

Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

November 2010

From the Pastor

Time goes fast. We are in the month of Thanksgiving! As we approach Thanksgiving Day, we remind ourselves of how many reasons we have to be thankful to God. However, many of us soon forget and complain about everything. We worry about everything rather than give thanks to God. Now I would like you and me to have wisdom and faith, so that we may be the people who are able to give thanks to God all the time.

Let us listen to Jesus saying, "Do not worry about what you will eat. Look at the birds of the air; they do not gather into barns, and yet God feeds them. Do not worry about what you will wear. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

The life of Jesus was similar to that of the birds and the flowers. Jesus did not have his own place in which to store food for the next day. He did not accumulate any property to secure his future. He lived one day at a time. He lived the day as it came without worrying about tomorrow. He lived like the birds and the flowers because he was completely depending on God.

Our trust in God makes us content with the present situation. The life of today is sufficient. Our life should be an expression of gratitude for what we have been, rather than the selfish expectation of what we want to have. It is our anticipation and selfish desire that make us anxious about tomorrow. If we do not have any anticipation of outcomes, we do not have to worry about tomorrow.

I am not saying that I am good at this. Like most of you, I sometimes worry about tomorrow. So, I would like you and me to listen to Jesus' voice again and try to live like the birds and the flowers trusting in God day by day. This does not mean that we do not need to plan for the future. We set the plan and do our best to achieve it, but we do not worry about the result. There are some things we can control and other things we cannot. Therefore, it is wise not to worry about things we cannot control but to trust in God who has control over everything.

Let us plan for the future. Let us do our best. Let us not worry about the result but trust in God. When we practice this faith, we will become the people of thanksgiving. We should take the day or the moment as it comes. Then, we can be content with what we are. We shall live this moment as fully as we can without regrets. If tomorrow comes, we will take it as God's gift and rejoice in it.

Do not worry about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Living this day without being anxious about tomorrow is the secret of a happy life. Let us live now fully and trust in God who gives us each morning the grace to live another day. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sungmu Lee

MISSIONS NEWS

Thank you to all who donated to World Communion Sunday, October 3rd. Also, thank you to those who donated, or plan to donate, to the Fall Food Drive for the Bay Shore Emergency Food Pantry. Donation bags are due back on November 14th. A list of suggested food items can be found on the Missions Bulletin Board. As I have mentioned before, they greatly appreciate the efforts our Church makes.

Sunday, November 28th is United Methodist Students Day, one of six Special Sundays. Donations are applied towards scholarships and loans to students attending United Methodist and other accredited colleges and universities.

Deuteronomy 15: 7 – 8: “If there is among you a poor man, one of your kinsmen in any of the towns of your land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden your minds and hearts or close your hands to your poor brother; but you shall open your hands wide to him and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks.”

Have a blessed Thanksgiving & month. Marie Green, Co-chairperson, Missions Committee.

DORCAS CIRCLE

The next meeting for the Dorcas Ladies is Tuesday, November 2 at 10 a.m. Hostesses will be Ellen Fager & Otila Perez. We will be working on the Holiday Fair displays. All ladies are welcome to attend.

We want to extend our gratitude to Danny Cafiero for the concert in October. Only through his generosity, of his talent and time, would we have such a wonderful afternoon of marvelous music. We are benefiting, and we say *thanks and thanks again*.

Christine Hoff 665-7237

MANY THANKS

It is impossible to express my gratitude for the help and support I received on September 18 and September 25.

The sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen and grounds are clean and ready for the winter season.

The supermarket bingo brought in \$905.00 - all due to the donations and hard work of our congregation.

Special thanks to Joe DiGiovanna for his bingo game, without which we could not have played bingo.

How proud we are to have our church family continue the legacy of 200 years of love and fellowship.

In appreciation, I remain your sister in Christ. Diane Timmone

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR/BAKE SALE

Our 16th Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, November 12th from 5 - 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 13 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. On Friday night Boy Scout Troop 153 will host a Spaghetti Dinner in conjunction with our Craft Fair.

We need donations of cookies (small enough to fit into a coffee can), homemade foods (jams, soup mixes, etc.) and crafts. If you can donate any of these please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

BAKERS WANTED - If you love to bake and can bake cookies for our Holiday Craft Fair, November 12th and 13th, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Our homemade cookies are a big seller at the fair so we need a lot! Bring the cookies to Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 12 between 9 and 11 AM. Thank you!

We will also need volunteers to help set up for the Craft Fair the week of November 8 and to work at the fair on both Friday night and Saturday during the day. If you can volunteer to give any time, please contact Christine Hoff or call the church office at 666-7194 or send an email to UMCBS@aol.com.

Please be sure to come and support this fund raising effort and bring your friends and family. Hope to see you there!
The Craft Fair Committee

RADA KNIVES

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

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

THANK YOU!

I just wanted to thank everyone who purchased tickets, and help support my concert “**An Afternoon of Arias and Songs.**” Because of your generous ticket donations, we were able to raise just over \$2,000.00 for the music program here at UMCBS. That money will be used for purchasing music; instrumentalists for the holidays; handbell repairs; and other such things. I greatly appreciate your generosity and thank you from the bottom of my heart. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Donna Lechner, for all her support and help “behind the scenes.” A note of thanks goes to Alice Cavalla, Beth DeCarbo, Kristin DeVita, Christine Hoff, and all who baked and brought in food items for intermission. The cookies I got to sample were amazing. Thank you all. It’s great to see that fellowship is alive and well here at UMCBS!

The Senior Choir



Here is our rehearsal schedule for the month of November. All are welcome to join us! I have a special need for alto and tenor voices! So come on out and join our Senior Choir.

Rehearsals:

- Thursday November 4th 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
- Thursday November 11th 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
- Thursday November 18th 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
- Tuesday November 23rd 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

The Penataquit Handbell Choir

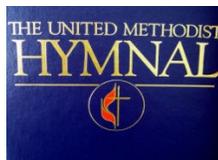


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Rehearsal:

- Sunday November 14th 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the West Room
- Sunday November 28th 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the West Room

The Youth Choir



Here is our rehearsal schedule for the month of November. Please mark these rehearsals down on your calendar. We are short on rehearsal time, so it is imperative that you attend all the rehearsals. Any problems or questions, please see Danny. Thank you.

Rehearsal:

- Sunday November 7th 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the Sanctuary
- Sunday November 21st 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the Sanctuary

PENNIES FOR PRESERVATION

I'm sorry that I didn't get any information to you in the last Spire, but the amount that you contributed to our Preservation Fund for August and September of this year is \$70.25. Remember, every little bit helps.

Ruth Cavanagh passed into eternal rest on September 18, 2010.



ADVENT Begins Sunday November 28th

Sunday, November 28th is the first Sunday of Advent. The Estevez Family will light the first candle of Advent at our morning worship service. Let us begin the season of Advent by worshipping together at 10 AM .

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Friday, December 3rd is the date to "Green the Sanctuary" at 6 PM. If you helped last year you know what wonderful fellowship we celebrate at this event with everyone helping. Please join us again this year as you now know what to do and can help others. If you have never participated PLEASE join us as we decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, everyone is welcome. We are especially in need of ladder climbers, so if you enjoy height and climbing a ladder please speak to Lois Fallon. Our usual ladder climbing youth are now away at college so we are seeking others who enjoy the thrill of height!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 3 Stan Orme
Nov. 4 Allison Becker, Sean Joseph, Alyssa Hourican
Nov. 5 Jonathan Wood
Nov. 6 Douglas Herd
Nov. 7 Cameron Allen, Christopher Witherspoon, Manuel Costales
Nov. 8 Payton Feil
Nov. 9 Robert McCleery
Nov. 10 Eric Fager
Nov. 11 Kara Seyda
Nov. 14 Barbara Zelenka
Nov. 15 Edward Goldman
Nov. 16 Yaa Antiwiiwaa Owusu
Nov. 17 Ava Lynn Statam, Caren DeRonde
Nov. 19 Pat Abrams, Ann Marie Falcon, John Murray
Nov. 21 Devin Keskinen, Rob McCleery
Nov. 22 Jennifer Allen
Nov. 25 Max Lyman
Nov. 26 Christopher Rivera
Nov. 27 Adwoa Ababio
Nov. 27 Marguerite Meehan
Nov. 30 Mildred VanSicklen

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 20 Jim and Katherine Cooper
Nov. 25 Eric and Regina Schneider
Nov. 29 Jeffrey and Dawn Lawther
Nov. 30 Bill and Ann Scharfenberg

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.

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 following form.

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 _____ Email Address _____ (if applicable)

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Instead of sending cards to your church friends, you can participate in the Church Card that is mailed to all our members. Just submit your name, the way you want it to appear, **AND RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 28.** The cost is \$3.00.

Please print your name(s) exactly as you want them to appear.

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The beautiful Christmas Poinsettias, which decorate our sanctuary on Christmas Eve have a dual purpose: Not only do they symbolize the birth of Jesus; they also enable us to share this joyous spirit with the sick and shut-ins among our church family. If you would like to provide flowers for these purposes, please fill out the form below and give it to Flaye Stahl or leave it at the church office. You may also call the church office at 666-7194 to order your plant. (Please Print)

NAME OF DONOR: _____

DONATED: _____ To the glory of God

_____ In memory of: _____

_____ In honor of: _____

_____ I will take my plant after Christmas

_____ I would like my plant delivered to a shut-in

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