

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

August 11, 2024

“Being a Ligament for God”



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 entry 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

Women's Bible Study: Will resume in September.

Men's Bible Study: Every Monday at 12:15 PM. On Zoom

Youth Bible Class: Every Wednesday, 7:30 PM. On Zoom

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays (9/14, 9 AM) at the Church

Choir for Worship: Thursdays at 7 PM, Sundays at 9 AM.

Church Council Meeting: 8/20 and 9/17, 7:30 PM, Zoom.

Finance Committee: 9/10, 7 PM, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 8/14, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: 2nd Sundays at 8:45

Stewardship Committee:

Outreach: 9/15, 11:00am (Sm)

😊 **Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations;** the Drop Box is available.

- **Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour** in the Sign-up Sheet. Thank You!
- **The Thrift Shop** is open Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays,
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **Blood Drive:** 8/11, Bellport Community Center. To make an appointment contact Melissa at 917-566-8537. See flyer in the Gathering Area.

12th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B, Year B Worship Order: Color (Green)

GATHERING THOUGHTS

*“If the world attacks and you slide off track,
remember one fact, I got your back.” - Will Smith*

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ **BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

Congregational Centering

Leader: No one is perfect.

People: At times, the people we hurt the most are those we love most.

Leader: Praise God for forgiveness and for new days.

People: Let us be people who lift each other up in love.

♪ **Opening Hymn: (UMH) #557 “Blest Be the Tie That Bind”**

PASSING THE PEACE- Conclude by singing: (UMH) #666 “Shalom to You”

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends,
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends,
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

OPENING TO THE PRESENCE

 **Gathering Prayer**

Forgiving God, You give us family, friends and opportunities to transform this world, inviting others to know our joy in You and we thank You. Yet, we all have bad days and hurt those we love, regretting our actions. We are sorry! Teach us Your limitless

forgiveness and help us be better. Show us how to bring Your people together as one body.

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 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 any time, I don't know, what to do,

I will cast all my cares upon you.

GOD SIGHTINGS, JOYS & CONCERNS (page 8)

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF UNITY: (UMH) #618 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a (NRSV) 26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, ¹²and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the

rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' ⁷Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' ¹³David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 (NRSV) I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' ⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and

of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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.

THE MESSAGE: "Being A Ligament for God" Reverend Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us take time to make amends with those we hurt- being better at saying, 'I am sorry'- to unite the family of God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WORSHIPPING WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***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: (UMH) #560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Go Now in Peace”

by Don Besit

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

August 18th's Sermon: “Love Is a Burnin’ Flame”
– Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP.
THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US.
PLEASE COME BACK!

CHURCH SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

TELEPHONE: 631-286-0525

CHURCH WEBSITE & SUNDAY BULLETIN: www.umcbellport.org

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

LITURGIST: Scott Munson

MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

COFFEE HOUR: The Beuttenmullers

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 for Carl (Sheryl) Moodt’s family.

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength: Rachel Langert and her parents, Mark Barton and Lois Barton (The Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), Jack Antos & the family, the Downs family, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrane, Donna and Carl Catandella, the Vanderzalm family, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Prayers for Young Adults including: Andrew, Ethan, Amy and Seann, Shelby, Derek, Diana, David and Samuel; and all Church affiliated people

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: 8/4/2024

ADULT S	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACE BOOK	YOU-TUBE	GUESTS	TOTAL
35	5	2	77			119

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 8/4/2024

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Envelops		Holidays
\$3,146.	\$20.	\$.	\$.
Building Fund & Use	Special Thanks/ Benevolence		Total
\$250.	\$75.	\$.	\$3,491.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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