

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

August 24, 2025



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 Welcoming Area and Gathering Room entrance to the Sanctuary. 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: Off for the Summer. Will resume on Wednesday 9/10 at 10:00AM and 1:00 PM, in the Wesley House.

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

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays: 9/13, 9:00 AM at the Church

Bell Choir: Thursdays. Sanctuary. Startup Date TBD

Choir for Worship: Off for the Summer. Will resume on Thursday, 9/4, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting: 9/16, 7:30 PM at the Wesley House, first floor.

Finance Committee: 9/9, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 9/10, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD

Outreach: 9/14, 11:00AM, Smith Room.

Harvest Fair Committee Meeting: 9/3, 7:00PM, at the Wesley House

- **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.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** Sunday, 9/7, during the service.
This year, the Pastor would like to add a missional/outreach component to this ministry. As you buy your children's backpacks, have your children shop with you and pick out a second backpack. This one will be for a kid just like them who needs God's love to have a successful year. For each backpack we bless, let us also send one out to a local child in love. Bring all backpacks to church by 9/7.
- **Harvest Fair** Saturday, 9/27, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- **The Church Conference** is meeting on October 4, 2025. We will need to have our "Church Conference Report" completed and submitted prior to the meeting date.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

(Scott Munson filling in for Pastor Matthew)

Bruce Groh, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“He leadeth me, He leadeth me. By His own hands He leadeth me.”

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

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

♪ **BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: The Lord shall lead me.

People: In thought, word, and deed.

Leader: The Lord will provide me guidance.

People: I shall always trust in the Lord.

♪ ***Opening Hymn: (UMH) #534** *Be Still, My Soul*

***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

Dear Lord, fill us with respect for others. Let us listen as You listened. Let us forgive as You forgave. Help us live a life of tolerance, acceptance, kindness, and joy. Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *Special Music* Dan Fink, tenor, Dan Fogel, piano

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 (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 & 8)

***HYMN OF THE SPIRIT (UMH) #377** *It Is Well with My Soul*

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Job 11:2-3

Are all these words to go unanswered? Is this talker to be vindicated? Will your idle talk reduce men to silence? Will no one rebuke you when you mock?

SECOND READING: Luke 6:37-38

Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

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:

To Forgive is Devine

Scott Munson

SERMON CHALLENGE: Can we ever win by deferring?

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 DEDICATION

Dear Lord. Please accept these gifts. We know they will be used as part of Your plan. You plan to lead us, guide us, and show us the way to life eternal. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:** (UMH) #376 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

BENEDICTION

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.

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

MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

COFFEE HOUR: Thomas and Celia Bilfinger

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

THRIFT SHOP: 631-286-0746, <https://www.facebook.com/Umcbellportfiddlersgreen>



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

Sympathy Prayers

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength for the following:

Kent Adee, Lois Barton (The Bristal, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), Doris Lundegard, Donna and Carl Catandella, Dorothy Vogel and the family.

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: 8/17/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK LIVE			TOTAL
28						28

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 8/17/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate		
\$860.	\$75.		
Building Fund	Benevolence	Building Use	Total
\$10.	\$40.	\$	\$985.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

“Bellport United Methodist Church”

PO Box 460, Bellport, NY 11713

By ZELLE: bellportumc@optimum.net, Tel: 631-205-4050