

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

March 1, 2026

“Staying Outside the Box”



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: Resumes on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Two sessions: 10:00 and 1:00 pm
Men's Bible Study: Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 PM on Zoom.
Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays of the month: 3/14/2026, 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: 3/17/2026, 7:30 PM, Wesley House.
Finance Committee: 3/3/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Trustee Meeting: 3/11/2026, 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 now open. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, 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.

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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 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

“No one can ascend until they are transformed” – Toba Beta

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ **MEDITATING ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

♪ **INTROIT**

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: The Lord is sovereign; let all the people tremble in awe.

People: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the entire Earth shake.

Leader: The Lord calls us to consider life and our place in it.

People: As we journey through Lent, let us put aside who we are, and let God open us to who we may be. From the ashes, a new journey continues.

♪ **Gathering Hymn:** (TFWS) #2129 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

***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*)

God of glory, before His death, Jesus went up to the mountain top, and You revealed his glory. After, He continued His journey, which led to salvation. Yet, first, to show us that the way is not the norm. He forces us out of our comfort zone. Lord, we are on Lent's journey that will lead us to of new life, but first, let us ponder life as we step out of ourselves into something new. If we stumble, let us turn our eyes to the mountain where our strength comes.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *Come Find Forgiveness and Love* by Don Besig

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) #530**

Are Ye Able

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSV) The Lord said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’ ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

SECOND READING: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV) Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I^[a] will make three dwellings^[b] here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved;^[c] with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

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: *Are We Able - Staying Out of the Box* Reverend Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, as we continue our Lenten journeys, let

us remember that early on it can be hard. It may feel easier to go back to norms. Yet, God calls us out of our boxes to face the world in ways we never imagined.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Climb Every Mountain*

by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II

Elyssa Hoag, soprano

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) #593**

Here I Am, Lord

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

March 8th's Sermon: "Where Is God in Disaster?" -

John 9:1-7, Luke 13:1-5

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: Pastor Matthew Querns

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

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

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

Prayers for Tom Bracken on the passing of Kathleen Wells. Keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Prayers for the family of Dorothy Vogel on her passing.

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: 2/22/2026

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE LIVE			TOTAL
25	4	4	140			173

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 2/22/2026

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Ash Wednesday	UM Men
\$1,485.	\$45.	\$25.	
Building Fund	Benevolence	Building Use	Total
			\$1,555.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

“Bellport United Methodist Church”

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