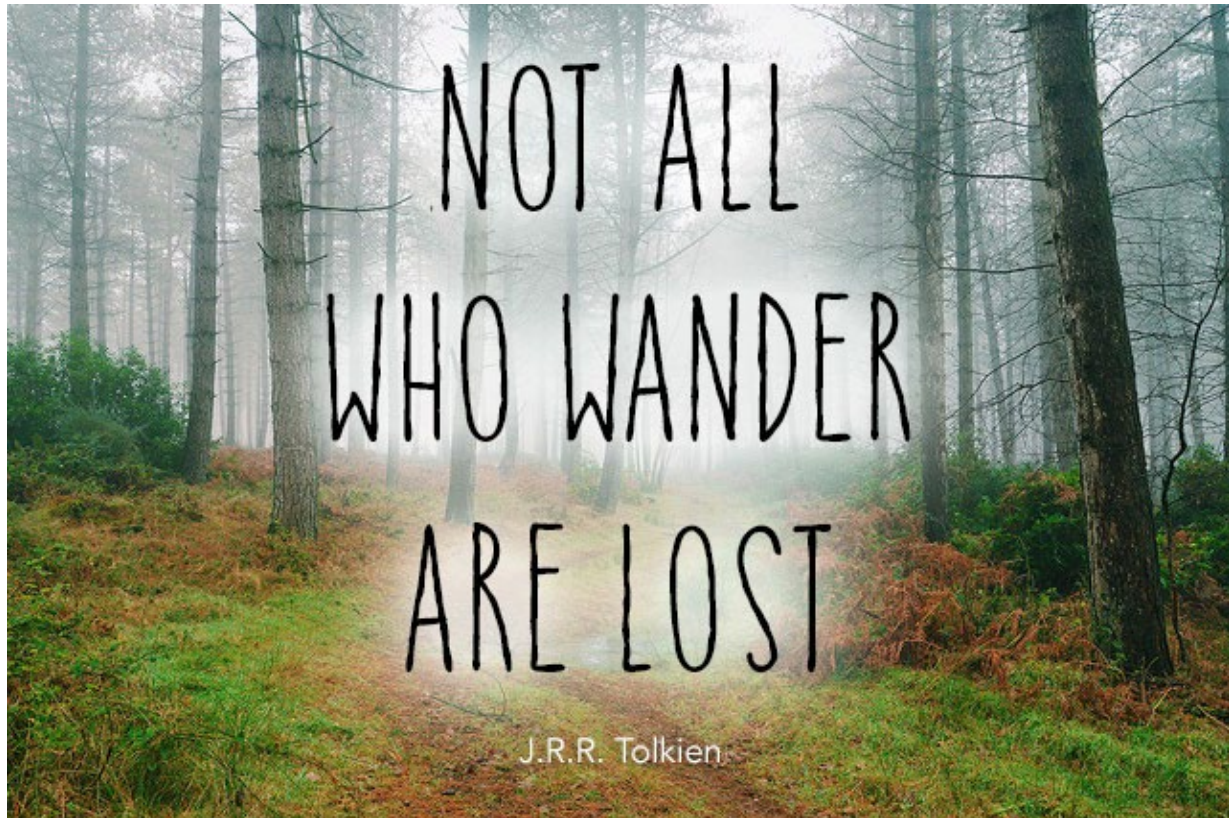


# **Bellport United Methodist Church**

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

**September 14, 2025**

**“You Are Never Lost to God”**



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**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 Study101: Will resume on Wednesday 9/17 at 10:00AM and 1:00 PM, Wesley House.

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

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays: 10/11, 9:00 AM at the Church.

Bell Choir: Thursdays. Sanctuary. Startup Date TBD

Choir for Worship: Thursdays, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting: 9/16, 7:30 PM, Wesley House.

Finance Committee: 10/14, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Trustee Meeting: 10/8, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD

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

Harvest Fair Committee Meeting: TBD, 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.
- **Harvest Fair** Saturday, 9/27, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Do you like to bake? If you do, please consider donating an item or two to the Harvest Fair Bake Sale. All the joy and happy smells of baking with none of the calories. Looking for various craft vendors. Contact Carolyn Holtz at 631-286-4236 if you have any recommendations.
- **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.

# Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**September 14, 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**

*“Not all those who wander are lost.” - J. R. R. Tolkien*

## **ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE**

### **♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

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

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

### **♪ INTROIT**

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**People: So does God find and save the lost.**

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**People: So does God rejoice over one soul restored to wholeness.**

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward child,

**People: So does God welcome us, letting the past be the past.**

### **♪ Gathering Hymn: (UMH) #378**

*Amazing Grace*

### **\*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**

**Holy one, we gather in thanksgiving at all You do for us. Our students began a new year, You helped our church kickoff a new season, and You continue to remold our rough edges. Lord, we are grateful for Your love and grace; yet, at times, none of it makes sense. These are the days we wander. Not always because we are lost but because we seek more. Bless our journeys. Even if we do not know where we are headed, we know You will be there just the same.**

## **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

**Ministry of Music**    *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*    by John Ness Beck

## **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 7 & 8)**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SONG OF CHANGE: (TFWS) #2158**            *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NRSV)** I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and

a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. 16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**SECOND READING: Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)** Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." **3** So he told them this parable: **4** "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. **8** "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? **9** When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' **10** Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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:**     *You Are Never Lost to God*     Reverend Matthew Querns

**SERMON CHALLENGE:** This week, let us remember that sometimes we need to wander off to find our way back to what matters. Not all who wander are lost.

## **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 THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation and Great Thanksgiving**

**Prayer after Sharing**

**Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*SENDING SONG: (TFWS) #2053**

*If It Had Not Been for the Lord*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

September 21<sup>th</sup>'s Sermon: Please join us as Dana Prather-Davis  
will be leading worship with Zane as our reader.



**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: Danna Prather-Davis

USHERS: Bruce Groh, Bill Morse, and Youth

YOUTH & CHILDREN: Lori Labalsamo and Bill Morse

TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst and Bill Lang

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

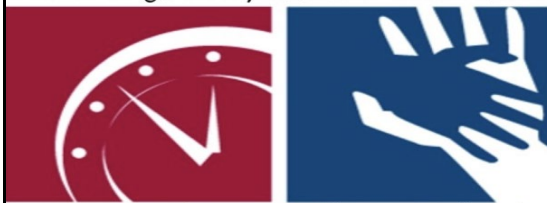
**Sympathy Prayers**

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 Adey, Lois Barton (The Bristol, 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: 9/7/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK LIVE			TOTAL
27	6					33

## Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 9/7/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate		
NA	NA		
Building Fund	Benevolence	Building Use	Total
NA	NA	NA	NA

**Send Offering Checks By Mail:**

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