



**Bay Shore United Methodist Church**

# THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

September 2010

## ***From the Pastor***

Welcome to the month of September! What a hot summer we had!! Some days were too hot to do anything, even hard to breathe. Now, we can feel the cool air in the morning and evening. The summer is going, and the autumn is coming. We thank God for this wonderful gift of the changing seasons.

Although we are getting closer to the fall, some days can still be very hot, but not hot enough to turn on the air conditioner. Then, what do we do? Yes! Open the window so that we can feel the cool air. What else can you open in September? "Open hearts, open minds, open doors!" This is the catchphrase of the United Methodist Church.

Many of us want to make our church more active and better in the sight of God. Many of us know that we need newcomers at Sunday worship in order to have more volunteers for church activities. However, not many of us practice what we know. Christian faith is not the matter of what we know, but the matter of what we practice in Christian life.

We need to do more than just coming to church on Sunday. I would like you and me to act on what we understand of the call to follow Jesus. Let us begin with a simple thing: inviting someone we know into the church. Do you think that you have no one to invite? Open your eyes. You will see someone you can invite. Open your ears. You will hear someone you can invite. Open your hearts and minds. You will feel someone you can invite.

That could be a friend. That could be a family member. That could be your neighbor who lives next door. While inviting our friends and neighbors, we need to prepare ourselves with prayers. Even though we make a plan, it is God who makes it completed. It is we who spread the seed, and it is God who makes it grow.

We are planning a special Sunday service on October 24 to celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and our Lay Leader and I would like to designate it Bay Shore United Methodist Open House Day. Please invite everyone you know to the worship service. Let us give sincere thanks together to God who has guided our church for 200 years. Let us praise God with our families, friends, and neighbors through the special occasion. The service begins at 10 am, and the potluck lunch is following at the fellowship hall. Open hearts! You will find God who works with you. Open minds! You will realize what God yearns from you. Open doors! Your church will be more active and much better in the sight of God. Amen.

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## MISSIONS NEWS

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Thanks to all who donated to UMCOR and Helping Hands. The kits and bags will be made-up and distributed.

The Bay Shore Food Pantry again expresses their appreciation. And, thank-you to all who help each Sunday by bringing food goods to Sunday Service. The food is delivered to them weekly. Items especially needed are: canned fruit, spaghetti sauce and pasta, Pop Tarts, cereal, Franco-American canned products like spaghetti.

Prayers to those who had their homes destroyed by flood waters this past month.

Marie Green, Missions Co-Chairperson

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## DORCAS CIRCLE

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Dorcas Circle will be having the first of the monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 14 at 10am. Hostesses will be Alice Cavalla and Delores Bess.

We will be working coffee cans for the Holiday Fair and the book sale tables. All ladies are welcome to attend. We also will be collecting costume jewelry for the October Fair.

Christine Hoff 665-7237

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## PENNIES FOR PRESERVATION

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The total contributions for June and July are \$63.00.

Many thanks to all of you who are still supporting our efforts to preserve our church. Have you been picking up pennies lately and bringing them to church? Or maybe you have too much loose change weighing you down? Drop it in the container in the sanctuary on Sunday morning. We have a **responsible** volunteer who collects it each week.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME

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WORSHIP SERVICE WILL CHANGE TO 10 AM STARTING SEPTEMBER 12th.

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## THRIFT SHOP UPDATE

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Donations of fall and winter clothing can be brought in on Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday. Please donate only clean, usable items.

We need volunteers for both days and brown grocery bags for the bag sales in September and October. Any items left in the kitchen for over a month will also be taken for the thrift shop.

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**RADA KNIVES**

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Rada knives can be ordered from Donna Lechner 666 7194. Catalogs are available at the church. These make great gifts for all occasions. Profits are turned over to the church.

*Donna Lechner*

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**FLOWERS ARE NEEDED**

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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

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**SURVEY FOR EMAILING SPIRE**

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It has been suggested that the church begin sending the Spire electronically to those who have computers as this should save us some much-needed money. For those who do not have computers the Spire would be available in its usual format to be picked up at the church. For those unable to attend church it would be taken to their homes by the pastor or visitors. The Administrative Counsel would like to know people's opinions on this idea. Please fill out the attached:

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I would be willing to receive my Spire by e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to pick up my Spire at Church \_\_\_\_\_

I think we should continue mailing the Spire \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

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**CLEAN UP DAY - SEPTEMBER 18TH**

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We've scheduled Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> as our fall clean up day. We'll start at 10am but come when you can. Bring rakes, etc for outside, and dusting items for inside.

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

I hope everyone enjoyed this very warm, and beautiful summer. Sadly, it leaves us all too quickly. I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who served our church with music this summer. All your wonderful voices and talents were very much appreciated!

Dorothy Allen, Manuel Costales, Eileen DiGiovanna, Joseph DiGiovanna, Kailey Dowd, Marilyn Goodrich, Dolores Hoffmann, Donald Hoffmann, Hyeonjin Kim, Louana Martin, Tom Scherer, Regina Schneider, Ed Shirley, Diane Timmoney, and Palmer Tucciarone.

As we begin our new church calendar year, I am already busy preparing for the special events ahead. We will celebrate our church's **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>, in which our Senior Choir, Youth Choir, and Handbell Choir will perform and celebrate our wonderful church family. Please be sure to join us for this very special event!

As many of you know, for the past 2 years our music program here at UMCBS performed a Cabaret Concert in the fall as a fundraiser. This year, I am changing things up a bit, as we need that time to prepare for our special Anniversary service. So, instead I will be performing a recital. Please join me on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00 pm. in the Sanctuary for an afternoon of beautiful music. I have enlisted the help of two very good friends, Jamet Pittman, an amazing soprano, and Kathy Olsen, an incredibly talented pianist. We will perform a concert of opera arias, duets, musical theater, popular standards, Italian songs, and spirituals. We have chosen a wonderfully diverse program, ( I PROMISE it won't be boring! ) and I hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon, and help us raise money for our music program. Oh yeah....and there will be food.



Jamet Pittman

Katharine Olsen

Daniel Cafiero

**Jamet Pittman** is a native of Washington, DC. She majored in Piano Performance at Oberlin Conservatory, but changed majors after she saw her first opera there. She later received a Master of Music degree (Vocal Performance, Opera Concentration) from the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music at the Catholic University of America. At the tender age of 23, she won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions for the Washington area (Northeast Region). One of the judges took notice and invited her to study at the Manhattan School of Music.

She performed in the American premiere of the Czech opera *The Two Widows*. In 1998, Jamet made her Carnegie Hall debut with a performance of Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* under the direction of Sir Neville Marriner. Most recently, Ms. Pittman performed at Carnegie Hall in Bach's *B-Minor Mass* and Handel's *Messiah*

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with Musica Sacra. She has sung with the NY Choral Artists at Avery Fisher Hall with the NY Philharmonic under the baton of such Maestri as Loren Maazel, Zubin Mehta, and Riccardo Muti.

Jamet was asked to sing the role of Bess in the *Porgy and Bess Suite* with the Washington Army Band and Chorus at the Gershwin Centennial Birthday Celebration with the world's leading Porgy, Alvy Powell. Later, she would be part of the first American broadcast of *Porgy and Bess* in a "Live from Lincoln Center" telecast with New York City Opera. Additionally, Jamet performed in Baz Luhrmann's production of *La Boheme* on Broadway.

Jamet has performed in several musical theater productions, including *Carousel* and *Master Class*. Jamet has sung and recorded with several professional ensembles, including the Baltimore/Washington Repertory Opera, the Opera Company of Brooklyn, New York Choral Artists, Clarion Music Society, and St. Ignatius Loyola Choir.

Ms. Pittman is an original cast member of 3 Mo' Divas.

**Katherine Olsen** is one of the most famous and sought-after opera coach/accompanists in the world today. Throughout her professional career she has been involved with every aspect of singer development and career counseling. With the creation of Encompass Arts, Ms. Olsen embarks upon the logical next step in her career path.

Her opera credits include positions at many companies in both the United States and Europe including, but are not limited to: Knoxville Opera, Orlando Opera, Tulsa Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago and the *Opern Air* Festival in Gars, Austria. She is currently on the board of the Singer's Development Foundation as well as the Marcello Giordani Foundation

In 1998 she accepted the position of Artistic Administrator for Orlando Opera. In 2001 she was offered the position of Principle Coach and Artistic Administrator for Baz Luhrmann's Tony Award-winning production of Puccini's *La Boheme*. She worked closely with the company in both the pre-production phase and during the performance runs in San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles. Ms. Olsen was part of the casting team responsible for hiring both principle artists and chorus. Several of the young artists she selected for *La Boheme* have gone on to further operatic achievements including: Operalia-winner Joe Kaiser, who portrays Tamino in Kenneth Branagh's upcoming film *The Magic Flute*, conducted by James Conlon; Ben Davis who portrays Papageno in the same film; Alfred Boe *Alfie Boe* crossover recording artist; and David Miller, now a recording artist with the group *Il Divo*.

Ms. Olsen has played for and adjudicated many prestigious vocal competitions including: The MacAllister Awards, The Puccini Competition, The George London Awards, The Richard Tucker Foundation, The Reyfuss Competition, The United Negro Spiritual Foundation, and *Voci Verdiane*-Busetto, Italy. As a pianist she has collaborated with such artists as: Ben Heppner, Leona Mitchell, Sherrill Milnes, Cheryl Studer, Gary Lakes, Barbara Daniels, Harolyn Blackwell, Renata Scotto, Marcello Giordani and Riccardo Caruso (great-grandson of Enrico Caruso).

Over the course of her career, she has been involved with many teaching programs and masterclasses with: Renata Scotto, Sherrill Milnes, Martina Arroyo and Regina Resnik, to name a few. She has been on the staff of numerous summer programs including: *Opern Air Gars*, Voice Experience, Berkshire Opera Young Artists Program, Mary Hardin-Baylor, and University of Tennessee.

Ms. Olsen has written articles and been interviewed numerous times on the subject of accompanying by: *Keyboard Magazine*, *Classical Singer Magazine* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. She holds both a Bachelor of Music (1973-77) and a Masters Degree (1977-79) in Piano Performance and received a staff position at the University of Tennessee as an accompanist. In 1982 she was hired by the Juilliard School's prestigious American Opera Center. An appointment to the music staff of the Lyric Opera of Chicago followed in 1989. Ms. Olsen re

## Notes from the Music Director (continued)

turned to New York for the birth of her daughter and has maintained a successful vocal studio there for the past 25 years.

**Daniel Cafiero**, tenor, is a native of Long Island, New York. He received his performance training and bachelor's degree in music education at the Hartt School of Music, in Hartford Connecticut. Besides being a talented vocalist, Daniel is an accomplished pianist, organist, and clarinetist. He currently serves as organist and music director for the Bay Shore United Methodist Church in Bay Shore, New York.

Daniel has sung with many of the leading opera houses and music festivals throughout the United States. Those companies include Los Angeles Opera, Washington Opera, (both under the direction of Maestro Placido Domingo) Santa Fe Opera, Long Beach Opera, Hawaii Opera, Opera Carolina, Connecticut Opera, Lake George Opera, Chautauqua Opera, Sarasota Opera, Toledo Opera, Shreveport Opera, Eugene Opera, and Ash-Lawn Highland Opera.

Daniel has sung lyric tenor roles, and his repertoire encompasses; Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly*, Don Jose in *Carmen*, Calaf in *Turandot*, Rodolfo in *La Boheme*, Hoffmann in *Les Contes de Hoffmann*, Zamoro in Verdi's *Alzira*, Alfredo Germont in *La Traviata*, Tamino in *Die Zauberflote*, Erik in *Der Fliegende Hollander*, Camille de Rossillon in *Die Lustige Witwe*, Avito in Montemezzis' *L'Amore Dei Tre Re*, The Tenor/Bacchus in *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Steva Buryja in *Jenufa*, Loge in Wagner's *Das Rheingold* and Narraboth in *Salome*.

Daniel has also performed Kurt Weill's *The Eternal Road* with the Seattle Symphony under the direction of Gerard Schwarz, and Mendelssohn's *Lobegesang* with the Santa Fe Symphony. Mr. Cafiero is a Connecticut Opera Competition winner, a Sergio Franchi Award winner, and a MET Regional Finalist.

Equally at home in musical theater, Daniel has performed the roles of Sid Sorokin in *The Pajama Game*, Tony in *West Side Story*, Curly in *Oklahoma*, Ravenal in *ShowBoat*, George in *She Loves Me*, and the title roles in *L'il Abner* and *Candide*.



### The Senior Choir

Our Senior Choir will resume singing at Sunday Services on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining the choir must attend rehearsal on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Sunday School Room. You do NOT have to read music to join.....you just have to love to sing, and be able to put up with me. If you have any questions, please contact Danny at church or via e-mail. [DCAF31@aol.com](mailto:DCAF31@aol.com). An added bonus for joining.....you get your very own burgundy polyester robe! You can't beat that people.

Here is our rehearsal schedule for the month of September. I hope you'll join us! I have a special need for alto and tenor voices! So come on out.

#### Rehearsals:

Thursday September 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday September 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday September 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm-8:00 pm

## The Penataquit Handbell Choir



Our Handbell Choir will resume their rehearsals in September to prepare for our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, Thanksgiving Service, and Christmas Eve “Lessons and Carols” Service. Anyone interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact Danny at church, or via e-mail [DCAF31@aol.com](mailto:DCAF31@aol.com). You do NOT have to read music to join us, you just have to know your right hand from your left hand, and how to count to 4. I am serious...it’s harder than it seems! We are always looking for new faces, so please come out and give it a try. You KNOW you want to.

### Rehearsal:

Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the West Room

## The Youth Choir



Our Youth Choir will resume rehearsals starting in September to prepare for our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, Thanksgiving Service, and Christmas Eve “Lessons and Carols” Service. Any child interested in joining the choir, please contact Danny at church, or via e-mail [DCAF31@aol.com](mailto:DCAF31@aol.com). Any child over the age of 8 is encouraged to join and sing with us. You do not have to read music, but rehearsal and hard work is expected of you. The Youth Choir will also be playing handbells at our services this year. Here is the rehearsal schedule for September 2010.

### Rehearsal:

Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> 11:15 am-12:15pm in the Sanctuary

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## **RALLY DAY PICNIC**

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Our Rally Day Pot Luck Picnic and Barbeque will be held on the Church lawn after Service on September 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 \$5.00 per family. You can pay in advance or at the door. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office at 666-7194 by Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> so we know how many people to buy for.

Come and enjoy the summer weather, our beautiful front lawn, and your Church Family. Hope to see you there!

Sponsored by the Men’s Club.

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**NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 2010**

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Millie Kresse and I attended the Conference for 4 days in June. This was my 10<sup>th</sup> year and Millie's first. We both came away with a new regard for the Conference leadership. We had three excellent speakers, Bishop James Swanson, Rev. Vance Ross and Bishop Jeremiah Parker. There was discussion on the problem that many churches have with the apportionment payments. CF&A (Council on Finance and Administration) made a motion that the Bishop form a group that would look into and make recommendations to determine the future direction, health, and vitality of the NYAC.

As the Lay Leader, I would like to recommend that all committees meet and bring updates to the next Ad Council meeting on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

We attended Halley Low's commissioning service. It hits home when someone that you know is on the stage. What a great feeling! Christine Hoff, Lay Delegate

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**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

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Sept. 1 Erik Udvardia  
Sept. 5 Heidi Fahey, Thomas Madeska  
Sept. 6 Irene O'Sullivan, Alice Swetland  
Sept. 7 Ruth Cavanagh, Gregory Sassone  
Sept. 9 McKenzie Dowd  
Sept. 10 Kevin LePrell  
Sept. 11 Lecretia Charles, Melissa Yost  
Sept. 12 George Mack, Jr.  
Sept. 13 Thomas Wilson, Jr.  
Sept. 15 Raymond M. Allen, Jr., Cynthia  
Finrock, Rachel Wood  
Sept. 16 Ed Stein  
Sept. 17 Maureen Guadalupe, Diane Lewis,  
Justin Wells

Sept. 20 Kaitlin Kresse, Edward Meehan  
Sept. 21 Emanuel Jones  
Sept. 22 Edward Owen, Ann Scharfenberg  
Sept. 24 Joel DiGenaro, Lucy McCarthy  
Sept. 25 Dorothy Powell  
Sept. 26 John Ferraro, Jr.  
Sept. 27 Jonathan Bloom, Daniel Antonik  
Sept. 28 Jonathan Hoff, Joseph Calvacca  
Sept. 29 Lenora Daniel, Jacqueline Suda  
Sept. 30 Emmanuel Jones

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

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Sept. 8 Raymond and Dorothy Allen  
Sept. 10 John and Barbara Witherspoon  
Sept. 24 Stephen and Jessica Schmalfluss

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**OTHER DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER**

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Healing Service  
September 19 @4:00 p.m.  
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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