



# Delaware Headwaters Parish

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UM Churches

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

## July/August 2019 Newsletter

### Delaware Headwaters Parish

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### Welcome to the Delaware Headwaters Parish!

The Delaware Headwaters Parish has brought together Bloomville UMC, Hobart UMC, Stamford UMC, 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 community . . . 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.

### Food Bank Donations

We are currently collecting any non-perishable food items for our food bank. All donations are greatly appreciated.

# MEET OUR NEW PASTOR

## *Rev. Kwang-il Kim*



My dear sisters and brothers in the risen Christ,

I am so glad to see the announcement about the upcoming Vacation Bible School scheduled during the first week of August in our church communities. This is truly exciting news for our Lord Christ Jesus and for all of us in our Delaware Headwaters Parishioners as well.

Thus, I would like to express my deep thanks to all our Sunday School leaders, Education Committee members and all congregations for their spiritual sensitivity and holy

enthusiasm which I definitely believe that the Holy Spirit must have breathed into all of you. Of course, at the very center of this important ministry for our children stands our beloved Pastor, Paul. Thank you, Paul for your beautiful leadership on this valuable ministry.

I hope and humbly pray that this VBS will be able to lead our beloved children to the very point of firmly grabbing who they truly are and how deeply they are being loved by their Lord, Christ Jesus just like the Heavenly voice declared to each and every single one of them: "You are my Son – You are my Daughter, the Beloved. With you, I am well pleased" in Christ Jesus, their Lord and Savior.

My deep "Thank-You" goes to all of you again because this is our huge summer mission empowered by our Lord Jesus Christ. May our resurrected Lord bless this VBS and all the participating children, their leaders, all helpers and congregations overflowing.

See you all on Sunday, July 7.

In Christ,

*Rev. Kwang-il Kim*

Join Rev. Kim on July 7, 14, 21 as he begins his ministry in Township and Hobart UMC. Then worship on July 28<sup>th</sup> in Stamford and Bloomville UMC.



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## **Parish Wide Youth Events & Fun for the Whole Family -**

**July 7** Hike trip, Robert V. Riddell State Park

**July 21** Join us for the Catskill Thunder Gondola to the summit of Belleayre Mountain. Lunch after church, pack a snack for the mountain top 2 pm Gondola ride

**August 4** A Day at the Jane's Lake

**August 18** Hike trip, location to be determined.

## **Mark Your Calendar —**



This year Bloomville United Methodist Church is excited to present our 2019 Vacation Bible School program, "**Roar,**" which will take children on an African adventure to discover that God is good and will be with us forever.

Beginning Monday, August 5th children will follow the paths of Bible Buddies Mack, Hooper, Marge, Zion, and Savannah, as they discover that life can sometimes be unfair, scary, sad, good, and often full of changes.

Every day children will have the opportunity to learn various bible lessons and explore their own faith through music, bible stories, exciting games, and many hands on activities. The kids will also help prepare and enjoy snacks at the "Hungry Herd Cafe!" We will also have the chance to meet various inspirational children from Africa, through video discussions, who are living their faith every day.

Each day participants will also be working towards helping other children in less fortunate countries, through our mission program "Operation Kid to Kid."

All children are invited to join us beginning **Monday, August 5** through **Friday, August 9**, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. If your child is interested in attending, please arrive at 5:30 on the 5th in order to fill out new registration information. A wrap-up presentation and celebration will be held during and after church on **Sunday, August 11!**

Please feel free to join us for this exciting adventure! Pass the word. Bring a friend. The more the merrier. If you have any questions about the program or registration, feel free to call Niki Dibble 607-538-1856 or 607-437-7275. We look forward to seeing you soon!



# CALENDAR of Events

*In our hearts*

## July

- 7- Communion  
Rev. Kim's first Sunday at Township &  
Hobart UMC  
Youth group hike at Riddell State Park  
The Stamford Car Show at  
Archibald Field 9 to 3.
- 8- Hobart UMC council, 7pm
- 14- Bicentennial Celebration for Jefferson  
UMC
- 17- Parish Council, 7pm
- 21- Kids' Sunday, Bloomville UMC, 12-3pm  
Friends of Music, Stamford UMC, 3pm
- 28- Township Community Picnic  
Rev. Kim's first Sunday at Stamford &  
Bloomville UMC

## August

- 1- WIC, Stamford Baptist Church, 9-2pm
- 4- Communion  
Youth Group at Jane's Lake
- 5- VBS begins @ Bloomville UMC, running  
through August 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm
- 10- Stamford Village Yard Sales, 8-2pm
- 11- VBS celebration at 11am
- 12- Hobart UMC, Council, 7pm  
Delaware County Fair begins
- 18- Kids' Sunday, Bloomville UMC, 12-3pm  
Friends of Music, Stamford UMC, 3pm
- 19- Bloomville UMC Council, 10am

## Weekly Events

- Book Nook**, Tues, Hobart UMC, 2-8pm
- Hobart Farmers Market**, Fridays, 4-7pm
- Delhi Farmers Market**, Wed, 10-2pm
- Angel's Attic**: first two Mondays and  
Tuesdays of each month beginning July  
1st and 2nd. Hours: Mondays-12-3pm,  
Tuesdays-4-7pm



Our sympathy is extended to the family of William Wetmore who passed away June 4, 2019. Bill was a member and treasurer of the Hobart United Methodist Church. A celebration of William's life was held on June 15, 2019 at the Hobart United Methodist Church.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Beryl C. Murphy, of Hobart. Mrs. Murphy was a member of the Hobart Methodist Church. A celebration of Beryl's life was held on April 27, 2019 at the Hobart United Methodist Church.



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. Thank you!

## A Note From The Pastor...

As I start my fourth year at the DHP, I am excited. You never know where a new year will take you. I enjoy experiencing new things and new adventures in life.

Some people don't like the unknown; they prefer to live life within their comfort zone. Part of living life and being willing to try new experiences means that you will experience things you like and things you don't.

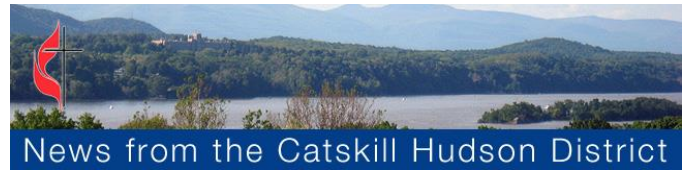
Imagine sitting at your favorite restaurant - you could order your usual dish, but instead, as you read over the items, you see a dish that you have had before but elsewhere. You could try, but this restaurant may put their own pizzazz into it. Or you could try something else that you never had before and see if it makes your stomach happy or angry.

The biggest thing that stops people from trying new things is fear. Fear that they may be disappointed or not like it. Fear tends to make us focus on the negative. The bible says *"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the life"* (Luke 12:32).

I love to try the new item that I have never had before. Sure, I have experienced things that offend me, but I have experienced many more things that have brought joy to my life.

I say this to you as we start the new year and hope that you will be willing to try new things with me!

*Blessings,  
Pastor Paul*



Lay Servant classes that will be held this summer in Margaretville. They are:

- Basic Lay Servant Course (held Tuesdays -- July 9, 16, 23 and 30) from 6:00PM-8:30PM
  - Advanced Course - Lay Pastoral CareGiving (Tuesdays -- July 9, 16, 23 and 30) from 6:00PM-8:30PM. \$25.
- Contact: ([carolmerante@aol.com](mailto:carolmerante@aol.com))



The Book Nook has reopened for the 2019 season. Operating hours are currently Tuesdays 2 to 8 p.m.

Beginning July 9th, we will begin showing films every other week at 6:30 p.m., free of charge and open to the public.

**Please join us!**

Anyone interested in volunteering at the library can contact Julie Rockefeller at 845-282-6397 / [spyingheart@hotmail.com](mailto:spyingheart@hotmail.com).

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 119

Q: Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

A: Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118  
Add these numbers up and you get 1188

Q: What is the center verse in the Bible?

A: Psalms 118:8

Q: Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!

Psalms 118:8

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Amen...Praise the LORD !!!

## Alain & Katherine Niles' Update

Dear Friends,

### News from Togo:

We continue to hear reports of both great things happening as well as all of the challenges our colleagues face on a daily basis. In April, our medical staff delivered 86 babies at the Hospital of Hope! This is incredible thinking of how few beds they had to work with and how often they are short staffed. We serve with an incredible team that needs your prayers daily. They are also in need of physicians this summer to cover some gaps. Let us know if you have a contact we can follow up with.

### News in New York:

We recently enjoyed speaking at a few of the Bridgewater Church campuses in NY and PA. We were encouraged to see the growth and discipleship going on. We will be speaking at the Bridgewater campus in Montrose, PA on May 19th. The kids are doing well and enjoying the warmer weather. They stay busy with school, soccer and lots of fun outings. They have been having fun with their Grandma and Grandpa Niles who are on furlough in our area as well.

### Highlighting our supporters:

Did you know, we have some exceptional people who support our family and our work in Togo? We recently were speaking at a church in Pennsylvania, at the same exact time our clones were speaking at a church in North Carolina. Our clones were Chuck and Vicki who went above and beyond to represent us to their church. Our supporters are scattered all over the world. They include farmers, engineers, teachers, pastors, doctors and officers who serve in our military. We have supporters in France, Germany and a family in Canada that has stood behind us for 10 years. We wish we could highlight each one for you to meet some remarkable people who are investing in missions.



### Upcoming News:

-Alain's prerequisite science courses will finish end of May. Pray for all of his exams he is preparing for. In addition, we continue to trust that God will open doors with these further studies. With our missionary team's blessing and our church's support we plan on submitting applications this month to get into physician assistant school to get more training at the Hospital of Hope. Pray that God would direct our paths and our steps during this time of training and preparation for continued ministry in Mango.

-Katherine's parents are moving back to the US after 45 years of ministry overseas. Please be praying for them as they pack up and for us as we travel to Germany to assist in their move (Katherine for one week in May and Alain for a few days on his way to Togo.)

-In June, Alain will be flying back to Togo to attend the nursing school graduation. We are so proud of the students and the staff who have invested 3 years into this training. It feels like yesterday Alain was sifting through over 800 applications for the 18 candidates in the nursing program. These nurses will be a huge addition to the Hospital of Hope staff. Pray for his trip and the opportunity to encourage our friends that we have missed this last year.

Thanks for following our ministry. Though we are not on African soil right now, our hearts are definitely there. We are encouraged by this time of training and equipping for the next phase of ministry in Togo and we couldn't do it without you.

We'll keep you posted on our summer travel plans as we will be heading to Michigan and Wisconsin in July. We look forward to connecting with Spring Creek Church and with many friends and supporters along the way. Stay tuned!

*Alain & Katherine, Camille, Caleb and Mia*  
-Joy



### Angel's Attic Updates:

Angel's Attic is reopening. We will only be open the first two Mondays and Tuesdays of each month — beginning July 1st and July 2nd. Mondays we will open from noon to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Come visit, volunteer or sit and chat with us! Our mission is to serve and help those in need.

# Bishop Urges Hope, Care in 'Untenable' Times

BY JOANNE S. UTLEY

*"It is time for a new model and a fresh way . . . We must begin to pray and discern and work intentionally for a way to 'bless and send rather than fight and rend,' a way that, for the sake of the mission of the church, we bless one another as we head in different directions."*

In his address on Friday morning, Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton urged the gathering to focus on loving and caring for one another and the world as the work is done to create new pathways and possibilities for the denomination.

He was clear in stating that the UMC is in an "untenable" situation . . . a situation that you cannot hold" and that we have failed in our attempts to stay together. Trusting in legislation to resolve the differences has proved fruitless.

"The problem with legislation is that we are putting our emotional and spiritual lives in the hands of a system that is broken," Bickerton said.

"It's time for us to find a way forward and explore seriously what it means to 'bless and send rather than fight and rend' for the sake of the mission of the church," he said.

Bickerton noted that his annual pilgrimage to England with the ordination class took on new meaning this year amid the current state of the church.

"Perhaps we need John Wesley more than we ever



***"We are together until we are not . . . more than ever we should be exhibiting a deeper care and sensitivity toward one another in this highly vulnerable and tender time."***

– Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton

have," he said. "I am convinced that most of what developed as Wesleyan theology grew out of Wesley's own struggle with life and ministry . . . I like to say that John Wesley was a resistor."

He reminded the gathering of the question in the baptismal liturgy, "Will you resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?"

"That is a critical question for anyone in pastoral leadership, whether you are a layperson or a clergy person," he said.

In his resistance, Wesley found new places and controversial ways to proclaim the gospel, even when barred from his home church.

"John Wesley had to resist the call to conform to standard church practice in order to give birth to a new movement," Bickerton said. And the growth of the movement was greatly fueled by Wesley's intertwining of personal and social holiness.

The bishop believes that the UMC is suffering a crisis of personal holiness and is in "need of a new conversion from the things that are killing us to the things that are giving us life."

He also believes that the church is experiencing its own version of a crisis of social holiness – one that is centered on the word "resistance."

Some are resistant to change, others resistant to conformity, and yet other resistant to conflict – just

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# 'Bless & Send Rather Than Fight & Rend'

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"But the clear reality is this: It will not go away," the bishop said. But he admitted that there is no "snap of a finger" fix in a multi-billion-dollar institution with 12 million members.

"I believe that as soon as this time next year, we will begin to see those potential pathways emerging," the bishop said. "Pathways that have as a common core a care for one another and a passion to have as few victims on the side of the road as possible.

"... I believe there is a pathway that is emerging, something that we can look forward to as a way of stopping this endless fight of judgment, skepticism and accusation in this untenable situation.

He urged members to return home and find ways to live out the conference's mission, vision and core values in spite of the current circumstances. Those statements answer the "why" questions of the care, love and service that the NYAC is to offer to the world.

The next steps that the bishop detailed were:

- The formation of cooperative parishes throughout all of the districts that will focus on training leaders and engaging in deeper, more intimate conversations about a way forward in the NYAC. (Each church has been assigned to a cluster and those designations are listed in the appointment books.)
- Next Steps roundtable meetings will gather 35 leaders from across the conference and across the theological spectrum, beginning next week. This group will discuss how to "create



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Prayers are lifted around the gathering tables following the bishop's episcopal address.

models or expressions of how we live out our various viewpoints in venues that are safe, non-judgmental, and focused once more on the mission of the church."

- Work across the connection of the church to create alignments of similar thought with other annual conferences. "Re-alignments will be necessary, especially here in New York because our small numbers will not lend themselves to sustainable models in any expression."

But until that happens "we need to go about our work here with civility and grace, knowing that there is something in the not too distant future that will enable us to live out our various callings ..."

The bishop called on the gathering to proclaim that even in the midst of discouraging and confusing times that God will indeed prevail and hope will endure.



**CHANGING OF THE GUARD:** Bishop Bickerton thanks Rev. Betsy Ott for eight years of service as the superintendent of the New York Connecticut District. Ott, who is retiring, will be succeeded by Rev. Tim Riss. Rev. Karen Monk will become the Catskill Hudson District superintendent.

"... Let us love and respect one another in the meantime ... do the job of fulfilling your calling and mission ... show them that we have the capacity to love God and love others so deeply that not even the discord and the division within our church can ulti-

mately deter us from being the difference makers in the places where we are called to serve," the bishop said.

*The text of the bishop's address can be found in the NEWS section at [www.nyac.com](http://www.nyac.com)*

## *A Note From Pastor Dee -*

*Why does it have to rain?* I wondered as I drove twelve miles to Bloomville United Methodist Church Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Bill Wetmore had such a beautiful day and send-off the day before. But may last day after thirty-two years of service had to be rainy? Yes! Because as the candle stands were lit with one hundred tealights the altar area glowed with warmth. They were like lighting the Christmas tree for me. I was delighted. The cloudy day added to their brilliance. That was why the cloudy day!

And who could miss the joy the children brought to the service? Thank you toddlers and all! And the music including the Lord's Prayer that Laurie Procida during the service and in our gathering together.

I walked to the back row to greet a woman I could not quite place. It was Janet Tuttle who had once been Janet Hillis, Larry Hillis' sister, of Hobart. I officiated at Janet and Bill's wedding ceremony at the Stamford United Methodist Church. They now live in Croton-on-the-Hudson and summer in Davenport. What a lovely and fun December wedding that was! What a nice surprise to have them at my retirement service!

To see Dorothy Wetmore come through the door having ridden from Hobart with Ralph and Nance Beisler touched me deeply. Her husband, Bill's Memorial service had just been the day before. Then knowing little Reyna Pasqualino is okay and little baby brother Vincent is on the way makes friendship with Jennie and Dominic especially dear

And of course I was tickled to see Ruth Many and Wanda Palmitier make the journey from Township so far far away! What fun to see them. The Delaware Headwaters Parish looks great all together.

Greeting people I came up to Darla Hendrickson whose face was recovering from taking a spill on her face! All is well after a trip to the E.R.. And then Darla got up on Sunday morning before church to make us all a very large yellow sheet cake with whip cream frosting with a design of red strawberries large enough to give all of us plenty of strawberries and cake. People went back for seconds it was so delicious. And not a piece was left as people gladly carried slices out the door to lucky friends at home if their slices made it that far!

It has always been a great pleasure to work with Pastor Paul Moller. He is one of the finest pastors I have ever met. Thank you, Paul. He mentioned his step-son Mason in his sermon and I'm so glad he did; Mason not to be forgotten in our prayers. The scripture of the morning was from Romans 5:3 about how *...we glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, character and hope.* Mason had been told over and over he could not ride his bike without training wheels or else he would get hurt. Paul told him, *It's just a fact. Everyone falls. But if you're going to really ride your bike, the training wheels have got to go.* So of course when the training wheels were taken off Mason took off and road until he fell. Yup it's a bummer, Paul told him. But he persevered after some tears and went home with great excitement, *I road my bike without training wheels!* Pastor Paul mentioned perseverance also brought me through 32 years of ordained ministry. Thank you, Paul!

Right before the Benediction Jane McIntosh Martin and Bev Rockefeller came down the aisle carrying petunias that looked like small ponies in their hanging pots. Leave it to Jane to bring ponies to church. Ralph Beisler read a note of thanks from Joan Joedicke regarding my ministry, fun cards with gifts of store cards and restaurant certificates, (Carol Beierlein and Joan Joedicke ran all over Oneonta rounding up), were given for restaurants in Oneonta to me.

Gary Matthews might have given me the most joyous card with the message, *Retirement is just another word for happiness. So will you come back from your happiness and visit once in a while?* Turkey Dinner here I come!

I closed with my final Benediction up among all that beautiful candlelight from the Gospel According to Matthew 5:14:

*"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. So let your light shine before people, that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.*

**Thank you one and all for a most lovely rainy day!**





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*forward*  
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