

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

March 9, 2025

“Alas, Temptation/Suffering Is Part of the Journey”



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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT CHURCH MEETINGS

Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 7:00 PM, at the home of Ellen Horn

Men's Bible Study: Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 PM on Zoom.

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays: 4/12, 9:00 AM at the Church

Bell Choir: Thursdays at 6:00 PM

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

Church Council Meeting: 3/18, 7:30 PM, Zoom.

Finance Committee: 5/6 or 5/13, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 3/12, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD

Outreach: TBD

😊 **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 on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, weather permitting.
- **Outreach Meeting:** April 6th, 11:00 AM, Smith Room.
- **Memorial Services:**
 - John (Jack) Antos: Saturday, March 15th, 2:00 PM, Sanctuary.
- **Lenten Services:**
 - Maundy Thursday: April 17th, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary.
 - Good Friday: April 18th, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary. A 24-hour Vigil will begin at 8:00 pm on Maundy Thursday, and end at 7:00 pm on Good Friday. Pastor Matthew is asking for volunteers to assist with the Vigil.

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Ellen Horn, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“The past is a ghost, the future a dream. All we ever have is now.” – Unknown

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Let us examine our ways and our lives, and return to the Lord.

People: God has blessed us; let all the ends of the Earth glorify Him.

Leader: Seek the Lord; call upon the God's name.

People: Let even the wicked and the unrighteous return to the Lord.

Leader: Let us begin Lent, focusing on who we are;

People: Then, let us live into Lent, focusing on who we will become.

♪ Opening Hymn: (See insert) *If I Had a Hammer*

***PASSING THE PEACE-** Finish singing (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

Almighty God, after His baptism, when Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit, He was tempted. His temptation prepared Him for the road ahead. Come quickly God, to help us, who are also assaulted by temptations every day. These temptations dare to steal our allegiance from You alone. Lord, we admit our weakness; let change strengthen us and the journey transform us.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *It Is Well with My Soul* by John Stainer

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 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 STRENGTH: (UMH) #585

This Little Light of Mine

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV) When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you with the Levites and immigrants who reside among you shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

SECOND READING: Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV) Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ ⁴Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’ ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ ⁸Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “He will command his angels

concerning you, to protect you”, ¹¹and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ¹²Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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:

Reverend Matthew Querns

“Temptation / Suffering Are Part of the Journey”

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember, even as followers of Christ, life will not be perfect- suffering/temptation are part of the journey. When we find ourselves in the hard valleys of Lent, let us remember- Easter is coming.

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 BAPTISM

Isla Wren Frabizio

***SENDING HYMN: (UMH) #533**

We Shall Overcome

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

March 16TH's Sermon: "To Leap or Not to Leap" –
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Luke 13:31-35

**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.

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ZOOM MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6312860525>

DIAL BY PHONE: 16465588656 then 6312860525#

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COFFEE HOUR: Adam and Tony Carl

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>

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THRIFT SHOP: 631-286-0746, <https://www.facebook.com/Umcbellportfiddlersgreen>







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

Sympathy Prayers for Anna McClure on the passing of her cousin, Ernest (Ernie) Sykes. 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. To the Antos family on the passing of Jack (John) Antos.

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength: For Mary Scott's recovery. Rachel Langert and her father, Lois Barton (The Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundgaards, Kristin Quatrala, Donna and Carl Candela, the Vanderzalm family, Lillian Muttis and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Paul Herbst and Roseann Hanafi. 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>Stewardship <i>All things are possible with God</i></p> <p>Devote Time</p>  <p>Share Talent</p>  <p>Give Treasure</p>  <p><i>A way of life</i></p>	<p>Lord's Day Attendance: 3/2/2025</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ADULTS</th> <th>CHILD REN</th> <th>ZOOM</th> <th>FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE</th> <th>GUESTS</th> <th></th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> <td>59</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>87</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>						ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL	20	3	5	59			87		
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