Bellport United Methodist Church

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

July 26, 2026

"Sleepless in Bellport"

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: Off for the Summer. Will resume 9/9/2026
Men's Bible Study: Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 PM on Zoom.
Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday of the month: 8/8/2026, 9:00 AM at the Church.
Bell Choir: Off for the Summer.
Choir for Worship Rehearsal: Off for the Summer. Will resume in September.
Church Council Meeting: 9/15/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Finance Committee Meeting: 8/4/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Trustee Meeting: 8/5/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Staff Pastor Parish Relationship Meeting: TBD.
Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD.
Outreach: TBD, Wesley House.
Harvest Fair Committee Meeting: TBD

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, 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.
- **Bellport Day** Saturday, July 25, 2026. Need volunteers to assist in working the table from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **Movie Night** Wednesday, 8/12/ 2026, 7:00 PM
- **Blessing of the Back Packs:** Sunday, 9/13/2026, During the Church Service.
- **Frontier Foundation (Methodist Investment Company) Meeting:** Sunday, 9/20/2026, Fellowship Hall. Following the Church Service.

All Church services, programs, and events are also posted on the Church Website: www.umcbellport.org

Nineth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026 **9:30 AM**

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Bruce Groh, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time. – John Lubbock

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♫ **PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL/QUIET MEDITATION**

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

♫ **MEDITATING ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want; we will have all we need.
People: God invites us to lie down and relax in green pastures;
Leader: God guides us to refreshing still waters; God rejuvenates us as we rest.
People: The Lord restores our souls.
All: Truly, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of our lives.

♫ **Gathering Song:** (TFWS) #2128 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

***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 God, this morning, we place our "to do" lists into Your hands, and for a time, we let them go. We place our hectic schedules into Your hands, and for a time, we let them go. We place our thoughts about how things must be into Your hands, and for a time, we let them go. We place thoughts about how others say we should be into Your hands, and for a time, we let them go. For just a moment, today, we allow life to be just as it is; we allow ourselves to be exactly as we are; and we rest. Thank You, God, for modeling rest. Even in this chaotic world, teach us to rest and relax in Your loving arms of love.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music

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 Hope: (TFWS) #2025 *As the Deer (sing three times)*

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING (NRSV) Genesis 25:19-34b- These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, [20] and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. [21] Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. [22] The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. [23] And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger." [24] When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. [25] The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. [26] Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. [27] When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. [28] Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. [29] Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. [30] Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) [31] Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." [32] Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" [33] Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. [34] Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way.

SECOND READING (NRSV) Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30- 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, [17] "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." [18] For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; [19] the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'[25] At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you Father,

Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise
and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; [26] yes, Father, for such was
your gracious will. [27] All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and
no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the
Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. [28] 'Come to me, all you
that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [29] Take
my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and
you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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: *Sleepless in Bellport* Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember, though we have heard it many times, let us truly allow ourselves to stop the chaos of our lives and rest!

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

BLESSING THE FLOOD BUCKETS

***SENDING SONG:** (insert) #3104 *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

August 2nd's Sermon: "Secure for Sure"
2 Corinthains 5:16-21, Romans 8:31-39

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
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COFFEE HOUR: Danna Prather-Davis
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YOUTH & CHILDREN: Lori Labalsamo and Bill Morse
TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst and Bill Lang
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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 (The Jewish Home of Rochester, 2021 South Winton Road, Room 220 Farash Tower, Rochester, NY 14618), 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. To the Downs family on the passing of Barbara Downs.

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

Lord's Day Attendance: 7/19/2026

ADULTS	CHILDREN	ZOOM	FACEBOOK /YOUTUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
						110

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 7/19/2026

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate		
$975.	$73.	$	$
Building Fund	Special Thanks/ Benevolence	Building Use	Total
$5.	$5.	$	$1,058.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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