

**Bellport United Methodist Church**  
185 S. Country Rd., Bellport, N.Y. 11713 631-286-0525

**January 12, 2025**  
**“A Tale of Two Baptisms”**



**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 Entrance 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

Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 7:00 PM, at the home of Ellen Horn

Men's Bible Study: Every Monday at 12:15 PM. On Zoom

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays (2/8, 9:00 AM) at the Church

Bell Choir: Thursdays at 6:15 PM

Choir for Worship: Thursdays at 7 PM, Sundays at 9 AM.

Church Council Meeting: 1/21, 7:30 PM, Zoom.

Finance Committee: 2/4, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 2/5, 7:30 PM, Wesley House

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: 2nd Sundays at 8:45

Stewardship Committee:

Outreach: TBD

😊 **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!
- **The Thrift Shop** is closed for the winter. The Thrift Shop will reopen in the second week of February 2025, weather permitting.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday:** On February 9<sup>th</sup>, our youth **will be collecting cash and check donations** for this cause. All monetary donations collected will go directly to the **Patchogue Neighbors Soup Kitchen!** (If you want to donate via check, make checks payable to Bellport United Methodist Church and write Patchogue Neighbors Soup Kitchen on the Memo Line.)

**Baptism of Our Lord**

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Sara Morse, Liturgist

**Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!**

*(All are invited to stand if comfortable doing so, where the \* appears)*

**GATHERING THOUGHTS**

*“By baptism, we who were ‘by nature children of wrath’  
are now made the ‘children of God’.” - John Wesley*

**ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE**

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

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

♪ **BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

♪ **INTROIT**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: The voice of the Lord rests upon the waters of creation.

**People: The God of glory thunders with creative love over the waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**People: The power of God is full of majesty and should be praised.**

♪ **Opening Hymn: (UMH) #723**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE-** Conclude by singing (UMH) #666 *Shalom to You*

*“Shalom to you now, shalom my friends,  
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends,  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.”*

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2025**

# OPENING TO THE PRESENCE



## Gathering Prayer

**Living God, when You descended upon Jesus as a dove at His baptism, You declared Him to be Your beloved Son, anointing Him with Your Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized in His name keep the covenants they have made and boldly confess Jesus as Lord and Savior, now and forever for this water is a mark - a sacred sign- that long, before we knew it, God choose us.**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**Ministry of Music**

*Spirit of God*

arr. David S. York

**Moments for Children/ The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

**CALL TO PRAYER (UMH) (TFWS) #2215 "Cares Chorus"**

*"I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
And anytime, I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you."*

**GOD SIGHTINGS, JOYS & CONCERNS (page 7)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SONG OF WATER: (W&S) #3164 (See Insert) *Down to the River to Prayer***

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSV)** But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the

flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’, and to the south, ‘Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth- <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.’

**SECOND READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)** 15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ 21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying the heaven was opened <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

For the Word of God in scripture

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** *A Tale of Two Baptisms*

Pastor Matthew Querns

**SERMON CHALLENGE:** This week, let us remember- if you were baptized, God marked you as loved. If you are not baptized, God loves you dearly. Through water, we are made part of God’s family. Go, and welcome others into the fold.

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **WORSHIPPING WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY (UMH) #94**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts.*

*Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts.*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**\*SENDING HYMN: (TFWS) #2051** *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

### **POSTLUDE**

January 19<sup>th</sup>'s Sermon: "Imagine All the People - Living life in Peace."

– Ephesians 4:4-5, 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP.**

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US.**

**PLEASE, COME BACK ANYTIME!**

CHURCH SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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COFFEE HOUR: Danna Prather-Davis

USHERS: Bruce Groh, Bill Morse, and Youth

YOUTH & CHILDREN: Lori Labalsamo and Bill Morse

TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst and Bill Lang

CHURCH FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/bellportmethodist.church.5>

PRESCHOOL: 631-286-2498, [www.BellportPreschool.com](http://www.BellportPreschool.com)

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

**Sympathy Prayers** for Mary Scott and family on the passing of her daughter, Josephine Pond, The family of Jean Barone. The Barton family on the passing of Mark Barton.

**Prayers:** Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength: Rachel Langert and her father, Lois Barton (The Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), Jack Antos & the family, the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrone, Donna and Carl Catandella, the Vanderzalm family, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Paul Herbst and Roseann Hannafey. Prayers for Young Adults including: Andrew, Ethan, Amy and Seann, Shelby, Derek, Diana, Oliver, David and Samuel, and all Church affiliated people.

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

# Stewardship

*All things are possible with God*



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



*A way of life*

## Lord's Day Attendance: 1/5/2025

| ADULTS | CHILDREN | ZOOM | FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE | - | GUESTS | TOTAL |
|--------|----------|------|--------------------|---|--------|-------|
| 31     | 5        | 2    | 112                |   |        | 150   |

## Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 1/5/2025

|                              |                                |           |          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Current/<br>(Pledge, Tithes) | Loose<br>Envelopes             | Christmas |          |
| \$2,223.                     | \$106.                         | \$50.     | \$.      |
| Building Fund<br>& Use       | Special Thanks/<br>Benevolence |           | Total    |
| \$495.                       | \$50.                          | \$.       | \$2,924. |

**Send Offering Checks By Mail:**

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