



**Bay Shore United Methodist Church**

# THE SPIRE

**The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee**

**March 2012**

**A reflection from lay speaker Beth DeCarbo**

You've heard of Christopher Columbus, discoverer of the New World, but what do you know about his brother Bartholomew? Jonas Salk developed the polio vaccine, but his brother, Herman, is largely forgotten. Mother Teresa is famous for her work in the slums of Calcutta. What did her sister Aga ever do?

History rewards greatness with virtual immortality. And, indeed, acts of courage, intellect, ability and benevolence should be recognized. What can be disheartening, however, is when fame falls on the undeserving—random reality stars, socialites, pranksters and even criminals. It seems like everyone these days wants to be famous, right?

What is often forgotten are the leagues of people who do great things, knowing they will never receive public acclaim. In some ways, they're the ones who are truly heroic. I was reading my hometown newspaper a while back and came across this obituary for a beloved nurse in the community:

*Elizabeth Tirre, 88, passed away gracefully on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, in Wichita, after a life well lived, centered on a closely connected family.*

Could there be any greater tribute?

This month's Spire salutes the quiet achievers, the people who touch countless lives and make the world a better place. Helen Keller, who surmounted enormous physical obstacles, once spoke of how ordinary people can make a difference: "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble."

Now, in this season of Lent, let us tap our "great and noble" spirit within. As we focus on renewal and rebirth, may God show us ways we can love, uplift and assist. And even though these acts may not lead to fame, know that "ordinary" does not mean "nobody."

### DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 10am. Hostesses will be Ellie Bisso and Alice Cavalla. We will be working on cookie cans for the Xmas Craft Fair, and some other crafty items. All women are welcome.

### PENNIES FOR PRESERVATION

January \$35.00 was generously given to our Pennies for Preservation fund.

Someone has asked, "What are we preserving?"

We have a wooden building that has needed painting for a number of years. Of course the last time anyone asked that question the price was over \$100,000. The tower room was re-shingled but never received anything but a primer coat of paint. Those of you who are homeowners, as I am, know what happens when wood is exposed to the weather. It is something to be avoided if possible.

God's house needs a coat of paint. That is what we are saving for--to care for God's house as he cares for us.

### NEED A VOLUNTEER

Once again we are looking for a volunteer to help Flaye out, once in a while, for when she goes on vacation, etc. She is willing to show you the ropes, and explain how it works with putting flowers on our Altar. Please speak to Flaye Stahl after Church. Thank you.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School is collecting Plastic Easter Eggs and Candy for our Annual Easter Egg hunt which will be held on Easter Sunday Following the Service. There will be a box in fellowship hall for all donations. Thank you

The Sunday School is in need of volunteers to help teach the children of our church. At this time there are only four teachers and two classes. We had to combine classes because there were not enough teachers to cover the classes we had when we started in September. If anyone is interested in helping with the Sunday School please indicate this on your Service Pledge form or contact me directly at [dotallen@optonline.net](mailto:dotallen@optonline.net) or call at 631-581-5654. Dot Allen.

### LAY READER SCHEDULE

March 4	Tom Wilson
March 11	Kim Gosline
March 18	Beth DeCarbo
March 25	Christine Hoff
April 1	Kailey Dowd
April 6	Christine Hoff (Good Friday)
April 8	Christine Hoff
April 15	Ebenezer Enin
April 22	Greg Goodrich
April 29	Tom Wilson

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## LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

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During Lent our congregation worships with other Bay Shore Churches every Wednesday evening at 8 PM. Before each Wednesday evening service the hosting church provides a Soup & Sandwich Supper at 7:15 PM. Those of us who have attended these have found the fellowship rewarding and the reverence of the service in neighboring churches uplifting. Won't you join our congregation every Wednesday during Lent and travel to our neighboring Bay Shore churches to worship as we prepare for Easter? The schedule of the Wednesday Soup & Sandwich Services is in this SPIRE and also in our Sunday Bulletin. I will also e-mail the schedule to you each week through the church Yahoo e-mail. Let us worship together in God's name. Lois Fallon Worship Chairperson

Wednesday's in Lent 2012  
*"Jesus words from the Cross"*

- February 29<sup>th</sup> – Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church – 54 Brook Street, Bay Shore N.Y.  
 (Preacher: Pastor Baudler) “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do”  
**Luke 23:34**
- March 7<sup>th</sup> -- First Congregation Church of Bay Shore – 1860 Union Blvd. Bay Shore, N.Y.  
 (Preacher: Pastor Gerth) “Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”  
**Luke 23:43**
- March 14 - United Methodist Church of Bay Shore, New York: 107 East Main St. Bay Shore, N.Y.  
 (Pastor Robinson) “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”  
**Matthew 27:46 and mark 15:34**
- March 21 - First Baptist Church of Bay Shore: 175 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Bay Shore, New York  
 (Pastor Lee) When Jesus had received the word, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up his Spirit” – **John 19:30**
- March 28 - St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Bay Shore: 3 Lawrence Lane, Bay Shore, New York  
 (Pastor Francis) Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend My Spirit.” **Luke 23:46** (Holy Communion).

All services begin with a communal evening meal of soup and sandwich at 7:15 p.m., followed by joint worship at 8 p.m.

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## SOUPS & SANDWICHES NEEDED FOR MARCH 14TH

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Our church is hosting the Wednesday Soup & Sandwich supper before the 8 PM service on March 14th. If you can make a pot of soup or a tray of sandwiches please sign up in Fellowship Hall or see Lois Fallon. In the past we have always provided delicious homemade soups and tasty trays of sandwiches. The soups and sandwiches need to be in Fellowship Hall by 6:45PM that evening since the supper starts at 7 :15PM. When you sign up to bring a soup or tray of sandwiches please indicate what type you are bringing so we can be sure to have a variety to offer our guests.

THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
 Lois Fallon Worship Chairperson

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!



### Notes from the Music Director

#### Good Friday-Tenebrae Service, April 6, 2012

Bay Shore United Methodist Church will observe the solemnity of Good Friday on April 6, 2012 at 8:00pm. This is a combined service with Islip Methodist Church. Please mark your calendars and join us for this important worship service on our Lenten journey together. If you have not attended in past years, I urge you to join us this year. Our combined choirs will perform a cantata (extended choral work), about the final days of Jesus. It is a beautiful choral work, with a beautiful message. Our handbells will perform, and we'll have orchestral accompaniment. Please come out and worship with us, on this holiest of days.

#### Mark Your Calendars

<b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship Service	Sunday April 1 <sup>st</sup> - 10:00 am
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship Service	Thursday April 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm Islip UMC
<b>Good Friday</b> Tenebrae Service	Friday April 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship Service	Sunday April 8 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am

#### Chamber Choir

##### Rehearsals:

Thursday March 1 <sup>st</sup> -	7:00pm -8:00pm	in the Sunday School Room
Thursday March 8 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00pm -8:00pm	in the Sunday School Room
Thursday March 15 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00pm -8:00pm	in the Sunday School Room
Thursday March 22 <sup>nd</sup> -	7:00pm -8:00pm	in the Sunday School Room
Thursday March 29 <sup>th</sup> -	7:00pm -8:00pm	in the Sunday School Room

#### Penataquit Handbell Choir

##### Rehearsals:

Sunday March 4 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15am - 12:15pm	in the West Room
Sunday March 18 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15am - 12:15pm	in the West Room

#### Youth Choir

##### Rehearsals:

Sunday March 11 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15am – 12:15pm	in the Sanctuary
Sunday March 25 <sup>th</sup> -	11:15am – 12:15pm	in the Sanctuary

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

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March 1 Joseph DiGiovanna, Jeanne Wood  
March 2 Jasmine Jones  
March 3 Nick DeLuca, Larissa DiPietro,  
March 8 Garrett DiPietro  
March 15 Jennifer Swetland  
March 16 Brian LePrell , Edward Shirley  
March 17 Karen LePrell , Katina Jones, Edward Stein  
March 19 Dorothy Miller, Lillian Montemagno  
March 20 Mary Wilson  
March 24 Delia Berka  
March 26 Leslie Owen, Brandon Robinson, Jessica Schmalfuss,  
Elizabeth Suda  
March 27 Nicholas, Janna & Janel DiGenaro, Joseph Schlamowitz  
March 28 Karen Lozano  
March 30 Karl Bocchieri, Patti Booy, Paul Burvenich,  
James Cameron, Kristin Lechner De Vita

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

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March 8 Gene and Jean Ufer

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**OTHER DATES 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.

***EASTER LILIES/DAFFODILS***

The lovely Easter lilies that beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday have a dual purpose: not only do they symbolize God’s promise of rebirth, but they also enable us to share this joyous spirit with the sick and shut-ins among our church family. If you would like to provide flowers for these purposes, please fill out the form below and give it to Flaye Stahl (665-2575). Cost is \$10.00 per plant.

NAME OF DONOR: (Please print all information)

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DONATED: \_\_\_\_\_ To the glory of God

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant after Easter

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my plant delivered to a shut-in

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN MARCH 25! Thank you!



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**GROWING OUR DAY CARE – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

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As you probably know, after two years of hard work by many dedicated individuals, our Church officially opened our new Day Care center on January 2nd. The Day Care shares space in our educational wing with New Beginnings Preschool, and is an important ministry for both our Church and community.

Unlike a preschool which is limited by law to a 2 1/2 hour program, we can provide all-day care. This gives working parents an affordable and dependable childcare option right in downtown Bay Shore.

The Day Care rooms are bright and cheerful. Our Day Care director, Ms. Jeanna Lambert, is an experienced educator and mother of two. Dropping by over the last few weeks I have had a chance to observe Jeanna and her outstanding staff in action. They have designed a quality early childhood program that I am proud to recommend and would use myself if my kids weren't 19 and 22. I was at the Center at closing time a couple of weeks ago when one of the children asked his mom if they could stay and play awhile instead of going home. Now that tells you what a nice place we have built.

Finally, the Day Care Center has the potential to make an important financial contribution to our annual budget and introduce families with young children to our church.

"Beginnings are delicate things". To make our Day Care a success, we need to grow the program. I am asking for you to both remember this new ministry in your prayers at night and be a cheerleader for it in the day.

Please talk the Center up to your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Take a few business cards from the supply in the West Entry and hand them out. The new Day Care page on our Church website has a link to a flyer that you can print and post this flyer appropriately around the community. Even one or two copies would be a help.

I believe that a successful Day Care program will play an important part in keeping our Church sustainable, vital, and growing for decades to come. Please lend your prayers and Service in building this important new ministry.

Thanks,  
Tom Wilson

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**MISSIONS**

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The missions Committee would like to express its appreciation to the congregation for their generous donations towards the February Food Drive which was organized as part of the Church's "Call to Action" Plans. The food drive benefited the Bay Shore Food Pantry.

The congregation is invited to read letters of appreciation from various organizations the church supports posted on the Missions Board in Fellowship Hall.

Vida Owusu Missions Committee

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***The SPIRE March 2012***

# CALL TO SERVICE 2012



A Helping Hand  
Can Change the World

At each baptism, confirmation, or reception into membership, our congregation speaks a variation on these words:

*"We renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service."*

They remind us our faith is an active one. Each of us has talents that have been given to us by God. We give back a portion of the bounty He has provided in our financial offerings, but as important as finances are, no amount of money can substitute for each person's unique and special talents, interests, and abilities.

Perhaps the skills you use at home or at work can address a need of the Church or community. On the other hand, maybe serving the Church can provide a way for you to do something completely different from your daily routine. One way or the other, your skills and commitment are needed.

Jesus said "my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30). He does not ask of us more than we can bear and neither will your Christian brothers and sisters in this congregation. Just as with your financial offerings, we ask you to offer only that Service you can freely and joyfully give. If your circumstances change, we will recognize and accept any changes this may require of your Service. On the other hand, you may find that as you Serve, God's gift back to you will be "Fruit of the Spirit" that brings fulfillment and joy and the energy and focus to live the rest of your life better.

Nobody can do everything, but everyone should do something. As we enter the season of Lent, we ask you to give something of yourself to the work of our Church by completing and returning the Service Pledge form on the reverse of this sheet. Forms for additional members of your family can be obtained at Services, from the Church office, or in the electronic version of the March 2012 Spire on the church website.

Thank you for your consideration of this Call to Service, and may the Peace of Christ be with you now and evermore.

-The Committee on Membership and Evangelism



## MY SERVICE PLEDGE FOR 2012



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone and/or email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**I can serve: ( ) weekly, ( ) twice a month, ( ) monthly, ( ) occasionally.**

Opportunities for Service	I can serve in the upcoming year	I would like more information	I already help with this	I can mentor others in this
Donating flowers for the altar:				
Altar Guild (preparing altar for Services):				
Preparing communion:				
Helping with the sound system:				
Preparing or presenting Powerpoint:				
Greeting:				
Ushering:				
Lay reading:				
Singing or playing an instrument:				
Lighting the altar candles:				
Hosting a coffee hour:				
Decorating the Church for special occasions:				
Working at the Thrift Shop:				
Serving at the Soup Kitchen:				
Helping with Adult Education and Bible Study:				
Helping with electronic outreach/publicity: (email / website / Facebook)				
Helping with traditional outreach/publicity: (Radio / television / print)				
Volunteering in the Toddler Room:				
Helping at the Sunday School:				
Youth mentoring:				
Planning and helping with special events (picnics, outings, concerts, Lenten suppers):				
Counting the weekly offering:				
Helping with fundraising:				
Cleanups and fix ups at the church & parsonage				
Winding the tower clock:				
<b>“HERE I AM, LORD” – willing to Serve where most needed</b>				

Please return your pledge form to the Church Office, Tom Wilson, or Chris Hoff.

If you have other talents or interests you wish to offer, please let us know!

*Thank you for your Service to God and our part of His Church*