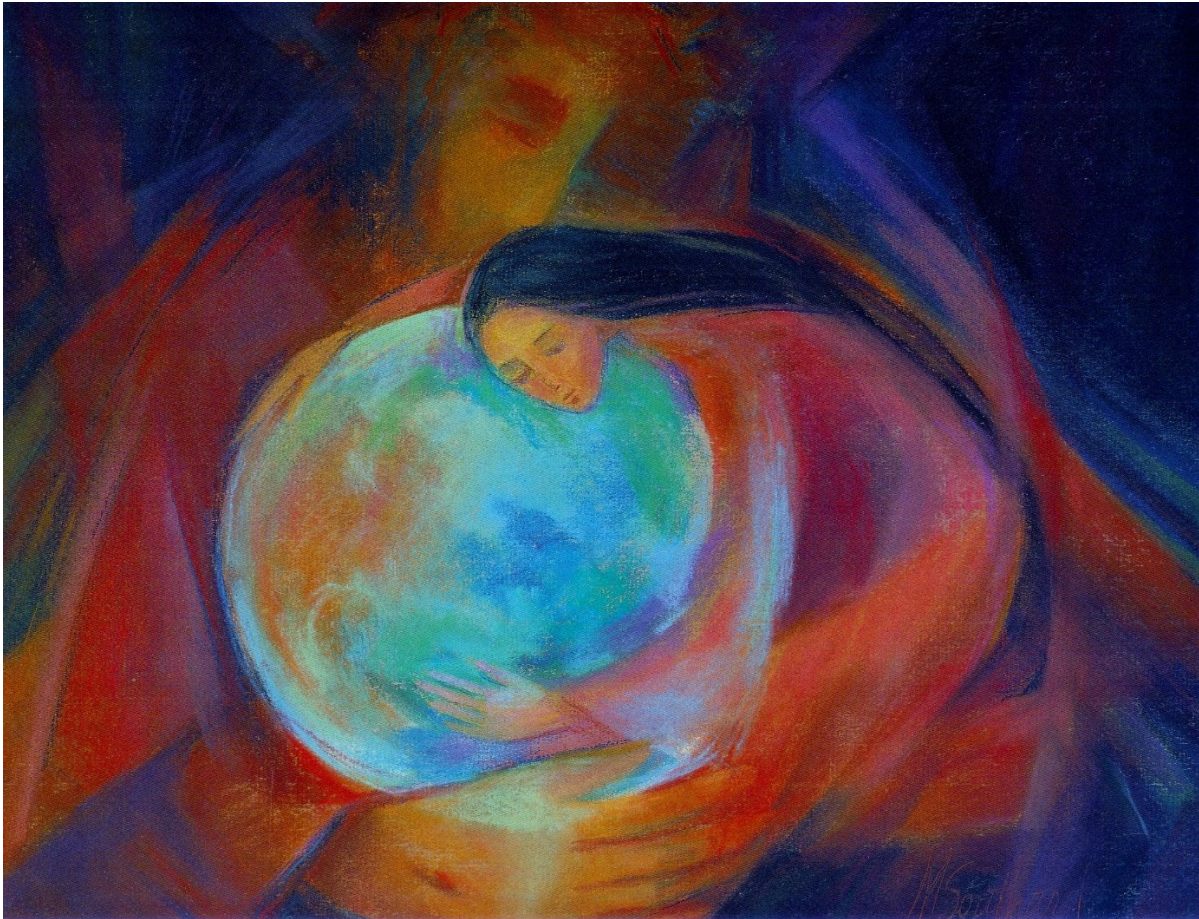


Bellport United Methodist Church

185 S. Country Rd., Bellport, N.Y. 11713 631-286-0525

May 11, 2025

“Is It Okay to Call God Mother?”



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

Bible Study 101: Wednesdays at 11am or 1pm, Wesley House

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

Men's Bible Study: Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 PM on Zoom.

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays: 6/14, 9:00 AM at the Church

Bell Choir: Thursdays at 6:00 PM. Sanctuary.

Choir for Worship: Thursdays at 7:00 PM, Sundays at 9 AM, Sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting: 6/17, 7:30 PM, Zoom.

Finance Committee: 6/3, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 5/14, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD

Outreach: 5/18, 11:00AM, Smith Room.

Harvest Fair Committee Meeting: 5/20, 7:00PM, Wesley House

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

- **Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour** on the Sign-Up Sheet in the Gathering Area. Thank You!
- **The Thrift Shop** is open on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Mother/Daughter Dinner:** 5/16. 6:00PM, Fellowship Hall. Contact Carolyn Holtz or Sara Morse for further information.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Margie Ludewig, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“A Mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.” – Tenneva Jordan

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

EASTER SEASON READING Acts 10:44-48

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Mother is a big word, full of many meanings, faces, stories and lives.

People: Today we honor mothers in every way they grace our lives- parents, teachers, coaches, leaders, and pastors.

Leader: Some moms planned to be moms; others were surprised, and others never knew they were moms.

People: Until we took the time to tell them and show them how their love changed our lives, forever.

♪ Opening Hymn: (UMH) #2050 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

***PASSING THE PEACE- (UMH)#431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth.*”

“Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment

now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.”

OPENING TO THE PRESENCE



Gathering Prayer

Mothering God, today, we thank mothers, all women who have mothered this world in strength, guidance, and love. As reflections of your image, we honor women, nurturers, and encouragers to all they meet, who have defined mother as guardian of the world. God, for mothers who seek guidance, be their model of motherhood, for those who hurt bring comfort, for those who never knew they were mothers, let them see the lives they changed. God, we will never know the trueness of God our father, without knowing God our mother.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music

Mary, Did You Know

arr. by Jack Schrader

Moments for Children/ The Lord's Prayer

Honoring Mothers

Our Mother, 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 (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 (pages 7 & 8)

PASTORAL PRAYER

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READINGS: Genesis 1:26-27, Hosea 13:8, Isaiah 42:14, 46:3-4, and 49:14-15 Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them... I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs, and will tear open the covering of their heart; there I will devour them like a lion, as a wild animal would mangle them... For a long time I have held my peace, I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor, I will gasp and pant. Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, even when you turn grey I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. But Zion said, ‘The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.’ Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

SECOND READING: Luke 13:34 & Luke 15:8-10, 1 Peter 2:2-3

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ” ... ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’ ... ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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: *Is It Ok to Call God Mother?* Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember, even though tradition focused primarily on Father God, there is much more to discover in Mother God.

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: (UMH) #2051** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US.

PLEASE, COME BACK ANYTIME!

CHURCH SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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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. Matthew Querns, 845-208-1405, matthew.querns@nyac-umc.com

MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

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

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

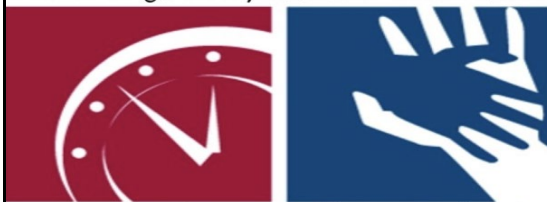
Sympathy Prayers for Anna McClure on the passing of her cousin, Ernest (Ernie) Sykes. The Barton family on the passing of Mark Barton. To the Antos family on the passing of Jack (John) Antos. To the VanderZalm family on the passing of Janet VanderZalm. To Melinda “Mindy” Smith and family on the passing of John Smith.

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength: For Mary Scott’s recovery. For Kent Adee’s recovery, For Lewis Sneed’s recovery, Lois Barton (The Bristal, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrone, Donna and Carl Catandella, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Paul Herbst and Roseann Hanafi.

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: 5/4/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
27	4	4				35

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 5/4/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Methodist Men	Easter
\$2,060.	\$35.	\$22.	\$50.
Building Fund	Special Thanks/ Benevolence	Building Use	Total
\$40.	\$75.	\$227.	\$2,509.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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