



Delaware Headwaters Charge

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UMC Churches

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

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Welcome to the Delaware Headwaters Charge!

The Delaware Headwaters Charge (Parish) has brought together Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford and Township UMC under the direction of Rev. Kwang-il Kim and Associate Pastor Paul Moller. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Monk, has rebranded us to the **Delaware Headwaters Charge**, under the auspices of her newly created Delaware Cooperative Parish. We are happy to have you as a member or a visitor to our churches. The worship services take place on Sundays at 8:30am in Stamford and Township UMCs and 10am in Bloomville and Hobart UMCs. **Our newsletter is now printed quarterly.**

God has been doing a wonderful thing in our communities . . . we invite you to come, share in the fellowship, take root, and grow with us.



2022 Here We Come!

So long 2021! Hello 2022! We welcome you, 2022, and the hope that you bring for an eventual return to some kind of “normalcy!”

We are still amazed by how well we were able to pull together and work to create a strong church connection. God has been glorified, spiritual needs have been met, the youth have been nurtured, and the Good News has been proclaimed.

THANKS to so many who are active in making our services inspiring and beautiful. The generosity and support of many have brought our churches to where we are. We look forward to continued worship with you for another year whether that is person-to-person, Church Live or as you watch recorded YouTube videos. Check out our Church Live and Recorded Services pages on our website. May God lead us and let us be a blessing to our community in 2022! May He help light our way to prosperity and peace.

Let the Lord guide you to great things in 2022

Come see why...
We love our church!



As winter weather is unpredictable, just a reminder that Delaware Headwaters Charge churches will be open for worship on Sundays, except in very extreme conditions. Always use good judgment and err on the side of safety when inclement weather hits the area. Phone a friend or check the charge's website or Facebook page when in doubt.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Masks are once again required by everyone at all church functions until further notice

WORSHIP through GIVING

Please remember that your financial support is absolutely instrumental in this unprecedented time.

**Near or far,
Thank You for your continued support!**

Please mail your tithes, offerings and donations to:

Bloomville UMC: c/o Beverly Rockefeller,
191 Scotch Hill Road, Bloomville NY 13739

Hobart UMC: c/o Ralph Beisler,
PO Box E, Hobart, NY 13788

Stamford UMC: c/o Carol Beierlein,
PO Box 133, Stamford, NY 12167

Township UMC: c/o Ginny Austin,
16385 Co. Hwy. 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 Charge extend our condolences to the families of:

*Carolyn Dibble Bucca,
Ken Chichester, Jay Gula,
Ernie Hanselman, Otto Hossbach,
Alice Nichols, Gene Olsen, Irv Reed
Bridget Stinson*



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

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



Angel's Attic is closed until May. Many thanks to all who donated, shopped and volunteered at this mission. Please hold all donations until we reopen in May.



Thank you Carol Beierlein for keeping this worthy mission going and your contributions to local food banks.

From Rev. Kim

So, God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. [Gen 1:27]

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, our Savior and Lord!

Our nation, since the year of 1970, has been observing the month of February each year as the Black History Month, also known as the African-American History Month. Also, since 1983, we have been celebrating the third Monday of January each year as Martin Luther King Jr. Day and actually by the year of 2000, all 50 states began to likely observe this day.

As we celebrate this Black History month and Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the very beginning of this new year of 2022, we all Americans should never forget such outstanding leader of our nation as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on account of his tremendous influence and contribution to our 245 years' history of nation-building and prosperity and as the beacon of human freedom, dignity, value and liberal democracy throughout the whole world.

The Rev. Dr. King Jr. has become the very icon of civil rights movements since the mid-1950s and 60s and the following era until this very day not only in our nation but also in the whole world. In the eyes of The Rev. Dr. King Jr., all human beings on earth, regardless of his/her skin color, social status, nationality, ethnicity and culture etc. are the very children of God created in God's image and likeness.

Regarding his understanding of such ultimate reality of humanity as the inter-related, inter-connected and inter-dependent beings, he declared as follows: “All I'm saying is simply this, that all life is interrelated, that somehow we're caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason, I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. You can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.”

Unfortunately, he, in the middle of fighting for such high human identity, dignity and priceless value, was martyred by an assassinator at the age of 39 on April 4, 1968 at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis TN while leading a strike for higher wages and better working conditions for the black sanitary public works employees.

Here is his never-forgettable 17-minute speech, later known as "I Have a Dream" speech delivered at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which took place on August 28, 1963. Here is a couple of paragraphs: “I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.' ... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character...”

We believe that this dream of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is still the dream of our nation and the very dream of all human beings on earth and the very dream of our God who made us all humanity in His image and likeness.

Have an abundantly fruitful New year in Christ, our Savior and Lord!

Alain & Katherine Niles' Update

Dear Friends,

It's a good time to say thank you for your support and your generosity towards our family and towards the Hospital of Hope in Togo. There are many things we are thankful for as a family and, hopefully as you read this list, you'll see how God is at work!

Thankful for learning: Our kids are enjoying homeschool and thriving in their studies. All 3 are making such great progress and we are thankful for a great first trimester. My clinical rotations in PA school are going very well. Each month I work in a different clinic or hospital setting and have enjoyed providing care for hundreds of patients. I'm learning all of the hands-on, practical aspects to medical care and soaking up as much as possible from the doctors I get to precept under.

Thankful for Connections: Our extended time in the US for school has allowed us to make many new connections and to share about the ministry in Togo. God has placed many people in our path who we are actively recruiting for medical missions. Many of the medical personnel I have met and worked with are open to coming to Togo short term to use their skills at the Hospital of Hope. Pray with us that God might raise up future teammates. I am currently working at a pediatric office with a doctor who is developing a pediatric cancer clinic in Ghana (which borders the country of Togo). His work might be a huge connection for referring some of our patients in Togo who need further chemo treatments. Amazing how God makes all of these connections.

Thankful for the Hospital of Hope: We are thankful for our colleagues who continue the enormous effort at the Hospital of Hope. The

harvest is plentiful and indeed the workers are few. We hear great reports of discipleship training, distribution of audio Bibles, hundreds of patients who received eye surgeries from a mobile clinic that came through, and day to day chaplaincy work that is reaching the lost. Our colleague Ethan recently summed up how thankful we are: *"In September we passed 80,000 patient charts. That means that since opening in March of 2015, more than 80,000 people have been served by the Hospital of Hope and many of those patients have come for multiple visits. It is humbling to think about the stories that stand behind those 80,000 plus people. There are thousands of lives changed by quality healthcare carried out with love and compassion meant to point people to our Savior."*

Thankful for family: We enjoyed a visit with my parents and my brother Eric when they came back to the US in October for some needed paperwork. Katherine's family is doing well and staying healthy. Our church family here in Syracuse has been a huge encouragement to us and we are grateful to be a part of a weekly small group gathering that digs into God's Word together.

Thankful for a faithful God!

Alain, Katherine, Camille, Caleb & Mia-Joy



Kingswood Winter Youth Retreat 2022
Save the Date: February 25-27, 2022

Kingswood in Hancock, NY is excited to announce the second-ever winter youth retreat from February 25-27, 2022.

This weekend, youth ages 12-16 will play group games, strengthen our relationship with God, oneself, and nature through guided reflections, and venture into the winter wonderland of Kingswood. Campers will receive breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. The snow dates will be March 4-6, 2022. The retreat will be lead and supervised by two experienced counselors. Both CPR/First Aid/AED certified.

This event will be following the CDC COVID-19 Guidelines for Overnight Camps. Masks will be worn in all indoor areas except when eating, sleeping, or showering. There will also be rapid tests available if need be.

Hope to see you there!

More Information will be coming soon. Visit <https://kingswoodcampsite.org> or contact Karen Ogborn (607-538-1754) or by email kkogborn@stny.rr.org or see Pastor Paul or Rev. Kim.

Bloomville UMC

Stay tuned in and watch Facebook and the website for upcoming membership class and confirmation class and winter youth camp opportunity at Kingswood.



Note from Pastor Paul

I am glad that 2021 is over. Now that winter is finally here and the new year has arrived, I hope you are blessed in this new year and that you in turn bless someone else.

During the season of Advent, we have been focusing on the hope, peace, joy, and love of God. Christ's birth has been celebrated and life is heading back to the normal quietness of late winter. I want to encourage you to live this year carrying the spirit of Advent, the spirit of God in your character always.

By the grace of God may 2022 be a year that you bless someone else with the hope, peace, joy, and love of God. After all, that is what being a disciple of Christ is all about. Just maybe, if you let God work in you, you could be sharing your testimony this time next year or sharing in the newsletter how God worked in your life and brought the gospel to someone. I hope you can share with us all how you felt the love, hope, joy, and peace of God in your life.

Go into 2022 and bear fruit. Be blessed in all you do and continue to make disciples in Christ.

Preaching Schedule 2022

(continuation from 2021)

Worship time: Stamford & Township 8:30am
Bloomville & Hobart 10:00am

Jan 2 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim (communion)
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

Jan 9 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

**Jan 16 - TUMC & HUMC – Pastor Paul
SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim**

Jan 23 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

Jan 30 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

Feb 6 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim (communion)
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

**Feb 13 - TUMC & HUMC – Pastor Paul
SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim**

Feb 20 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

Feb 27 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

Mar 6 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim (communion)
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

**Mar 13 - TUMC & HUMC – Pastor Paul
SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim**

Mar 20 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

Mar 27 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

Apr 3 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim (communion)
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

**Apr 10 - TUMC & HUMC – Pastor Paul
SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim**

Apr 17 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim (Easter)
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

Apr 24 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

May 1 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim (communion)
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

**May 8 - TUMC & HUMC – Pastor Paul
SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim**

May 15 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

May 22 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
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May 29 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

**June 5 - TUMC & HUMC – Pastor Paul (communion)
SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim**

June 12 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

June 19 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

June 26 - TUMC & HUMC – Rev. Kim
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

**July 3 - TUMC & HUMC – Pastor Paul (communion)
SUMC & BUMC – Rev. Kim**

We hope to see you there!


What is Lent and why does it last forty days?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on **Ash Wednesday (March 2)** and ends on **Holy Saturday (April 16)**. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan, and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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Lent

instead of

GIVING UP SOMETHING

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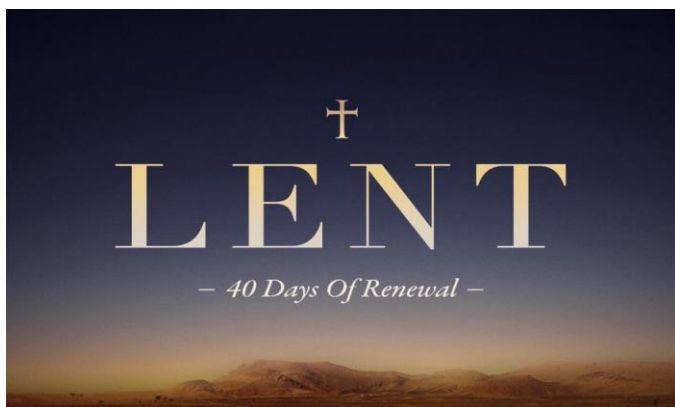
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GIVING TO SOMEONE

host a Sole Hope shoe cutting party, hand out flowers at a nursing home, collect medical supplies for Sole Hope, give \$1 each day to a different non-profit, serve at a food bank, help a neighbor, tutor a child, compile a Birthday Wishes box for a homeless child, make a She's Worth It bracelet, feed parking meters, volunteer at church, donate clothing & household goods, make a meal for a new mom, walk a dog at an animal shelter



March 4th



March 13th



UMC and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Reach Settlement

United Methodist leaders have reached a settlement in the matter of the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) pending bankruptcy proceedings. Upon final court approval, the settlement would absolve any claims of sexual abuse that may have occurred in congregation-sponsored Scouting programs.

Under the terms of the settlement, United Methodists would raise and give \$30 million over a three-year period into a fund that will be utilized to compensate survivors, and United Methodist congregations that charter Scout troops and packs would be released from all abuse claims involving Scouting activities. A team has been formed to identify strategies and materials that may be used to raise the funds. The church would also agree to work for the healing of survivors and recommit to work toward ending sexual abuse of young people. Through the General Commission on United Methodist Men, United Methodists will work with the BSA to continue to ensure Scout safety and grow Scouting ministry as part of its mandate through *The Book of Discipline*.

The settlement follows months of mediation by an Ad Hoc committee of bishops, chancellors and general agency employees that has been advocating for United Methodist interests.

The United Methodist Church has long worked proactively to prevent child abuse. The percentage of claims in the last 20 years

potentially related to United Methodist congregations'-sponsored scouting units is less than 1 percent of all UMC claims.

Under the terms of the agreement, denomination leaders will intensify efforts to prevent and raise awareness of child sexual abuse.


The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church has committed to lead the church in carrying out the following:

- Work with all United Methodists to raise funds for the Survivor Trust Fund.
- Tell the story of harm done to survivors through a series of articles to be published by the denomination and by each U.S. annual conference to draw attention to child sexual abuse and call upon the church to be vigilant in working to prevent child sexual abuse in churches, homes and the community.
- Carry out a denomination-wide review of all Safe Sanctuaries and other policies to safeguard young people from sexual abuse and update policies as necessary and ensure the policies are being followed.
- Provide opportunities for sexual abuse survivors to share their experiences with United Methodist leadership if they choose to do so.
- Work with all United Methodist ministries and with the Boy Scouts of America to continue to make programs safe for all young people.
- Provide leadership to help all BSA chartering organizations to make a \$100 million contribution to the Survivor Trust Fund.
- Participate as a member of the Survivors Working Group

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