



**Bay Shore United Methodist Church**

# THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

February 2011

## ***From the Pastor***

The regular football season is over. Wildcard and divisional playoffs, conference championships, and the Pro Bowl are over as well. After all those games, we will have a big event on February 6, the Super Bowl Sunday when the most beers are consumed in a single day. I like to watch football games, and I will enjoy the Super Bowl, the biggest and most exciting football game.

Yet, there is something bothering me. I am uncomfortable to watch a player celebrating by himself after a touchdown by dancing, showing his muscles, and/or pantomiming **although** his colleagues are waiting to celebrate together. I understand that is an exciting moment and therefore, he should celebrate. However, I believe that it is disrespectful to let his colleagues wait beside him because the touchdown has been done by everyone's effort. I say, "Stop doing that! Celebrate with your colleagues."

I sometimes hear from you, "Pastor Lee, you have made a great achievement for our church. Because of you our church had turned around." One of you said to me, "A Korean comedian came to us and saved our church." Another said to me after our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary service, "Look what you have done to our church! We have so many people at the service today. Everyone is happy and joyous. That is all your fault!"

I say, "That is because of your dedication. You and I have achieved the great work **together**." I know that each encouragement is from the bottom of your heart, and I really appreciate that. I would like you to know that my thought (that we have done **together**) is also from the bottom of my heart.

Our culture likes to create a superhero, but Christianity is not about that. There is only one superhero, our triune God; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit/the Mother. I am a human being, and it might be human nature to try to be a superhero, but I remind myself that when anyone becomes a superhero in the Christian Church, its message is distorted. Not the bishop, not the district superintendent, not the pastor, not the active lay member, nobody should be a superhero, but Jesus Christ. We are doing ministry together by the grace of God.

Enjoy the Super Bowl game but do not forget to scream at the player who celebrates by himself after the touchdown, "Stop doing that. Do not let your colleagues wait beside you, but celebrate with them." Happy Super Bowl Sunday!

Sungmu Lee

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**DORCAS CIRCLE**

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The Dorcas ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10am. All people are welcome to join us. Hostesses will be Lois Fallon and Dolores Hoffmann. We are presently working on the Bakeless Bake Sale. We also cleaned up the kitchen, sorted books, discussed the Silver Tea Set (that has been in a church closet for 40 years), and helping with some duties in the Thrift shop. Christine Hoff

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**THRIFT SHOP**

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Our Thrift Shop is in need of more volunteers. If you could volunteer to help just 3 hours each month it would be most appreciated. The Thrift Shop is open Wednesday 12-3 and Saturday 10-1. Please call the church office (666-7194) and leave your name and phone number with a message that you would be willing to help or write a note saying you will help in the thrift shop, put your name and phone number on it and drop it in the offering plate. Someone will get back to you. THANK YOU for serving our church.

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**THANK-YOU!**

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Thank you to everyone who stayed after church on Sunday, January 2nd to help degreen the sanctuary. It was wonderful to see so many people offering their time and hands to quickly take down and pack away the decorations. THANK YOU!!

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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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**SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS DINNER NEWS**

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One final bit of news regarding the Soup Kitchen Christmas Dinner:

Several of the community volunteers told me they were members of 12 step groups who were looking to thank the church for our help in their achieving and maintaining sobriety. One was in the food business and celebrated one year sober by cooking us a ham, and a turkey, and helping to set up and serve. Pastor Lee and I agreed that the congregation should hear this example of the good our church does by hosting support group meetings. We are helping people change their lives and they in turn are giving back to us.

Happy New Year, Tom Wilson

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**PENNIES FOR PRESERVATION**

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Thanks for the Christmas spirit tugging at your heartstrings. The donations for December were \$56.75. This brings us to a total for this year of \$437.00. It's not growing by leaps and bounds, but we can see how each penny matters and adds to the Preservation Fund that is needed to help keep our historic building in good condition. Can we do better in 2011? I'll let you know next year.

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**LENTON SOUP AND SANDWICH SERVICE**

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It is hard to believe that Advent and Christmas have just ended and here we are preparing for our annual Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper and Service with our neighboring churches. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for the date that our church will be hosting this Wednesday evening service. Everyone is invited to sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring a tasty hot soup or a tray of sandwiches. We always do a wonderful job hosting this supper and service.

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**SAVE YOUR COSTUME JEWELRY!**

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Want to get rid of some Costume Jewelry? Just bring it to the Church and give to Clara Trotta. We sell it on Sunday's in the Fellowship Hall, and the profits go to the Church.

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**GREETERS ARE NEEDED**

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Greeters are needed to welcome newcomers and our devoted church members as they enter church. I have been told by some of our present church members that they wanted to become part of our congregation because they were welcomed so warmly when they attended our church.

Our greeters are at the front door and the west entry to greet church members and friends on Sunday mornings from 9:45 until the prelude starts. Then they join their family and friends at their seats for worship.

Consider joining our greeters some Sunday morning. Let me know if you are interested and I will make sure that you get name tags for the Sundays when you are able to serve. You can contact me at church on Sunday morning, e-mail me at [AMCavalla@aol.com](mailto:AMCavalla@aol.com), or call me at 666-5948. If you get the machine, please leave a message telling me how to best contact you.

If this is a way that you feel that you could serve our church, why not give it a try? You really get to know the members of our church family. Alice M. Cavalla

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**MISSIONS FOR FEBRUARY**

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This is a quiet month for missions. We continue to collect Box tops for Education and Campbell UPCs for shipment to Redbird Mission in Kentucky and the McCurdy School in Mexico. Also, any food donations for the Bay Shore Food Pantry are delivered each week. Extra items from the thrift shop are taken to Eastern Farm Workers in Bellport or Long Island Council of Churches in Hempstead. We are presently planning a non-perishable food drive for the food pantry before Easter, a coffee hour to gather new baby articles for the Women's Advocate Ministry (serving Rikers' Island and Bedford Hills), and assembling Health kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief. (These would have been given out in Arkansas and Missouri following the recent tornadoes).

In December, we shipped 5 boxes of new items to the 10 children in South Dakota, delivered hats etc to LICC, EFWA, Suffolk Coalition against Domestic Violence and people attending our Christmas Dinner. If you have any new ideas, please let us know.

Christine Hoff  
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**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!**



**Notes from the Music Director**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**



**Special Thanks**

I just wanted to say a big thank you to the members of Bay Shore United Methodist Church for their Christmas gift. I truly appreciate your extreme generosity, and am honored to serve you as your Music Director. Many Thanks!

**The Senior Choir**

**Rehearsals:**

Thursday February 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday February 10 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday February 17 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>No Rehearsal</b>
Thursday February 24 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm-8:00 pm

**The Penataquit Handbell Choir**

**Rehearsal:**

Sunday February 13 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am-12:15 pm	in the West Room
Sunday February 27 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am-12:15 pm	in the West Room

**The Youth Choir**

**Rehearsal:**

Sunday February 6 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am-12:15 pm	in the Sanctuary
Sunday February 20 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am-12:15 pm	in the Sanctuary

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**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY**

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**BIRTHDAYS:**

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Feb. 1 Jennette Hemmerle  
Feb. 2 Christopher Forino  
Feb. 3 Katherine Cooper, Patrick Jones  
Feb. 5 Zachry Abrams, Mark DiGiovanna, Charles Kirkup, Stephen Navratil  
Feb. 8 Alison Finfrock  
Feb. 10 Cindy Amos  
Feb. 12 Dylan Schmalfuss  
Feb. 15 John Witherspoon  
Feb. 16 Joyce Bennett,  
Danielle Keskinen  
Feb. 18 Dorothy Allen  
Feb. 20 Charles Finfrock  
Feb. 21 Alana Aceveda-Guittard  
Feb. 22 Jameela Charles  
Feb. 26 Geri DiGiovanna  
Elijah Davis  
Feb. 27 Deborah Biondolillo, Michael Lechner, Joyce Stein,  
Kelly Anne Williams  
Feb. 28 John Maniscalco,  
Aaron King Thomas

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**ANNIVERSARIES:**

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Feb. 8 William and Susan Yost  
Feb. 14 Winston and Heather Charles

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**OTHER DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER**

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Soup Kitchen

Thrift Shop

Thursday - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Saturday

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

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