



Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

October 2011

From the Pastor

Based on my experiences I would say, “Ministry is similar to marriage.” Sometimes the pastor is like a wife and other times, like a husband. So is the congregation. Husband and wife help each other, trust each other, and respect each other. So do the pastor and the congregation. Even a good marriage does not exclude any conflict between husband and wife. Neither does a healthy ministry.

What is important is how to overcome the conflict between husband and wife, and between pastor and congregation. Sometimes I witness that each spouse is good, but the marriage is not working well. Likewise, sometimes both the pastor and the congregation show good natures, but their ministry does not go well.

Who is your ideal husband? Is it Johnny Depp, one of the richest actors in America, or Derek Jeter, the famous baseball player, or President Obama? Who is your ideal wife? Is it Oprah Winfrey or Julia Roberts, or Miss America? You should realize they may be your ideal husbands or wives, but in reality they are not available for you. It is not them who care about you most. Your husband and your wife may not be perfect, but it is them who will be with you, when you are sick. It is them who will rejoice with you when you make a success.

Your pastor is not perfect. I know you are not perfect, either. There is nothing perfect in the world. I am not Billy Graham, the great preacher, but I am your pastor who will cry with you and rejoice with you. I know you are my congregation who prays for me and my ministry at our church.

I still receive phone calls, birthday cards, and so on from some members of my previous ministry. One of them said to me, “I miss your sermons at worship and teachings at the bible study. The current pastor is not like you.” I said, “Thank you for saying that, but I can be your friend but not your pastor anymore.” It is like if you miss too much your ex-husband or ex-wife, you cannot have a healthy marriage.

I cannot stay at our church forever because we have the itinerant system. That is, each pastor is appointed by bishop annually. So, whoever comes to our church as a pastor, we should remember that he/she is our pastor who cares about us most and prays for us most faithfully.

You and I have done ministry harmoniously for more than six years, but we may encounter serious conflicts in the future. Then, let us remember when we overcome those difficulties by the help of the Holy Spirit, we will become more mature Christians. This is the way of God, not the way of the world. When we ask God for help, God will give us what we really need in our Christian life. God will help us to mature and grow together through our spiritual journey. Amen.

Sungmu Lee

DORCAS CIRCLE

The October meeting of the Dorcas Circle is scheduled for Tuesday, the 4th, at 10 a.m. We will work on crafts for the craft and cookie fair and bags for the Fall Food Drive. We also keep the book sale table organized. Hostesses will be Alice Cavalla and Ellie Bisso.

MISSIONS

World Communion Sunday, a special offering Sunday of the United Methodist Church, is October 2nd. Proceeds are used for World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic in-Service Training Program.

Mission Sunday is Sunday, October 30th with a special service on Missions of our church. We will be having a pot luck luncheon following service, all are asked to bring their family specialty for this. A signup sheet is posted on the Mission Bulletin Board.

Our Fall Food Drive will begin on October 30, ending on November 13. All food will be delivered to the Bay Shore Food Pantry for use for Thanksgiving. Any Turkeys or coupons can be used for the Thanksgiving feast at church or the pantry. A list of needed items will be posed on our bulletin board.

Christine Hoff & Vida Owusu

Laity Sunday, October 16

Service led by Beth DeCarbo with congregation participation.

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 Sundays 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!

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.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

Notes from the Music Director

Cabaret Concert

Bay Shore United Methodists' Music Program will host its 3rd Cabaret Concert on Sunday October 16th at 4 p.m., in our church sanctuary. Please join us for a great concert of Broadway Showtunes, Classic Songs, and Popular Standards. If you've joined us in the past, you know what a fun afternoon it will be! 20 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 are on sale following worship services 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

Just a reminder I have a sign-up sheet on the music board in Fellowship Hall, for anyone to request a favorite hymn to 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!

Chamber Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals:

Thursday October 6th	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	in the Sanctuary
Thursday October 13th	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	in the Sanctuary
Thursday October 20th	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	in the Sanctuary
Thursday October 27 th	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	in the Sanctuary

The Youth Choir

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

Penataquit Handbell Rehearsals

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 2 Donna Lechner, Kevin McElroy, Frederick Miller
Oct. 3 Ellen McElroy
Oct. 4 Marie Markey
Oct. 6 Jonathan Andrews
Oct. 9 Gregory Wells
Oct. 10 John Bullock
Oct. 11 Norman Stahl
Oct. 12 Sandy Costa, Jay LePrell
Oct. 13 Chase Hirsch
Oct. 14 Eunice Ledgister, Charlotte Murray, Jonathan Rivera
Oct. 16 Heather Charles, Amy Guittard, Raymond Sullivan
Oct. 17 William Hoffman, Jeanette Smith
Oct. 20 David Guevara
Oct. 21 Deborah Williams
Oct. 22 Michael Estevez
Oct. 23 Floyd Lechner, Margery Kirkup
Oct. 24 Christopher Bamfo, David Timmonev
Oct. 25 Jonathan Navratil, Richard Riedel, Gilberto Rivera
Oct. 27 Ronald Bennett, Peter Daniel
Oct. 28 Carolyn Koeper
Oct. 29 Elizabeth Estevez, Flaye Stahl, Donald Timmonev
Oct. 30 Frederick Miller, William Scharfenberg
Oct. 31 Bill Carr, Betty Mack

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 1 Don and Dolores Hoffmann
Oct. 4 Timothy and Vicky Kirkup
Oct. 10 Ed and Margurite Meehan
Oct. 11 Thomas and Christina Shaw
Oct. 13 Thomas and Sandy Costa
Oct. 16 Don and Dee Navratil
Oct. 18 Dick and Irene O'Sullivan
Oct. 23 John and Suzanne Kresse
Oct. 24 Walter and Dorene Gonzalez
Oct. 29 Edward and Deborah Williams

OTHER DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER

Soup Kitchen Thursdays, 4:30 PM

Thrift Shop Wednesdays, noon – 3:00 pm
 Saturdays, 10:00 am – 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND COOKIE SALE – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Our Christmas Craft Fair is scheduled for Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12. We need volunteers for setting up on Tuesday, November 8, Wednesday, November 9, Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11 from 9 am - 12 noon each day. We also need volunteers on

Friday, November 11 from 5 – 8 pm and Saturday, November 12 from 10 am – 4 pm to work at the fair. The dismantling of the Craft Fair will be done on Tuesday, November 15. Any time you can give us will be greatly appreciated. If you can volunteer, please call the church office (666-7194) or email UMCBS@aol.com or call Christine Hoff (665-7237).

Signup sheets for crafts, cookies and raffle baskets will be posted in Fellowship Hall in October. Please help in any way you can. This fundraiser benefits our church.

Craft and raffle items need to be brought in by Sunday, November 6 so that the committee has time to make up the baskets.

Cookies can be dropped off Friday, November 11 from 8 – 11 am.

Soup Kitchen Schedule for October

Thursday, October 6	Dale Dowd and Elaine Costigan
Thursday, October 13	Hyeonjin Kim and Barbara Wenham
Thursday, October 20	Islip Methodist Church
Thursday, October 27	Millie Kresse and Debbie Palmieri

Thrift Shop Schedule for October

Saturday, October 1	Diane Timmonee & Barbara Wenham
Wednesday, October 5	Eileen DiGiovanna & Christine Hoff
Saturday, October 8	Eileen DiGiovanna & Helen Wilson
Wednesday, October 12	George Mack & Flaye Stahl
Saturday, October 15	Dot Allen & Chester Hazel
Wednesday, October 19	Christine Hoff & Gil Rivera
Saturday, October 22	Barbara Wenham & Helen Wilson
Wednesday, October 26	George Mack & Tom Scherer
Saturday, October 29	Eileen DiGiovanna & Diane Timmonee

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