



Delaware Headwaters Parish

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UM Churches

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

September/October 2019 Newsletter

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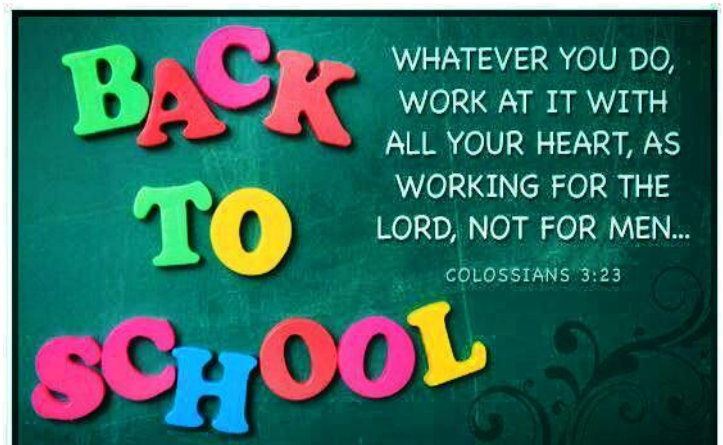
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Welcome to the Delaware Headwaters Parish!

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 on Sundays at 9:00am [Stamford and Township UMCs] and 11:00am [Bloomville and Hobart UMCs].

God has been doing wonderful things in our communities . . . we invite you to come, share in the fellowship, take root, and grow with us. If you would like to speak with one of the pastors, please, let us know.



VBS 2019



Roar was filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences for kids to see, hear, touch and even taste! Sciency-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, we'll helped kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life! Kids also participated in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid that will provide nutrition and good health opportunities to moms and babies in Zambia, Africa. \$113 was raised.



This was a fantastic week for our children filled with fun, faith and 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!



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

*A meditation on the lilies fully blossoming in
my back garden!*

Since I moved in the Hobart parsonage in the early July, I've been enjoying superb green nature filled up with fresh air, peaceful and tranquil atmosphere. It has also been joyful for me to encounter several lilies (*Lilium longiflorum* - scientific name) planted in the small flower-bed in the back yard of the house.

Those fully blossoming lilies have drawn me almost every morning to them and sometimes, I pull my nose closer to them... What an elegant shape and deep fragrance...! How many lilies are here? I began to count... When I first faced them, I thought only four stems were there since they were conspicuously blossoming. As I got closer to and counted them carefully, I found four more tiny/baby stems clustering around those four thriving ones. Actually, total eight lilies were there. Four more cute and tiny ones will also grow to become adult and be fully blooming soon. They will also spread

out their thick and attracting fragrance not only to my nose but also to the whole parsonage and beyond.

'Who on earth has planted you guys here... Rev. Stevens...? Or anybody else...?' 'How gracious you are!' While joyfully meeting them and appreciating their fragrant existence in from of me for a moment, I was talking to them and to myself: 'Your pure whiteness and penetrating fragrance are sufficient enough to remind me of the last years' Easter lilies decorated the altar rail and chancel area in the sanctuary. You were welcoming our Lord's eternal presence – resurrected presence amid the congregation and severely hurtful and lost world as this. What would you like to say to me with your overflowing fragrance and pure whiteness? What on earth is your signature message which you want to spread out in this hopelessly broken and wounded world...?

Jesus our Lord had once expressed his heart-warmed love to these beautiful ones. He even uplifted them up to teach his disciples how to live in their day-to-day life journey. He likely says, "*Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and*

tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith.”
[Luke 12:27-28]

For these lilies, there has been is a mysterious legend: Some of these flowers sprang up after Jesus' death and resurrection in the very spots where drops of Jesus' sweat and tears fell as he prayed the night before His crucifixion in the garden of Gethsemane. This is how these lilies have had their long, deep and intimate relationship with our Lord of Resurrection. Its pure white color of blossom has likely symbolized the purity, hope and new life of spring. Its shape of trumpet makes it the perfect herald for the fresh new season, new life of Resurrection of Christ, our Cosmic Savior.

What then, is the core meaning of the resurrection of Christ for our life journey here and now and beyond as his followers? It is nothing other than our '*New life in Christ Jesus*' in the here and now and beyond. Our resurrection life here and now means our eternal life available in Jesus the Christ and in our God, the Author of life. Of course, our life in the kingdom of God available in Jesus Christ, the Lord of Resurrection is not different from our eternal life and resurrected life at all. Therefore, we don't need to wait until the very moment when our bodies are

placed in the coffins to enter into the realm of our resurrection life – our life in God's kingdom, that is, our eternal life.

Lilies! What a wonderful and powerful messenger of our *New Life in Christ* you are! "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life."
[John 5:24]

Rev. Kwang-il Kim



Prayer is the foundation of our Parish. Your prayer requests may be given to Rev. Kim. Please join us in praying for one another, including:

Our church members and leaders
Our families and close friends
Community Volunteers
Caregivers
Our homebound members and friends
Storm Victims
Hunger and Drought Victims
Our Leaders
Our Troops
Our schools, teachers and students
The United States of America
The victims and refugees of wars
Folks experiencing health-care issues
For those just needing our support

You're Invited

to our Fall Sunday School
Kick-off



September 8, 2019
Bloomville U M C

Bloomville UMC annual *Sunday School Kick-Off* will be on September 8th at 11am. All children are invited to join us each week as we explore the various characteristics of Jesus and how we can incorporate these same traits into our own daily lives.

Each lesson will look at an aspect of Jesus' life from many viewpoints and will include bible stories, hands on activities, and fun projects! Students will also work on projects that will encourage and support them to look beyond their own lives, with the goal of reaching out and creating a positive impact on their own communities as well.

The fun doesn't stop there. Following worship on September 8th, we will have a congregational pot-luck picnic with our annual slip and slide for the kids. Please bring a dish to pass and your bathing suit. Get ready to have some fun! If the weather cooperates we are hoping to have a new slip and slide, so bring a suit and towel...you might get wet!

Please invite and encourage your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join us in Sunday School this

year and be part of the Bloomville UMC family.

Sunday School will be offered every week that church is held in Bloomville, with the exception of Sundays during school vacations. A reminder will be sent out so that parents can plan accordingly.

Let's get a FRESH START to the church year as we return from summer vacations and get back to church. We hope you will join us!

Come and discover all the wonderful fellowship the Bloomville UMC can provide. There are always many needs and opportunities to serve in this ministry. Please see Niki Dibble about ways you can help. We need snacks, teachers, and crafters.

Sunday School
Teachers Needed



The Bloomville United Methodist Church's Annual

Turkey Dinner

Saturday • October 26th

4:30pm-7:30pm



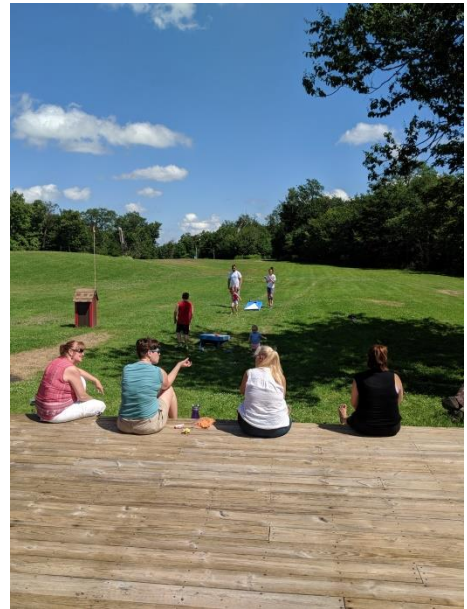
Kid's Sunday

We had a great summer! We started the summer off planting the Growing Abundance garden at the church. The harvest went well and we are still picking from it, and passing it out at the food pantry.

In July, we went hiking with a small group in Robert V. Riddell state park. We all survived, including Jane, who carried a child most of the way (Ahem, my child, ahem). We spent another amazing Sunday afternoon at the top of a Belleayre Mountain. We traveled to the top by gondola. The view was great and we had an amazing time in fellowship at the top.

The last event for the summer, and the highlight (if you ask kids and parents alike) was a trip to Jane's Lake. Thank you again to Jane and Steve for letting us all hang out and relax there all afternoon!

In September, we will resume our school-year schedule. We will meet on the third Sunday of every month, starting on September 15, from 12-3 PM. See you there!!



Note from Pastor Paul

As I prepare for our vacation to the Outer Banks, my head fills with a long list of things left to do before we go, and before the whirlwind of another school year. Some of the list is work related for the school, some is home repairs, some is church work, some is general chores that got neglected during the school year. Still there are other things that have been

important, but missed, like our 10 year anniversary dinner, which should have happened in July (sorry Amanda - we will get there!) To top it all off, we are still packing for our beach vacation, so that we can rest for 8 days.

All this preparation got me thinking of Jesus, and how he is so amazing. All this work has me thinking about what an amazing God we have. Ponder with me a moment the term, “saved,” or “salvation.” The Bible talks about salvation a lot, but in

Ephesians 2:8-9, it says:

“For by **grace** you have been **saved** through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

This scripture leads me to think about salvation and how Jesus has done all the work; all we need to do is rest in the grace of God. You see, the gospel message of salvation is simple enough for everyone to understand, but deep enough to allow for a lifetime of study. In that study, in my walking with God in salvation, I find my rest. In the exploration, the discovery of God, is where I find my rest. Where do you find your rest? I encourage you to consider, as the summer comes to a close, how you might find rest in the Lord.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul



Why do we do Church Charge Conferences?

In the structure and order of the United Methodist Church, each local church body meets with its District Superintendent near the close of the calendar year to be accountable for and celebrate their ministry in the past year and share plans for the work of the church in the coming one. All members of the Church Council are members of the Charge Conference and encouraged to be at charge conference. We hope that you'll join us on **October 26th at 10am at the Stamford UMC** with our new DS, Rev. Karen Monk, to celebrate the ministry of the Delaware Headwaters Parish.

The purpose of Church Conferences are to achieve the following goals (§ 247):

- Review each congregation's previous year of ministry, complete essential church business, and affirm goals for the coming year
- Foster collaboration and an outward-focus among all congregations by holding conferences in regional groups to push us beyond our own boundaries to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
- Inspire, energize, and motivate local congregations through high quality resourcing

CALENDAR of Events

World Communion Sunday October 6



September

- 5 – WIC, Stamford Baptist Church, 9-2pm.
Bishop's meeting at Margaretville UMC, 9am
- 6 – Women Writers conference begins, Hobart
- 8 – Sunday School Kick-off, Bloomville UMC, 11am
Bloomville UMC PPR committee meeting after service
- 10- EVAN's Walk, Delhi, 10am
- 15- Kid's Sunday, Bloomville UMC, 12-3pm.
Rev. Karen Monk's installation, Overlook UMC, 4pm
- 17- Bloomville UMC Council, 10am
- 21- Delhi Harvest Festival, 10am
- 29- 5th Sunday @ Township UMC, 10am, Parish wide Service. No other services this day.

October

- 1 – Hobart UMC Council, 7pm
- 3 – WIC, Stamford Baptist Church, 9-2pm
- 6 – World Communion Sunday
- 15- Bloomville UMC Council, 10am
- 16- Parish Council, Hobart UMC, 7pm
- 26- Charge Conference, Stamford UMC, 10am
Bloomville UMC Turkey Supper, 4:30-7pm

Date Changes. . .

- Hobart UMC Council will now meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm.
- Bloomville UMC Council will now meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10am.

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.



The Bloomville United Methodist Church wishes to thank all who received membership inquiries and returned their letters in a timely fashion. We contacted standing baptized and professed members we had on file asking for updated information. We are still taking information, so please send along any info that may help us update our records. 607-538-9440. Thank you!

Custodian Position Available

Hobart United Methodist Church
10-12 hrs/week
Call Barbara Stevens for details @
607-538-9797

Gardens Connect

Church, Community

BY JOANNE S. UTLEY

Editor, *The Vision, NYAC, July 2019*

If you ask Rev. David Collins about his Port Washington flock, he might mention how they love to run around the church lawn when he lets them loose, but that they always come home to roost. Earlier this year, Collins, who leads the UMC of Port Washington with his wife, Romana Abelova, decided to supplement the vegetables that would grow in the church's community garden with eggs. And the flock of seven Golden Comet hens were glad to oblige as they started laying eggs just as the garden was beginning to see its first fruit.

This is the second time that Collins and Abelova have helped create a community garden, an idea that has been taking root all around the New York Conference in the past few years with the reasons and results as varied as the gardens themselves. Part food supply, part learning experience, and part exercise in caring for God's creation, the gardens feed body and soul and help connect church and community.

When Collins brought up the garden idea to the Port Washington congregation they were willing to give it try. When a pair of grants to fund the project fell through, the church raised \$2,300 to get started. There was a business donation of organic soil and discounts on lumber for the raised beds. Church members and the scout troop chartered by the church handled building and filling the beds.

In its first season, the garden in Port Washington prompted a lot of curiosity from the neighbors of the eight-acre property on Long Island's North Shore. Some applauded the effort and even dropped off plants for the beds.

The garden also increased the interaction with the nursery school whose children, parents and teachers often help tend the beds.

"It's a great opportunity to get to teach kids about where their food comes from . . . how chickens lay eggs," said Collins, who has two young daughters of his own. He turned the church office into a greenhouse-incubator for the first few weeks for both the vegetable seedlings and the chicks.

A regular crew works every other day during the growing season to harvest the produce that is delivered to the food pantry at a nearby Catholic church. The Sunday School kids pick every week; last year there were hundreds of cucumbers, yellow and green squash, green beans, eggplants and bushels of tomatoes.

At the other end of the conference, the organic garden at the Kaaterskill UMC in Tannersville, N.Y., offered up its first crop in 2011 under the guidance of lay leader Christie Pierce. But it took a joint effort to build the garden in the mountaintop community in the Catskills. A couple of local contractors contributed time, energy, and equipment to excavate the sod, and then dig and rototill the beds. Pierce's daughter, landscape architect Jamie Vanucchi, designed a 1,300-square-foot space that included six in-ground and two raised beds.

Michelle Yost, a member of the Kaaterskill church, said that the garden has had a unique and individual impact on the church and community.

"There are those who rely on it to supplement their food expenses . . . and there are those who use it because it provides a healthier option than store produce," she said.

The garden is tended by members of the congregation and any community members who volunteer. Youth and teens have been drawn to learn about and work in the garden through events at the church like the annual blessing of

the backpacks and community service days. Cultivating more student involvement is one the church main goals.

This summer finds the garden—with its row of cheerful sunflowers—in a bit of a transition as work is done to install a rain harvesting system that will capture rooftop runoff from the church in a cistern for use in watering the crops.

When Collins and Abelova were serving the Delaware Headwaters Cooperative Parish in the Catskills, the gardens they helped create there have brought together local schools, churches, youth groups and scouts from at least six communities to build, plant, nurture and harvest the beds.

Collins said that the impetus for the gardens came from a new couple who came to the Hobart UMC. Diane and Larry Frances had bought a farm outside of town and were looking for ways to promote healthy eating and nutrition in their new community. Collins and Abelova thought it would be a great way to connect the churches together in the cooperative parish and with the Catholic church in town. The co-op included the United Methodist churches of Hobart, Bloomville, Stamford and Township. Team Moses, a youth group based in the Harpersfield UMC also offer their time and energy to the project.

“Diane Frances did all the ground work, and got the local sawmill to give us lumber at cost,” Collins said. “She figured out what would be needed.”

The first raised beds were constructed in 2015 in Hobart, Bloomville, and Stamford, and at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Stamford; others were added in 2016 and 2018. There has also been an herb garden planted in Stamford, and a “pizza garden” in Harpersfield. A community group, Growing Abundance Together, has taken over care of the gardens and expanded the reach to Harpersfield and Kortright. Produce goes to the local food

pantries and for a community meal, “Soup’s On,” that began at the Hobart UMC with about 20 people and grew to feed 60 to 70 people each month.

Pastor Paul Moeller and Rev. Dee Stevens helped to continue the efforts during their appointments to the parish.

“It’s been a great opportunity to teach kids about growing food and caring for the earth,” Moller said.



Rev. David Collins shows a chicken to the Sunday School children in Port Washington.



Raised beds are filled with soil for the first season of planting in Bloomville in the Catskills.

Alain & Katherine Niles' Update

Dear Friends,

We wanted to thank you for praying for our 2 weeks on the road as we visited many supporters and friends and shared at Spring Creek Church in Milwaukee. It became our Great Lakes tour (we saw 4 out of the 5 Great Lakes!). It was a full 2 weeks (15 nights away in 10 different beds), but we enjoyed every minute and are so grateful for each stop we made along the way.

To run the Hospital of Hope in Togo requires a huge team on the field and a huge network of amazing people around the world who all participate in some way from purchasing and loading supplies on containers, to serving on work teams, to recruiting medical staff, to small details like rolling bandages for patients. We were blessed to meet up with many of them over the last two weeks. We drove over 2000 miles making stops in Jamestown, Detroit/Dearborn, Grand Rapids, Holland, Allegan, Fremont, Muskegon, Milwaukee, Chicago, Port Huron, London ON and Niagara Falls.

It is good to be back in NY and to enjoy the last few rays of sunshine before the frigid cold comes this fall.

We will be heading up to Speculator, NY, for a week before jumping into school at the end of the month (Camille in 5th grade, Caleb in Kindergarten and Alain taking 2 final science courses at a State University).

Thanks for praying for our family and for the Hospital of Hope,

Alain, Katherine, Camille, Caleb and Mia-Joy

Weekly Events

Book Nook, Tues, Hobart UMC, 2-8pm

Hobart Farmers Market, Fridays, 4-7pm

Delhi Farmers Market, Wed, 10-2pm

Stamford Farmers Coop Farmers Market, Thursdays, 2-6pm

Angel's Attic: first two Mondays and Tuesdays of each month beginning July 1st and 2nd. Hours: Mondays-12-3pm, Tuesdays-4-7pm



Since Angel's Attic moved its hours open and days, we have met new customers every week. We donated baby clothes to a woman in Oneonta, picture frames to Delarc (in Walton), clothes and equipment to WIC, and several baskets to two different groups (for selling honey and for making raffle baskets to benefit local businesses).

Our volunteers are amazing! Many thanks to Connie Briggs (from Prattsville), Wanda Palmatier, Dottie Wetmore, Sam Palmatier, Peg Kenyon, and Ellen Burdick.

We are hoping to continue staying open past October, and will update you next month. Angel's Attic will be open September 2, 3 and 9, 10. Mondays hours are noon to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4-7 p.m. As always, you may call Cathy Rappleyea to open at your convenience if you need anything.

Cathy Rappleyea

Memorial and Honor Giving

Memorial gifts are often given at the time of a person's death instead of flowers. It is a way to say that the person was important and will be missed. But memorial gifts do not always have to come at a person's death. Some people also like to make memorial gifts on the anniversary of someone's death or at other times in remembrance of someone close. Some gifts can be given to honor someone who is still alive. It is a celebration of one's life at an anniversary, birthday, or just to say thanks.

An honor or memorial gift is a thoughtful and meaningful way to honor someone special in your life while supporting our vital work.

To make an honor or memorial gift, please select the church you want your gift to go to from the listing on the front page. Donations of cash and checks are the most common form of giving to the church. Checks should be made out to the UMC of your choice. Please note the name that the donation is in honor/memory of on the check.

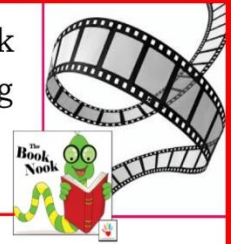
Thank you for thinking of us.



The Bloomville United Methodist Church
Community Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, November 16th
8am-12pm
All are welcome!
Free will donation

Free Films @ The Book Nook
every other Tuesday evening
beginning July 9th.

Upstairs in the United Methodist Church
186 Maple Avenue, Hobart NY



July

9th: *Young @ Heart* (2007)

Documentary (USA). Music, Drama. PG. 1hr 47min.

23rd: *The Lunchbox* (2013)

Drama, Romance (India). PG. 1hr 44min. Subtitled.

August

6th: *Breaking Away* (1979)

Comedy, Drama, Romance (USA). PG. 1hr 41min.

20th: *The Band's Visit* (2007)

Comedy, Drama, Music (Israel). PG-13. 1hr 27min. Subtitled.

September

3rd: *Norma Rae* (1979)

Drama (USA). PG. 1 hr 54min.

17th: *Man on Wire* (2008)

Documentary, Biography (USA). PG-13. 1hr 34min.

October

1st: *Persepolis* (2007)

Animation, Biography, Drama (France). PG-13. 1hr 36min.

Subtitled.

5th: *Howards End* (1992)

Drama, Romance (USA). PG. 2hr 22min.

There will be a brief introduction at 6:15.

Films rolls at 6:30.

Linger afterward for a group conversation if you choose.

LOVE IS PATIENT
LOVE IS KIND
It does not envy, it does not boast
IT IS NOT PROUD.
IT IS NOT RUDE, IT IS NOT SELF SEEKING
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,
IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS.
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
but rejoices with truth.
IT ALWAYS PROTECTS,
ALWAYS TRUSTS,
always hopes, always perseveres
LOVE NEVER FAILS.
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Autumn Word Search

See if you can find the hidden words associated with the fall season.

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N	E	O	Y	A	C	E	E	T	A	Y	T	N	U	O	B	L	BOUNTY
G	C	C	N	C	B	K	R	P	U	U	Z	E	K	S	T	A	CHANGE
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