



Delaware Headwaters Charge

Serving Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford and Township

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 has brought together Bloomville, Hobart, Township, Stamford UM Churches and the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford under the direction of Pastor Teerayut Teerashupaluck and Pastor Paul Moller. We are happy to have you as a member or a visitor to our churches. God has been doing wonderful things in our communities . . . we invite you to come, share in the fellowship, take root, and grow with us.

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 are now held in the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford as the Stamford UMC family has ended services at their church. Pastor Tee lives 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.

A Word From Pastor Tee

Dear friends and families of our Delaware Headwaters Charge in the beautiful Catskills,

I bike through the Catskill Scenic trail around Stamford, Hobart, Township, and Bloomville, and there is one house that sells local eggs. I always glance at their egg price sign, which had always been \$3 until, but recently, it has risen to \$4!

There is one thing people can't agree chicken or egg came first, but we have a consensus that egg is essential to our staple, so this egg price change affects all of us somehow. For either 25 or 33 cents for an egg, we get more from an egg than its set price. One parishioner told me, "I always get free eggs from his relative, neighbor, and boss." This parishioner is blessed with eggs!

Above all, whether you pay less or more or receive free eggs, you or someone and something else pays those prices for you. At least, think of those generous laying hens that work from God's Law of Nature, so farmers, including some of us, have fresh eggs from the coop every morning! Those hens may be wondering where are my soon-hatching babies gone again!

Our loving God has paid the price for us in the same way so can gain life; God became incarnate in the same fashion, in the unlikely place, in the manger, to a family that fled for life from their land and root to offer us 'the life eternal' to seemingly strangers like us.

In our Christian calendar, we may still feel fresh from Christmas, and we have started this rerun of this great mystery for another new year. We have started with the epiphany, and in this revelation, God called the disciples. The Scripture is still speaking, in Christ's words, to you and me today to join in God's cohorts of disciples to imitate His life and follow His Commandments to love God and love neighbors (Mark 12:28-34).

It is easy to say we love God. How hard it is to actualize this love of God and love neighbors! Does Jesus speak to us to love only those who are loveable and agreeable with us on your ideologies, lifestyles, creeds, origins, genders, skin colors, and values or only those who happen to live in your own blocks and towns of Stamford, Hobart, Township, and Bloomville?

If God's love pays such high prices to humble Himself (Philippians 2) to cover the prices of our own same ancestors, Adam and Eve, and of strangers like us of our personal and social baggage and sins, how far Christ's disciples are called to cross the boundaries and distances to love our neighbors?

I pray that we all get it right from looking at the far-reaching love of God so we might extend this 'thy neighbor' and make disciples beyond our own imagination and limitation (John 21:15-19).

During Lent (2nd-century Christian tradition), we have humbled and prepared to imitate and follow God and God's

disciples before Easter, upon painting and hiding eggs (13th-century Christian tradition), and when the eggshells are cracked open to reveal goodness made accessible to anyone who finds them. Even after the season, we may remember that God has paid it all with such high prices (John 15:13) so that we might use the extras we receive to give to others who are very different and hard to love or even like because that is the same love and forgiveness God has been first and graciously bestowed upon each of us (Matthew 6:9-13).

Don't hesitate to share with me your needs and concerns so I can offer more of my pastoral support in my ministry.

Praying for you and God's blessings to each of you.

In Christ,

Pastor Tee

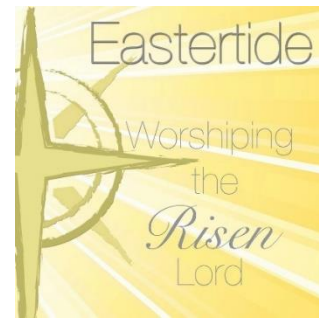
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Easter Season

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.



HOLY WEEK

April 2 - Palm Sunday, regular worship services at all churches

April 6 - Maundy Thursday, First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, 7pm

April 7 - Good Friday at First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, 7pm

April 9 - Easter, regular worship services at all churches

April 9 - Bloomville UMC community breakfast 8:30- 9:30am followed by egg hunt at 9:30am.



Talking to Your Kids About Easter

This is one of those wonderful times when you teach as much as you can and then you start in on the work of explaining what faith is - now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1)

Take a deep breath. Now take another one. Now audibly say, "It's ok if I don't have all the answers. I am still a good parent."

I don't mean to make light of any anxiety you might have in talking to your children about the realities of Easter. In fact, I want to applaud you for taking on this somewhat daunting task! I also want to encourage you that the effort is worth it!

But take a second and read Matthew 27 & 28. Do you understand it all? Probably not, so it's ok if your child doesn't understand 100% either. This is one of those things we call a "mystery of the faith". This is one of those wonderful times when you teach as much as you can and then you start in on the work of explaining what faith is - now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1). In other words, help them understand that it's ok to trust in God's work even when we can't articulate it completely.



And you're probably thinking, that's nice, but for real, how do I talk about Easter. Here are a few tips on hitting some of the highlights:

Your child can handle hearing about death - but in bite size pieces. They see dead bugs, dead flowers, and have probably heard about dogs "playing dead", so the concept is not completely foreign to them. When talking about Jesus' death - the people caused it and God redeemed (made good out of bad) it.

Why did the people want Jesus to die? We all make poor choices. These people were scared, jealous, and didn't like that Jesus was teaching things that they disagreed with.

God caused Jesus to rise again! Woohoo! This is a good and wonderful thing! Though Jesus died, God made good out of it. He took Jesus' perfect life and unfair death and allowed it to count for us. Now we, like Jesus, get to live in relationship with God forever!

So did God want Jesus to die? No, God's original intention was for us all to live peacefully with Him, but humans made (and still make) mistakes and caused that to not work out. But like all things that aren't as God originally planned, He made good out of them!

So why did God not just help Jesus off the cross? Technically Jesus could have helped himself off the cross, but both God and Jesus knew the bigger picture. They knew Jesus' death would mean good for all of us.

<http://www.hpumc.org/about-us/stories/talking-to-your-kids-about-easter/AmandaGrub>

Bloomville UMC Stained Glass Window Restoration Project Continues

The stained glass windows in the 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. Doug Hallberg worked to repair, replace, re-lead and re-frame the 6 largest windows. Our talented volunteers removed them, scrapped, painted and reinstalled them.

thankyou!

All the funds needed to restore the windows have come through grants and donations. We appreciate all the grant writing, help and generous donations. The restoration of the stained glass windows is still underway! We have 6 smaller windows left to repair. Your generous donation will help ensure our continued progress. Thank you for standing by us and supporting this project. Checks may be sent to Bloomville UMC, 35 Church St., Bloomville, NY 13739



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

Hello Delaware Headwaters Community,

I want to take a moment to say thank you. Two words we need to hear more often. Thank you for your patience in my absence during the month of January. Thank you for stepping up and sharing sermons and leading services. Thank you for being so supportive of my family's ministry. We are honored to be foster parents and have a community of Christ that supports us in our family mission. We have had many challenges in the last few months but you have made a difference in my life, and the lives of my wife and children. It is a blessing to see God at work in our community.

Thank you!

Pastor Paul and family



Vacation Bible School

VBS is coming this summer

Bloomville UMC will once again have VBS this summer. Laurie Procida will have more information soon.



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

DHC Website Gets A Refresh

Delaware Headwaters Charge will have a redesigned website soon. Deidra Hill of Delco Creative continues to guide and help us implement the new design.

We hope you follow us at

www.delawareheadwatersparish.com

You can also follow our Facebook pages

Worship Schedule

- Mar 5 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
BUMC – Pastor Paul
(Communion)
- Mar 12 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Mar 19 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Mar 26 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Paul
BUMC – Pastor Tee
- Apr 2 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
(Communion)
- Apr 9 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Apr 16 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Apr 23 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Paul
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Tee
- Apr 30 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- May 7 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
(Communion)
- May 14 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- May 21 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Paul
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Tee
- May 28 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Jun 4 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
(Communion)
- Jun 11 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- Jun 18 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Paul
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Tee
- Jun 25 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
- July 2 HUMC & First Pres – Pastor Tee
TUMC & BUMC – Pastor Paul
(Communion)

Alain & Katherine Niles Update

Dear friends,

Life in Mango, Togo, continues to be an adventure. God is at work in many ways and we are excited to share with you some of the highlights over the last couple months.

Our family is doing well. All three kids are doing great in school and enjoying spending so much time outdoors with their friends. There is always so much to do on our hospital compound with soccer, disc golf, swimming, etc. Katherine has been busy with her classes that she teaches and investing in the lives of the MKs. With two families arriving in January, Katherine went from 11 to 16 students split evenly between her Kindergarten-1st grade students and her 6th-8th math students. She is also grateful for moments when she has been able to visit and connect with Togolese friends in town.

I (Alain) have been seeing between 25 and 30 patients in our clinic a day. Right now, it's about a five day wait for non-urgent patients to be seen in clinic. Despite the wait our patients appreciate so much the care and love we show them. A lot of our time is spent giving very sad news and working through many end-of-life issues. Our care stands out from others because we always tell the truth, no matter how hard, and we help patients understand their unique situations. In the last couple of months I've learned so much in medicine and built on my foundation from PA school. I've seen many complex cases from snakebites to sickle cell and liver cancers to a suspected case of leprosy. I've had the opportunity to prepare all the devotions for our nursing school, helped train our new nurse aides in wound care and joined our chaplains in treating 176 prisoners in town for a scabies outbreak in the local prison.

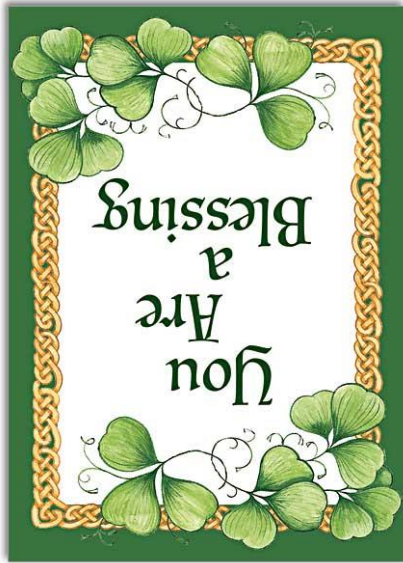
Prayer & Praise Items:

- Keep praying for the house church we are a part of as we help lead, teach and cast a vision for growth
- Keep praying for the hospital ministry and for the hundreds of interactions we get to have in and around the hospital daily
- Pray for Caleb's quick healing after breaking his wrist playing soccer
- Praise for receiving word in January that our visas were renewed
- Praise that there was good feedback from the Bible course Alain taught in December

Thank you for praying!

Alain, Katherine, Camille, Caleb & Mia-Joy





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