

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

November 9, 2025

“Tithing: It Takes Practice”



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: Wednesdays 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: 12/13, 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: 11/18, 7:30 PM, Wesley House.
Finance Committee: 11/11, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Trustee Meeting: 12/10, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD.
Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD.
Outreach: TBD, 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.
- **Thanksgiving Food Basket:** Sunday, 11/23 (See insert)
- **Candy Making Workshop:** Sunday, 11/23 (See insert)
- **Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday, 12/6 (See insert). We need volunteers to work on Setup (Friday, 12/5) and the Bazaar. For further information contact Carolyn Holtz at 631-286-4236.
- **Warm Fuzzies:** Sunday, 12/7 (See insert)

November 9, 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

*“A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing,
is worth nothing” - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: God gives us so much, yet God asks for so little in return.

People: Any gift that we give to God out of love is forever cherished.

Leader: The gifts we give back to God are not taxes.

People: Giving is not obligation; it is about participation and celebration.

Leader: When we tithe our time, talents, gifts, and service, our church creates a united front of grace to transform this world from sorrow into joy.

People: When we give ourselves, we participate in God's renewal of creation.

♪ Gathering Hymn: (TFWS) #2153 I'm Gonna Live So, God Can Use Me

***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

Generous God, we thank You for the gifts You give us our lives, loved ones, all we have, and all we are. Most of all, thanks for the gift of salvation that came through the life and love of Jesus. He showed us that full trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is the most important part of following You. Let us offer of our talents and gifts in the same spirit of worship and sacrifice as Jesus taught. From You comes all things and are due all things.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Ministry of Music

Thanks Be To God

by Alan Pote

Jennie Schwinn, flute

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 GRATITUDE: (UMH) #396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NRSV) The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

SECOND READING: Matthew 6:2-4 (NRSV) ‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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: *Tithing: It Takes Practice* Reverend Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us pray on how we can best participate in the mission of the church with our time, talent, gifts, and service. It costs a lot to run a church, but a home is easily kept strong when the family lifts it up as one.

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: (Insert) #3186**

Days of Elijah

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

November 16th's Sermon: "A Reign of Strength"
Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

**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: Pastor Matthew

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

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: 11/2/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK LIVE			TOTAL
24	2		93			119

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 11/2/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate		
\$585.	\$30.		
Building Fund	Benevolence	Building Use	Total
	\$50.		\$665.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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