

Bellport United Methodist Church

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December 1, 2024
“Active Hope Is Key”



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!

First Sunday of Advent

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Liturgist, Margie Ludewig

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

*“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune--
without the words, and never stops at all.” - Emily Dickinson*

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ **BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

♪ **INTROIT**

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH- HOPE** The Cippis Family-
Sabrina, Conner, Caeto, Crew, and Cyde

Leader: We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ, our hope in life.

**People: May the light sent from God shine in the dark of despair to show us
the way to live as people of hope in all occasions and in all seasons.**

Leader: Christmas is near, but we are not ready. Let hope begin the preparation.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Christmas Memory/Tradition of Hope

***Advent Choral Response:** *“Light the Advent candle one: Now the waiting has
begun; we have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.*

*Candle, candle, burning bright shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle,
burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.”*

♪ **Opening Hymn: (UMH) #211**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

***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

God our Advent Hope, You gift us with hope to show us that no matter how hard or frustrating life gets, You are always there. Even more than that, You are there to help us journey to better days. Forgive us Lord when our hope wanes when we think nothing else good remains. Lift us Lord and show us how to live as people who do not just hope but who live active hope each day.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry Of Music: “*When Will the Little King Come*” arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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 (UMH) (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.”*

PASTORAL PRAYER

HANGING OF THE GREENS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV) The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

SECOND READING: Luke 21:25-36 (NRSV) ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

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:

Active Hope Is Key

Pastor Matthew Querns

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WORSHIPPING WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY (UMH) #221** *In the Bleak Midwinter* (Verse 1)

*“In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid winter, long ago.”*

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 HYMN: (UMH) #196** *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

December 8th's Sermon: *“You Are Worthy to Be Loved”*
- Mark 12:28-34, Matthew 1:18-25

**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.

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TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst and Bill Lang

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

Sympathy Prayers for Mary Scott and family on the passing of her daughter, Josephine Pond, The family of Jean Barone.

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 father, 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 Quatrale, 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

Stewardship

All things are possible with God



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



A way of life

Lord's Day Attendance: 11/24/2024

ADULT S	CHILDREN	ZOOM	FACEBOOK	YOUTUBE	GUESTS	TOTAL
						N/A

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 11/24/2024

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Envelopes	Harvest Fair Donation	
\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.
Building Fund & Use	Special Thanks/ Benevolence		Total
\$.	\$.	\$.	N/A

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