

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

November 30, 2025



First Sunday *of* Advent

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: 1/20/2026, 7:30 PM, Wesley House.
Finance Committee: 12/2, 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. The Thrift Shop will be closing on Tuesday, 12/16. Reopening the beginning of February 2026 weather permitting.
- **2025 List of Holiday Events:** (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)
- **Adopt a Mercy Center Resident:** Sunday, 12/14 (See insert)
- **Flower Fund / Request for Poinsettias For Christmas:** 12/14 (See insert)

All Church services, programs and events are also posted on the
Church Website: www.umcbellport.org

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9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

(Tom Bracken covering the pulpit for Pastor Matthew)

Ellen Horn, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING OUR HEARTS AND THOUGHTS

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:12

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

♩ BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE** Danna Prather-Davis and Zane Davis

One: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

All: Hope is a light, shining in a dark place.

One: As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope of salvation that we have in Jesus- the one sent as our beloved Star Child.

(Light the purple candle.)

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Advent Choral Response: *Star Child, earth Child, go between of God, love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lighting rod, This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

One: God is our refuge and strength,

All: a very present help in trouble.

One: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,

All: though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

One: though its waters roar and foam,

**All: though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah* In Jesus' name,
we all say: Amen! (from Psalm 46)**

♪ **Gathering Hymn: (UMH # 472) *Near to the Heart of God***

PASSING THE PEACE *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, may 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.

GROWING CLOSER TO GOD'S PRESENCE



A Prayer of Gathering and Faith

All: Loving God, hear us! As we begin anew the cycle of the life of our Savior, and reaffirm our life with You, hear us! As we ponder what You have given us, and what is yet to come, hear us! As our church family prepares once again to receive the Word into the world, hear us! We pray all of this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music: *When Will the Little King Come?* by Ruth Elaine Schram

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 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 OF THE SPIRIT (TFWS) #2236 *Gather Us In

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed

awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

For the Word of God in scripture, For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: *Restarting our Day / Restarting our Lives* Tom Bracken

SERMON CHALLENGE: Can we trust in Jesus to give us a fresh start, to give us a new day, to walk with us every step of the way?

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

Dear Lord, thank You for Your gifts, and use them with our great gratitude to help bring comfort to others, and to help bring others to You.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***SENDING HYMN** (UMH) #383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (vs 1-4)

BENEDICTION

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/Umbellportfiddlersgreen>



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 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: 11/23/2025

ADULTS	CHILDREN	ZOOM	FACEBOOK LIVE			TOTAL
40	2	N/A	N/A			42

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 11/23/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Thanksgiving Donations	Thanksgiving Food
\$432.	\$75	\$25.	\$125.
Building Fund \$10.	Benevolence		Total \$667.
Pledges (19) \$111,160.			

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

“Bellport United Methodist Church”

PO Box 460, Bellport, NY 11713

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