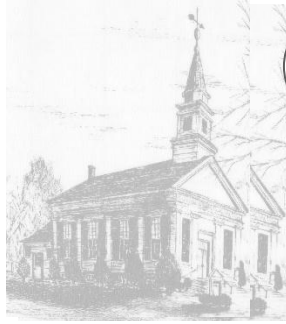


Fall 2024

# Bellport United Methodist CHURCH LIFE

[www.umcbellport.org](http://www.umcbellport.org)



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**Conference Lay Delegate:** William Morse

**Lay Servants:** Tom Bracken, Bruce Groh,  
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**Council Chairperson:** William Morse

**Worship:**

Membership & Evangelism:

**Outreach:** Carolyn Holtz

**Christian Education:** Lori Labalsamo,,  
William Morse

**United Methodist Women:** Sara Morse

**United Methodist Men:** Greg Graziano

**Staff Parish Relations:** Tom Bracken

**Finance Chair:** Carolyn Holtz

**Treasurers:** Barbara Pannhurst,  
Pat Schultz,  
Jennifer Lawlor

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**Fiddlers Green:** Denise Gregory,  
Jennifer Lawlor

## Pastor Matthew's Musings

*"Dwell in possibility"* – Emily Dickinson

Happy Autumn everyone! Fall is my favorite season. I love the colors, smells, tastes, celebrations, & the cooler weather. Just riding through town, I am enjoying the scarecrows everywhere. Bellport is definitely the place to be for holiday lovers. In honor of the change of seasons, I had my very first pumpkin spice latte of the season. As I write this, I am looking out my window at the leaves, the people walking by, and life is good.

During my ministry I have had various passions – youth work, education, advocacy, and pastoral care. These are a few of my ideas, but I also want your feedback. Let us worship together as a joyous family and welcome others to join in the fun.

1. Youth ministry – This has always been a primary passion. I am working with UMC and nearby churches to form a shared ministry for our youth to grow in faith.
2. Bible study – I have created my own curriculum called Bible 101: Reading the Bible Again for the First Time. This is a close read of the Bible, thinking faithfully,

3. historically, contextually, and personally. It will blow your mind!
4. Prayer time – Prayer is essential. It connects us to God and each other through the power of Spirit. I would love for us to gather weekly on Wednesdays for prayer time.
5. On October 1, I started a birthday card ministry, and I am planning a Lenten flood bucket weekly devotional for the Spring. We can create a Vets ministry, Faith in Action Sunday, and I have SO many ideas for Christmas!

Other ministries that I would like to consider: Home outreach, communion teams for homebound members, music/youth outreach with the schools, and a Holy Week feeding ministry in the spring.

What ideas do you have? Friends, the sky is the limit. Know that with God at our side and faith in our hearts, we can transform the world.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Matthew

## **WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM**

### **Join Upcoming Special Services**

- October 6, World Communion Day
- November 3, All Saints' Day in memory of all your loved ones who passed.
- November 24, Thanksgiving Sunday
- December 1, First Sunday of Advent Sunday
- December 21, Blue Christmas Service (Saturday)
- December 24, Christmas Services

## **CHURCH VIRTUAL CONNECTION**



- **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6312860525>

**Meeting ID: 631 286 0525** (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 631 286 0525# & Password: 11713

- **Facebook Live Stream**

- <https://www.facebook.com/bellportmethodist.church.5>

## Hellos and Goodbyes



Saying Goodbye to Anna McClure and Hello to Pastor Matthew Querns.

## Blessing of Backpacks



“Blessings of Backpack and the School Year”



We are grateful for our choir! Please join them weekly for rehearsal on Thursday at 7 PM and Sunday at 9 AM.



The Handbell Choir meets on Thursdays at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. For further information please contact Kathleen Wells at 860-334-8416



## SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM.

Sunday School All Throughout the Year!  
Offering lessons from the  
“Gifts & Fruit of Holy Spirit”

## Preschool News



We WELCOME BACK our amazing staff, all the children and their families. Our preschool is a wonderful outreach opportunity for our church.

Many thanks to our preschool summer staff for providing a very successful summer program during the month of July.

Many children and their families looked forward to the first day of school. The staff came in August so the children could drop off supplies, meet their teacher and see their classroom. The staff were smiling and ready to

greet them all and help them transition into their new experiences at school. It is magical to see the ways the teachers turned those that were teary into smiling playmates. The children have adjusted nicely.

Fall is a busy time as they review good manners, safety rules, build friendships, explore nature, and learn about each other.

We thank our staff for the nurturing foundation they provide for our preschool children each and every day. We wish them all a marvelous school year.

For information, visit us at  
<https://www.bellportpreschool.com/>

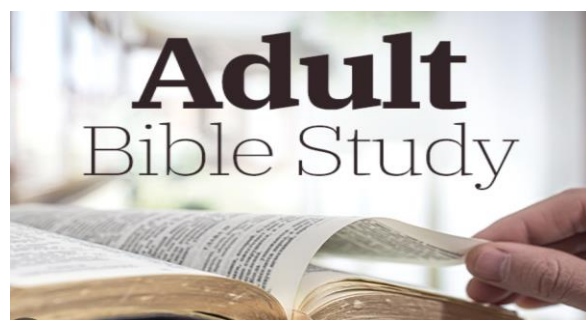
### MEETING IN SMALL GROUPS



**\*\* The BUMC Women's Bible Study will resume on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 pm at the home of Ellen Horn. For further information contact Ellen at 631-286-8827**

## United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 2nd Saturday at 9 AM

### Church Gathering Hall



- **MONDAYS 12:15 PM ON ZOOM**
- Contact Bill Morse at 631-334-3545**



**God bless you with a Healthy and Happy B-day  
& the Year!  
\*\*\*Help Us add yours! \*\*\***

**OCTOBER**

- 4 - John Hannon
- 7 - Ashley Conklin
- 9 - Margie Ludewig
- 10 - Alex Frabizio
- 24 - Tom Bracken
- 28 - Michael Scalice
- 29 - Dave Winslow
- 30 - Jennifer Lawlor

**NOVEMBER**

- 14 - Mary Scott
- 17 - Nancy Winslow
- 18 - Nina Catandella
- 19 - Nathan Nuttal
- 22 - Linda Vogel
- 28 - Rachel Caim

**DECEMBER**

- 10 - Sue Payne
- 18 - Scott Munson
- 25 - Carolyn Holtz
- 31 - Sara Morse



**HARVEST FAIR SEPT 28,  
2024**

**The Harvest Fair was a great success.  
Highlights included Live Auction  
(with sealed & live bidding) items  
from local merchants, craft vendors,  
home-baked goods, and  
entertainment.**

**BELLPORT UNITED**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**10AM – 3PM**



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Our Outreach Committee is coordinating a food collection for Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Our Youth Group will be sorting all non-perishable foods brought in by the congregation.

The food will be divided between the local food pantries: St. Joseph the Worker RC Church, and St. Vincent de Paul at Mary Immaculate RC Church.

If you would rather donate money, please contact Carolyn Holtz (631-286-4236). The money will be used to buy additional food.

This is a time of giving for our congregation, and all are thankful for your generosity.

*SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS*

1lb canned vegetables	Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
Cranberry sauce	Peanut butter and jelly
Stuffing & muffin mixes	canned fruits
Canned yams/sweet potatoes	100% juice
Hot or cold nutritious cereals	Rice, noodles
Pancake mix & syrup	Dried or canned beans
Cereals	Canned tuna, chicken, salmon
Canned soups	Cookies & snack bars
Pasta/Pasta sauce	Jell-O & Instant pudding

**CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION FOR THE MERCY CENTER RESIDENTS**

BUMC Outreach Team is proud to partner again with the Mercy Center Ministries for this Christmas Season.

**ADOPTING A MERCY CENTER RESIDENT**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, a tree will be in the Welcoming Area with gift balls on it. The resident population changes so the gifts are general.

- Children: Ages 5 years old and under
- Young women: Ages 16 -24

Please take a ball (or two) and return the ball with the **UNWRAPPED** gift by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

All gifts **MUST BE NEW!**

For further information contact Carolyn Holtz at 631-286-4236

**Thanks For All The Donations!**



**Monthly Food Collection**

Non-perishable food and personal care products will be collected and delivered to the St Joseph the Worker’s food pantry for distribution to those in need.

**On the first Sunday of each month**, please put your donations on the altar. Items brought in on other Sundays can be put in the gray tub in the hall between the Sanctuary and the stairs.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please Sign up to offer your gifts and talents, and be blessed!



### THE FIDDLER'S GREEN THRIFT SHOP THE CORNER OF BREWSTER & MAIN

Open Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.  
10am to 4pm – Call 631-286-0746

**Thank you for your Donations!**  
**Welcome Volunteers!**  
**Ask to Sign up.**

**Ministry Opportunities:** If you are interested in taking part in any of the following ministries, please contact the person listed.

-- **Hospitality:** Coffee Fellowship: June Beuttenmuller (631-286-2045) Currently there is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering area as well.

-- **Thrift Shop:** Jennifer Lawlor. Volunteer once a month or more at the Thrift Shop.

-- **Outreach, Harvest Fair, Christmas Bazaar, and Harvest Fair:** Carolyn Holtz (631-286-4236) Helping to help others.

-- **Loveline:** Preparing food for families in our church that are experiencing a crisis.

--**Church Office:** John Hanon & Rachel Langert (631-286-0525) Assisting with special mailings, distributing flyers, folding bulletins/newsletters, or phones.

--**Building Use:** John Hannon & Rachel Langert (631-286-0525) Facilitating the comings and goings of people using our buildings for private events.



SPPRC  
Staff Pastor Parish  
Relations Committee

**Our committee** is here to support our staff and church family. Please share any positive input, concerns, and suggestions with us at any time. Tom Bracken (631) 260-0693  
[tsbracken777@gmail.com](mailto:tsbracken777@gmail.com)

**To Learn** more about S/PPRC's Leadership and Responsibilities, you may visit the link.

[https://asburyofandrews.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Pastor\\_Staff-Parish-Relations-Committee-Job-Description.pdf](https://asburyofandrews.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Pastor_Staff-Parish-Relations-Committee-Job-Description.pdf)



### **Prayer List**

**Sympathy Prayers** for Sheryl Moodt and family on the passing of her sister Susan Spencer-Owens, and Mary Scott and family on the passing of her daughter, Josephine Pond.

**Prayers:** Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength: Rachel Langert and her parents, Mark and Lois Barton (The Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), Jack Antos & the family, the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrala, Donna and Carl Catandella, the Vanderzalm family, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Prayers for Young Adults including: Andrew, Ethan, Amy and Seann, Shelby, Derek, Diana, Oliver, David and Samuel, and all Church affiliated people.

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

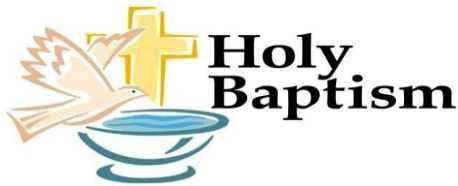


## THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE

### AVAILABLE UPON YOUR REQUEST

Contact the Pastor or the Office

- Event Hall Rental Service
- Baptism Service
- Wedding Service
- Memorial Service
- Hospital or Home Service
- Support Group for Singles
- Support Group for LGBTQ & more.
- Support Group for Grief Recovery
- Marriage or Premarital Counseling
- Bible Study in English & Korean



### Congratulations!

**Baptism of Casey Patrick Cave  
Sunday, July 28, 2024**

### United Methodist Women

The UMW were very busy in the Spring. May 7<sup>th</sup> was our annual Mother/Daughter Dinner. Over 50 attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Café Castello of Bellport. Servers were Bill Lang, Bill Morse, and Rolf Beuttenmuller. Scott Munson and Greg Graziano helped with set-up and clean-up. Daniel Fogel performed enjoyable music.

During the Dinner, items such as diapers, baby wipes, sippy cups and more were collected and delivered to Mercy Center Ministries.

A check for \$300 from monetary donations was matched by UMW and mailed to the Mercy Center.

During April, the UMW collected items and monetary donations that enabled us to assemble 57 menstrual kits which were delivered to the Patchogue Methodist Church. These kits will be distributed by UMCOR to areas in need.

### MEMORIAL / FUNERAL SERVICES

**Friends Who Passed This Past Season  
Heavenly peace and comfort for  
the families of:**

Carl Moodt (Husband of Sheryl Spencer Moodt)  
Josephine Pond (Daughter of Mary Scott)



## Church Council Meeting

Council meetings require all ministry chairs. Anyone is welcome to join with any questions to meet remotely with the church's Zoom. 7:30 pm. This is the nominal schedule. It could change if special topics come up. Third Tuesday of Jan. Mar. May Sept. Nov. Next meeting will be on November 14th, accommodating the Thanksgiving week.  
"Rejoice always", Bill.

### ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

**There is a date change to the Annual Church Conference.** The Annual Church Conference is scheduled to meet at BUMC  
on

**Friday, November 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm**



## THE WAYS TO GENEROSITY



### **The Easy Way to Send Your Offering is by Setting Up Online Payment To**

- Bellport United Methodist Church, PO Box 460. Bellport NY 11713
- ZELLE: [bellportumc@optimum.net](mailto:bellportumc@optimum.net), Tel: 631-205-4050
- Also, you can mail your offerings and donations to the church.

☺ Your offerings will support all the churches and missions locally and worldwide by United Methodist Church Denomination. We will continue to pray for your personal finances as well as the church mission.

**Thank you for your support!**

## A REMINDER!



**Eastern Standard Time begins Sunday, November 3rd. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2nd.**



DO NO HARM.

DO GOOD.

*Stay in Love*  
WITH  
*God.*

JOHN WESLEY