

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

July 20, 2025

“Who Is My Neighbor?”



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 Welcoming Area and Gathering Room entrance to the Sanctuary. 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: Off for the Summer. Will resume on Wednesday 9/10 at 10:00AM and 1:00 PM, in the Wesley House.

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

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays: 8/9, 9:00 AM at the Church

Bell Choir: Thursdays. Sanctuary. Startup Date TBD

Choir for Worship: Off for the Summer. Will resume on Thursday, 9/4, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting: 9/16, 7:30 PM at the Wesley House, first floor.

Finance Committee: 9/9, 7:00 PM, Wesley House

Trustee Meeting: 9/10, 7:00 PM, Wesley House (No meeting planned for 8/13)

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD

Outreach: 9/14, 11:00AM, Smith Room.

Harvest Fair Committee Meeting: 7/22, 7:00PM, Wesley House

- **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.
- **Bellport Day** is Saturday, 7/26 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Church office has booked a table and two chairs for representatives from the Bellport United Methodist Church to meet and greet. We need volunteers to be there to hand out items and share about the Church. Speak with Pastor Matthew if you are interested in signing up.
- **Movie Night** Wednesday, 8/13, 7:00 PM. More information to follow.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** Sunday, 9/7, during the Service.

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 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 spiritual Samaritan lives, knowing that if we were to leave this world tomorrow, we were the best humans we could be, and we touched the lives of as many souls as possible. We are not asked to be perfect. We are asked to make a difference.” - Molly Friedenfeld

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ **BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: We are called by God to live in love, to love our neighbors as ourselves.

People: But who are our neighbors?

Leader: They are our loved ones, those we work with, and live nearby.

People: They are also those who we annoy, who we have been told to dislike, and those who are different than we are.

♪ **Opening Hymn: (UMH) #577** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

***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

Compassionate God, through history, there have been good Samaritans who helped lift us when we fell and brushed off the dust of our lives. Thank You God for sending these saints. As we live Your grace, let us model this love to those who have yet to know it. Sadly, we can get bogged down with rules, with the ‘right way’ of doing things. This is when we miss needs right in front of us. God, open our hearts that we might attend to the needs of all Your people. Many are lost and forgotten. Let us seek and find them for You.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *It All Fades Away*

by Jason Robert Brown,
Orlando DiDesidero - soloist

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 (pages 8)

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF ACTION: (TFWS) #2174

What Does the Lord Require of You

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 82 God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the “gods”: ²“How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? ³ Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. ⁵“The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. ⁶“I said, ‘You are “gods”; you are all sons of the Most High.’ ⁷ But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler.” ⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

SECOND READING: Luke 10:25-37 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” ²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ ³⁶“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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: *“Who Is My Neighbor?”* Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us be the Samaritan who did not ask-
he just helped. Honor the world’s Samaritans, who often hated, are the face of
God!

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 SONG:** (TFWS #2130) *The Summons*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

July 27’s Sermon: “Be Mary AND Martha” –
Colossians 1:15-23, Luke 10:38-42

**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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CHURCH WEBSITE & SUNDAY BULLETIN: www.umcbellport.org

CHURCH EMAIL: bellportumc@optimum.net

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MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

COFFEE HOUR: Danna Prather-Davis

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

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

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 Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), the Downs family, Doris Lundegard, Donna and Carl Catandella, Dorothy Vogel and the family.

Prayers for COOP Churches (Cooperative Parish): United Methodist Churches of South Shore, & UM churches/ All the churches worldwide

<p>Devote Time</p> <p>Give Treasure</p>	<p>Share Talent</p> <p>A way of life</p>
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Lord’s Day Attendance: 7/13/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE			TOTAL
36	5	4	92			137

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 7/13/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Methodist Men	
\$7,387.	\$175.	\$15.	
Building Fund	Benevolence	Building Use	Total
\$10.	\$	\$	\$7,587.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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