

# **Bellport United Methodist Church**

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

**August 10, 2025**

**“Are We Able?”**



**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: 9/13, 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: 8/12, 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.
- **Movie Night** is Wednesday, 8/13, 7:00 PM
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** Sunday, 9/7, during the service.
- **Harvest Fair** Saturday, 9/27, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We need volunteers to assist and items to contribute for the Auction!!!
- **The Church Conference** is meeting on October 4, 2025. We will need to have our "Church Conference Report" completed and submitted prior to the meeting date.

## Nineth Sunday After Pentecost

August 10, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Margie Ludewig, Liturgist

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

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

### **GATHERING THOUGHTS**

*“Many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they become inevitable.” – Christopher Reeve*

### **ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE**

#### **♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

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

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

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

Leader: There will always be someone who tells you, you are not good enough.

**People: Yet, God reminds us that we are good enough, for God says we are.**

Leader: There will also be days when we tell ourselves we are not good enough.

**People: Yet, God reminds us we are good enough because God says we are.**

#### **♪ Gathering Hymn: (TFWS) #2270      *He Has Made Me Glad***

#### **\*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 of love, there are people who will try to break us down, who will tell us we are not able or not good enough. These bullies, co-workers, and friends, often, act from their own insecurity with themselves. Still God, it hurts when we hear their insults, and sometimes, we believe them. Holy God, remind us that it is You who call us; it is You who says we are able. Send us to inspire others.**

### **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

### **WORDS OF GRACE**

**Ministry of Music**    *On the Street Where You Live* by Alan Jay Lerner and  
Frederick Loewe  
Tony Vargas, tenor

### **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 (page 7 & 8)**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SONG OF SURRENDER: (UMH) #382**    *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10** Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ <sup>6</sup> Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’ <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

**SECOND READING: Luke 13:10-17** Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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:** “*We Are Able?*” Rev. Matthew Querns

**SERMON CHALLENGE:** This week, let us remember we are good enough, we are able, because God chooses us to do great things. Go, let others know this too.

## **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: (UMH) #530** *Are Ye Able*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

August 17<sup>th</sup>'s Sermon: “Humility Heals?” –  
Hebrews 13:1-3, 5-6, Luke 14:1, 7-14

**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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COFFEE HOUR: The Beuttenmullers

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)**

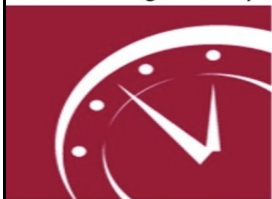
### **Sympathy Prayers**

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, Lois Barton (The Bristal, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), 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.

# Stewardship

*All things are possible with God*



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



*A way of life*

## Lord's Day Attendance: 8/3/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK LIVE			TOTAL
49	10	2	76			137

## Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 8/3/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Baptism	
\$3,017.	\$160.	\$250.	
Building Fund	Benevolence	Building Use	Total
\$10.	\$50.	\$1,025.	\$4,512.

**Send Offering Checks By Mail:**

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