

Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

June 2011

From the Pastor

It seems like Bishop Park would appoint me to our church for another year. I cannot believe it will be the 7th year ministry with you. Time goes fast!

I sometimes do not remember what I said yesterday: I am getting old. Yet, I still vividly remember the main theme of my first sermon at our church, because I have reminded myself of what I preached about 6 years ago. That is, "I am here to serve you, and I urge you to serve each other."

Just before his death, Jesus showed us how to serve each other by washing his disciples' feet and gave us the new commandment. If you are a Christian, this is not an option. This is the last will of Jesus, who said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

This is his testament and our community law as well. Everything else he has taught us is important, but this is crucial. Our love for one another will be the one true mark of our discipleship. It does not matter if you have a PhD on theology, read a bible every day, pray faithfully, spend a lot of time, money, and energy for the church, and attend the worship service every Sunday. If we do not love each other, we are nothing.

You may say, "Pastor, I can do that. I love my wife, I love my husband, I love my parents, I love my children, I love my friends, and I love my pastor (hopefully)." However, the new commandment that Jesus gave us includes everyone, not only those who are lovable but also those whom we feel hard to love. Remember Jesus knew that Judas would betray him, but he washed his feet as well.

Let us keep in mind Jesus wants us to serve others as much as we want to be served and to love others as much as we want to be loved. Yet, we tend to focus on being served rather than serving and being loved rather than loving. Or we serve or love others selectively.

As we conclude our 6th year ministry together, let us remind ourselves again that the glory of God is revealed in humble service. God made us children of God not for us to be boastful but to be humble. God gave us power not for us to control others but to serve others. God gave us affluence not to enjoy ourselves but to share it with our neighbors in need. God has saved us from our sins not to exclude others but to enable us to include those who are different from us.

As we begin our 7th year ministry, let us become more harmonious than ever, serving God and one another and practicing love in our daily lives. Amen.

Sungmu Lee

DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas ladies have been busy this year with tidying various areas of the church, working on items for the Craft Fair in November and some Mission projects. We have donated \$101 to the church to be used for Mission apportionments. The Dorcas Circle will be having its last meeting (until September) on Tuesday, June 7th with a luncheon at noon. All women welcome. Christine Hoff 665-7237

THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE JUNE 2011

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.

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 Timmoney and Barbara Wenham
- Wed 22 Eileen DiGiovanna and Francene Campbell
- Sat 25 Dot Allen and Helen Wilson
- Wed 29 Barbara Wenham and George Mack

A meeting of the Trustees and Ad Hoc Committee is planned for Sunday, June 5th, following service. We will be working on the basement renovation, both the Boy Scout area and the Thrift Shop. Anyone can attend.

THRIFT SHOP NEEDS- someone with a little technical knowledge.

We receive items that need some expertise on possible missing parts or minor repairs. The volunteers don't have the time to check them out, this could be done at one's home or in Fellowship Hall.

Christine Hoff

MISSIONS

Missions is working on snack bags for Helping Hands. This local organization provides young children in school settings, during the summer months, with meals that a parent can not provide. Sometimes it is the only food they have for the day. A sign up sheet for needed items is on the Missions Bulletin Board. Two bags of new baby clothing is being taken to the Women's' Advocate Ministry; check the board for a photo.

Twenty-four health kits are being sent to UMCOR for distribution where needed. A BIG thank you to all who helped on these projects.

Weekly contributions are being taken to the Bay Shore Food Pantry, they appreciate our donations. Please remember to save your Campbell UPCs and Boxtops for Education over the summer. If you think that we could do other projects, please speak to Vida or myself. We welcome new ideas.

Vida Owusu
Christine Hoff

MONTHLY SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR APPORTIONMENT

The United Methodist Church is what is called a “connectional church.” This means we are organized on both a regional and national scale. Through this larger organization, the United Methodist Church does as a body things that no congregation could do individually. It trains both ordained and lay leaders in ministry. It publishes the Book of Discipline that governs our denomination, the Book of Worship that guides our traditions, and the hymnals in the pews. It reaches out to seekers through television and radio advertising. Through Methodist Hospitals and Wesleyan Universities and the United Methodist Committee on Relief it lifts up people regardless of their faith. Finally, it founds new United Methodist congregations and helps existing ones that might be going through a rough patch.

Our annual apportionment payment funds all these efforts. The amount we are asked to contribute is more-or-less based on the size of our congregation. A couple of years ago during the worst of the recession we were able to offer only 10% of that figure, so we began the tradition of requesting an additional special offering for apportionment on the fourth Sunday of each month. Through your generosity, last year we were able to pay 40% of our apportionment and we hope to do even better this year on our way back to being 100% faithful.

A few years ago the United Methodist Church helped this congregation financially when we otherwise would not have been able to afford to continue with a full time pastor. We have Pastor Sungmu with us today because many other United Methodists were faithful in their apportionment giving. As our congregation grows and renews itself, let us show our thankfulness and begin repaying that generosity. Any additional amount you can give, even a small one, will be most appreciated. You can make your contribution during our special collection on the fourth Sunday of each month, or directly to the Church office with the notation “apportionment.”

Thank You.

ORAL HISTORY BOOKLET

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:

Lois Fallon-

Phone: 666-4966, email: nearthesea45@aol.com

Christine Hoff-

Phone: 665-7237, email: chof65@hotmail.com

Church office: Phone: 666-7194, email: umbs@aol.com

SAVE YOUR COSTUME JEWELRY!

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!

GREETERS ARE NEEDED

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

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our new Church directory is here and it is just beautiful. More than anyone else we have Hyeonjin Kim to thank. As many of you know, the directory project wasn't going so well until Hyeonjin chose to take it on. She not only completed the directory, she expanded and enhanced it. Her gift of artistic talent and her dedication to doing such an outstanding job have blessed our Church.

Directories are available by contacting the church office. If you participated in the directory by including a picture your household gets one free copy. We have some additional copies for anyone who wants one. The Church had to pay Olan Mills to have extra directories printed, so we are asking for a \$5 donation for those directories.

SPRING CLEANING THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the over 40 people who showed up Saturday, April 16th to dust, polish, mop, vacuum, and straightened up at the Church. You did a beautiful job and with the exception of the kitchen crew everything was completed in less than 2 hours.

Special thanks to our own Boy Scout Troop 153 who sent more than twenty energetic volunteers and to the very dedicated kitchen reorganizers. Thanks and apologies to Chester Hazel who did the shopping. Due to my overestimates he purchased enough Pledge to last at least 2 years – luckily it won't spoil! Tom Wilson.

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know that when you submit a prayer request each Sunday you can write an address on the back of the prayer request card? The small white prayer request cards are available in each pew. If you would like a card or note sent to the person you are requesting prayers for just add their address on the back. Sometimes a CD (which has been recorded by Marvin) is included with the note sent to the family or person we have prayed for.

FAMILY SERVICES

Would your child like to participate in a Family Service? There are several ways children can participate in our Sunday Worship Services: an acolyte (lights the alter candles and extinguishes them), an usher, a scripture reader (the scripture reading is provided a week before the service so the child can practice the reading). If you would like your child to participate, please let his/her Sunday School Teacher know or speak to me on Sunday. If your child would like to participate in the music, please speak to Danny.

Thank you to all the children who have participated in our services this year, and thank you to the parents who are sure their children are in Church the Sunday they are involved in the service.

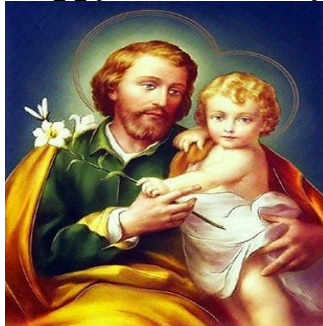
Lois Fallon, Worship Chairperson

THANK YOU DANNY

Thank you Danny, the congregation appreciates and enjoys the beautiful music you provide each Sunday. We thank you for all the preparation and time you spend on each worship service. The music at the Easter Service was wonderful. Thank you for all you do for our church.

The Worship Committee

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!
Notes from the Music Director
Happy Father's Day



Sunday June 19th
An Easter Thank You

I just want to express my thanks, and gratitude to all members of our music program for the amazing job they did providing music for our Easter celebration. Everyone worked so hard in making our service so special, and I am truly thankful. Thanks to our Senior Choir, Handbell Choir, Youth Choir, and soloists, for a job well done! Your hard work made for a glorious Easter. Thank you!

Summer Music

During the summer months of July and August, our music groups take a much needed rest from rehearsal. In order to provide music for our Sunday morning worship services, I have asked members of our music groups to sign up to sing solos, duets, or play an instrumental solo as well. Summer music is open to anyone who wants to worship through music. If anyone is interested in signing up, please e-mail me DCAF31@aol.com, or see me following Sunday service. You do not have to be a member of our music groups to sign up. All are welcome!

Fall Cabaret

Bay Shore United Methodist will host it's 3rd Cabaret Concert this upcoming fall. The tentative date for the concert is **Sunday October 16th** at 4pm. As in the past, the concert will be limited to Broadway Show tunes, Classic Songs, and Standards. If you wish to perform, please let me know by **Sunday July 17th**. If you would like to sing, but can't decide on a song, I can help you with that. I encourage everyone who is interested to participate. If you have been to one of our past concerts, you'll know that they are A LOT of fun, and everyone has a great time. So, come sign up!! Looking forward to wonderful concert this year!

The Senior Choir

Rehearsals:

Thursday June 2 nd -	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday June 9 th -	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday June 16 th -	No Rehearsal!
Thursday June 23 rd -	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday June 30 th - <i>(last rehearsal)</i>	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Youth Choir

Rehearsals:

Sunday June 12 th -	11:15 am-11:45 am	in the Sanctuary
Sunday June 19 th -	Father's Day Service-	9:15 am rehearsal

Thank You to our Senior Choir, Handbell Choir, and Youth Choir for a great year! Enjoy the summer off!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE

BIRTHDAYS:

June 2 Kerry Seyda
June 3 Patrick Farugio
June 4 Kristina Conste
June 5 Sarah Schaw
June 6 Kwaku O. Owusu
June 9 Jeffrey Zelenka
June 10 Louis Bernard, Delores Bess, Amanda VanNostrand
June 11 Kristina Valcarce
June 13 Christine Williams
June 14 Naomi Freije, Kimberly Gosline
June 17 Melinda Dieters
June 19 Jonathan Hannett
June 20 Jason Abrams, Kerri Giesler, David Scharfenberg
June 21 Bill Aromi, Megan Joseph, Ed Williams
June 23 Jean Stark
June 24 Otila Perez
June 25 David Fager
June 26 Brittany Arrigo, Robert Miller
June 27 Joyce DeLuca
June 28 Megan McElroy
June 29 Stephen Schmalfuss
June 30 Jessica DiPietro

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 9 William and Jeanne Aromi
June 11 Sam and Karen DiPietro
June 12 Raymond and Ginger Sullivan
June 15 Michael and Joan Burvenich
June 18 William and Anna Hoffman, Nicholas and Lorraine DiGenaro
June 19 Ridley and Pansy Tomlinson
June 20 Harold and Leslie Owen
June 22 Catherine & Louis Bernard
June 25 Thomas and Helen Wilson
June 26 Luis and Kathy Guevara

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.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 3 Carol Moore
July 4 Abena Amoako-Ababio
July 8 Richard Berka, Caitlyn McElroy
July 9 James Erale
July 10 Jean Ufer
July 11 Riana Kane
July 12 Helen Wilson, Tom Wilson
July 14 Christopher Sweetland, Brianna Tucciarone
July 18 Cynthia Conste, Sean Wilson
July 20 Michael Weick
July 21 Kevin Ryan, Tyler Seyda
July 22 Sarah Elizabeth Kirkup, Stephanie Nock, Herbert VanNostrand,
Kwaku Amoako-Ababio
July 23 John Kresse III, Robyn Schwartz, Diane Timmone
July 24 Corrine Conste
July 26 Alexander DeVita
July 27 Geoffrey Lawther
July 30 Timothy Sullivan
July 31 Kailey Dowd, Harold Owen

August 1 Charles Finfrock
August 2 Wayna Beaudrie
August 3 McKinley Seyda
August 5 William Giesler
August 6 Michael Burvenich
August 8 Megan Renwick, Bill Scharfenberg
August 9 Coralie Guittard, Charles Mayer
August 10 Eleanor Bisso
August 11 Ben Klimpel, Scott Owen
August 15 Linda Bullock
August 16 William Moore
August 20 Jim Cooper, Ebenezer Enin, Susan Yost
August 25 Kim DiGiovanna, Chris Sawyer
August 26 Michael Harrington, Michael Renwick, Sr., Pansy Tomlinson
August 29 Charles Mayer, Jr. Harold Sweetland
August 30 Anthony Seabrooks
August 31 Elizabeth Weick

ANNIVERSARIES

July 12 Benjamin and Carol Langstroth
July 15 McKinley and Kerry Seyda
July 22 Richard and Pat Riedel
July 23 William and Gail Moore
July 26 Donald and Diane Timmone
July 28 Kevin and Ellen McElroy
July 30 George and Betty Mack

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