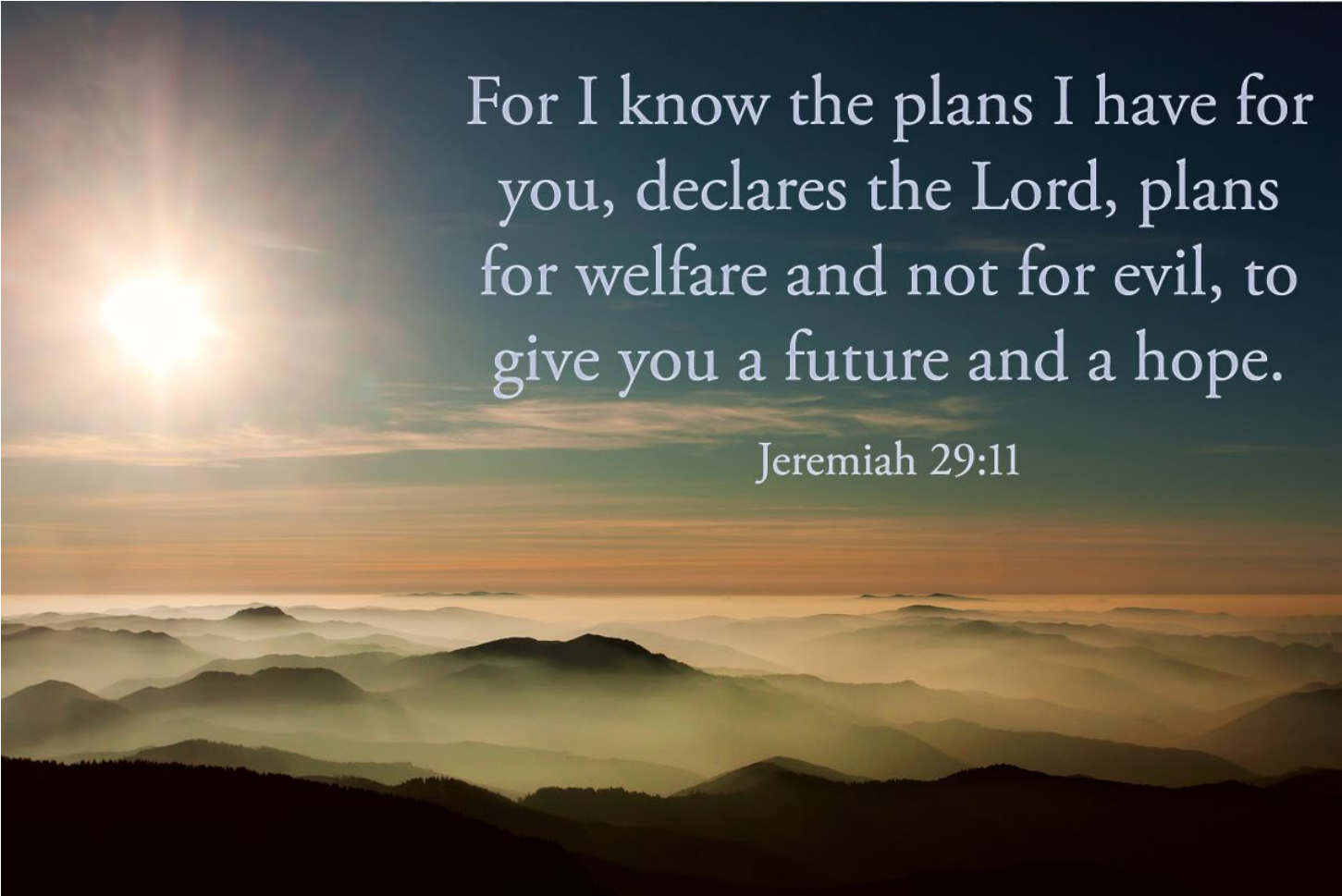


Bellport United Methodist Church

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

March 23, 2025

“Rediscovering God”



For I know the plans I have for
you, declares the Lord, plans
for welfare and not for evil, to
give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

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: 5/20, 7:30 PM, Zoom.

Finance Committee: 5/6 or 5/13, 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.
- **Bible Study:** Wednesdays 10:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Wesley House with Zoom option.
- **Outreach Meeting:** April 6th, 11:00 AM, Smith Room.
- **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.

**** Just a Reminder:** Anyone using space on the BUMC campus, such as the Community Room, on a regular basis must complete a "Building Use Request Form" for approval by the Building Use Committee. A "Certificate of Liability Insurance" form must also be submitted for our records.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Sara Morse, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone.” - James 1:13

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 test, and let us examine our ways, and then return to the Lord!

People: God has blessed us all; let the four ends of the Earth honor God!

Leader: Seek the Lord when God feels close by and also in the hard days;

People: For God will never forget us, nor will God ever cause us harm.

♪ **Opening Hymn: (UMH) #130**

God Will Take Care of You

***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**

Everlasting God in whom we have our being, You created us, and our hearts are restless until they find rest with You. When we seek You, the spirit guides us, and when we leap towards You, Your arms catch us. Holy God, our lives are blessed, even as life can be filled with worry. As we journey this Lenten season, show us Your face, and remind us that You do not send curses to test us, nor pain, nor sorrow. Your plans are based in love and healing grace.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *Simple Gifts*

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: (See insert) #3004 *Step by Step*

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5 (NRSV) Hear, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and

milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you because of the Lord your God the Holy One of Israel for he has glorified you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NRSV) So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

THIRD READING: Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV) At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ ⁶ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” ⁸He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

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: *Rediscovering God* Reverend Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember to rediscover God this Lent. If we feel God is after us, know that God lifts us up; God does not tear us down.

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: (TFWS) #2235-b** *We Are Marching*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

March 30th's Sermon: "Coming of Age with the Pigs" –
Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

CHURCH SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 AM
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USHERS: Bruce Groh, Bill Morse, and Youth
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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: 3/16/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
59	7	5	100			161

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 3/16/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Methodist Men	
\$1,343.	\$184.	\$50.	
Building Fund (Use)	Special Thanks/ Benevolence		Total
\$1,150.	\$.	\$.	\$2,727.

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