

**Bellport United Methodist Church**  
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**September 8, 2024**

**“Loose Lips Sink Ships”**



**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: TBD

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

Bell Choir: Thursdays at 6:15 PM

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

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

Finance Committee: 9/10, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 9/11, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

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

Stewardship Committee:

Outreach: 9/15, 11:00 AM (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
- **Harvest Fair Committee Meeting:** 9/17, 7:00 PM, Wesley House, First Floor
- **Harvest Fair and Auction:** Saturday, 9/28, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**GATHERING THOUGHTS**

*“It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool,  
than to open one’s mouth and remove all doubt.” – Unknown*

**ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE**

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

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

♪ **BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

♪ **INTROIT**

**Congregational Centering**

**Leader:** In our world, there are powerful weapons of mass destruction.

**People:** Yet, we often forget that something more powerful exists.

**Leader:** Our words contain a power that can cut right through the soul.

**People:** Bruises heal, scars fade; however, words can last a lifetime.

**All:** Let the words of our mouths and love of our hearts honor you.

♪ **Opening Hymn: (UMH) #383 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings**

**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**

**Most sacred word, You empower us to talk and communicate with each other. With such a gift, we calm those in fear, encourage those who are sad, and bring music to the sick’s ears. However, with this gift, we can also harm and destroy lives. Lord, forgive us when our lips flap unchecked, and ungraceful words leave our mouths; forgive us when the words of our mouth**

**fail to honor You. Place Your words in our mouths, so we may be people who build Your kingdom for all.**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**Ministry Of Music:** “Come Follow Me” by Jay Althouse

**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**

**Prayer for the “Blessing of the Backpacks” (See Insert)**

**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 7 & 8)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SONG OF SPEECH: (UMH) #463 “Lord, Speak to Me”**

**First Reading:** Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV) Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”<sup>28</sup> And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”<sup>29</sup> He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”<sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.<sup>33</sup> But

turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**Second Reading:** James 3:1-12 (NRSV) Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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:** “Loose Lips Sink Ships” Reverend Matthew Querns

**SERMON CHALLENGE:** This week, let us remember- we all say things we do not mean. Still, let us work on the words we say to others. May they honor 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) #568 “Christ for the World We Sing”**

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## 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.*

September 15th’s Sermon: “*When Is Enough, Enough*”

– James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:33-37

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

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

**Sympathy Prayers** for Sheryl Moodt and family on the passing of her sister Susan Spencer-Owens, and Mary Scott and family on the passing of her daughter, Josephine Pond.

**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 and Lois Barton (The Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), Jack Antos & the family, the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrone, 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, Oliver, 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

 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Stewardship</p> <p style="font-style: italic; margin: 0;">All things are possible with God</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Devote Time      Share Talent</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Give Treasure      A way of life</p>	<b>Lord's Day Attendance: 8/1/2024</b>						
	ADULT S	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACE BOOK	YOU- TUBE	GUESTS	TOTAL
	37	2		111			150
	<b>Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 8/1/2024</b>						
Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)		Loose Envelops		Holidays			
\$2,830.		\$85.		\$.			
Building Fund & Use		Special Thanks/ Benevolence		Total			
\$380.		\$75.		\$.			
				\$3,370.			

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