

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

April 19, 2026

“Easter Continues”



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 Entrance Area and Fellowship Hall. 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: Wednesdays, Two sessions: 10:00 and 1:00 pm

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

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays of the month: 5/9/2026, 9:00 AM at the Church.

Bell Choir: Thursdays. Sanctuary. Startup Date TBD.

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

Church Council Meeting: 5/19/2026, 7:30 PM, Wesley House.

Finance Committee Meeting: 5/5/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Trustee Meeting: 5/13/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship Meeting: TBD.

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD.

Outreach: TBD, Wesley House.

😊 **Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations;** the Drop Box is available.

- **Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour** in the Sign-Up Sheet. Thank You!
- **The Thrift Shop** is now open. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Volunteers are needed.
Three-hour shifts (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM).
Donations can be placed in shed behind the Thrift Shop.
For further information or to volunteer, call 631-286-0746.
- **Celebration of Life for Kathleen Wells** Today, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Long Island Symphonic Choral Association (LISCA) Concert**
Sunday April 26, 3:00 PM
- **Mother/Daughter Dinner** Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM,
(See insert)

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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Ellen Horn, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“On Easter Day,

the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer.” - Doug Horton

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL/QUIET MEDITATION

EASTER SEASON ACTS READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ MEDITATING ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Gracious is the Lord who hears our voices whenever we call.

People: The Lord will pull our weary souls back into life renewed.

Leader: Today, we remember that we live as Easter people.

People: We walk with the Lord in the land of the living.

Leader: For God has delivered our souls from death by a mighty act of love.

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

♪ Opening Hymn: (W&S) #3104 (See Insert) *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

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

Saving God, through Jesus and Your all-encompassing love, You opened the gates of life by defeating death. Grant we, who live as resurrected people, by Your spirit, arise from worldly fear into righteousness. O God, often, the joys of Easter cease when Sunday ends. Let us never calm our songs of hallelujah. Today, many still do not know what Easter means - our world shows it. Let us continue, so all may know Jesus is risen. Easter is not over; it has just begun.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music

Hymn of Joyful Praise

by Joel Raney

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 (Page 8)

PASTORAL PRAYER

EASTER HYMN: (UMH) #364

Because He Lives

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (NRSV) I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord, “O Lord, I pray, save my life!” ¹² What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. ¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV) Now on that same day 2 of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things

and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread

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: *Easter Continues* Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember though the feasting is over and the candy eaten, many have yet to know- Easter is for them. Spread the word!

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

**EASTER BENEDICTION
CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

April 26th's Sermon:
"Reconciliation not Alienation" -
1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

**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>

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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

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

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 (Heather Heights, Pittsford, NY), Joe Harder (Jr.), Doris Lundegard, Donna and Carl Catandella, and Edward and Patricia Schultz.

Sympathy Prayers

Prayers for Tom Bracken on the passing of Kathleen Wells. Keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Prayers for the family of Dorothy Vogel on her passing. To the Gerig family and the Pannhurst family on the passing of Joseph Gerig.

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



 Devote Time	 Share Talent
 Give Treasure	 A way of life

Lord's Day Attendance: 4/12/2026

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
25	1		85			111

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 4/12/2026

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Music Fund (from Trustees)	Easter
\$2,260.	\$105.	\$1,000.	\$1,100.
Building Fund (Use)	Benevolence	Snow Removal (from UMW)	Total
\$150.	\$10.	\$2,000.	\$6,625.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:
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