



Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

September 2011

From the Pastor

During the summer we had five children baptized, which means “five new members” at our Church. Why are we baptized? What happens at the baptism? What is the origin of the baptism? What are the biblical images of baptism? These are the questions we can deal with for an entire semester at a theological seminary.

Now I would like to focus on one of the five biblical images on baptism. That is dying with Christ and being resurrected with Christ. Paul says in Romans 6:3, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” That is how Paul put it, and the answer is yes. We know this very well, but we often forget.

The Christian baptism implies the death and the resurrection with Jesus Christ. In the early Christian Church the candidates went into the water, which implies the death of Jesus Christ. And, they came up from the water, which implies the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is good to be raised with Jesus Christ, but it is not pleasant to die with him.

When I was ordained, I shed tears for concern, because I knew I should die with Jesus in doing ministry. I knew it would be difficult, because it requires sacrifice, patience, and so on. It is difficult, but we Christians should do it, because there is no resurrection without death. Let us remember that Jesus called all of us as his disciples, and that we were baptized into his death. Therefore, we should die with Jesus Christ first before being resurrected with him.

Each of us has a different call from God, but in a sense, our calls are the same. Some are pastors and others are lay people, but we are all called in the disciples of Jesus Christ. We should sacrifice ourselves for our church and for our neighbors.

When I was ordained, I shed tears for joy as well, because I knew that although it is difficult to die with Jesus Christ, it is a joy to be resurrected with him. Six years have passed since I came to our church. We have encountered some difficulties in doing ministry together, but those difficulties have taught us how to be resurrected together with Jesus Christ. Now I rejoice because I know that you and I have become a family in Jesus Christ and will continue to serve each other as we do ministry together for God’s church. Amen

DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle will be having the first meeting of the fall season on Tuesday, September 13th at 10 a.m. We will be working on crafts for our Holiday Craft Fair and gifts for Confirmands. Christine Hoff 665-7237

THRIFT SHOP

Our planned renovation of the Thrift Shop is nearing completion. Please come down for a visit. We are always seeking volunteers, donated goods to sell, and recommendations for improvements. Without the help of many volunteers the planned renovation of the Thrift Shop would not have happened. Too many to name came in on Saturday, July 9th, either demolished the old stage, or carried old lumber and junk to the dumpster. Then we began the rebuilding. Special thanks has to go to Julie Aromi, Flaye Stahl and Eileen DiGiovanna (packing up our merchandize), Tom Wilson, the Owusu family, Eric Fager, and Chester (construction work), and Gil Rivera, Ed Shirley and Tom Scherer (painting).

Michael Renwick installed new light fixtures and electric for the air purifiers and dehumidifiers. Also thanks to Eric Schneider, Gil & Eileen (trips to pick up supplies). Our anonymous donor must be thanked as we would not have begun the work without this donation.

Ad Hoc Committee for Renovation

MISSIONS FOR FALL

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 2nd. It is the opportunity to be in communion with Christians all over the world, and move toward to goal of serving God in life-changing ministries. Our special offerings on this Sunday go to scholarships for United States and international minority graduate students and also racial and ethnic minority persons seeking second careers in church related vocations.

A special Mission Worship Service is being planned for Sunday, October 30th, followed by a potluck luncheon. Please mark this on your calendar!

Our Food Drive for the Bay Shore Food Pantry will also start in late October.

We continue to collect Campbell UPCs and Box tops for Education to send to McCurdy School and the Redbird Mission School.

If you bought too many school supplies for your home, they can be given to the Long Island Council of Churches for distribution to clients in Riverhead and Hempstead.

Vida Owusu
Christine Hoff

DAY CARE CENTER

As you may know, we have prepared for our own day care center. I would like to ask you for donations of the following items:

- Toys
- Art Supplies
- Changing Table
- Diapers/wipes
- Paper Towels
- Classroom Decorations
- Shoeboxes
- Children Books
- Filing Cabinet
- Bookshelves

The sooner you donate, the better! If you have any questions, you may contact our day care director, Jeanna Lambert, at 729-3184 or jeannad67@aol.com

Dear Friends In Christ

A look at our accounts through July 31 shows that the receipts of this year's weekly offerings are running about \$6,000 behind last year's totals. We realize that times are difficult in respect to the current economic situation. Mindful of that, we ask that everyone do their best to stay current with their pledge. Thank you for your consideration. May the God we serve truly bless you. Cathy B.

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!

Remembering September 11, 2001

On Sunday, September 11th, we will be remembering those who lost their lives on that date in 2001. If you have any name(s) to submit, please fill out this form and return it to the church office or email the church office at UMCBS@aol.com with the following information:

Please remember the following person(s) who died on September 11, 2001:

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Submitted by:

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NAMES IS SEPT. 4th.

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Sunday School Registration Form

Please return September 11, Rally Sunday

Date: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name _____

Birthday: _____

Grade: _____

Special Allergies: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Child's Name _____

Birthday: _____

Grade: _____

Special Allergies: _____

Food Allergies: _____

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Special Allergies: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Additional Information:

September 11th Sunday School Rally Day. Sunday School classes will resume on that day for a new year of learning and growing in faith. There will be classes for pre-school and school aged children. And remember, the children will attend church in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. and be dismissed to class from there.

Just wanted to welcome all the children back to Sunday School and youth group. Hope everyone had a good summer. Also, I would like to say instead of flowers a donation was made in Barbara Van Nostrand's name to the cancer society to thank her for all her hard work as past Sunday School Superintendent. Susan Yost.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

Notes from the Music Director

Cabaret Concert



Bay Shore United Methodists' Music Program will host it's 3rd Cabaret Concert on Sunday October 16th at 4 p.m. in our Church Sanctuary.

Please join us for a great concert of Broadway Show tunes, Classic Songs, and Popular Standards. If you've joined us in the past, you know what a fun afternoon it will be! Twenty of our Church members, including Pastor Lee, will perform such hits as "Summertime", "Misty", "Over the Rainbow", "Don't Rain On My Parade", and many, many more. Tickets are \$10.00 each, and will be on sale starting Sunday, September 18th, in Fellowship Hall. You can purchase tickets in advance, or at the door. Mark your calendars now, and don't miss out!

We will be serving refreshments at intermission. If you are willing to help out with baking, or serving, please see Donna Lechner for more information. Thank you!

Hymn Suggestions

Starting this September, I will have a sign-up sheet on the music board in Fellowship Hall for anyone to request a favorite hymn to be sung at our Sunday Services. The "People's Hymn" will be sung when prayer requests are being collected. You may suggest a hymn to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, as a memorial, or for any reason at all. Just write your special hymn next to the corresponding date, and I will do my best to accommodate your request. Thanks!

The Chamber Choir

Formally known as the Senior Choir (which frankly, just made us sound **OLD!**) is always looking for new members. Anyone who wishes to join us this year, please see me for further details. You do NOT need to read music to sing with us. We rehearse on Thursday evenings in the sanctuary from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. And we meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, prior to our worship service. I am in need of female voices for our choir, so please let me know if you have any interest in joining us. Thank you!

Chamber Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, August 31st	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	in the Sanctuary
Thursday September 8th	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	in the Sanctuary
Thursday September 15th	7:00 pm - 8:00pm	in the Sanctuary
Thursday September 22nd	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	in the Sanctuary
Thursday September 29 th	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	in the Sanctuary

The Youth Choir

The Youth Choir commences rehearsals in October. They will perform at our Thanksgiving and Christmas Services this year. If your child is interested in joining the choir, please see me for further details.

Rehearsals:

Sunday October 9 th	11:15 am-12:00pm	in the Sanctuary
Sunday October 30th	11:15 am-12:00pm	in the Sanctuary
Sunday November 13th	11:15 am-12:00pm	in the Sanctuary
Sunday November 27th	11:15 am-12:00pm	in the Sanctuary
Sunday December 11 th	11:15 am-12:00pm	in the Sanctuary
Sunday December 18 th	11:15 am-12:00pm	in the Sanctuary

The Pentaquit Handbell Choir

I am always in need of ringers for the handbell choir. Anyone interested in joining us, please see me for details. You do **NOT** need to read music to play in the choir. Our rehearsal schedule is printed below. Please check it out, and join us making beautiful music!

Penataquit Handbell Rehearsals:

Sunday October 2nd	11:15 am-12:15pm	in the West Room
Sunday October 23rd	11:15 am-12:15pm	in the West Room
Sunday November 6 th	11:15 am-12:15pm	in the West Room
Sunday November 20th	11:15 am-12:15pm	in the West Room
Sunday December 4 th	11:15 am-12:15pm	in the West Room
Sunday December 18 th	11:15 am-12:30pm	in the Sanctuary

Volunteers Needed

We are very much in need of volunteers for the Soup Kitchen and the Thrift Shop. Your help will make a big difference in the scheduling, which presently pretty much puts the same people on every month with no rest time. Even if you can't help on a regular basis, it would help us for you to give a few days a year to give the 'regulars' a break.

Soup Kitchen is weekly on Thursday's from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. with some cleanup needed afterwards. The Thrift Shop is open on Wednesdays from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

The Thrift Shop is newly renovated and painted. It is much cleaner and neater. The dehumidifiers are keeping the air fresher. New lighting has been added. Come down and take a look.

Call me if you want to serve the Lord and your community in very important ways.

Eileen DiGiovanna, Outreach Chairperson (631) 366-1369.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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., Sanae Santana
Sept. 13 Thomas Wilson, Jr.
Sept. 15 Raymond M. Allen, Jr., Cynthia Finfrock, 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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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.



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