

Bellport United Methodist

CHURCH LIFE

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Church Life, a newsletter for the Bellport United Methodist Church membership and friends, is produced four times each year under the administration of Rev. Matthew Querns, Pastor, and Editor Rachel Langert. If you wish to have your name removed from this mailing list, please call or write to the church office. Church Life is also available in PDF on our website.

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Pastor Matthew's Musings

A Summer's Rest

Greetings, friends! Once again, the summer is here; a time for heat, swimming, vacations, camping, and slower days. At least, in theory!

It is official, we just celebrated our two-year anniversary of me as your pastor. Every day is a great blessing for me as I get to know you more. I am glad the bishop has seen it fitting for our journeys to continue together. I am honored to be your pastor. Now last year, I made of list of the top 10 things that I liked about living in Bellport.

This year, I have composed a new list: My Top 10 Questions That I Still Have About the Area:

1. Where Do I actually live? Brookhaven, Bellport, village, hamlet, the NY metro-area?
2. Why are there so many pizza restaurants and urgent cares near each other?
3. How do you spell Munson, Munsen, Monsen and Pry, Pryby, Prybyzers, Presbyterian...?
4. Is there an alien ship hidden at the Brookhaven Laboratory? History Channel says yes!
5. What does Ellen put in her scrumptious almond desserts that makes us all go nuts... 😊
6. What exactly is the Temperance Inn? It looks Haunted!
7. Why did the cupcake place have to close? 😞

8. Why did a guy get mad at me when I said Brooklyn and Queens are both on Long Island?
9. Isn't the Great South Bay just the ocean with islands, so I CAN say I live 1 mile from the ocean?
10. I still have no idea what Head of the Neck means. Should it not be neck of the head?

Here's to many more years! Cheers, congratulations, and thank you for everything! Here we go!

Well, it is getting hot, so before I walk Molly, one more thing. During the summer, most of our programs take some time off. It is at these times when I go into guilt mood, worrying that I am not doing enough. However, I want to remind us all that we all need quieter schedules for a bit before September.

Thus, I have set a personal goal to read 2 books this summer, allowing me to sit in the calm and quiet of life. To you all, my beloved church, please find time this summer to rest, to pray, and just enjoy some quiet time. Allow yourselves time to rejuvenate.

Rest is not just key to physical health but also spiritual health. O yes, if someone argues with you about rest, tell them your Pastor will write you a note! Lastly remember, if the world tries to keep you down, when life seems rotten, and on those days when we even question our own worth, remember these powerful words from the movie *The Help*: "You is kind, you is smart, you is important."

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matthew Querns

Sunday School



SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM.

Kids' Corner – Lori Ann Labalsamo

... Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

I am happy to report that we had a fun Children's Sunday celebration on June 7th! This is an annual exercise that marks the end of the school year. During the service, we were able to pray for the children and also offer up a Psalm that was made up of the children's own ideas. Afterwards, we had a party and the theme this year was "Summer of God's Love!" We celebrated with sunglasses, Hawaiian leis, a very messy spin art session and (of course) ice cream!

Since coming back from the pandemic, we have tried to run the Sunday School ministry year-round, but this summer we are going to take the first few weeks of July off for a much-needed rest. Please stay tuned for an announcement on when Sunday School will return.

As I have said previously, this ministry is a blessing to all who serve! We could use more help, though, so please feel free to reach out to either Bill Morse or me for information.

In Christ's Love, Miss Lori



Church Choir

The Choir meets on Thursdays, from 7:00 to 8:30, in the sanctuary. Please join us in offering our gift of music ministry.

Preschool News



Spring finally came! The children were excited to get out onto the playground. Spring themes included crazy weather, looking for rainbows and watching flowers bloom. We held a crazy hat day, a mixed-up socks day, and a favorite character day. The children learned about Earth Day, Memorial Day, and honored special people in their lives.

In April we held our annual art show fundraiser in the “big room”. All the children were enormously proud of their work on display, and it was a phenomenal success. In May we held a “Special Persons Tea” at the preschool. Each student invited a special person in their life as a guest to share a snack, a craft and hear some songs performed by the children. In June we had David Funn and his rabbit friend return to the school for an evening of magic.



Our toddler class planted sun flowers, learned about butterflies and bees, and about sun and water safety. Our preschool class learned all about sun protection, planting flowers, and the life cycle of a frog. Our pre-K class learned all about the water cycle, the meaning of Earth Day, and using the five senses. The children learned so much this year!

The pre-k class took a field trip to Café Castello’s for a pizza making lesson. All the classes had an end of the year ice cream party. Graduation and moving-up ceremonies were held for preschool and pre-k children and their families in the “big room”. The children performed songs for the audience. The children were so proud of their accomplishments. Mrs. Mancini’s beautiful slide show of the children throughout the year was a real tearjerker.



BIRTHDAYS AND FELLOWSHIP



Bible 101

July 1	Joan Prybyzski
July 2	Bryanne Ballan
July 2	Sheryl Moodt
July 9	Lois Barton
July 16	Kristen Cuenin
July 17	Ellen Horn
July 19	Pat Schultz
July 22	Jessee Vogel
July 23	Dan Rifret
July 25	Adam Hoag
July 28	June Potter
July 29	Blake Lawlor

August 1	Eva Leggett
August 9	Darice Lang
August 16	Laura Rinfret
August 20	Harold Daus

September 3	David Harder
September 8	Isaac Gagot
September 10	Flo Myers
September 12	Rachel M. Gagot
September 15	Eleanor Graziano
September 17	Gordon Downs
September 19	Bill Lang
September 20	Robin Montick
September 23	John Conway
September 25	Liz Kolasinski

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study

Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. For further information contact Bill Morse, 631-344-3859 or Bill Lang 214-514-3260

Will resume in the fall

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/631286052>

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For further information contact Pastor Matthew at 845-208-1405 or email him at matthew.querns@nyac-umc.com

UMC Men's breakfast

Second Saturday of the month
9:00 A.M.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men continue to faithfully serve the BUMC community and our neighborhood.

Sometimes it's closer to an archeology dig than a cleanup of Wesley house, but the declutter effort continues. Over 50 unusable folding chairs from the basement were hauled off by a scrap metal dealer for free. Over a dozen folding chairs had missing feet or missing joint stabilizers and were repaired. All of the defective standard light bulbs were replaced on three floors and in the basement. Exit sign lighting is still in the works. Several boxes of old records were located.

UMM supports activities by other groups such as the Mother/Daughter dinner. UMM donated about \$250 to church efforts last year alone.

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

July 19

Rebecca Marie Ferrufino will be baptized. She is the Granddaughter of Charles and Marie Coda.

July 25 - Bellport Day:

We will need volunteers to help us set up our booth, work it, and then take things down. Please, sign up

Sundays in church or call Pastor if you can help. We will pass out popcorn with a movie ticket to our summer movie night for **Wednesday, August 12** at 7:00 pm. We will watch Toy Story 5.

CONFERENCE, DISTRICT, AND PARISH NEWS



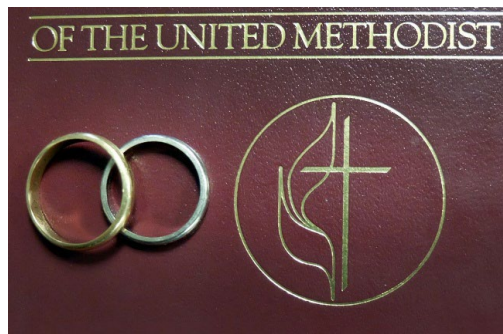
Our budget remains tight but we are grateful for all our donors, large and small.

Information for Lay Servants SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHURCH

All United Methodist Churches including Bellport UMC stand against any hate crimes. For any assistance, contact

One of the UMC Lay Advocates:

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A congregation's trustees cannot prevent their pastor from using church facilities to perform a same-sex wedding, The United Methodist Church's top court ruled in Decision 1516. The ruling was one of two decisions released by the Judicial Council on April 29. Photo by Kathleen

Barry, UM News.

S/PPR (Staff/Pastor Parish Relations)

Our committee is here to support our staff and church family. We have paired a committee member with our staff. You can come to the S/PPR members below.

Pastor Matthew - Celia Bilfinger, Tom Bracken
Church Office (John Hannon and Rachel Langert) -
Sheryl Moodt- Cleaners (Maureen Martinez) - Pat
Schultz

Thrift Shop (Denise Gregory) - Pat Schultz (and
Jennifer Lawlor) - Trustees will oversee.
Preschool Staff (8) – Tom Bracken with Rita Temple
Event Manager (Maureen Martinez) and cleaner
(Maureen Martinez) April Conklin, Pianist (Dan
Fogel) -

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



The Trustees meet on the second Wednesday of each month. For further information, Contact Scott Munson.



Council meeting requires all ministry chairs and anyone is welcome to join in with any questions. The Council will be meeting in person on Tuesday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley House.



Monthly Food Collection

Outreach is designating the First Sunday of the Month 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, 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.

"For I was in need, and
you cared for me."
Matthew 25:36b



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!

We welcome volunteers!

**For further information,
contact Jennifer Lawlor.**



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:** Carolyn Holtz (631-286-4236) Volunteer once a month or more at the Thrift Shop.

-- **Outreach:** Carolyn Holtz (631-286-4236) Helping to help others.

--**Church Office:** John Hannon & Rachel Langert, 631-286-0525. They assist with special mailings, create and distribute flyers, write and publish bulletins, newsletters and slide shows for services; They prepare and publish annual reports (church conference) greet visitors and respond to office inquiries. They manage the day-to-day operations of the church, including inspections, repairs, and any requests for building use. They also function as liaisons between the Pastor and the wider community.

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, Tel: 631-205-4050

- You can also 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 finance as well as the church mission. Thank you for your support.

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>



Sympathy & Condolence:

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

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, 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 Adey, 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. 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



**THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE
AVAILABLE UPON YOUR REQUEST**

Contact the Pastor or the Office

- Fellowship Hall: Usage for family events!
- Baptism Service
- Wedding Service
- Memorial Service
- Hospital or Home Service
- Support Group for LGBTQ & more.
- Support Group for Grief Recovery
- Marriage or Premarital Counseling
- Bible Study