

# **Bellport United Methodist Church**

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

**March 16, 2025**

**“To Leap or Not to Leap”**



**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, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 4/9, 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.
- **Outreach Meeting:** April 6th, 11:00 AM, Smith Room.
- **Lenten Services:**
  - Maundy Thursday: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary.
  - Good Friday: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Sheryl Moodt, Liturgist

**Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!**

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

### **GATHERING THOUGHTS**

*"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." – William Shakespeare*

### **ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE**

#### **♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

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

#### **♪ BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

#### **♪ INTROIT**

#### **\*CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Come, let us walk each day in the light of God,

**People: So that God might teach us the way, to show us the right path.**

Leader: To take this path is often challenging; it is often overwhelming.

**People: Yet, this path leads to blessings. This Lent, let us take a leap of faith.**

**♪ Opening Hymn: (UMH) #707** *Hymn of Promise*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE- (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**

**God, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations cease; instead, we pray for Your Spirit and love, so You may grant us the strength to overcome**

**adversity. Going forward can be hard; turning back might feel easier. We do not like the unknown. So, let our Lenten journey be a leap of faith that will carry us to places we can only imagine. Use us, so we may heal this world.**

## **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

**Ministry of Music**      *O Scared Head, Now Wounded*      by Gregg Sewell

## **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 (page 7)**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SONG OF FAITH: (UMH) #381**      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (NRSV)** After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'

<sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.’ <sup>8</sup>But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ <sup>9</sup>He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.’”

**SECOND READING: Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)** At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ <sup>32</sup>He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’”

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:**                      *To Leap or Not to Leap*                      Reverend Matthew Querns

**SERMON CHALLENGE:** This week, let us remember when we leap, we leap with God supporting us. On this second week of Lent, let us ask ourselves: what leaps do we need to take this Lent to be transformed by Easter morning?

# **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**    Crew John Cipp and Clyde Alexander Cipp

### **\*SENDING HYMN: (UMH) #127**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**

## **POSTLUDE**

March 23<sup>rd</sup>'s Sermon: *God Leads Us to Blessings Not Curses* –  
Isaiah 55:1-5, 1 Corinthians 10:12-13, Luke 13:1-9

**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 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 Quatrone, 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

# Stewardship

*All things are possible with God*



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



*A way of life*

## Lord's Day Attendance: 3/9/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
66	3	4	80			153

## Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 3/9/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Food Pantry	Ash Wednesday loose Plate
\$2,306.	\$234.	\$50.	\$61.
Building Fund	Building Use	Special Thanks/ Benevolence	Total
\$150.	\$375.	\$50.	\$3,226.

**Send Offering Checks By Mail:**

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