



Delaware Headwaters Parish

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UM Churches

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

September / October 2018 Newsletter

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At Shipwrecked VBS, kids at the Bloomville United Methodist Church discovered how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked was filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences where kids saw, heard, touched, and even tasted as part of their new adventures! Science-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats were just a few of the standout activities that helped faith flow into real life. Plus, kids discovered how to see evidence of God in everyday life (something we call God Sightings).

The kids also participated in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid, that provided seeds for families in Haiti to grow food. \$113 was raised. This was a fantastic week for our children filled with fun, faith and fantastic music.

We are very grateful for all of the kids, parents, volunteers and individuals who helped to make this year's VBS such a wonderful adventure!

Save the date . . .

Bloomville UMC
Annual Turkey Supper
Oct. 27th
4:30-7

In order for this to be another successful dinner, we are looking for volunteers to attend a planning meeting on Sept. 13th @ 7pm
We need volunteers for all aspects of this event.



World Communion Sunday October 7



World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith



Calling children of all ages to join us at the Bloomville United Methodist Church every Sunday.

It won't be long and Sunday School will be starting up again! The first day of Sunday school will be held on Sunday, September 9. Families attend the worship service together at 11:00 am and the youth leave for Sunday School following

the Children's Chat with Pastor Paul.

This year the program will talk about how "sweet" it is to live a life centered around Jesus. Each week we will be talking about different topics such as loving coming together on Sundays, individual differences, Jesus healing our hurts, accepting ourselves, leaning on and trusting Jesus, sharing Jesus, and focusing on making him our number one priority. We will start each discussion/activity by talking about various ice cream flavors, differences, toppings, cones, as a way to look at people and ourselves as individuals who are unique. We will also explore how adding Jesus to our lives can make them even better, in many ways, as do all sorts of toppings for ice cream!! Each week will also include scripture lessons as well as verses for the kids to remember!!

Mark your calendars! We are also looking for Sunday school teachers as well as substitute teachers. You can sign up to volunteer with Niki Dibble. Thanks for serving our church!



Dominic and Jennie Pasqualino of Jefferson, NY welcome you to join them in the baptism of their daughter Reyna Peyton at 10:00am September 16, 2018 at Bloomville United Methodist Church.



FROM THE PASTOR

As the new season approaches, I have started to enjoy the pleasure of sleep. There is nothing better than having that cool nights of fall come, bringing restful nights.

Summer has seemed to fly by this year, almost like I blinked and it is over. Summer vacation is over and now the busy time begins, at least that what people say. Jesus said "What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake" (Mark 13: 37). Jesus was talking about his disciples staying alert for things to come, like the fall of Jerusalem, and Christ's resurrection.

When our life is flying by so rapidly, it can be hard to stay awake, to be alert, to remain attentive. But Christ calls us to "stay awake" because we need to be aware of what is going on around us.

I would suggest that we stay awake by making time to rest. We all need a time where we don't have a million things to do. A time where we can enjoy our time, and reflect on our life.

Summer vacation is over but that does not mean that your time of rest is. Make a point this busy season to schedule in time to rest, time to reflect and enjoy life. This will help you to see the fullness of life.

Many in Jerusalem missed the coming of the Messiah because they were too busy to see him. Let us not be like them, for we do not want to be caught unaware and unprepared for the Lord's final advent.

Pastor Paul

In the Spotlight



Fun at VBS



Shipwreck crafts



Pastor Paul captures our attention!



Our official photographer!



Water & Splashing Fun!



Shipwreck snacks



Upcoming Events:

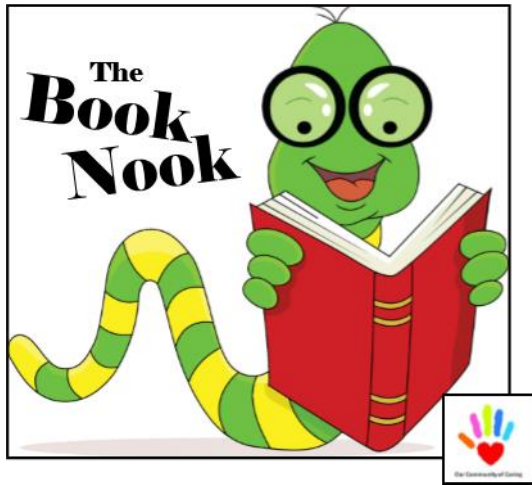
- 28 Angels' Attic 1-4pm
- 29 Angels' Attic 9-12pm
Book Nook 10-1pm
- 30 Fifth Sunday – 5 Star Sunday

September

- 1 Angels' Attic 9-12pm
Book Nook 10-1pm
- 2 Communion
Pastor Dee @ Robinson Terrace 2pm
- 3 Morning Prayer with Pastor Dee @ Hobart UMC
Healing Prayer @ Township UMC
- 4 Book Nook 1-7pm
- 5 Food Bank at Bloomville Episcopal, 2-5pm
- 6 WIC @ Stamford Baptist Church 10-2pm
- 7 Festival of Women Writers
Angels' Attic 1-4pm
- 8 Festival of Women Writers
Angels' Attic 9-12pm
Book Nook 10-1pm
- 9 Sunday School Kick-Off, Bloomville UMC, 11am
- 10 Morning Prayer @ Hobart UMC
Hobart UMC Council meeting @ 7pm
- 11 Book Nook 1-7pm
- 12 Food Bank at Bloomville Episcopal, 2-5pm
- 13 BUMC Turkey Supper Planning meeting, 7pm
Book Nook, 1-7pm
- 14 Angels' Attic 1-4pm
- 15 Soup's On @ Michael Kudish Natural History
Preserve, 5-7:30pm
Angels' Attic 9-12pm
Book Nook 10-1pm
- 16 New Member & Baptism Sunday
at Bloomville UMC.
Friends of Music, 3pm, Stamford UMC
- 17 Morning Prayer @ Hobart UMC
- 18 Parish Council meeting, Hobart UMC @ 7pm
Book Nook 1-7pm
- 19 Food Bank at Bloomville Episcopal, 2-5pm
- 20 Book Nook, 1-7pm
- 21 Angels' Attic 1-4pm
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- 24 Morning Prayer @ Hobart UMC
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Turkey Supper @ Bloomville UMC, 4:30-7pm
- 29 Morning Prayer with Pastor Dee @ Hobart UMC
- 30 Book Nook, 1-7pm
- 31 Food Bank at Bloomville Episcopal, 2-5pm



The Book Nook has been delightfully busy this summer, with steadily increasing numbers of patrons discovering the library and tapping into our services and programs.

In July and August, in addition to growing our book collection (we're now up to 600 items cataloged and circulating!), we have offered art and music programs for all ages, hosted a documentary film screening with a panel discussion afterward, served as gallery space for an exhibit featuring art produced by local high school students, and consistently provided a peaceful place for people to meet, study, read, knit, or simply rest. We are indeed evolving into a community resource space, one step at a time.

Autumn operating hours will remain the same: Tuesday and Thursday 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Community of Caring continues to underwrite the monthly purchase of 10 new books from First Book. Anyone who has looked into my office might wonder (seeing the stacks of that seem never to grow any smaller!) why is it necessary to buy new books when so many are generously donated?

The answer is that our collection needs to have fiction books of all genres for all ages (in our case infant to young adult), and it also needs a well rounded non fiction section. The money provided by Our Community of Caring each month, combined with the deep discounts offered by First Book to communities like ours, allows me to grow our collection in an intentional way, filling the gaps between what

is donated and what should be on hand in order to effectively serve the needs of the community.

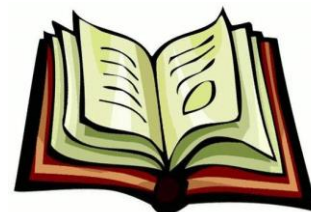
Fostering Art and Friendship will continue to offer guided art programs for kids every other Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and drop-in art sessions for teens and adults every other Thursday at 6 p.m. Heartfelt thanks to Susan Sainsbury for making this possible; I can't imagine what the library would be like without the gift of her creative energy each week.

Our current art exhibit, "Tree Art, Tree Sounds, Tree Formations", will be on display until September 15th, and we are pleased to announce that another show will follow immediately on its heels. That opening will take place on Saturday, September 22nd. Stay tuned for details!

On August 30th we will introduce a brand new program called "Cyber Support Cafe". Each Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. we will be providing basic assistance with electronic and digital devices, as well as instruction in basic Internet use, including social media platforms. Bring your devices (laptop, tablet, cell phone, digital camera, etc.) and your questions. We'll do our best to find answers and solve problems. The Book Nook also has a few devices available for in-library use by patrons during these hours, and the Church is equipped with wireless internet.

With thanks to all who support and encourage our efforts,

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Devotional

Pastor Dee Stevens

I don't claim to have seen all the Harry Potter movies. Yet there is a scene in the first movie that I remember well. A little boy, day after day, witnesses his cousin being terribly spoiled, much to his physical detriment, while he is forced to sleep under the stair steps in a dingy closet of his aunt's and uncle's house. He is obviously not wanted and considered a bother, this good little boy.

Then he is kidnapped and whisked away to a cold and deserted lighthouse where he finds himself alone on his birthday. Alone he draws a picture of a birthday cake in the dust of the floor. The boy honored himself when there was no one else to honor him. I saw it as amazing self-care for this young boy to remember to do!

St. John of the Cross says that two purifications occur in the dark night of the soul. The first involves stripping dependence upon exterior results. We find ourselves less and less impressed with the religion of the "big deal"--big buildings, big budgets, big productions, big miracles. Not that there is anything wrong with big things, but they are no longer what impress us. Nor are we drawn toward praise and adulation. Not that there is anything wrong with kind and gracious remarks, but they no longer what move us.

What we learn to do in the light of God's love, we also do in the dark of God's absence. We ask and continue to ask even though there is no answer. We seek and continue to seek even though we do not find. We knock and continue to knock even though the door remains shut, (Matthew 7:7).

It is this constant, longing love that produces a firmness of life orientation in us. We love God more than the gifts God brings. Like Job, we serve God even if he slays us. Like Mary, we say freely, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

May it be so.

Pastor Dee

Alain & Katherine Niles' Update

Dear Friends,

We praise God for how he has answered prayer!

- **He provided an apartment for us in Delhi, NY and we have already moved in.**
- **He also provided a great vehicle to meet our needs.**

We put our license plates on the jeep and took off from the DMV for our trip south stopping in: D.C. for a conference

Bluemont, VA to meet up with Alain's cousin and family

Ivor, VA to meet up with Alain's uncle and family

Yale, VA to speak at Antioch Baptist Church

Rome, GA to meet up with Katherine's grandmother

Huntersville, NC to meet up with dear friends and supporters

Pittsburgh, PA to meet up with Katherine's sister and family

2,400 miles later and around 45 hours in the car we made it back to NY to settle into our new apartment.

We are praising God for safety on the roads and for keeping us sane in the car....

We will be visiting our supporting churches in NY this fall and will have a finalized schedule to send you by the end of the month so that if you are in the area we can reconnect.

We are gearing up for school for the kids and Alain will be taking classes at a local State College starting the end of this month.

Thanks for praying for us as we have completed our extensive traveling over the last 2 months and hope to get back into a routine.

Pray for our teammates in Togo who are persevering despite a shortage of nurses in the hospital and for our staff and chaplains who continue to share the love of Christ.

Blessings,

Alain, Katherine, Camille, Caleb and Mia-Joy



Soup's On!



Saturday, September 15
from 5-7:30pm

CELEBRATING OUR BOUNTY
GUEST CHEF ROD SAUQUILLO

AT The Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve
2515 Tower Mountain Road in Stamford

Bring a dish to pass, bring a lawn chair, bring a friend!



Our Community of Caring

Bring a package of
diapers, any size,
for our diaper drive.



Free will donations will benefit the Preserve. www.mknhp.org



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