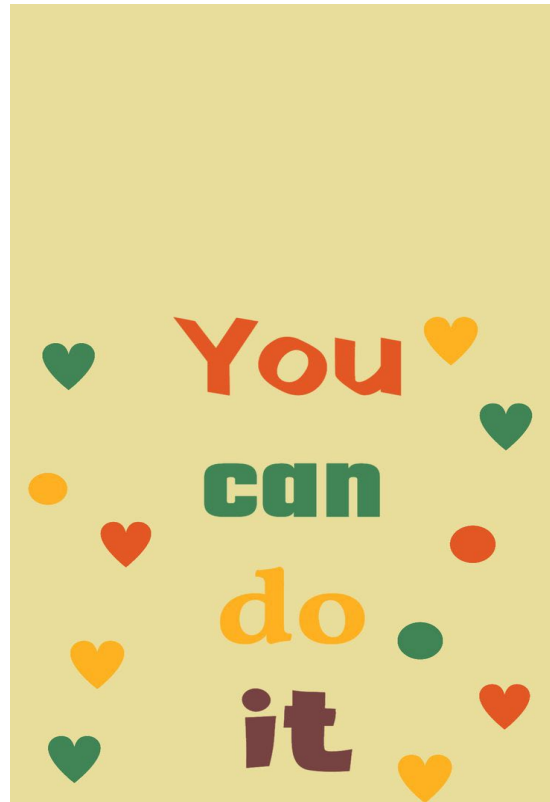


# **Bellport United Methodist Church**

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

**May 3, 2026**



**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, 10:00 AM.

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

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday of the month: 5/9/2026, 9:00 AM at the Church.

Bell Choir: Thursdays. Sanctuary. Startup Date TBD.

Choir for Worship Rehearsal: Thursdays, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting: 5/19/2026, 7:30 PM, Wesley House.

Finance Committee Meeting: 6/2/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Trustee Meeting: 5/13/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship Meeting: TBD.

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD.

Outreach: TBD, 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. Thank You!
- **The Thrift Shop** is now open. Hours of operation are Wednesdays (trying this out), Fridays, and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.  
Volunteers are needed.  
Three-hour shifts (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM).  
Donations can be placed in shed behind the Thrift Shop.  
For further information or to volunteer, call 631-286-0746.
- **Mother/Daughter Dinner:** Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- **The Blessing of the Animals:** Sunday, May 17, 2026, 9:30 AM
- **Concert:** "Lachrimae & Blue": Sunday, May 30, 2026, at 3:00 PM
- **Choir Sunday:** June 28, 2026.

All Church services, programs, and events are also posted on the Church Website: [www.umcbellport.org](http://www.umcbellport.org)

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

(Bruce Groh will be filling in for Pastor Matthew)

Danna Prather-Davis, Liturgist

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

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

### **GATHERING THOUGHTS**

*So even to old age and gray hairs,  
O God, do not forsake me. Psalm 71*

### **ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE**

♪ **PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL/QUIET MEDITATION**

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

♪ **MEDITATING ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

♪ **INTROIT**

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

**Leader:** I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock  
my fortress, and my deliverer.

**People:** **This we know and believe. Taking it in our hearts  
every day.**

**Leader:** I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.

**People:** **You, O Lord are our protector. For You have told  
us by the Love You have shown.**

**All:** **For now we are here on earth, living our lives.  
Not by ourselves, but with You beside us, and in us.  
Thank You Lord for Your never ending Love. Amen.**

♪ **Gathering Hymn (UMH) #57** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**\*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**

**Father God, In this world of conflicts and hurt, we pray for Your protection, knowing in confidence You will be at our side, helping us cope and renewing us through Your unconditional Love. The Love You have shown us by Your presence within. May we always remain faithful to You as You are to us. Amen**

### **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

### **WORDS OF GRACE**

**Ministry of Music**     *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* arr. by Patti Drennan

### **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 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

## SONG OF FAITH: (UMH) #61 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

### HEARING THE WORD

#### **FIRST READING: Philippians 2:1-11 (NRSV)**

If then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was<sup>[a]</sup> in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-13 (NRSV)**

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

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:**           *Encouragement / Yes You Can Do It*

Bruce Groh

**SERMON CHALLENGE:** Remember to lift those up through our words of positive thoughts when facing a difficult time.

## **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) #158** *Come, Christians, Join To Sing* (Vs 1, 2, &3)

### **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.

TELEPHONE: 631-286-0525

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PASTOR: Rev. Matthew Querns, 845-208-1405, [matthew.querns@nyac-umc.com](mailto:matthew.querns@nyac-umc.com)

MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

COFFEE HOUR: Darice and Bill Lang

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)**

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 (Heather Heights, Pittsford, NY), Joe Harder (Jr.), Doris Lundegard, Donna and Carl Catandella, and Edward and Patricia Schultz.

### **Sympathy Prayers**

Prayers for Tom Bracken on the passing of Kathleen Wells. Prayers for the family of Dorothy Vogel on her passing. To the Gerig family and the Pannhurst family on the passing of Joseph Gerig.

**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: 4/26/2026

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
33	2	5	85			125

## Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 4/26/2026

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Easter	Snow Removal From UMW
\$750.	\$96.	\$120.	\$1,000.
Building Fund (Use)	Special Thanks/ Benevolence		Total
\$55.	\$90.		\$2,111.

**Send Offering Checks By Mail:**

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