



# Delaware Headwaters Charge

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UMC Churches

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

April, May, June 2022 Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Delaware Headwaters Charge!

The Delaware Headwaters Charge 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. Karen Monk, has rebranded us to the **Delaware Headwaters Charge**, under the auspices of NYAC's newly created (multi-church) 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. Follow us in-person or online. **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.

Come see why...  
  
**We love our church!**

## Rev. Kim Announces His Decision to Retire

“It has been my high honor and privilege to have served our local, national and global communities with you - such precious and spirit filled Christians called Methodists - for the past three years. Since last year, I have been mulling over this new chapter of my faith journey and have reached this decision in Christ Jesus, my Lord and Savior. I will always remember the heartwarming love and care you have poured out on me, my family, and my ministerial journey, and you will only continue to remain in my prayers to the Lord. May the Lord's never-failing grace and blessings be upon all of you, your journey unfolding ahead, and your loved ones now and always. My retirement journey will take me to California to be with family. My last Sunday preaching will be June 5th.”

*In Christ, Rev. Kim*

**Mark your calendars -**  
A combined Charge service to honor Rev. Kim will be held at the Bloomville UMC on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am followed by coffee hour in the fellowship hall.



## Welcome Back

Our churches are in full swing, and you can feel the energy in the air. The journey back hasn't been easy. But with faith, persistence, resilience, and technology we have come back together safely. Our deepest thanks to all our volunteers and contributors. We are humbled by your generous gifts to help programs, maintenance, and special projects during this difficult time.



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,  
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**Township UMC:** c/o Ginny Austin,  
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Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB) says *“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”*

# Stay Informed

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

- Visit our website at [www.delawareheadwatersparish.com](http://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](mailto:pastordelawareheadwatersparish@gmail.com)

## In our hearts



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

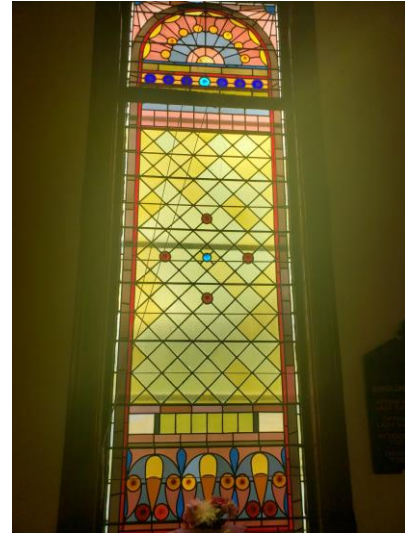
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Frank Lamport, Peg MacCracken,  
Deborah Mattice, Clarence Raeder,  
Charles Rogers Jr. Maryann Rolph,  
Christine Roy, Norwood Tompkins,  
Robert Truesdell*

## Window Restoration Update

**Help Maintain a Piece of History**

A passage from Matthew says that with God, nothing is impossible. **The Bloomville United Methodist Church** is seeing first-

hand that having faith in God and our generous neighbors can help make the impossible happen as we continue a huge project in restoring the sanctuary's historic stained-glass windows. All four sides of the building feature several historic windows with intricate designs and vibrant colors, but the stained glass is in desperate need of repair and protection.



These beautiful windows are not only an irreplaceable part of the history of our church and our community and deserve to be saved, but repairs and restoration are necessary to help improve energy efficiency and structural safety. This work requires us to hire a specialized contractor and the work exceeds several thousand dollars per window.

Thanks to the strong support of our volunteers, members, and friends, the great work of our Board of Trustees, and generous grant support, the important repairs have been made to three of the six large windows. However, we still need help and you can play a role in preserving the beauty and wellbeing of the church for generations to come.

If you would like to donate to this project, please indicate "windows project" on the memo of a check made payable to **Bloomville United Methodist Church, PO Box 3, Bloomville, NY 13739.**

Please join us in this campaign, in whatever way it speaks to you!

**Thank you for your support!**

## Preaching Schedule 2022

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

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  
SUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul

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

*We hope to see you there!*

**SAVE  
THE DATES!**

**Bloomville UMC last day of  
Sunday School will be May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Bloomville UMC VBS will be in  
August 2022.  
More info coming soon!**

## Around our Community

The Stamford Wellness Center is a not-for-profit organization located in Stamford, NY. We are located at 67 Main Street on the corner of South Delaware Street. Our mission is to create, implement and support programs that improve the social, emotional, physical, and mental health of the residents of the greater Stamford, NY community. Counseling will be offered on a sliding scale. Stop by to say hi & stay tuned for more information.

## Membership and Confirmation News from Pastor Paul

Have you been thinking it's time to join the church membership? Hear the good news! There will be a membership class held in Bloomville on April 24, May 1 May 8. Celebration of membership in early June. See Pastor Paul for more information.

Starting in June we will have our confirmation class start. What is confirmation? The United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation. This class is intended for youth ages 13 and up. Sign-up will be in May. See Pastor Paul for more information.



## *From Rev. Kim*

### **April is coming!**

*April is the cruelest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
Memory and desire, stirring  
Dull roots with spring rain  
Winter kept us warm, covering  
Earth in forgetful snow, feeding  
A little life with dried tubers.*

“April is the cruelest month.” This is the very first line of T.S. Eliot’s longest poem, “The Wasteland” written in 1921-22. Why did T.S. Eliot give this title, The Waste Land to this poem? This is truly a significant question for us to grab Eliot’s poetic imagination that he intended to breathe into this poem. It is crystal-clear for him to describe the then devastated bloody world as the wasteland full of spiritual barrenness, emptiness and brokenness especially after the First World War which destroyed almost 40 million innocent lives.

With no doubt, this is why T.S. Eliot adopted such images of spiritual aridness and emptiness as a key tone of this poem. Likely, we encounter such symbols and images of drought, aridity, emptiness and lifelessness etc. in this poem.

Why is April the cruelest month to Eliot? What sort of the imagery of April is he trying to preach to his contemporaries and the readers to come? Eliot is showing us the devastated emotional and spiritual situation of the modern/post-modern humanity through such a dominantly employed imagery of the barren vegetation, which is about to encounter the newly coming Spring along its rain - the spring rain. April in Eliot’s

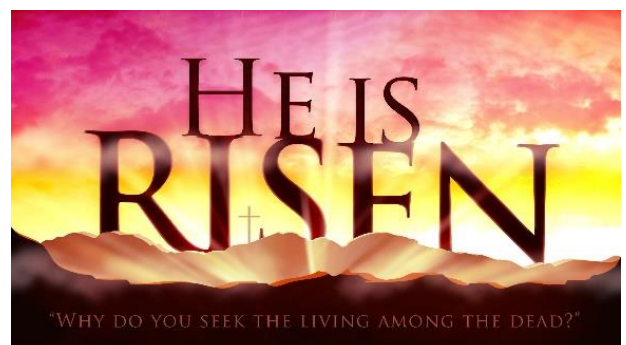
poetic sense and world, is clearly, the very season of new life and new light because in this month of April, The Lord of Resurrection, Christ Jesus is resurrected from the dead.

For Eliot, one big dilemma of the spiritually dried and dead modern human beings is that they are not only tightly clinging to such an empty, sterile and devastated wasteland but also don’t even want to wake up from such spiritual hibernation. They rather, love such winter sleep which had been providing their hollow spirits of relaxation, lifelessness and oblivion. They were deeply falling in love with such spiritual oblivion and dark warmth of winter.

Likely, the arrival of Christ’s resurrection in April becomes a dreadful agony to them. This April’s “New Life” inevitably requires the very ending of their spiritual hibernation in the midst of deep spiritual oblivion. In this poet Eliot’s eye, they have been nakedly and still are exposed to such a dreadful sound of bugle call for the New Spring Rain and New Light - New Life in Christ Jesus.

***Arise, shine for your light has come and the  
glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***

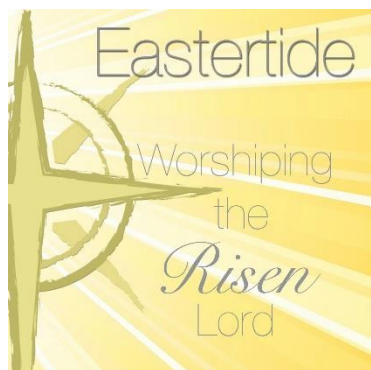
**Happy Easter!!**



# Easter Season

The Easter Season, also known as Eastertide, begins on Easter Day and ends on Pentecost.

Focusing on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), Eastertide is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. We celebrate the good news that in Christ's death and resurrection we, and all creation, are continually being made new by God's love and saving grace.



## Tips for instilling faith in children

Helping kids learn about God may seem intimidating. The good news is that a theology degree isn't required and it has less to do with words than with actions. Make faith real in the lives of the kids we love with these tips.

### Every day presents teachable moments

When you allow your kids to talk about how they are feeling and how to approach things in a Christ-like way, you're having that sacred moment without naming it. Sitting

around the table at mealtime, taking a walk, snuggling at bedtime are ideal holy moments.

### Engage all five senses

Asking children what they see, what they smell, what they hear in the world helps them experience God's creation in a variety of ways. Using this tip isn't just for nature walks or outside settings. The same questions can be asked following all activities, including church.

### Allow kids to have their own experiences

Leaders suggest we share the Bible stories without editing and introducing personal biases. Let kids ask questions. Asking questions is meant to engage our curiosity. There are no right or wrong answers,

### Take time to wonder

The greatest gift our kids give to us is the curiosity they bring to the table.

Build wonder with a spiritual library and create a space for discovery.

### Being present is a spiritual act

Showing up, being there and listening to your child is the cornerstone of faith.

### Authenticity rules!

Admitting you don't know the answer or that you messed up is OK too. Model what it means to be a believer.

### Be a faith storyteller

Children love a good story, particularly when someone they love is the main character. Our faith stories are valuable to children. Being a faith storyteller makes faith come alive and weaves into your family's faith story.

## Methodist History: The Founding Mothers of Mother's Day

Ann Reeves Jarvis lived in a coal mining part of what is now West Virginia

She started mothers clubs. And she talked to them about hydration for fevered babies, about sanitation and nutrition. And then the Civil War came along and a field hospital was built nearby.

Ann recruited nurses for military hospitals, and after the war formed friendship clubs to promote reconciliation.

Ann Jarvis was convinced that mothers, women, but especially mothers, had to work for peace because they could see the ravages of war in their husbands and in their sons, in a way that was so focused and so clear that their voices would be powerful.

Ann and John Wanamaker, a retailer in Philadelphia, encouraged Woodrow Wilson to sign the petition.

Ann Jarvis died in 1905, before an official holiday was in place. But her daughter Anna (who was never a mother herself) stayed true to the purpose of the celebration. She imagined Mother's Day as a time to write a personal letter to your mother, a time to send her a carnation (a flower in which the petals hold tight like a mother's love) and a time to visit or attend church together. In May 1908, Anna Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. There was also a Mother's Day event in Philadelphia later that same day.

The history of the church is about the wonderful people that make up the church.

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## Methodist History: First Father's Day at Church

The first Father's Day service in the U.S. was held in Central United Methodist Church in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908 after a Methodist church member suggested the idea. The congregation found it important to heed the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother."

The encouragement came from Grace Golden Clayton, the youngest of 11 children born to an ordained Methodist pastor.

In the early 1900's, Clayton lived with her husband and children in the middle of West Virginia coal country, when tragedy struck at a nearby coal mine killing more than 360 men. The tremors were felt in three or four towns...that left over 1000 children without help. Grace Golden Clayton suggested to her minister, Dr. Thomas Webb, that a service be held to honor all those men who had died in the mines, giving Father's Day its first religious celebration.

This says a lot about what Methodists feel about families, probably the most important thing other than God. It really does make it feel like a tight-knit family, friends and fellowship church.


In 1972, Father's Day became an official U.S. holiday, to be held on the third Sunday in June.

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