

Delaware Headwaters Charge

Serving Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford and Township

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

Fall 2022



New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church District Superintendent Rev. Karen Monk has appointed Pastor Teerayut Teerasupaluck (Pastor Tee) to the Delaware Headwaters Charge. He will accompany Pastor Paul Moller in his duties to the congregants and the communities.

The Delaware Headwaters Charge welcomes the perspective merger of the Stamford UMC and The First Presbyterian Church of Stamford. From this merger will be a new church. Services will be in the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford as the Stamford UMC has ended services. More information will be coming. Pastor Tee will live in the Stamford UMC parsonage at 20 So. Delaware St., Stamford, NY (not the Hobart UMC parsonage). The DHC office will continue to be in the Hobart UMC, with office hours on Thursdays. Please note the worship time changes. Our fall worship schedule has been updated.

Delaware Headwaters Charge

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Worship: 9:30am
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First Presbyterian Church of Stamford

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Worship: 11:15am
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Township United Methodist Church

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Worship: 8:30am
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A Word From Pastor Tee

Dear Bloomville UMC, Hobart UMC, First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, and Township UMC:

Thank you to many of you who have prayed and welcomed me to your home. I can feel your warm hospitality extended to me. Some of you are still waiting and learning about me. Whatever the case is, I thank you for giving me this chance to come to serve God alongside around your beautiful mountains in this well-loved region.

I have travelled afar from Thailand since 2018 to different places, borders, and countries for Christian Missions. One day I was convicted when I was reading the Book of Romans, which led me to experience the genius loving God in Paul's Letters and that prompted me to attend seminary. Until I have received my Master of Divinity in June 2022 from Duke Divinity School in North Carolina, I have served as a pastoral intern and an active member at New CreatiFiron UMC in Durham, NC for two years and then as a hospital chaplain at University of North Carolina Hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC. It was this local church experience in North Carolina that has pivoted my trajectory from being a missionary to being a pastor who loves church to administer Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service to God's people and the Kingdom of God.

Growing up in a non-Christian family, I searched for God since I was a teenager in a junior high school so by God's grace that found me, I have followed Christ since then and attended church ever since my childhood until today that I have just turned 37 years old last month.

I had searched for God at an early age, and I found Christ through a testimony flyer at Christmas when I was in junior high school. I started attending church since then and was

involved in different youth ministries until I attended college where I studied abroad in Kansas, USA, where I called it my second conversion. While I studied in Kansas, I took the time every week to grow my fellowship with those worshipping at college Christian fellowships and serving with the Presbyterian PCUSA church for Hispanic and migrant workers in Kansas and traveled as far as New York from the Midwest for a mission trip in the inner city of the Bronx and Manhattan. God answered my prayer to return to the United States on a scholarship for a master's degree in International Development in Ithaca, New York, which allowed me to complete and gain my skills and experience, with the degree, in serving the refugees and migrant workers on the Thailand-Myanmar borders. I worked for many years as a researcher, project coordinator, and consultant for non-profit organizations and corporations, but I knew that I was experiencing something growing in my heart and that is to take care of God's people and to grow God's church.

I arrived here in mid-August 2022, with good help from Stamford church to settle down well in the parsonage in Stamford. I have always wondered and intrigued to introduce myself to you in person. Here is the video I have made a few weeks ago, and I still feel the same way that God has humbled me to be here.

Here is the video link:
<https://youtu.be/2sV25Z5w5DM>

I thank God for you and am looking forward to connecting more with you.

Grace and Peace,
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A decorative cursive signature that reads "Welcome". The word is written in a flowing, elegant script with large, sweeping flourishes, particularly at the beginning and end of the word.



Food Truck Party VBS at Bloomville UMC was a blast! Children of all ages were on a roll with God as our Food Truck rolled into Bloomville for the summer's biggest party!

The goal of this VBS was to help children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs — and to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met.

Many thanks to our children, parents, volunteers and generous supporters who made this a huge success.



'Wonderful memories': Stamford UMC Holds Last Service



On Sunday, July 10, 2022 the last worship service was held in the **Stamford United Methodist Church** building led by Pastor Paul Moller. Many attended this very special service to reminisce, share memories, and for fellowship.

The sanctuary was filled with the pictures of the confirmation classes, Sunday school banners, Vacation Bible School banners, photo albums, books containing the history of the church from the beginning, and many other historical items.

A copy of the Church at the Head of the Delaware (a history of the church) written by William R. Phinney was available to those attending.

Although this was a difficult and sad decision, the congregation is going forward in faith where God leads us knowing He has a plan for us. We are looking forward to bonding with The First Presbyterian Church of Stamford for services and ministry events. God is great and his kingdom knows no end.



*Join us each Sunday
for Sunday School
at 10am*

Bloomville UMC

The Sunday School ministry is looking for adults to serve BUMC kids this year! All lessons and materials will be supplied, along with children who are eager to learn! Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and energy for this very important mission of our congregation. You will be amazed at what a fulfilling role this is! Please see Janis Beken for more information.



Thank you for your volunteer work and dedication to helping at our churches. Your compassion and kindness towards others are an inspiration to all, and your efforts have not gone unnoticed. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents.

Bloomville UMC Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

The stained glass windows in the sanctuary of Bloomville United Methodist Church both create a beautiful worship environment as well as attest to the history of the congregation. After many years these windows needed to be restored to maintain their structure and beauty. We started by working with Doug Hallberg to repair, replace, re-lead and re-frame the 6 largest windows. Volunteers removed them, scrapped, painted and reinstalled them.

thank you!

All the funds needed to restore the windows have been come through grants and donations. We appreciate all the help and donations, big and small. Additional assistance has come from grant writers, individual contributors, painters, to all the heavy lifting from the guys, If you've been considering a gift towards the project, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for standing by us and supporting this project.



A 10 week confirmation class will be held beginning January 2023. Pastor Paul will have more details.

Bloomville United Methodist Church

Annual Turkey Supper



October 29, 2022

3pm until sold out

DRIVE-THRU ONLY

By Donation

No reservations needed

Follow the signs to the parking lot where you will be served



2022 Charge Conference

Our Delaware Headwaters Charge Annual Charge Conference will be at the Hobart UMC on **November 12** in the morning. This will be organized like last year. Rev. Monk has informed us that all the churches in the Headwaters Cooperative Parish will be invited.



Bloomville UMC
Nov. 19, 2022
8 am-12 pm

Alain & Katherine Niles' Update

Dear Friends,

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

Alain is getting to the end of his PA school studies. He will take his last written and practical exams. He'll sit for his PA certifying boards the first week of September.

We are also getting to the end of our time in the US before we fly back to Togo. We thank you for praying for each step of this process and now for us to finish strong as we prepare to transition back to West Africa with new skills and a renewed energy to jump in and help our team in ministry.

Our team has gone through its own transitions with many of our colleagues who have left and several new ones who have joined. This summer our team in Togo is relying heavily on short term medical help before many of our career missionaries return in the fall. Pray for this summer as the medical staff functions with few reserves.

We are excited to get back for Alain to jump into working in the Outpatient Clinic and in the Emergency/Urgency Department and for Katherine to step into a teaching role at the MK school to help fill some teacher needs over this next year. The kids, of course, are excited to get back as well!

We have a busy schedule filled with lots of travel. We will be traveling to Spring Creek Church in Milwaukee followed by a trip to Georgia to visit with Katherine's parents and grandmother and on to Orlando to attend a medical conference.

How you can be praying:

-Praise God for this season we have had in Syracuse

-Praise God that we were accepted as grant recipients with MedSend [MedSend is an organization that will be paying off Alain's federal loans for PA school while we are on the mission field]

-Praise God that we got our tickets to fly back to Togo.

-Pray that we would get all of the needed immunizations, visas and paperwork for returning to Togo

-Pray that Alain would pass his exams and would be diligent in his studies towards his boards in September

-Pray that we might be obedient to God's leading and direction and to always serve Him wholeheartedly

-Pray for our teammates to stand fast and be strengthened for the workload this summer at the Hospital of Hope

Thanks for praying and following our work with the Hospital of Hope in Mango, Togo!

Alain, Katherine, Camille, Caleb & Mia-Joy



2022 Fall Worship Schedule

Bloomville UMC (BUMC) **10:00 am**
 Hobart UMC (HUMC) **9:30 am**
 First Pres. Church of Stamford
 (FPCS) **11:15 am**
 Township UMC (TUMC) **8:30 am**

Our worship services will continue to be on a rotating schedule with Pastor Tee and Pastor Paul.

- Sept. 11 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Sept. 18 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Sept. 25 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Oct. 2 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
 Communion
- Oct. 9 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Oct. 16 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Oct. 23 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Oct. 30 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Paul
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Tee
- Nov. 6 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
 Communion
- Nov. 13 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Nov. 20 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Nov. 27 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Paul
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Tee
- Dec. 4 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
 Communion
- Dec. 11 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Dec. 18 HUMC & FPCS – Pastor Tee
 TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Dec. 24 TBA
- Dec. 25 no services



Community Pride Shows

On 9/22/2022 the sheriff's department was blessed with a surprise visit from Darla Hendrickson who brought two bags full of her homemade Pocket Prayer Squares to distribute to the members at the Office. Darla advised that she hand stitches the small squares, which include a cross inside of them and come with the following saying: *This "Pocket Prayer Square" was made especially for you to slip in your pocket. Throughout the day when your fingers touch the cross inside the square, be mindful of God's love and grace for you. Keep it as a tangible symbol of God's peace.*

Darla stated they are designed for people to use, especially on a bad day or any other time a person may need something to spiritually look up to. She feels this is especially important for Law Enforcement in these trying times.

The department said, "We thank you so very much Darla. We are indeed fortunate to have such kind and thoughtful supporters!!!!"

Darla's thoughtfulness is a blessing!



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