Delaware Headwaters Parish

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UM Churches

Through God's love and in community with one another, we welcome you! $July/August\ 2021\ Newsletter$

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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. We are happy to have you as a member or a visitor to our churches. The worship services take place in person on Sundays at 8:30am [Stamford and Township UMCs] and 10:00am [Bloomville and Hobart UMCs]. You may also find us online on our website.



Please keep in mind that we are following current Covid19 protocols set out by CDC, New York State, NYAC and the Bishop. Due to the changing nature of this virus and our understanding of the guidelines, things will continue to change. New guidance is always coming from NYS and NYAC. Please see the rules we must follow listed in our website. Thank you Pastor Paul and Steve Tucker for organizing our online service that is available on our website.



- July 4 TUMC & HUMC Pastor Paul SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim (communion)
- July 11- TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- July 18 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul July 25 - TUMC& HUMC – Rev. Kim
- SUMC & BUMC Pastor Paul
- Aug. 1 TUMC & HUMC Pastor Paul SUMC & UMCB – Rev. Kim (communion)
- Aug.8 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Aug.15 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Aug.22 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Aug. 29 TUMC & HUMC Pastor Paul SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim
- Sept. 5 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul (communion)
- Sept.12 -TUMC & H UMC– Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Sept.19 -TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Sept. 26 TUMC & HUMC Pastor Paul SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim
- Oct. 3 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC& BUMC – Pastor Paul (communion)
- Oct. 10 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC& BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Oct. 17 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC& BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Oct.24 TUMC & HUMC Pastor Paul SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim
- Oct. 31 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC& BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Nov. 7 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC& BUMC – Pastor Paul (communion)
- Nov. 14 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC& BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Nov. 21 TUMC & HUMC Pastor Paul SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim

- Nov. 28 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim
 - SUMC& BUMC Pastor Paul
- Dec. 5 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC& BUMC – Pastor Paul (communion)
- Dec. 12 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC& BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Dec. 19 TUMC & HUMC Pastor Paul SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim
- Dec. 24 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Dec. 29 TUMC & HUMC Rev. Kim SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

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Delaware Headwaters Parish Treasurer

We currently have an opening for Parish Treasurer. A job description and further details are available on the website. Further inquiries can be made to Ginny Austin, Beverly Rockefeller, Debbie Coager or Barbara H. Stevens.

Thank you Cheri Jendrzejewski for going above and beyond at the Hobart United Methodist Church.



Welcome Rachel Betancourt to the Hobart United Methodist Church as our new cleaner.



Jillian Hungerford was crowned Delaware County Dairy Princess for 2021-2022.





Please Continue Tithing

Please remember that your financial support is absolutely instrumental in this unprecedented time. Thank You for your continued support!

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: Carol Beierlein, PO Box 133, Stamford, NY 12167
Township UMC: Ginny Austin, 16385 County Highway 18. Stamford NY 12167

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB) says "The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives."

Mandatory 10-Digit Dialing Coming to 518, 845, and 607 Area Codes

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. In order for 988 to work in the 518, 845, or 607 area codes, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented, so we will need to change the way we dial local calls.

Beginning April 24, customers with numbers in these area codes should start dialing 10 digits for all local calls. Full implementation will be in effect by October 24, 2021.

You should reprogram your phones, automatic dialing equipment and other specialty systems and equipment that require local phone numbers. You will continue to dial 1+telephone number for all long distance calls.

During COVID











"But those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. [John 4:14, NRSV.]

When I was young from the age of three or four until six or seven. I lived in a small village named Kuchon ("Old Village") of which population was less than about a hundred. At the center of the village, there was a small well from which fresh and sweet springing water ceaselessly gushed out all year round. All the villagers relied upon this water for their daily living, their only source of water. It was about 100 yards away from my house. Almost every morning, upon getting up from bed, my older sister and I used to go there to wash our faces and to fetch a bucket of water for breakfast. Such a fascinating image of the springing water, still glimmering in my eyes! How tranquil, fresh and peaceful it was! All night long, such ceaselessly gushing-out water from the rockbottom was always filled up to the brim and was running over the top of such small well which we encountered whenever got there.

This crystal-clear water was gushing up inbetween the solid rocks at the bottom unendingly all year round. It never dried out even when severe drought hit the land. This living water kept imparting such grace-full source of life to each and every single villager in Kuchon.

On the hot sizzling summer days, all village farmers from their strenuous labor several hours in their rice-field and homesteads used to come to this well to wash their sweaty faces, tired limbs and wet their thirsty throats. On the icy-cold winter mornings also, my sister and I used to go there to fetch a bucket of such fresh water. You might want to imagine the very imagery which is still vividly engraved in my deep-down heart. It was absolutely a mysterious and tranquil beauty, adorned with misty streams of white steam endlessly rising up here and there from the surface out into the icy-cold air. What a mysterious and sacred image!

My friends in Christ, or life eternal!

In the Johannine verse above, Christ our Lord is offering such fresh and never-ending living water to a woman of Samaria who had been deeply thirsty for her ultimate meaning of life journey until that very moment of encountering such living water, Christ here Savior.

How about you and me? I wish all of you a very fruitful and cool summer by enjoying such living water ceaselessly gushing up from our solid Rock, Christ Jesus. "And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ" [1 Corinthians 10:4 NRSV]. Amen!

Rev. Kim





Happy summer! The start of a new season brings many exciting opportunities...picnics, camping, swimming, vacations, and **Vacation Bible School!!**

We are so excited to be able to hold VBS this summer, as it was truly missed last year. Our "Rocky Railway" adventure will take us on a five-day journey where kids will discover that having trust in Jesus can and will get them through all of the ups and downs in life.

Each day of our journey will begin with group worship and skits at "Sing and Play Express." Kids will circulate through a number of stations every night, including "Bible Adventures," "Kid Vid Cinema," "Imagination Station," "Loco Motion Games," and "Chew Chew Snacks." Lessons learned throughout this series will focus on Jesus' power to: help us do hard things, give us hope, be bold, live forever, and help us to be good friends. Each station incorporates games, hands on activities, faith based instruction/discussions, and of course LOTS of fun.

VBS will be held at the Bloomville UMC Monday, August 9 through Friday August 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All children are invited to attend. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. on Monday to fill out/update registration and contact information. A parent letter will be available with our church's updated COVID guidelines and we will continue to inform you of any changes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Niki Dibble at (607)538-1856 or <u>dibble2330@gmail.com</u>. Volunteers are always welcome. We can't wait to see you there!!





The United Methodist Women of the Hobart UMC honored Carol Beierlein of Stamford on May 16, 2021. Congratulations!



Rev. Kim will take his summer vacation as follows:

Time: July 12 - July 25 (Two weeks)

Pastoral care during this period of time: Pastor Paul Worship leader/Preacher: Ms. Dotty Wetmore for Sundays, July 18 and 25.

Destination for Vacation from July 15 - 21: Fremont, CA for Baptism of Ariadne Kim, grand-daughter.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Tucker/Robertson families for their generous donation to Bloomville UMC stained the glass project. They window restoration organized two sales which lawn included estate items and donations from other BUMC families to benefit this worthy venture. Dedicated volunteers have also donated their time and expertise on this project.

As you are aware the windows in this historic building are in need of restoration/renovation. This lengthy project will be expensive and very involved. If you wish to donate, your monetary gift will be greatly appreciated.











A Note From Pastor Paul -

Bloomville church update!

Summer vacation is here!! It has been a long slow release from the protective captivity of COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine is now widely available, even to the point of drive-through vaccination clinics.

I hope you heard the Bishop's message during service or on our website in June and take the his words to heart in the upcoming summer, and "get out of the ark." In case you missed it, Bishop Bickerton gave an encouraging word telling us it is time to get out of the ark, to be fruitful, and multiply. He was referring to the church body, saying that the people of Christ should be getting out in the world and bringing the hope of Christ to the world, being fruitful, and multiplying the word of God amongst God's people. I have been encouraged by his words and I hope you are too! There is a lot of work for us to do as the body of Christ as we go forward. I am looking forward to VBS this summer and rekindling our kids' ministry at Bloomville.

Bloomville is undergoing some minor construction - having our stained glass repaired, one window at a time. Be sure to come to visit and see the amazing craftsmanship from Doug Halberg!

I would like to also thank all our volunteers and the Tuckers in particular for their continued support to the online ministry of the church. Their unwavering dedication since the start of the pandemic has greatly progressed the online presence of the church.

Stamford church update!

As many of you know Stamford UMC is going through a time of change. The church has decided that the way we are doing church is not meeting the goal of making more disciples of Christ in all the world. At this time, Stamford is considering a merger with another church that they are currently still seeking. We will be working closely with District Superintendent Dr. Karen Monk in the future months. Stay tuned to future updates and church announcements.

Alain & Katherine Niles' Update

Dear Friends,

We just returned from a conference in Indianapolis that highlighted medical mission work in Togo. It was encouraging to see some of our teammates and visit with so many short-term medical volunteers who have served with us in Togo or who hope to serve with us in the future. We were able to travel with two couples from our church here in Syracuse who are interested in using their medical skills to serve God. Yes...that's right, we are always recruiting future teammates. We pray that many hearts were moved to step outside of their comfort zone and serve God on the mission field.

Our kids finished school for the year and to celebrate we were able to spend 2 days down in Pennsylvania with a close friend. The kids had lots of fun at an animal adventure park and felt like they were back in Togo when we went on a Safari.

Alain's Physician Assistant studies are even more intense this summer! He's completing all the practical side of his studies in ER medicine in the next 6 weeks to complete the academic side of his program. In August, he will then begin a year of rotations before taking his boards. We are so thankful he was assigned to the VA hospital in Syracuse for most of his rotations so that we will not have to move this next year.

On the Togo side, our teammates continue to be overwhelmed with the number of patients waiting to be seen in our clinic. They also broke all our records last month when there were 140 deliveries in our OB ward that only has 4 beds. Looks like COVID might be contributing to a population surge in Mango!

As usual we ask you to pray for our medical team. They can't do the work in their own strength: the need is too great and the resources too few! But, God can sustain them and we pray for their endurance.

Thanks for praying, giving and caring about the medical ministry in Togo.

Alain, Katherine, Camille, Caleb and Mia-Jey



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