



Bay Shore United Methodist Church

THE SPIRE

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste

September 2014

Dear Partners in Ministry:

“Give and it will be given to you in good measure, pressed down and overflowing, they shall cast into your lap. For with what measure you measure it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38, NIV)

Giving of your time, your talents, your finances and your partnership in ministry is such a blessing. When you give you are actually sowing seeds and in due season, you will reap a harvest from those seeds. One of the most important factors for any pastor is to serve a people who also want to serve with her in ministry. It's called partnership in the gospel. Partnership involves fellowship. The word “fellowship” literally is translated “Koinonia” (*koy-nohn-ee'ah*, Greek #2842), which means “community, joint participation, communion, communication, and sharing which one has in anything.” When we are in partnership, we go on working together in ministry, using our gifts and graces to advance the ministry—the Kingdom of God. The Letter of Paul to the Philippians is a great example of partnership in the Gospel. The apostle was filled with joy when he considered the congregation because of their genuine partnership with him in the gospel. The Philippians gave from their substance. Although Paul was imprisoned, he prayed for the saints at Philippi; they had a special place in his heart. They brought him great joy. Paul was encouraged and strengthened by their genuine love, prayers and fellowship for him. The Philippians congregation and Paul shared such a bond that he felt their compassion with him in his suffering. Paul writes:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. (Philippians 1:3-7)

As your new pastor, my prayer is that we will be partners in the gospel, working together, sharing together, praying for one another and having genuine fellowship. It's been a joy to serve these past two months. I have witnessed that you are a loving, giving and caring congregation. Let us continue loving God and loving each other.

I am available to meet with you during my office hours as listed. Please don't hesitate to call, send an email or schedule an appointment to meet with me. I look forward to serving with you in ministry, being a partner with you in ministry. Thank you for your kindness and making me feel very welcome. Let us continue loving God and loving each other.

Your Partner in the Gospel,
Rev. Dr. Wendy C. Modeste
Pastor of Bay Shore United Methodist Church

RALLY DAY POT LUCK PICNIC & BARBECUE

Rally Day Pot Luck Picnic and Barbecue September 7th.

Our Rally Day Pot Luck Picnic and Barbecue will be held on the Church lawn after Service on Sunday September 7th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, paper goods, and cake will be provided. Each family is invited to bring a side dish or beverage to share.

The cost is \$6.00 per family. You can pay at the door. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, or contact the Church Office (631-666-7194 or office@bayshoreumc.org) by Thursday, September 3rd so we know how many people to buy for.

Come and enjoy the summer weather, our beautiful front lawn, and your Church Family as we introduce Pastor Wendy to one of our great fellowship traditions. Hope to see you there!

Tom Wilson

PASTOR WENDY’S SCHEDULE

Grace and peace dear Beloved Members of UMCBS:

“Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is the LORD’s faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22, 23)

I am counting it a privilege to be your pastor in this season of life. God has blessed us to be together and I’m so grateful. I know many of you have been waiting to get my office schedule, so here it is. It is not written in stone so if you need to see me other than what’s listed below, please let me know.

Here’s my schedule, effective Monday, August 4, 2014 going forward:

- 1. MONDAYS:..... DAY OFF
- 2. TUESDAYS:..... VISITATION DAY
- 3. WEDNESDAYS:.....10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- 4. THURSDAYS:.....10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- 5. FRIDAYS:.....FLEXIBLE

If anyone wishes to schedule an appointment to talk with me about anything, I will available during those times. If my office hours are not suitable for you, please let me know we can arrange something else.

My CONTACT:

(347) 301-0539, cell
631-666-6211, home

MISSIONS

Thank you to all who donated socks and underwear to benefit the immigrant shelter in Brownsville, Texas. Your generous donations will go a long way in impacting somebody's life. Indeed it shows love and offers hope.

Vida Owusu
Missions committee

“He Who Sings, Prays Twice!”- St. Augustine
Notes from the Music Director

Rally/Homecoming Sunday

Please join us on Sunday September 7th at 10:00am, for our Rally Day/Homecoming Service and welcome our new Pastor, Wendy C. Modeste. Our choirs and music groups will be back in attendance, and we'll host our annual BBQ on the church lawn following the service. Please come out, and support!

College Students

I would like to wish a very successful school year and safe travels to all of our college bound students this year, especially Kwasi Enin, and Kwaku Owusu, from our music ministry. We wish them well, and look forward to having them back on their breaks. Good Luck!

Save the Date

On Sunday December 7th, our music ministry will host our “Advent and Christmas Music Concert” in our church sanctuary, at 4:00pm. The concert will feature our music groups; the Chamber Choir, Youth Choir, Penataquit Handbell Choir, Men’s Quartet, as well as instrumentalists and guest soloist. Tickets will go on sale in October. Mark your calendars, now!

Join Our Music Ministry

The Chamber Choir is the adult choir of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church. The Chamber Choir provides music each week for the 10:00am worship service and performs for our special Christmas Services, Lenten Services, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Sunday School building. Knowledge of music is not required to join. New members are most cordially invited!

Our Youth Choir is designed to nurture their understanding of and relationship with God, and to foster their love for music. Our choir consists of middle school and high school students, who are all talented musicians. Even though they are a small group, they make a BIG sound. The youth are actively involved at their schools in athletics, theater, band, choir, dance, and many clubs. New members are always welcome!

The Youth Choir performs at special worship services and holy days. We rehearse on Sundays following worship services at 11:15 am in the sanctuary. Our schedule varies and alternates with the Penataquit Hand Bell Choir.

The Penataquit Hand Bell Choir is open to anyone who loves and enjoys music. Some of our members never held a bell before, or know how to read music. Some were not able to take part in vocal choir but love music and surely enjoy being part of our group. Knowledge of music is not required! New members are warmly welcomed and appreciated.

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If you are interested in joining one of our music groups, please see Danny Cafiero, following worship service, or email him at DCAF31@aol.com. Thank you!

PENNIES FOR PRESERVATION

Although I haven't been reporting monthly for a while, the rest of you have continued adding your "pennies" to our jar. I thought that it might be a good idea to bring everyone up to date since some of you might not be familiar with our Pennies for Preservation fund.

It started on February 24, 2008. The stained glass window on the south side of our church was in danger of falling in and damaging the sanctuary and any people who might be in it. Mr. Somers, whose firm did the work, mentioned that another church had saved their pennies to help pay for their church preservation work. Thus our Pennies for Preservation Fund was started. With donations from many parishioners and from the Trustees we were able to finance the installation of the window. However those who were Trustees at that time were aware that outdoor painting was needed to preserve our Historical church.

The Pennies for Preservation Fund was started with \$1,107.08 donated that year. I am listing the amounts that have been collected each year, thanks to the generosity of our congregation, starting with 2008.

2008 \$1,107.08
2009 \$478.10
2010 \$528.00
2011 \$449.00
2012 \$339.20
2013 \$307.00
2014 (6/30) \$189.00
Total \$3,397.00

And so, fellow parishioners, I am once again asking you to bend over and pick up loose change that you find lying around. If you can spare it then why not add the loose change in your pockets and pocketbooks. Our church appreciates your efforts in contributing to the Preservation Fund. Remember, God thought highly of the widow's mite.

If finances are tight for you right now, He understands and welcomes your prayers and praise.



God's faithful servant CARMEN BERKA passed into eternal rest on July 24, 2014.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1 Erik Udvardia
Sept. 5 Heidi Fahey, Thomas Madeska
Sept. 6 Irene O'Sullivan, Alice Swetland
Sept. 7 Gregory Sassone
Sept. 9 McKenzie Dowd
Sept. 10 Kevin LePrell
Sept. 11 Lecretia Charles, Melissa Yost
Sept. 12 George Mack, Jr., Jimmy Enrique Abeles
Sept. 13 Thomas Wilson, Jr.
Sept. 14 Lourdes Dom
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. 26 John Ferraro, Jr.
Sept. 27 Jonathan Bloom, Daniel Antonik
Sept. 28 Jonathan Hoff, Joseph Calvacca
Sept. 29 Lenora Daniel, Jacqueline Suda

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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.

Elaine Williams is now at

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