



# Delaware Headwaters Parish

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UMC Churches

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

## May/June 2021 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. 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.

#### How has the pandemic changed you? Here are a few we have heard:

- We are more technologically savvy.
- We have different priorities.
- We realize the church is more than a building.
- Sunday morning worship and fellowship are not taken for granted.
- We've learned that we don't need as much stuff as we thought.
- We've reconsidered our priorities in life.
- We've gained a new appreciation for the simple ability to be with other people.
- We've become a lot more mindful.

# Maintaining Our Parish Facilities

Our Churches are very active places. These buildings are sacred and carry great meaning to all who gather there for worship and community. Each church is a heritage building and that requires keeping abreast of maintenance. Church volunteers want to preserve the value of each building for future generations and allow us to focus on our faith and connect with others.

Bloomville United Methodist Church will undertake restoration and repair of its stain glass windows. Work on the first one will commence in May by Halberg Stain Glass Studio of Oneonta.



Hobart United Methodist Church conducted a multi-building electrical inspection, completed maintenance and upgrades on the pipe organ and will conduct a complete painting project of the building this fall by Aiello Painting of Oneonta.



Repair and maintenance will have long term effects, and meet the needs of worshippers for years to come. Your generous donations help us with these types of projects.

WORSHIP through GIVING

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

**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.”*

*In our hearts*



The friends and families of the Delaware Headwaters Parish extend our condolences to the families of:

*Mary Hanley, Dennis Hill, Robert Kozak, Timothy Peregrim, Ronald Shipman, James Sloan, Dorothy Mary Vanderlyn*

## 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. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-TALK to reach the Lifeline until 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 you 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.



Call Dorothy Wetmore at 538-9988

Volunteers needed in order to open!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It was a blessing to meet for Sunday School. We have worked throughout the year on discovering our lives as children of God, focusing on our feelings about ourselves, our relationships, our behaviors, and our actions towards others.

Our excited kids worked on displaying who they are through pictures that they found meaningful to them and incorporated them into individual posters. Each child also found particular bible verses that resonated with them and how they would describe themselves to include in their final poster.

As part of our discussion on our actions towards others and the many differences between individuals (both personally and as various countries and cultures) we decide to take on a service project where we raised money for the Heifer International, which provides livestock and farming supplies/education to countries that are less fortunate than our own.

Students developed a PowerPoint presentation they shared with the congregation on May 2<sup>nd</sup> that detailed exactly what the Foundation is, how much money we raised for this mission, and how we've decided to spend it!

Our final day of Sunday School will be on May 9th. Special thanks go to Niki Dibble, Diana Tucker and Maria Moody.

We are hopeful to meet again for Vacation Bible School this summer. Watch for updates.



## *From Rev. Kim*

I never forget the loving touch of my mom on that day! In 1967, I was applying to a junior high school named “Kwangju West Middle School,” one of the best 10 in the nation at that time. Entering this school was a dream of every student and every parent. It was just like somebody entering one of the IVY League Universities here in the States.

In the process of applying to this school, all of a sudden, I encountered totally unexpected, heart-breaking news from some of my classmates, that is, the age limit for the applicants to this school. According to them, the age limit was 12. Because I was going on 14 at that time, if this news were true, it would be absolutely disastrous to me. It was truly disappointing and discouraging news. On that day, the moment I got back home, I went to bed crying with terrible feelings of hopelessness and despair. Even though there was a little bit of doubt on authenticity of the news in a corner of my heart, I just cried and cried due to the tremendous pressure upon me. What if it were true...?

While I was crying, I knew that my heart was surely waiting for somebody who would be able to comfort me. Without any doubt in my mind, that somebody was my mother. I knew that she was somewhere in the house at that time. I, in my deep inner heart, was searching for and waiting for her

consolation and warm presence. To be more honest, I was not intending to stop crying until drawing her attention. Thus, I kept crying, crying and crying. After about an hour or so might have passed(?), my mom, finally entered the room and said, “Oh My son... Kwang-il!

Why are you crying? What is the matter with you, Uhh! ... my son? Tell me, why are you crying...!” Oh...! That voice of mom... on that day... still lingering to my ears. How deeply was I comforted by her warm touch and presence in front of me!! I strangely felt, at that very moment, all my worries and anxieties swept away from my deep inner heart like the morning mist disappearing in the rising sun. My crying immediately stopped and I was completely liberated from such tremendous pressures and worries. What a powerful and warm healing that was!

I said to her, still crying, “Some classmates said that because of my age, I can’t apply for this school. What should I do?” Mother quietly responded softly touching my head and back, “Don’t worry! Kwang-il! That kind of thing will never happen to you. Don’t worry, my son!” She went out of the room and after a few seconds brought me a big, well-ripened, juicy red persimmon, my favorite fruit which I have always enjoyed.

This experience of my mom’s loving touch upon me on that day is still leading me to more deeply understand and taste the love of God portrayed in our Scriptures. Whenever I ponder the nature of God’s gracious loving touch to me, I always remember my mom’s loving and warm touch on that day which completely freed my agonizing and needy soul.

“Mom, I love you, Happy Mother’s Day in heaven!!!

Rev. Kim

H A P P Y  
*Mother's Day*  
♥

# What dads really want for Father's Day – *Pandemic Edition*

As we prepare to celebrate Father's Day, dads shared what they *really* want for their special day. Guess what? It's *not* a new tie! In fact, the gifts suggested by these fathers cannot be bought in a store or wrapped in a box. Here are gift ideas that will save you money and offer rich rewards:

- The gift of presence, not presents
- Sharing personal passions
- Appreciating family
- Going to church together
- Doing stuff together
- Loving God
- Listening to dad
- Connecting
- Helping hand
- Love and respect
- Sometimes, it's the little things
- Don't forget the card

United Methodist Communications, updated from June 2014

## A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

– Author Unknown

# Happy Father's Day

### A Prayer for our Graduates

May you have WISDOM in heart and mind,

SUCCESS in every challenge you find.

COURAGE to seek life's purpose for you,

BELIEF in yourself to make it come true.

STRENGTH to do your best and endure,

And the guiding light of FAITH to ensure.

That wherever you go, whatever you do,

God's LOVE will always see you through.

By: Lisa O. Englehardt



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# Celebrate!

Somewhere along the way over the past year, we have forgotten the importance of celebrating our successes. Yes, they are still happening! There are lots of reasons to celebrate – sporting victories, academic achievements, birthdays, engagements, weddings, births, awards, new drivers, new job, graduations, inductions, promotions, retirement, health news, visitations, recovery, travel and just getting through the day! Milestones both large and small happen all through our Parish and we want to recognize your achievements. Take pride in your accomplishments, enjoy your efforts, and embrace those achievements. *Let us thank God for His unceasing grace.*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please keep in mind that we are following current Covid19 protocols set out by 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 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.

Other reliable resources:

<https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov>

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

<https://forward.ny.gov/covid-19-regional-metrics-dashboard>

<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov>

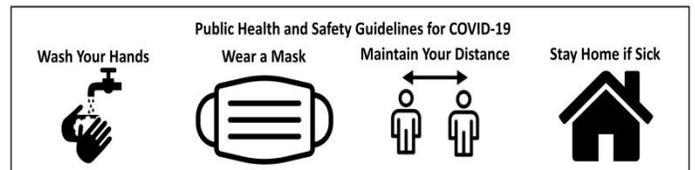
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu>



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#### 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.



## Alain & Katherine Niles' Update

Dear Friends,

*"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."* 1 Cor. 1:18

A timely message no matter where you live in the world. Blessings as you celebrate the cross and the resurrection of Jesus.

Medical Studies: Alain's studies continue at a crazy pace! In a few weeks he'll finish this semester and then jump right into a summer session of ER medicine and pediatrics. Pray for continued diligence and ability to soak in everything.

Hospital of Hope Water Crisis: We want to ask you to pray for our teammates in Togo who have faced a number of frustrations in the last few months. A combination of dry season, which affects the water pumps in the local river, to a higher demand in our town, which cannot possibly be matched with a steady supply, has led to a water crisis. For weeks now our team has been surviving day to day on a trickle that comes from the town water company and our dump truck which has been driving to the river several times a day to pump water for the hospital. Our team was forced to even drain the pool to use the water in the hospital...that's the ultimate sacrifice in the hot season! In addition, they've had several key machines in the hospital break down, which puts a strain on the system. Even though we are used to handling constant problems and none of this is new to our team, we ask you to pray for their stamina and for solutions to sustain quality care in the hospital.

Nursing School: As many of you know, our team trained 15 students from 2016-2019 to become

nurses in the hospital. Those nurses are doing a great job and we are now gearing up for another class to start this summer. They allowed people to drop off applications during a 2-week time period. At the end of the 2 weeks, there were well over 900 applications for 15-18 spots. Our team is now working through the candidates and will begin interviews. Please pray for the whole process that they might have wisdom to select....well, the best candidates, of course!

Coming up! Katherine and the kids will finish their schoolyear in June and then are looking forward to a fun summer in Syracuse. In early June we will fly to Indianapolis for a medical conference promoting our hospitals in Togo. We are hoping to encourage others to get involved in medical missions. Pray for all the doctors, medical students, construction personnel and pastors who will be attending that God would raise up future teammates to come and invest their lives in West Africa with us!!

Thanks for reading, for praying and for having a heart for God's work in West Africa.

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



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