bestowed on me but feel there are many more members of our church that have dedicated their time and energy as much as I have and will continue to carry on the good work of our church. I will be taking many lovely memories with me to South Carolina and although I will be finding a Church there it will never be the same experience I have had here. You have been a wonderful Church family to me and I plan to visit whenever I am back in New York. God bless all of you.

*Caren DeRonde*

**BIRTHDAYS**

April 1 Nicolle Costa  
 April 2 Dale Dowd, Bud Ruter  
 April 3 Sean Sawyer  
 April 4 Randall Kane, Diane Stead  
 April 7 Susan Arrigo  
 April 8 Maureen Aromi, Barbara Witherspoon  
 April 9 Kevin Sharfenberg  
 April 11 Alexandra Mayer, Kay McCown  
 April 12 Peter Hoffman  
 April 13 James Markey, Tim Stein  
 April 14 Donald Conste  
 April 15 Nancy Stopenhagen  
 April 18 Hannah Gonzalez, Gene Ufer  
 April 19 Mathew Allen, Gail Moore  
 April 22 Gina Marie Biondolillo  
 April 23 George Mack, Anyel Maritza Pinto

April 24 Juliana Fenton  
 April 26 Brian Hoffmann, Stephen Munoz, Marjorie Myers  
 April 27 Beth DeCarbo, Arnold Muzzy, Richard O'Sullivan, Jim White  
 April 28 Peggy Figliuolo, Robert Nickels, Jupiter Perez, Pat Riedel  
 April 29 Robert Warren, Halley Low  
 April 30 Jean Finfrock

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**OTHER DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER**

**Soup Kitchen**

Thursday - 4:30 p.m.

**Thrift Shop**

Wednesday 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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TEAR OFF AND RETURN

**UPDATING INFORMATION**

We are updating the birthday and anniversary information in the church office. Please list the correct birthdays for your family and also your anniversary. Return this form on Sunday to an usher, Lois Fallon, Donna Lechner or mail it back to the church office. UMC Bay Shore, 107 East Main Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706

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Birthday (month & day)

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