

Bellport United Methodist Church

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January 19, 2025
“Imagine: Gods People as One”



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!

January 19, 2025

9:30 AM

Second Sunday After Epiphany

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

“People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other.” – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

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

♪ **BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

♪ **INTROIT**

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Compassionate and loving God, You created us in your image.

People: For this, we praise and thank you!

Leader: We gather in Your name to ask that You to restore the unity of all who confess Your Son Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of all.

People: O God, hear us and have compassion upon us.

Leader: Help us in weakness and strengthen us with the Holy Spirit.

People: Send Your Spirit and make us one

♪ **Opening Hymn: (TFWS) #2181**

We Need a Faith

***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 of all, You blessed the Earth to be home to many people. We pray that we might all dwell with You and meet each other in love. Merciful God, let Your life-giving Spirit move in human hearts, so the barriers that divide us will crumble, suspicions disappear, and hate cease, and that, with divisions healed, we might live in peace. Loving God, end the world’s suffering, make it whole so that Your broken family might begin to be restored, once again.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Roland E. Martin

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 (page 7)

PASTORAL PRAYER

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ephesians 4:4-5 (NRSV) There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (NRSV) Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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:

Imagine: God's People as One

Pastor Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember while Christians may disagree on many things, there is much more we can do together for the transformation of the world. This will only happen when we tear down the walls that divide us.

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 HYMN: (UMH) #558**

We Are the Church

BENEDICTION

“A Declaration of Unity”

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

February 2nd's Sermon: “A Ministry Begun n Peace”

– Luke 10:25-37, Luke 4:14-21

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US.

PLEASE, COME BACK ANYTIME!

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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. The Barton family on the passing of Mark Barton.

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, 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, Paul Herbst and Roseann Hannafey. 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: 1/12/2025

ADULTS	CHILDREN	ZOOM	FACEBOOK / YouTube		GUESTS	TOTAL
30	4	3	70			107

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 1/12/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Envelopes		
\$500.	\$50.		
Building Fund & Use	Special Thanks/ Benevolence	MMM	Total
\$29.		\$40.	\$619.

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