Bellport United Methodist Church

185 S. Country Rd., Bellport, N.Y. 11713 (631) 286-0525
January 28, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome!
The Bellport UMC family welcomes visitors from all backgrounds. You are invited to join us for our fellowship hour following the service. For childcare, large print hymnals, or directions to our accessible access (elevator), please see any of our ushers. Our current newsletter and church brochure with upcoming events are available in the entry area and Fellowship Hall. We hope you will feel God's presence with us, and we invite you to join us again. We invite members and guests to sign in at the entrance area. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT CHURCH MEETINGS

Bible & Healing Prayer Service: Monday – Friday 7:15 a.m. on Zoom
Women's Bible Study: Monday 7 p.m. At Anna McClure's Home
Men's Bible Study: Every Monday at noon. On Zoom
Youth Bible Class: Every Wednesday, 7: 30 PM. On Zoom
Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday (2/10, 9 AM) at the Church
Choir for Worship: Thursdays at 7 PM, Sundays at 9 AM.
**Church Council Meeting: 3/19, 7:30 PM, Zoom
Finance Committee: Tuesday, 2/6, 7 PM at the Church, Wesley House
Nomination & Leadership:
Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: 3/17, Sunday, 10:40 AM after service
Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: 2nd Sundays (1/14) at 8:45 AM
Stewardship Committee:
Outreach:

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations; the Drop Box is available.

Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour in the Sign-up Sheet. Thank You!

Child-Care Service Person Wanted! (Sundays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.)

The Thrift Store will be closed for the winter.

February 8, 2024: Bishop's District Visit 6:30 P.M.

Feb. 10 & 11, Event in Fellowship Hall: 12:30PM to 3PM

Feb.11, Transfiguration Sunday.

Feb. 14, ASH-Wednesday Service; Join at Bayport UMC

Feb 18, First Sunday in Lent

Lay Servant Ministries, Spring Zoom Classes run for 5 weeks (5 sessions)

Feb. 17~ March 22, 2024. Sunday 5-7 PM (Basic), Thursday 7-9 PM (Transforming Leaders; Leading Worship); Fridays 7-9 PM (Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action); Saturdays 10 AM (Transforming Evangelism)

How to REGISTER: BY January 30th

1. Talk to your pastor to decide which class might be right for you. 2. Register for the Basic Class Register for an Advanced Class

Church Council Information: https://www.umc.org/en/content/book-of-discipline-252-the-church-council

January 28, 2024 9:30 A.M.

4th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Order: Church Color (Green)

WE GATHER AND PRAISE

♫ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

WELCOME (page 1**) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (**page 2**)**

♫ **CENTERING: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CANDLE**

♫ **INTROIT**

Call To Worship

Leader: Ever-Living God, Generous One, Your goodness and faithfulness endure forever:

People: the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the hope You offer.

Leader: Sheltering God, Healing One, You remember Your covenant and its promises to us:

People: The grace and mercy You give, the healing You offer, the tenderness You show to us.

Leader: The works of Your hands are faithful and just. Your teachings are trustworthy and true.

People: Your praise endures forever! Amen.

♫ **Opening Hymn** UMC #176 "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Opening Prayer & Confession (Psalm 111, Mark 1)

All: Gracious God, when we speak of Your great power, the power that abounds in creation all around us, we sometimes wonder if it is in our own lives. We hear that You are faithful, that You remember us and Your promises, yet there are places in our lives that don't feel quite right. We often wonder what You have to do with our lives, especially

in the places that hurt. Help us trust Your promised grace, for we long to touch Your healing peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer:

Words of Assurance (Psalm 111)
Leader: God holds true to God's promises and sends redemption to God's people. Let us rejoice in the God who remembers and redeems.
All: Amen. Peace Be with You!

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND

Ministry Of Music: "My Vision, My Shepherd" arr. by Philip Kern

Time with Children & the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:7-13

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28–[21]They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. [22]They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. [23]Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, [24]and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." [25]But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" [26]And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. [27]They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." [28]At once, his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

♫ **People's Response in Music**

#71: "Glory be to the Father," and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, a world without end. Amen.

The Gospel Message: Rev. Lydia Han

Prayers of the People – Your Joys & Concerns (page 7**)**

(You may offer up a prayer or thanksgiving, followed by "This is my prayer, O Lord." The church family will respond, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

♫ **UMH** #431 "Let there be Peace on Earth" (Vs. 1)

♫ *** The Doxology UMH** #95 "Praise God, from Whom …"

Offering Prayer (Psalm 111, Mark 1)

All: Holy One, Jesus of Nazareth, Spirit from on high, may our gifts reveal Your grace and mercy far and wide. May others learn of Your faithful love through the power of Your works and through the gifts we bring this day. May they also learn that You have everything to do with their lives. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

♫ **Closing Hymn** UMH #261 "Lord of the Dance" (Vs. 1~3)

Commission & Benediction (Psalm 111, Mark 1)

Leader: What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? **People: Everything! You are the source of our life, our wisdom, our healing.**

Leader: What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

People: Everything! You give us mercy, grace, and hope.

Leader: What have You to do with the world, Jesus of Nazareth?

People: Everything! You are the holy one of God, the Savior of the World!

Leader: Let us give thanks with our whole hearts!

All: Amen!

♬ **Choral Response**

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US.

PLEASE COME BACK!

CHURCH SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
CHURCH OFFICE*:* Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
TELEPHONE*:* 631-286-0525
CHURCH WEBSITE & SUNDAY BULLETIN: www.umcbellport.org
CHURCH EMAIL: bellportumc@optimum.net
ZOOM MEETING LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6312860525
DIAL BY PHONE:16465588656 then 6312860525#
PASTOR: Rev. Lydia Han 646-464-2215 lydia.han@nyac-umc.com
LITURGIST: Kathleen Wells
MUSIC: Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel
COFFEE HOUR: Dana Prather-Davis & Zane
USHERS: Bruce Groh, Bill Morse, and Youth
YOUTH & CHILDREN: Lori Labalsamo and Bill Morse
TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst, Bill Lang, Samuel Han
CHURCH FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/bellportmethodist.church.5
PRESCHOOL: 631-286-2498, www.BellportPreschool.com
THRIFT SHOP: 631-286-0746, https://www.facebook.com/Umcbellportfiddlersgreen

Prayer List (Please email/contact the office or the Pastor)

Sympathy Prayers for families who lost their loved ones this year!

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength: Mark and Lois Barton, Joe Harder (Jr.), Jack Antos & the family, the Downs' family, Tess Mouquin, Kristin Quatrale, Mary Scott, Carl Moodt, Donna and Carl Catandella, the Vanderzalm family, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Young Adults including Andrew Morse, Ethan Hillard, Amy and Seann, Shelby, Derek, Diana, Oliver and David, the Pastor & the family, and all Church affiliated people

Prayers for COOP Churches (Cooperative Parish): United Methodist Churches of South Shore, & UM churches/ All the churches worldwide

Lord's Day Attendance: 1/21/23

ADULTS	CHILDREN	ZOOM	FACEBOOK	YOUTUBE	GUESTS	TOTAL
32	5	5	62		1	105

Abundant Blessings for Offerings:1/21/23

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Envelops	Flower Coffee Hour	Holidays Christmas
$2,742	$32		
Building Fund & Use	Special Thanks/ Benevolence	Sunday School	Total
$100	$210		$3,109

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

"Bellport United Methodist Church"

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

We believe[s] God's grace is open to all, and therefore practice[s] "open Communion"--meaning that anyone may participate in receiving Communion. We believe salvation is an open gift from God, accepted by individuals according to their own free will. The United Methodist denomination is a "big tent" theologically, providing space for theological discourse and, at times, disagreement.

We affirm the beliefs expressed in the Apostles Creed. These include:

- The belief in one God, who is the Creator and sustainer of the universe.
- The belief in the Trinity, that there is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- The belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is fully human and fully divine.
- John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, taught that we pursue our faith in community and action with others. We practice social holiness. We insist that personal salvation always involves a Christian mission and service to the world. The United Methodist Church has a long history of action and advocacy for social justice.
- United Methodists are active in their communities and in the world through a variety of ways, including:
- Participating in local mission projects and service initiatives
- Supporting global mission efforts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and other mission organizations
- Advocating for social justice and working to address issues such as poverty, hunger, and inequality:
- Providing educational and vocational training opportunities
- Creating and supporting community development programs.
- Offering counseling, support groups, and other forms of pastoral care

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