



**Bay Shore United Methodist Church**

# THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

May 2011

## ***From the Pastor***

I am writing this article just after I have recovered from a severe cold (or the flu). I had never been sick this much. I woke up at night, moaning and crying. Fortunately (?), I began to be ill after the Sunday service was over. Hyeonjin and I are so good wife and husband that we share everything. Hyeonjin was too sick to attend the previous Sunday worship service. As she got over the cold, she gave it to me.

My voice was gone. I had a headache, a severe sore throat (the most painful suffering), a nasal congestion, and a cough. Hyeonjin predicted how many days I would suffer and when I would get better. Every word she said was right because she had been there. Did I tell you that we are so good wife and husband that we share everything? As she predicted, my voice came back in four days, I felt better in five days, and I was okay in seven days.

It was a painful experience, but I am thankful to God. When someone asks, "What's up?" we answer, "Not much!" or "Nothing special!" "Nothing special" sounds boring, but I realize that it is a very good reason to be thankful. "Nothing special" means that I have nothing specially bad as well as nothing specially good.

Through my illness, **I realized that there is nothing for granted.** I have so many reasons to be thankful to God. I am thankful to be able to write my Spire article. I am thankful to be able to prepare for my sermon. I am thankful to be able to answer your phone calls. I am thankful to be able to do ministry with you. I am thankful to be able to go to my office. Again, there is nothing for granted.

When you read this article, you have celebrated the Easter Sunday. Please remember that Easter was possible because of Good Friday. Since we have the Good Friday every year, we may not have any special feeling about Jesus' sacrifice. Yet, let us remind ourselves that our salvation would be impossible without his sacrificial love.

Now, it is our turn to do something for Jesus Christ. Life is short. We do not know what will happen tomorrow. Let us do something meaningful and valuable. Let us do something for God and God's church. You may say, "I want to do something for the church, but I do not know how/what to do." Here is the way. Read the whole Spire, and you will find that you are asked to volunteer for many church activities. Or contact me, and I will gladly let you know what you can do for God and God's church.

Let us do something meaningful when we are able! Amen.

Sungmu Lee

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## DORCAS CIRCLE

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The May meeting for the Dorcas Circle is Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hostesses will be Lillian Montemagno and Ellen Fager. We are working on the Oral History fundraiser, and craft items. We welcome all ladies of the church with their talents and ideas. Christine Hoff

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## THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE MAY & JUNE 2011

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Please contact your partner prior to the day you are to serve to assure you both will be present. If you cannot serve, please change with someone else and let Donna and your partner know of the change. Anyone who does not have a key to the Shop should see Chris Hoff or Jean Finrock. Thanks.

### May

Wed 4	Flaye Stahl and Eileen DiGiovanna
Sat 7	Diane Timmonee and Chester Hazel
Wed 11	Chris Hoff and Francene Campbell
Sat 14	Dot Allen and Eileen DiGiovanna
Wed 18	Barbara Wenham and Tom Scherer
Sat 21	Diane Timmonee and Eileen DiGiovanna
Wed 25	Flaye Stahl and George Mack
Sat 28	Chester Hazel and Barbara Wenham

### JUNE

Wed 1	Chris Hoff and Gil Rivera
Sat 4	Dot Allen and Helen Wilson
Wed 8	Flaye Stahl and Pat Abrams
Sat 11	Chester Hazel and Eileen DiGiovanna
Wed 15	Chris Hoff and Tom Scherer
Sat 18	Diane Timmonee and Barbara Wenham
Wed 22	Eileen DiGiovanna and Francene Campbell
Sat 25	Dot Allen and Helen Wilson
Wed 29	Barbara Wenham and George Mack

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## MISSIONS

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In April, we had a successful food drive for the Bay Shore Food Pantry. It was very much appreciated.

We will be hosting a Baby Shower on May 1<sup>st</sup> during coffee hour to benefit the Women's Advocate Ministry. They provide clothing for babies born in the Bedford Hills and Rikers Island prisons. All clothing must be new, no formula or disposable diapers will be accepted.

We will be putting together Health Kits for UMCOR which will contain a towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, comb, nail file or clippers and Band-Aids. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Some items have already been promised, so a check on the list is necessary.

Millie Kresse and I will be taking the Baby clothes and Health kits to Conference in early June to save on the postage.

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is Native American Ministry Sunday. It is one of the 6 special offering Sundays.

Thank you notes come in from various organizations; we post these on the Mission bulletin board. Please stop and read, our efforts are being appreciated. Christine Hoff and Vida Owusu

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The United Methodist Church has always relied heavily on small group classes to assist its members in spiritual growth. These classes should be informative, experiential and life-changing for the participants. We would like your input as to which of the following classes you would actually participate in. Please circle the number of those which appeal to your needs. At the bottom of the form fill in your name and include either your phone number or e-mail address so that we may contact you as to which programs have been selected and when they will be held. Also indicate the days and times when you would be available to participate.

Remember that Jesus considered it important to take the time to learn more about faith, hope, love, Our God and His Son. Church alone is not enough. If God is first in your life then you should consider giving Him another hour a week to perfect your faith.

- 1. Study of the Book of Revelation – Approximately 6 weeks
- 2. Weekly Study of the Gospels. (As long as needed)  
In depth study of the gospels and their messages applied in our lives. The four books will be compared as to content and the underlying message of each. The most mysterious book in Bible discussed.
- 3. “When Christians Get It Wrong”  
6 week study of the book by Adam Hamilton.  
Topics for each week:
  - 1. When Christians are Un-Christian
  - 2. Christians, Science, Politics
  - 3. When Speaking of Other Religions
  - 4. When Bad Things Happen
  - 5. In Dealing With Homosexuality
  - 6. When Christians Get It Right.
- 4. “Lineage of Grace” Series Study for Women (Men Welcome)  
5 month study meeting once a month after reading one of the five books in the series by Frances Rivers. These books are novels that tell the stories of the lives of 5 women who are mentioned in the Bible in the genealogy of Jesus: Tamar, Rehab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Meeting time will be used to discuss each of the books and how each woman’s life relates to our own.
- 5. “Homosexuality and the Church”  
One 2 hour session
  - 1. Discussion of how homosexuality is perceived in today’s world
  - 2. Is it a lifestyle choice?
  - 3. What the Bible really says about it
  - 4. What the church says about it.
  - 5. How should a Christian deal with homosexuals?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail or phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Days preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_

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**ORAL HISTORY BOOKLET**

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The Worship Committee and Dorcas Circle are combining their efforts to publish a book/booklet with oral histories from congregation members. We are asking everyone with a story to tell of any length, a paragraph, a page or several pages to commit this story to print or tape. If you have photos we will try to utilize these also.

Please contact us if you have a story to tell and would like to participate:

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Christine Hoff-

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**PENNIES FOR PRESERVATION**

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You will have to excuse me, but I forgot about the due date for the month of February so this item was not in the Spire. However I will give you the amounts for two months this time around.

In February you donated \$24.00.

In March you donated \$31.00.

I guess that the winds of March blew a little more in our direction. Let's see what April showers drop into our coffers. Many thanks to all of you who continue to lighten your pockets by dropping your loose change into the Pennies for Preservation containers that are in the sanctuary. It may not seem like much, but every little bit helps.

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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. We will also accept men's costume jewelry: tie-tacs, cufflinks, etc. We are an equal opportunity shop!

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**GREETERS ARE NEEDED**

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Once the Church Council decided that we should once again have greeters at the door, I have been trying to find some willing parishioners who will greet the people who attend our services with a warm welcome. Some of you have offered to help, but I need more people who would be willing to be at church at 9:45 on Sunday morning to welcome those who come to worship. If you can volunteer for a month or just for one Sunday, our church would be grateful for your help in helping others feel that they are a vital part of our church family. You can call me at 666-5948. Thanks in advance. Alice M. Cavalla

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

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The teachers of the Sunday school met with Pastor Lee. In our discussion, we mentioned how the children are the future and need to be included and feel a part of our church. Starting May 1, the children will once again begin their Sunday in church meeting the congregation and hearing a wonderful story from the Pastor. After the story they will go upstairs to practice a few songs for Children Service in June. After singing they will enjoy the activity that the teacher has prepared for them. As always, you will be able to pick your child up in their regular classroom.

**HELPING HANDS ARE NEED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

As you all know, the teachers and assist teachers are a wonderful dedicated group. They work very hard to plan lessons and activities the children will enjoy. They all make each child feels special and welcome whether they come every week, once a month or once in a while. Throughout the changes and challenges in their lives they have made themselves available on Sunday morning. Well, these wonderful people need your help to continue the wonderful tradition of Sunday School. Every classroom is supposed to have a teacher and an assistant teacher who are not related. In the past we have not had a problem meeting this criteria, however, our assistant teachers are taking other active roles in the church and are not always available and our teachers are doing the same. This is where the children of our church need the congregation is help Please speak to Dot Allen, Elaine Williams or Barbara Van Nostrand, if you would be willing to able be a teacher or assistant teacher and help out our children.. All of us would welcome any and all support we could get from our church family.

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**THANK YOU**

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THANK YOU to everyone who contributed a pot of soup, a tray of sandwiches, or a dessert to our Wednesday Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper which our church hosted on March 16th. Fellowship Hall was filled and our neighboring churches shared the meal with us. As usual everything was tasty and enjoyed by all; we always have plenty of food. This was followed by a Lenten service in our sanctuary with the pastors from our neighboring churches participating. If you were unable to attend these Wednesday evening suppers and services during Lent this year please try to come next year.

Lois Fallon  
Worship Chairperson

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!



Notes from the Music Director

Happy Mother's Day



Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day



Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>

The Senior Choir

Rehearsals:

Thursday May 5 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday May 12 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday May 19 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday May 26 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Penataquit Handbell Choir

Rehearsal:

Sunday May 8 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am-12:15 pm	in the West Room
Sunday May 22 <sup>nd</sup> -	11:15 am-12:15 pm	in the West Room

Performances:

Sunday May 29 <sup>th</sup> -	9:15 am rehearsal- "America"
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The Youth Choir

Rehearsal:

Sunday May 1 <sup>st</sup> -	11:15 am-11:45 am	in the Sanctuary
Sunday May 15 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am-11:45 am	in the Sanctuary
Sunday May 29 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15 am-11:45 am	in the Sanctuary

Performances:

Sunday May 8 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Mother's Day Service-</b> 9:00 am rehearsal
Sunday April 24 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Easter Sunday Service-</b> 9:15 am rehearsal

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

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**BIRTHDAYS:**

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May 1 Lorraine DiGenaro, Jessica Wood  
May 2 Shaylin Kane, Andrew Navratil  
May 5 Kwasi Enin  
May 9 Robert Hogan, Kevin McElroy, Christopher Madeska  
May 10 Ellie Barbieri, Samuel Owusu  
May 11 Ridley Tomlinson  
May 12 Carmen Berka, Kaitlyn DiPietro  
May 16 Jean Carr, Aurora Costales, Sean Tomlinson  
May 18 Arvind Chandran  
May 19 Deirdrea Renwick  
May 26 Richard Berka , Catherine Bernard  
May 29 Donald Conste

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**ANNIVERSARIES:**

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May 3 Floyd and Donna Lechner  
May 9 Ed and Joyce Stein  
May 10 Bill and Shirley Giesler  
May 17 Frederick and Adwoa Ababio  
May 18 Richard and Carmen Berka  
May 20 Roy and Ellen Fager  
May 28 Steven and Mary Hemmerle

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**OTHER DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER**

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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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