



THE SPIRE

The newsletter of the Bay Shore United Methodist Church

The Rev. Wendy C. Modeste, Pastor

October 2017

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Greetings and blessings for the month of October when the Earth prepares to rest after a bountiful harvest! I pray that the summer season has been "fruitful" for you and your family.

Our church is a four-season church in many ways. We follow the life of Christ when we observe His annunciation, baptism, crucifixion and resurrection. This cycle has been repeated for more than 2,000 years by Christians worldwide and for more than 200 years by our congregation at Bay Shore Methodist Church.

Today, our spirit is as strong as ever. But time has taken a toll on our beloved sanctuary. Some refurbishment issues need to be addressed. As some of you may know, we applied for grants that would help repair and restore the church buildings and parsonage. One of the proposals was turned down, with the committee explaining that other churches had greater needs. The other proposal has been resubmitted, with a focus on the immediate visual needs of the sanctuary building (interior and exterior).

There are some who look at our congregation from the outside and don't believe we have the energy or resources to restore this great place. One even suggested we sell the buildings and move elsewhere. They don't appreciate the strength of our fellowship and the impact that our small but mighty congregation has on the community around us.

To them I say, "God is with us." I can feel it as He works through me and each of you to advance His ministry here on Earth. I have seen God's hand intervene time and time again to aid and assist our congregation. I know that God hears our prayers and the prayers of our neighbors who rely on us for day care and preschool, the soup kitchen, the thrift shop, the self-help meetings, the food pantry, and countless other ministries that we're involved in.

We are in this together. Our longevity doesn't hinge on whether a grant proposal is approved or not. But it does hinge on gifts from YOU, in the form of service and offerings. As we enter the pledge season, I urge each of you to prayerfully consider an increase in giving to address our immediate needs. God willing, we will show the naysayers that we are committed to our ministry at Bay Shore United Methodist Church.

"Now to him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." –Ephesians 3:20

--Pastor Wendy

RALLY SUNDAY 2017



On Sunday September 10th, our Church Family came together for worship, special music, fellowship, and the first day of Sunday School. After Service we had great weather and a wonderful time at the Pot Luck Picnic and BBQ. Thanks to all who made Rally Sunday a success with their help and their presence!



YOUTH ON THE MOVE!

Congratulations to congregant Cameron Allen. His hard work as an intern at the New York Hall of Science over the past year recently paid off with a First Place award at the annual World Maker Faire at Flushing Meadows in New York City.

Left to right: project partner Greg Williams, Director of Maker Programming at NY Hall of Science, and Cameron.

HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor Wendy Modeste and sponsors Dale and Patrick Dowd join with the Jones family in celebrating the recent baptism of Naiya Lovel Jones and Cora Ann Jones.



WE



OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

An exciting new ministry is starting at Bay Shore United Methodist Church. College Connection aims to uplift and support our college students pursuing higher education on campuses near and far. Coordinators Christine Hoff and Julie Aromi will be working with the congregation to organize prayer chains, care packages and spiritual mentoring. Interested in helping out? Or do you have a college-age student who would like to be included? Contact Pastor Wendy or the Church office.

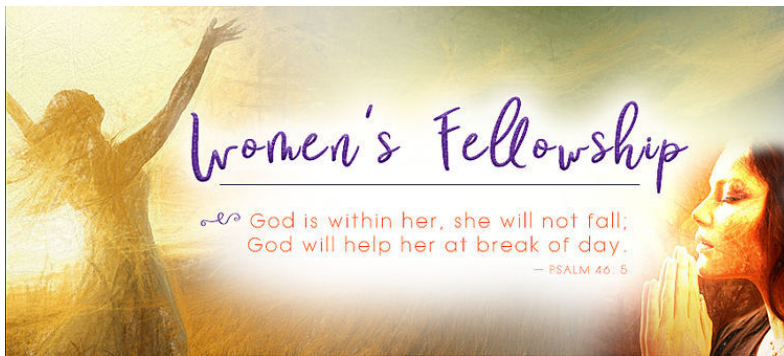
GREAT NEWS FROM CHILDCARE

Our Childcare Ministry continues to thrive! Enrollment is currently fourteen in our Early Head Start program for 18-36 month old children and eight in our programs for 3 to 5 year old children (Preschool and part time / full time Day Care).

Childcare net revenue is transferred to the main Church budget. It represents about one third of income to current expenses in 2017 and is expected to be the same in 2018 - so Childcare is an important part of our Church's financial sustainability in addition to being an enormously beneficial ministry to the community.

Our relationship with Long Island Head Start remains strong. We recently signed our third annual contract to provide full time year round Early Head Start services for 16 children in two classrooms. Construction is nearly complete on an outdoor classroom on the front lawn (there is still plenty of space for picnics). This "Discovery Playground" will give children opportunities for nature study, arts, crafts, music, story time, games, and rides on a super cool trike track! 100% of the cost of this construction has been paid by Head Start - a true blessing for now and for the future of all children involved in all our ministries.





WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All women are welcome at the next Women's Fellowship Saturday October 21st beginning at 10am at the Parsonage. We will continue our discussion of women of the Bible, the challenges they faced, and how their stories are still relevant in our lives today.

CRAFTERNOON OF FUN

We're having our final Crafting Klatch before the November Craft Fair! Join us in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. We plan to make votive candle holders out of jelly jars, as well as some candy stocking stuffers. Help out on these projects -- or bring your own project and enjoy the fellowship. There is no fee. Questions? See Beth DeCarbo or Donna Lechner.

CHURCH CONFERENCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

Church Conference is the annual event where all professing members of our congregation are invited to come together, review the life of our Church, consider ministry plans for the coming year, and elect laity to leadership positions. Our Church's Annual Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 5 following our Worship Service. We hope you will come to hear District Superintendent Rev. Julia Yim preach at Worship and then stay to participate as she leads the Conference.

LOTSA PASTA AND A RAFT OF CRAFTS



Mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 10, when the Boy Scouts will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. The Scouts will be in uniform serving salad, pasta, bread, beverages and dessert.

In between courses, pop into the Craft Fair, where our world-famous cookie table will be set up for sales. Mix and match your favorite homemade treats, or choose from a wide selection of hand-made crafts and delightful goodie baskets that are perfect for Christmas gift-giving.

The annual Craft Sale continues on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the West Room. It is one of the church's major fundraisers. Please come and support our ministry at Bay Shore United Methodist Church.

We're also looking for volunteers to help set up, staff the event and clean up afterward. If you're interested, please see Donna Lechner or Christine Hoff.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Contact the Church Office to add or correct your birthday or anniversary.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Soup Kitchen: Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.


Thrift Shop: Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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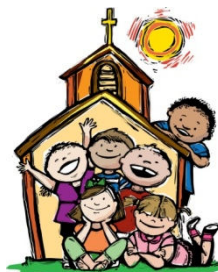
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***Start children off on the way they
should go, and even when they
are old they will not turn from it.***

- Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)