



Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Dr. Sungmu Lee

October 2012

In the bible, Jesus says to his followers, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Consequently, this means “Whoever welcomes Jesus’ disciples welcomes God.” This is an amazing statement: “Whoever welcomes you welcomes God.” Jesus continues, “Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward.”

Some pastors preach that lay people should treat their pastor well, because the pastor is identified with a prophet. When they treat their pastor with respect, they will receive the rewards from God. When I was a lay person, I used to hear this kind of sermon from my pastor. Maybe, some Christians have been influenced by this kind of sermon, in that I am sometimes treated well because I am a clergy person (which is good for me).

Each month I go to the post office to mail out the Spire that you are reading now. There was a person to whom I did not want to bring the Spire, because she often made me uncomfortable, while the other window clerks were all nice and kind to me. She usually did not answer my questions, doing something else and keeping me waiting.

One day, I was on the line, hoping that I would not be the next customer of hers, but she looked at me and said, “Next.” “Oh no,” I mumbled. While I was going to her, I practiced what to say to her, “These are for bulk mail, please.” I was ready for her unkindness. However, unexpectedly and surprisingly, she smiled at me and asked, “How are you this morning?”

I thought by myself, “She must be someone else. Or she won the lottery yesterday.” She said to me, “Chinese New Year’s Day is coming up, and we have special stamps for it. Would you like to buy some?” I did not need those stamps, but I was so surprised by her unexpected (too?) kind attitude that I said in spite of myself, “Okay I want them.” She was totally a different person, and I was glad that people could change.

As I said goodbye to her, she responded, “Have a nice day, pastor.” While coming out of the post office, I said to myself, “She called me pastor. How did she know? Maybe God appeared in her dream last night, telling her to be nice to Pastor Lee!” I realized soon that I was wearing a clergy shirt that let her know I was a pastor.

It was one of my experiences that I am not treated as well as when I am identified with a clergy person. How can the same person act so differently? People, especially Christians, welcome the clergy person, but many of them do not realize that they should welcome little ones as well. I want to live in a society where I am welcomed, not because I am a clergy person, but because I am a stranger.

Then, who will construct that society? You and I! As we perform some act of kindness, let us not forget that we were all strangers, the Gentiles, and that we have been brought into the family of God. Now it is our turn to show that love to our neighbors, especially to the marginalized in our society. Amen. Sungmu Lee

DORCAS CIRCLE

The October meeting of the Dorcas Circle will be Monday, October 8th at 10am. We are planning to work on lap-ropes and hats (using a knitting machine) to be distributed where needed. Some members are going to engage in games to keep the minds alert. Hostesses are Alice Cavalla and Dolores Hoffmann.
All women welcome!

18th ANNUAL CRAFT AND BAKE SALE AT BAY SHORE UMC

On Friday, November 9 from 5-7 PM and Saturday, November 10 from 10 AM-3 PM our church will be hosting our 18th Annual Craft and Bake Sale. On Friday night, as is our custom, we will be joined by our Boy Scout Troop #153 who will provide a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner for a nominal charge.

We will need many volunteers for this fair to be a success. We need people to donate crafts, bake HOMEMADE cookies, help move furniture, set up and to work at the fair. If you can do any of these things please call the church office at 666-7194 or email UMCBS@aol.com and let us know how you can help. You don't have to commit to the whole time. Even if you can only volunteer for an hour or two it will be greatly appreciated. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the Fellowship Hall early in October for you to add your name.

If you are willing to put posters up anywhere (your office, break room, supermarket, library) they will be available in October. Just contact the church office.

And please be sure to invite your friends and family to this event. You won't be disappointed. Come, do some Christmas shopping and try our cookies.

LAITY SUNDAY

Sunday, October 21st is Laity Sunday, celebrated throughout the United Methodist Church. The theme for 2012 is Service and Witness. Please join us as we celebrate our connections to the Methodist Church in Bay Shore.

Christine Hoff, Lay Leader

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

Once again, we have an abundance of items collecting in the kitchen. Please make sure you have removed all personal items; any leftovers will be donated to the Thrift Shop in mid-October.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!



Notes from the Music Director

Chamber Choir Rehearses

Every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the School Building

Youth Choir Rehearsals

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| Sunday October 14 th - | 11:15 am. – 12:00 pm. | in the Sanctuary |
| Sunday October 28 th - | 11:15 am. – 12:00 pm. | in the Sanctuary |

Penataquit Handbell Choir Rehearsals

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| Sunday October 7 th - | 11:15 am. – 12:15 pm. | in the West Room |
| Sunday October 21 st - | 11:15 am. – 12:15 pm. | in the West Room |

New members are welcome! Call Danny Cafiero at 748-5829 or email DCAF31@aol.com for more information

Important October Dates

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| Sunday October 7 th - | World Communion Sunday |
| Sunday October 21 st - | Laity Sunday |
| Sunday October 28 th - | Reformation Sunday |

Save the Date!

Sunday December 2nd, at 4:00 PM, Bay Shore United Methodist Church will host an “Advent and Christmas Music Concert”. This concert will benefit the music ministry at UMCBS. Our Chamber Choir, Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, along with soloists and instrumentalists, will perform music to usher in the Advent and Christmas seasons! Mark your calendars now. Tickets go on sale Sunday October 21st.

MISSIONS

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 7, 2012, It is one of the Church's six special Sundays. Special offering envelopes will be inserted in the Bulletin on that day. Please remember to donate generously to help open doors to higher education through scholarships.

October 28, 2012 is Missions Sunday. The Missions Committee is organizing a potluck luncheon after service. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

It is time for our annual Fall/Thanksgiving food drive for the Bay Shore food pantry. Bags will be distributed on Sunday October 28, 2012. Donations of non-perishable food items should be brought in by November 14 so that we can deliver to the food pantry in time for Thanksgiving.

Vida Owusu
Missions Chair



CHARGE CONFERENCE - Saturday, October 20 at 9:30 am at Central Islip UMC

Our yearly Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, October 20 at 9:30 am at the Central Islip UMC.

This will be a four church combined Charge Conference with Central Islip, Bay Shore Hauppauge and Islip. Please do your best to attend.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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 LePrel
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 Timmone
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 Timmone
Oct. 30 Frederick Miller, William Scharfenberg
Oct. 31 Bill Carr, Betty Mack

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 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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