

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

January 18, 2026

“God Wants You”



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: Is over for January and February, 2026. Bible Study 101 will resume on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

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

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays: 2/14/2026, 9:00 AM at the Church.

Bell Choir: Thursdays. Sanctuary. Startup Date TBD.

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

Church Council Meeting: 1/20/2026, 7:30 PM, Wesley House.

Finance Committee: 3/3/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Trustee Meeting: 2/11/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD.

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD.

Outreach: TBD, Wesley House.

- **Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour** on the Sign-Up Sheet in the Gathering Area. Thank You!
- **The Thrift Shop** is closed. It will reopen the beginning of February 2026, weather permitting.

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

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 18, 2026

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

*“Each of us has a unique part to play
in the healing of the world.” - Marianne Williamson*

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ MEDITATING ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

*CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING

Leader: After his baptism, Jesus went into the world calling people to follow him.

People: This calling was to transform the world through love and justice.

Leader: Today God calls us at all stages of life to help the world in the same way.

People: Even though we may not believe in ourselves, God believes in us.

♪ Gathering Hymn: (UMH) #344 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

*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 (*in unison*)

Sending God, You call us to be Your light and love in this world. You call us to transform Your world, making it the place You know it can be. However, we often think we are not able or even good enough. We doubt ourselves and the effect a person can have. Still, You knock until we open the door to Your plans. Use us, Lord, so we may bring healing to the world and others to meet You- those who have yet to know their worth. When God calls, we answer.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music

Here I Am, Send Me

by Mark Wilson

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 (pages 7 & 8)

PASTORAL PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE: (UMH) #396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-5 (NRSV) Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.² He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'⁴ But I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength.

SECOND READING: John 1:35-42 (NRSV) The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?'³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' which is translated Anointed.⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas which is translated Peter.

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: *"God Wants You"* Reverend Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember there are many ways to serve God. It is the small things that change the world. Never doubt yourself.

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 SONG: (TFWS) #2130** *The Summons*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

January 26th's Sermon: "Call No One Profane" -
Acts 10:9-28; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

**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>

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

MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

COFFEE HOUR: Carl Hedin

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 Ade, Lois Barton (Heather Heights, Pittsford, NY), 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.



Lord's Day Attendance: 1/11/2026

ADULTS	CHILDREN	ZOOM	FACEBOOK LIVE			TOTAL
35	4	2	116			157

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 1/11/2026

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate		UM Men
\$9,105.	\$40.		\$40.
Building Fund	Benevolence	Building Use	Total
\$10.	\$50.	\$50.	\$9,295.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:
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