

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

August 2, 2026

“Take a Breath, and Count to 10”



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 Thursday, 9/10/2026, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary.

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. For further information or to volunteer, call 631-286-0746.
- **Movie Night** Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 7:00 PM
- **Blessing of the Back Packs:** Sunday, 9/13/2026, During the Church Service.
- **“Putting Your House in Order”: Frontier Foundation (Methodist Investment Company) Meeting:** Sunday, 9/20/2026, Fellowship Hall. Following the Church Service. Lunch will be provided.

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

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2026

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Scott Munson, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

Patience is the quiet courage that lets tomorrow reveal its gifts. – Harper Stone

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ **PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL/QUIET MEDITATION**

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ **MEDITATING ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: We have come far and wide, and are weary; yet, we gather at one table.

People: Let us sit side by side, despite our quarrels or differences, and let us share the same bread made by the same grain to calm the same hunger in us.

Leader: Then, calming our frustrations, let us together share in the same spirit.

People: One given to us in the one cup that nourishes and restores our joy.

♪ **Gathering Song:** (insert) #3164 *Down to the River to Pray*

***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

Holy Guide, we ask Your blessings. You whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose word is truth, whose spirit is goodness, whose presence is joy, and whose will is peace. Forgive us when our impatience leads to rage and reaction. Teach us to wait and persevere especially when it is easy to lose our cool. Equip us God, with Your patience; teach us to stop and count to ten.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music

How Great Thou Art

Tony Vargas, 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 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 Patience: (UMH) #395

Take Time to Be Holy

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING (NRSV) Genesis 32:22-31 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.'

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.'

³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SECOND READING (NRSV) Matthew 14:13-21 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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: *Take a Breath, and Count to 10* Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember, it is so easy to get angry or worse when impatient. Let us practice patience and see how life improves.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Thanksgiving

Prayer after Sharing

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***SENDING SONG:** (UMH) #519 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

August 9th's Sermon: "Not Today Fear, Not Today"

Psalm 124, Exodus 1:8-2:10

**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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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.

Stewardship

All things are possible with God



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



A way of life

Lord's Day Attendance: 7/26/2026

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
						41

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 7/26/2026

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Donations	
\$855.	\$30.	\$200.	\$
Building Fund	Special Thanks/ Benevolence	Building Use	Total
\$155.	\$5.	\$	\$1,245.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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