Bellport United Methodist Church

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

July 19, 2026

"The Kingdom of Heaven Is in You"

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: Off for the Summer. Will Resume 9/9/2026.
Men's Bible Study: Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 PM on Zoom.
Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday of the month: 8/8/2026, 9:00 AM at the Church.
Bell Choir: Off for the Summer.
Choir for Worship Rehearsal: Off for the Summer. Will Resume in September.
Church Council Meeting: 7/21/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Finance Committee Meeting: 8/4/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Trustee Meeting: 8/5/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.
Staff Pastor Parish Relationship Meeting: TBD.
Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD.
Outreach: TBD, Wesley House.
Harvest Fair Committee Meeting: TBD

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

- **Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour** on the Sign-Up Sheet. Thank You!
- **The Thrift Shop** is now open. Hours of operation are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- **Bellport Day** Saturday, July 25, 2026. Need volunteers to assist in working the table from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **Preschool Floor Cleaning:** Saturday, 8/15/2026. We need volunteers to move the furniture from the Preschool on Sunday, 8/9/2026 and volunteers to move the furniture back into the Preschool on Sunday, 8/16/2026.
- **Movie Night** Wednesday, 8/12/2026, 7:00 PM
- **Blessing of the Back Packs:** Sunday, 9/13/2026, During the Church Service.
- **Frontier Foundation (Methodist Investment Company) Meeting:** Sunday, 9/20/2026, Fellowship Hall. Following the Church Service.

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

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2026 **9:30 AM**

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Sara Morse, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, [21]
nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!'
For, in fact, the kingdom of God is [in] you. – Luke 17:21

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♫ **PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL/QUIET MEDITATION**

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

♫ **MEDITATING ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Every day, God gives us assurance that Heaven is our great gift by grace.
People: To this eternal gift, we rejoice and praise God!
Leader: Yet, we must never forget that Heaven is not just some future reality.
People: Jesus showed us how to make Heaven a reality on Earth, today.
Leader: Let us revel in the gospel truth that Heaven is both now and then.
People: To this freely given gift, we rejoice and praise God.

♫ **Gathering Hymn:** (insert) #3042 *Shout to the North*

***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 today and tomorrow, we come to You to worship, sing, prayer, and to wrestle with Your call. Bless our lives, even if we stumble, by strengthening us through love. Lord, as we focus on today, the mysteries of what is beyond are on our minds- what, where, how? Lord teach us that life is not about just trying to go to Heaven one day. It is about living Jesus' life to bring Heaven to Earth, now. What will happen, one day, will then be an extra blessing. Be with us in Heaven now and then and show us Your kingdom in our hearts.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *Sakura – Sakura* by Kozaburo Hirai
Mari Rubin, piano

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

Song of Hope: (UMH) #437 *This Is My Song*

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING (NRSV) Romans 14:13-22 Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. **14** I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. **15** If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. **16** So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. **17** For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **18** The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. **19** Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. **20** Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; **21** it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. **22** The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve.

SECOND READING (NRSV) Matthew 13:1-3a, 31-35, 44, 51-53 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. **2** Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. **3** And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow… **31** He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; **32** it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' **33** He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with[a] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' **34** Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. **35** This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet: 'I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.'… **44** 'The kingdom of heaven is

like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field… [51] 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' [52] And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old. [53] When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

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: "*The Kingdom of God Is in You"* Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember, again, not to worry or fear the future, especially heaven. It is already waiting for us, so live it, today.

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 BAPTISM Rebecca Marie Ferrufino

***SENDING SONG:** (TFWS) #2051 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

July 26th's Sermon: "Sleepless in Bellport"
Genesis 25:19-34, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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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USHERS: Bruce Groh, Bill Morse, and Youth
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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 (The Jewish Home of Rochester, 2021 South Winton Road, Room 220 Farash Tower, Rochester, NY 14618), 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. Prayers for the family of Dorothy Vogel on her passing. To the Gerig family and the Pannhurst family on the passing of Joseph Gerig. To the Downs family on the passing of Barbara Downs.

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

Lord's Day Attendance: 7/12/2026

ADULTS	CHILDREN	ZOOM	FACEBOOK /YOUTUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
						87

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 7/12/2026

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Methodist Men	
$2,735.	$52.	$17.	$
Building Fund	**Special Thanks/ Benevolence**	**Building Use**	**Total**
$5.	$5.	$36.	$2,850

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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