



# Delaware Headwaters Parish

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UMC Churches

Through God's love and in community with one another, we welcome you!

## September/October 2020 Newsletter

### Delaware Headwaters Parish

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### Welcome to the Delaware Headwaters Parish!

The Delaware Headwaters Parish has brought together Bloomville UMC, Hobart UMC, Stamford UMC, and Township UMC under the direction of Rev. Kwang-il Kim and Pastor Paul Moller.

Thank you for your faithfulness and patience as we navigate these uncertain times. Here are the in-person service times at DHP: **Stamford & Township UMC @ 8:30am, Bloomville & Hobart UMC @ 10am.** Rev. Kim and Pastor Paul are on a two week alternating schedule. You may also join us at 10am online or by phone **by calling 1-646-558-8656 (meeting code 972-7232-3222)**

Our online presence will continue, especially for those in the congregation who feel not as comfortable coming to in-person service. We thank you for support, your cooperation in following our promise to wear face-coverings and be seated in places that you may not have sat before. Please see our guidelines on the website for the other protocols.

This year has been interesting, to say the least. We are all adapting to a different, hopefully temporary, way of life. We are grateful for the technology, Pastor Paul and volunteers that allow us all to be together, even when we're physically apart.



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It was an honor to give the 5 star Award to  
**Ruth Many.**

This fitting tribute was written by  
Barbara Hoover-Stevens.

RUTH ROSE MANY- An "Agent of Grace"  
This thumb-nail sketch was a collaboration by  
Barbara Ackerley, Beverly Rockefeller and  
myself.

Ruth is an outstanding role model whom I have  
known all my life (as have Barb and Bev.) Ruth  
and I share memories of Roses Brook, "a piece  
of the Kingdom" as my father would say. Both  
of us have priceless memories of our times  
there. Astrologically we are both Capricorns as  
is her daughter Elaine. Ruth and Floyd had 2  
boys and 3 girls – same as the Hoovers. Ruth  
was a Dairy Princess in charge of Elsie the  
Borden Cow in Macy's window for two weeks  
along with her sister. An in college I was the  
Queen of May!

Barb Ackerley spoke the following using her  
will-know name – Ruthie Many.

- R-** Redhead/Respected
- U-** Universal Traveler
- T-** Truthful/True Friend/Trustworthy
- H-** Humanitarian/Honest/Horticulturist
- I-** Intelligent/Well versed on so many  
subject/Wonder Friend
- E-** Excellent Teacher/Easy to talk to/Sunday  
School Teacher
- M-** Musician/Plays piano in church
- A-** Author/Athletic/Rides Bikes
- N-** Neighbor (the good kind)
- Y-** Youthful/Young at Heart

She also is a Bird Watcher and Quilter (with  
each grandchild receiving a quilt). And, as  
noted above, she is a published author, writing  
of growing up on the Rosemary Farm on Roses  
Brook and another book relating her  
experiences as a Kindergarten teacher at SKCS.

Ruth is just plain, good company.

She has been and is an AGENT OF GRACE, living  
her faith in every way each and every day. Her  
presence among us has been and is a gift. Our  
deepest thanks!

Ruthie is a **"5-STAR WOMAN"**



*Another fitting tribute to Ruth Many-*

Ruth is our wonderful friend and  
neighbor. She is always there willing to  
help when needed. She has done a great  
deal of things for our Township Church.  
She helped with many Christmas  
programs, children day programs,  
cleaned the church, and the best was her  
Sunday morning playing in church for all  
of us. You could tell Ruth loves kids, not  
only her own children, but everyone's.  
She is so gentle when speaking with  
them. This is why too Ruth was a great  
kindergarten teacher. Our two sons Matt  
and Hugh had her in school. She helped  
give them a good foundation for life  
ahead, helping them to be the successful  
young men they are today.. Ruth has a  
wonderful caring family. We are very  
fortunate to have Ruth in our lives and  
for being our great neighbor and friend.  
We LOVE YOU Ruth Many.

*Mary and Denny*



There are many ways to stay informed about our Parish and the news that might affect you.

- Visit our website at [www.delawareheadwatersparish.com](http://www.delawareheadwatersparish.com)
- Follow us on Facebook. Facebook pages can be found by searching for *Bloomville United Methodist Church, Delaware Headwaters Parish, Hobart United Methodist Church, Angels' Attic.*
- Enjoy our newsletter. Notify us by email to get added to the newsletter mailing at- [pastordelawareheadwatersparish@gmail.com](mailto:pastordelawareheadwatersparish@gmail.com)

## Please Continue Tithing

Many of you have contributed to our services these last months. Your faith is showing and your desire to please God is great.

**Please mail your tithes and other offerings to:**

**Bloomville UMC:** Beverly Rockefeller, 191 Scotch Hill Road, Bloomville NY 13739

**Hobart UMC:** Ralph Beisler, 107 Sheffield Lane, Hobart, NY 13788

**Stamford UMC:** Debbie Coager, 290 Roses Brook Road, South Kortright, NY 13842

**Township UMC:** Ginny Austin, 16385 County Highway 18. Stamford NY 12167



# Memories

Are special moments that tell our stories. . .  
Here is the first in a short series of special stories written by members of our congregation. . .

## Heavenly Intervention

By Ruth R. Many

On a sunny Memorial Day my husband and I harnessed our American Saddlebred horses to the buggy. Our destination was the neighboring village where we would join the parade. En-route on a steep incline, a strap broke on Checker's harness and we could go no further.

Born and raised in this community, my husband was acquainted with nearly everyone in the valley. However, across the fence a stranger was cutting grass with a scythe. Noting our dilemma, he jumped the fence hoping he could help. Seeing the strap we needed, he reached into pocket, pulled out the **exact replica** and attached it to Checker's harness

After thanking him, we were on our way to the parade.





As summer begins to fade and fall seems to be creeping in on us I am struck with the reality that our lives and the lives of our children will be returning to some sense of normalcy fairly soon.

Although there still are so many unanswered questions, more than enough "unknowns," and many anxieties yet to be addressed, I think that it's important to continually remind ourselves and our children who we truly are in Christ Jesus. This has been something that I personally have thought about considerably over these last few months: "With all that is going on in the world, how do I keep my sense of self and how do I have courage to be who I really am?"

With that question in mind I began to think of our children and how confusing, upsetting, stressful, and in some cases pretty monumental this all must be for them. Every time I think about this I am reminded of the scripture in Matthew 19:26 "With God all things are possible." I don't know if there is a better way to work through all of the impending changes than knowing that our children (as well as ourselves) are all children of God and that we can accomplish and get through anything with Him in our lives.

I have spent quite a few sleepless nights trying to reimagine Sunday School for this year and have tried to figure out how to "make it work," but also make it enjoyable for the kids. I have decided that I will take the kids on a "journey" of discovery, trying to search for clues and answers to the question: "Who are we as a child of God?"

As it has been directed to us, we will not be meeting for Sunday School class, for a while anyway, but rather I will give the Sunday School lesson through my children's message, during the regular church service. I will make any take home material, activities, etc. available for the kids in the back of the church at the beginning of service. Kids will be encouraged to use these activities to follow along on their own personal journey of self-discovery!

I have also included a number of interesting "excursions" on our journey, including virtual scavenger hunts to look for various bible verses, stories, and clues to reinforce our weekly message.

Finally, I was so saddened to know that we would not be able to offer VBS this summer. One of the activities that the children have always enjoyed has been our service project, whether it be raising money to aid in the purchase of a community well for a third world country, or collecting donations for the local food bank. With that in mind I would like to incorporate a service learning project that goes along with our journey this school year. I will continue to keep you informed as the plan develops so that anyone who is interested can join in...let's do some good!!

I will start our Sunday school journey on September 13th during the Bloomville church service. I look forward to seeing all of the children again and wish all the families a safe, stress free, and happy return to the school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 538-1856 or email me at [dibble2330@gmail.com](mailto:dibble2330@gmail.com).

See you soon – Niki Dibble





# Alain & Katherine Niles' Update

Dear Friends,

The last few months have been a journey of walking by faith. God has provided for us every step of the way, but often times we've joked that it isn't until the very last minute that God opens the next door.

After returning to New York, we were able to enjoy our quarantine time staying with Alain's parents (who were stuck in NY due to COVID) in a beautiful home thanks to a generous church that opened up a house for us all.

We quickly got down to business to prepare for school and find a home in Syracuse where we could live close to Upstate Medical University for Alain's Physician Assistant studies. The options were limited with our budget and we finally decided to apply for a very small townhouse. We were told the rental company would contact us in a day or two, but for some reason they delayed over the weekend. As we waited, we received word from a pastor in Syracuse who explained that he and his father were looking to buy a home and rent it to us. They went and viewed a house on a Sunday, placed a bid and the same day were offered the house. Over that weekend God provided far more than we expected and at the very last minute! On Monday, when the rental company called us, we were able to turn down their offer. What a great lesson in trusting God with all the details.

A generous friend stepped in and helped us get a reliable van. A church stepped in to help Alain purchase all the medical equipment needed for his studies. Great friends called us to let us know they were generously gifting us money to help with our housing needs. Dear friends housed us for two weeks before we could move into our house in Syracuse. The list goes on and on of how God has taken care of us during this transition time.

Alain has now completed 4 weeks of Physician Assistant School and despite the intensity of the program he is enjoying the studies, the faculty, and the work so much. (We have a feeling the kids are also going to learn a lot through Alain's studies :>) We moved 2 weeks ago, and the kids are enjoying their new home and finding all the local playgrounds (that opened back up the week we moved!). Katherine has enjoyed settling in to a home after living out of a suitcase for nearly 2 months.

## What's happening in Togo?

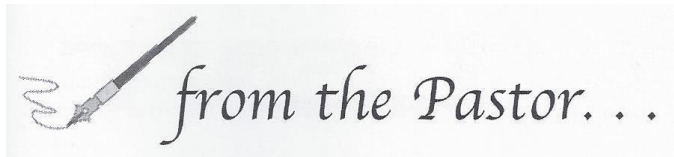
Our team has faced a rather difficult time as COVID has essentially stopped all our short-term medical help from coming out. This has forced our career missionaries to carry a heavy load and fill all the gaps. Pray for our teammates who are putting in long shifts and doing their best to treat the crowds that come to our gate each day. We thank God for the recent reports of God working among the Fulani in our area and for our chaplains who continue to have an enormous ministry thanks to the quality care offered.

Thanks for praying for this time of training in our lives that God might continue to equip us for the work ahead in Togo...and that we may continue to walk by faith.

*Alain, Katherine, Camille, Caleb and Mia-Joy*



# HAPPY Labor Day



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Labor Day is observed on the first Monday in September to honor all who work in this nation. It originated in 1882 in NY City with a parade organized by a machinist and a carpenter in order to solemnize the value of our human labor and their dignity and rights.

In our Scriptures, our God is the very first laborer who worked to create this universe including our earth and all things in it. God's act of labor is the very act of creating, nurturing, cultivating, empowering, enriching, and finally blessing all lives – all living things on earth. For this reason, our human labor is so precious, sacred and dignified because it creates, nurtures, enriches and blesses our personal, communal, national and global lives.

Our laborers' rights are the very basic human rights which God made sacred. The fact of the matter is: All the laborers surrounding us are our sisters, brothers, fathers, mothers, sons and daughters and our grandchildren and parents - our beloved ones. They are all God's beloved ones made in God's image and likeness.

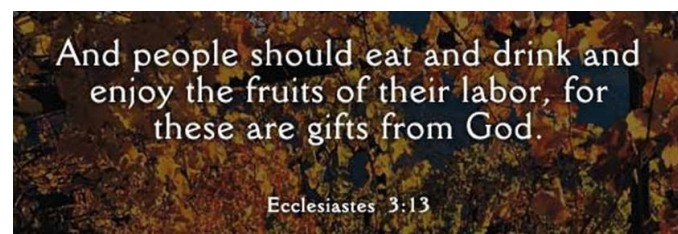
God our Lord, after completing His labor of creation, rested on the seventh day and made it sacred. Likewise, we also take a rest on this Labor Day. We not only remember our God at

work and rest but also confirm our authentic identity as God's sacred laborers on this Labor Day. Through and in our labor, we build up, nurture and bless our family, our local, national and global communities.

Therefore, on this Labor Day, let us unsparingly pour out our deepest thanks and overflowing love upon them - our beloved laborers from the bottom of our heart.

Happy and blessed Labor Day!

**Rev. Kim**



*In our hearts*



On behalf of The Delaware Headwaters Parish, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of:

Eleanore Susie Briggs Cowan, Roy Hendrickson, Joseph Kelly, Larry Miller, Richard Pearson, Ellen Sanford, Ed Slavinski, Elizabeth R. Sturgess, Gladys Young Wayman, Mary E. Williams

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

## A note from Pastor Paul -

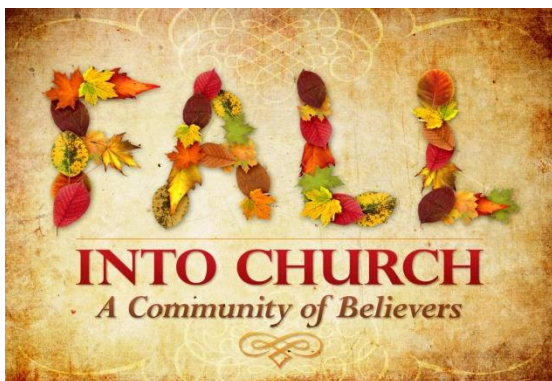
The year 2020 is going by so quickly! On New Year's Day, it seemed the year was full of possibilities and hope; we wondered what the new year would look like. Then COVID-19 entered the picture, and now it seems every day brings more questions. The future seems wholly unknown. It became clear very quickly that it would not be like any year before in my life. The pandemic has given me time to think about what people do when their lives get turned upside down. A verse came to mind:

**Isaiah 40:31** "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

This text reminds me that those who have faith in the Lord know that God watches over them. This gives us great encouragement and hope. For we can know that we have the strength to overcome. When the eagle flies, it does it so instinctually; flying comes naturally. There is no reason to fear. We too should have the same confidence as the eagle when it comes to living our lives.

Continue to stay safe and keep the faith in all you do.

Pastor Paul.



Thank you to all who keep checking our Facebook page!

Until the coronavirus pandemic is over and the volunteers are able to gather and work, Angel's Attic will be closed, indefinitely.

We will **NOT** be accepting any donations for a while. Please support some of our neighboring thrift stores.

**PLEASE STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!**



UM churches received a basic start-up PPE cleaning kit, if requested, from NYAC. The supplies were sent to each church from the conference center.

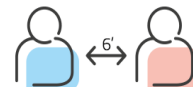
**Thank you!**

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**WASH**

your hands often or use hand sanitizer

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