

Bellport United Methodist Church

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June 15, 2025

“The Unexpected Father”



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

Bible Study 101: Wednesdays at 10:00AM or 1:00 PM, Wesley House

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: 7/12, 9:00 AM at the Church

Bell Choir: Thursdays. Sanctuary. Startup Date TBD

Choir for Worship: Thursdays at 7:00 PM, Sundays at 9 AM, Sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting: 6/17, 7:30 PM, Zoom.

Finance Committee: TBD, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 6/11, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD

Outreach: 11:00AM, Smith Room. Date TBD

Harvest Fair Committee Meeting: 7/8, 7:00PM, Wesley House



Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations; the Drop Box is available.

- **Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour** on the Sign-Up Sheet in the Gathering Area. Thank You!
- **The Thrift Shop** is open on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Preschool "Moving Up Ceremonies"** 6/24 & 25, Fellowship Hall

Father's Day

June 15, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Bruce Groh, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

*“He didn’t tell me how to live; he lived,
and let me watch him do it.” - Clarence Buddington Kelland*

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Our relationships with our fathers can be complicated.

People: For some, father's love is like God's love, too deep and strong to measure.

Leader: For others, dad was never present, and the pain still stings.

People: For some still, God's love fills an empty space a father left behind.

All: Today, we remember what it means to be a father, a fatherly figure, or fatherly mentor, as we recognize their importance in our communities.

♪ Opening Hymn: (UMH) #710

Faith of Our Fathers

***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

Father God, You know how special dads are. Those who work so hard and love unconditionally. Thank You for dads, stepdads, foster dads, couches, and mentors, for daddies with rough hands yet with soft tender hearts when we are hurting. Lord, take care of our fatherly figures. For the dad who has lost a child, let him know you are there, for dads parenting alone, strengthen them. For all those dads now with You, give them hugs from their kids. For those without children, yet, who are dads to many, let them know they are loved. For unexpected fathers, give them guidance. We thank You, O Lord.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music

A Home of Grace arr. by Joseph M. Martin

Moments for Children/ The Lord's Prayer HONORING THE MEN

***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 (pages 7 & 8)

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN FOR FATHERS: (TFWS) #2038

Father, I Adore You

**We will sing through all three verses together. Then, we will sing all three verses in a round. You will be divided into two groups and will follow Pastor Matthew or Lynn as directed.*

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-8 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.”

SECOND READING: Matthew 1:18-21, 24-25 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember to bless our father figures. Let us stop expecting more than they can give but give to them all we can.

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) #144**

This Is My Father's World

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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.

TELEPHONE: 631-286-0525

CHURCH WEBSITE & SUNDAY BULLETIN: www.umcbellport.org

CHURCH EMAIL: bellportumc@optimum.net

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

DIAL BY PHONE: 16465588656 then 6312860525#

PASTOR: Rev. Matthew Querns, 845-208-1405, matthew.querns@nyac-umc.com

MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

COFFEE HOUR: Carolyn Holtz

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>

PRESCHOOL: 631-286-2498, www.BellportPreschool.com

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



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

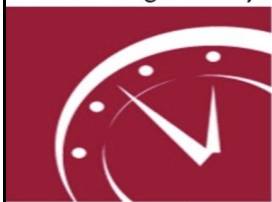
Sympathy Prayers To the VanderZalm family on the passing of Janet VanderZalm. To Melinda “Mindy” Smith and family on the passing of John Smith. To the Scott and Martinez families on the passing of Mary Scott. To Peter Berman and family on the passing of Barbara Berman.

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength for the following: Kent Adee’s recovery, Lois Barton (The Bristal, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrале, Donna and Carl Catandella, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Paul Herbst and Roseann Hanafi.

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: 6/8/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE			TOTAL
40	10					50

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 6/8/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate		
\$1,035.	\$165.		
Building Fund	Benevolence	Building Use	Total
\$65.	\$90.	\$525.	\$1,880.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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