



Delaware Headwaters Parish

Bloomville, Hobart, Stamford, Township UM Churches

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

March/April 2019 Newsletter

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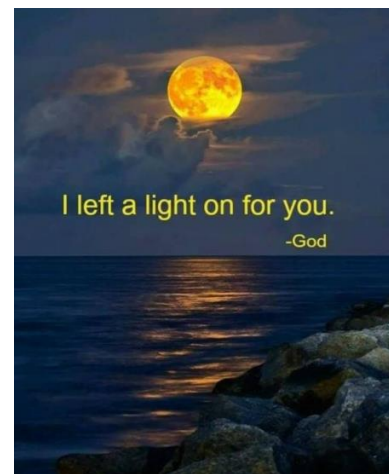
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Welcome to the Delaware Headwaters Parish!

The Delaware Headwaters Parish has brought together Bloomville UMC, Hobart UMC, Stamford UMC, Township UMC under the direction of Rev. Dee Stevens 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.





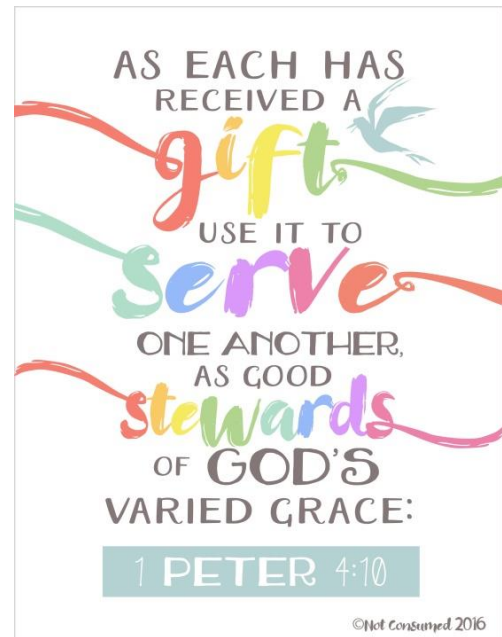
Angels' Attic is closed until May 2019. Thank you for donating, shopping and helping with our mission. Your treasures may continue to be dropped off on the front porch.

We will have a spring cleaning day in March. More information coming soon. Please plan on helping if you can.

We are in need of volunteers. Do you love thrifting and want to donate your time? Angels' Attic is looking for volunteers to assist shoppers, helping to organize the store and keep up with incoming donations! Volunteers are needed Friday 1-4pm and Saturday 9-1pm. Won't you please join us?

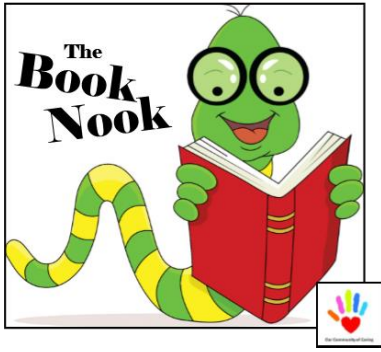


Just a reminder that Delaware Headwaters Parish churches will be open for worship on Sundays and for special occasions and activities, except in very extreme conditions. Emergencies happen. Always use good judgment and err on the side of safety when inclement weather hits the area. Phone a friend, check our DHP website or check the church and/or parish Facebook page when in doubt.



You can be involved in the ministry of one or more of our churches. It is amazing to see the ways people enjoy serving in ministries of our churches. Be a part of the team that makes the church function to its fullest. Your efforts won't go unnoticed.

- Mentor
- Teach a class
- Guest speak
- Be a greeter
- Visit folks in the community
- Send cards
- Cook
- Transport
- Clean
- Organize
- Lawn care
- Garden
- Maintenance
- Event planning
- Computer help
- Financial assistance
- Usher
- Choir
- Provide materials & equipment
- Share your gifts, talents and skills



I suppose I have said this before, but it's true: Winter is the time for planning, and we've been busy even though the library is closed until Spring. New books arrive monthly from First Book, thanks to the continued support of Our Community of Caring. Donations of gently used books arrive with regularity, and new programming ideas are being developed.

In that vein, we are excited to announce that The Book Nook now possesses all the resources necessary to sharing movies and other audiovisual presentations with our patrons: a computer with CD/DVD drive, Internet access, a projector, speakers, a large blank wall that doubles as a screen, comfortable folding chairs, and -- last but certainly not least -- an "Umbrella License" for public libraries, issued by the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation (MPLC).

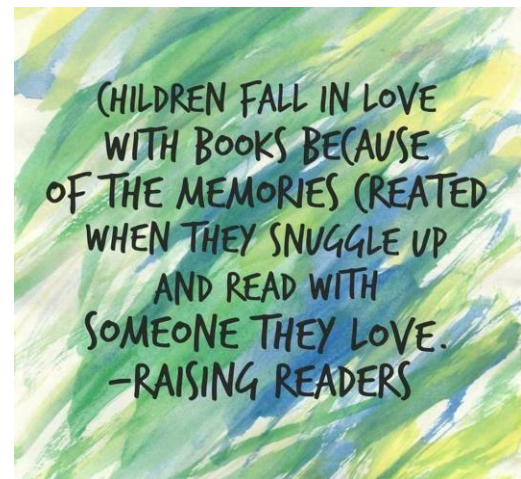
You may remember that last year we showed a documentary film in the library, which was an idea well received by the community. This was possible because the film maker agreed to screen her film in our venue. Based on that positive experience, we wanted to show more films, but first had to learn the correct and legal way to do so. Research led us to the MPLC. We applied for, were granted, and purchased an Umbrella License for public libraries, which is renewable on an annual basis.

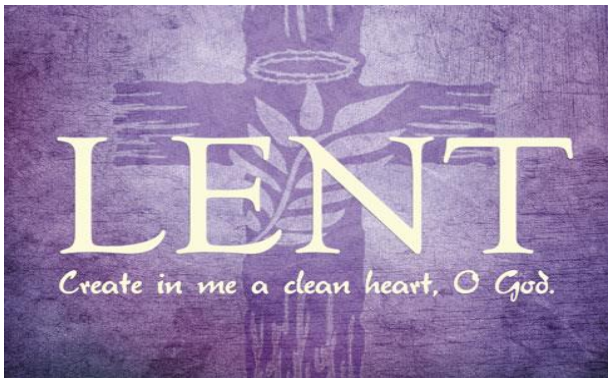
So! In 2019, we plan to show *lots* of films -- suitable for children, families, and adults -- at no charge. We will not advertise widely, which would put us in unfair competition with movie theaters, but will announce the film schedule on Facebook, in this newsletter, and on The Book Nook's printed calendar, which patrons can pick up during library visits. Our hope is to have the season's schedule ready to announce by May 1st, so stay tuned!

Volunteers are always welcome at The Book Nook, and we are open to suggestions regarding programming. Please feel free to contact me with ideas or comments.

With great thanks for continued community support,

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*Wednesday, March 6, 2019 →
Saturday, April 20, 2019*

What is lent? “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 was a time to prepare new converts for baptism.” It is a 40-day journey with Jesus. Lent means doing something as well as giving up something.

Why do we give up things for Lent? “Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan.” (source: umc.org)



It’s time to dig a little deeper. Time to try something different to draw closer to Christ. Here are some ideas you can try at any time:

Pray for 40 people.

Go on a digital fast or limit your social media to 40 minutes a day

Read 40 pages a day.

Clean out and donate 40 items from your belongings.

Collect 40 items to donate to the food bank or thrift store or animal shelter.

Spend 40 minutes a day creating/using your talents for the good of others

Say a prayer for every person who texts you.

Hand out a compliment daily.

Add 40 minutes daily to your exercise routine.

Pass on an impulse purchase and put that money into a savings jar for special collection at church.

Watch TV 40 minutes less

Add 40 minutes onto your family time events

Explaining Easter to Children

How do you explain Easter to children? Christmas is so much easier – babies, sheep, angels, stars. It's pretty much all about love and presents: things your kids can understand. Easter, on the other hand, is much harder. You have the joy and celebration of Palm Sunday and the even bigger joy and Easter celebration one week later. But in between, there is betrayal, denial, torture, pain, and death. Here is a suggestion:

Make resurrection eggs

Label 12 plastic eggs with the numbers 1-12 and fill them as follows:

- Egg 1 – a piece of fur to represent the donkey Jesus rode into Jerusalem
- Egg 2 – a cracker symbolizing the Last Supper
- Egg 3 – a piece of soap, symbolizing Jesus washing the disciples' feet
- Egg 4 – three dimes to symbolize the 30 pieces of silver Judas received to betray Jesus
- Egg 5 – a feather to represent the rooster that crowed three times
- Egg 6 – a thorn, symbolizing the crown of thorns that was put on Jesus' head
- Egg 7 – a die to symbolize the lots that were cast for Jesus' clothing
- Egg 8 – a small wooden cross or a nail to represent Jesus' death on the cross
- Egg 9 – a piece of black paper to symbolize the darkness that covered the earth
- Egg 10 – a piece of cloth to symbolize the cloth in which Joseph wrapped Jesus' body
- Egg 11 – a rock to symbolize the stone that sealed Jesus' tomb
- Egg 12 – Leave this egg empty to symbolize Jesus' resurrection



MARCH 10, 2019

Women Infant Children

There are many opportunities within Women Infant Children (WIC) that need your special skills, energy, dedication and enthusiasm.

Whether you are still working, retired, going to school, or want to be involved in your community, your willingness to serve will be invaluable in helping meet our community needs. The benefits of volunteering are enormous.

WIC and DHP are looking for volunteers to help bring our programming to the members of our community who need it most! Please join us at the Stamford Baptist Church on the first Thursday of each month from 10-2pm.



Sponsored by Delaware Opportunities

upcomingEVENTS

March

- 3 - Communion
Pastor Dee at Robinson Terrace
World Wildlife Day
- 5 - Shrove Tuesday
- 6 - Ash Wednesday – Soup & Bread supper @
Hobart UMC, 6pm
Prayer Challenge and book discussion begins
- 7 - Women Infant Children (WIC) @ Stamford
Baptist Church, 10-2pm
- 8 - International Women's Day
- 9 - Faith & Family Night, Binghamton Devils
Hockey, 7pm. Fun for the whole family.
- 10- Daylight Savings Time begins
- 11- Hobart UMC Council, 7pm
- 13- UMW, Hobart UMC
- 16- Soup's On, Hobart UMC, 5:30pm
- 17- Kids' Sunday at Bloomville UMC, 12-3pm
Scout Sunday @ Hobart UMC
- 18- Bloomville UMC Council, 10am
- 20- Spring begins
- 23- Honest Brook Music Festival @ Stamford UMC,
8pm
- 31- 5th Sunday, Parish wide service at Hobart UMC,
10am

April

- 4- Women Infant Children (WIC) @ Stamford
Baptist Church, 10-2pm
- 7- Communion
Pastor Dee at Robinson Terrace
- 8- Hobart UMC Council, 7pm
- 10- UMW, Hobart UMC
Parish Council, 7pm
- 14- Palm Sunday- regular services at all churches
Kids' Sunday @ Bloomville UMC, 12-3pm
- 15- Bloomville Council @ 10am
- 18- Maundy Thursday
- 19- Good Friday- guided prayer 12-3pm, all churches
- 20- Passover begins
- 21- Easter- regular services at all churches.
Community breakfast at Bloomville UMC,
8-10am followed by Egg hunt @ 10:15am
- 22- Earth Day
- 28- Orthodox Easter



Honest Brook Music Festival presents a stunning line-up of world-class musicians who perform classical music concerts in a preserved barn in the idyllic setting of the western Catskills during July and August and several winter concerts in January, February and March.

2019 WINTER SERIES:

Sunday, January 27 at 4pm:

Jennifer Liu, violin & Marisa Gupta, pianist

Sunday, February 24 at 4pm:

Tomer Gewirtzman, piano

Saturday, March 23 at 8pm:

Tesla String Quartet

All 2019 Winter concerts will be held at the Stamford United Methodist Church located at 88 Main Street, Stamford, New York.

2019 SUMMER SERIES:

Saturday, July 13 at 8pm

Artists to be announced

Saturday, July 20 at 8pm

Artists to be announced

Sunday, August 4 at 4pm

Thomas Meglioranza, baritone, & Reiko Uchida, piano

Sunday, August 11 at 4pm

Randall Goosby, violin, and pianist TBA

All 2019 Summer concerts will be held in the Barn on Honest Brook Road (1885 Honest Brook Rd, Delhi, NY 13753) .

Fun in the snow at Kids' Sunday





Area Food Pantries

Bloomville Episcopal Church, Wed. 2-5pm
Delhi United Ministry, Mon. 1-3pm, Thurs. 3:30-5:30pm
Hamden, Delaware Opportunities, M-F. 9-12pm,
West Davenport Free Baptist Church, 3rd Fri. 4-6pm, 3rd
Sat. 1-12pm

**Clearly, money cannot buy
happiness.**

What else can money not buy?



50 Things Money Can't Buy

1. Respect
2. Well-adjusted kids
3. Work-life balance
4. Natural beauty
5. Manners
6. Common sense
7. A clear conscience
8. Purpose in life
9. Integrity
10. Good friends
11. A long life

12. Close-knit family
13. An open mind
14. A worry-free day
15. Trust
16. A new beginning
17. Clean arteries
18. A great idea
19. An honest politician
20. Peace of mind
21. A good hair day
22. Patience
23. Luck
24. A good epitaph
25. Happy memories
26. Time to relax
27. A strong work ethic
28. A positive attitude
29. A happy home
30. Everything you may want
31. Good karma
32. Appreciation of the simple things
33. True love
34. A new shot at a missed opportunity
35. Peace in the world
36. A golden anniversary
37. Talent
38. A second chance in life
39. Quality time with your kids
40. Wisdom
41. Happiness
42. Humility
43. A good reputation
44. 25-hour day
45. Relationship with your kids
46. Youth
47. Class
48. Justice
49. A proper perspective
50. Selflessness

**Delaware Headwaters Parish has
our very own website!**

And it's live! Take a look!

www.delawareheadwatersparish.com

Thank you to Deidra Hill at Delcocreative

On Our Prayer List

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow your healing hand to heal those in our hearts. Touch their souls with Your compassion for others. Touch their hearts with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch their minds with Your wisdom, that their mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach them to reach out to You in their need, and help them to lead others to You by example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring them health in body and spirit that they may serve You with all their strength. Touch gently the lives which You have created, now and forever. Amen

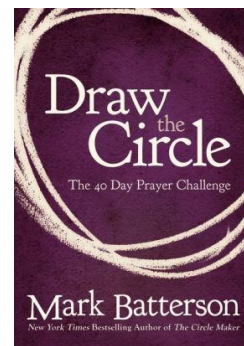
Available

We are giving away beautiful, clever decorations for a VBS program called "Shipwrecked". Call Pastor Paul @ 607-288-3370 if interested.



A Season of Lent Study

Do you pray as often and as boldly as you want to? There is a way to experience a deeper, more passionate, persistent, and intimate prayer life. Join Pastor Dee daily beginning March 6th for a 40 day prayer challenge using the book *Draw the Circle-The 40 Day Prayer Challenge* by Mark Batterson. In this forty-day devotional, Mark Batterson applies the principles of his book to teach you a new way to pray. You can purchase the book online or in a book store. This book study will be conducted through a conference call daily at 4pm or 7:45pm with Pastor Dee at this number: 605-313-4197. Note: phone carriers may apply standard charges.



- April 14 – Palm Sunday, Regular services
- April 19 – Good Friday, All churches open from 12-3pm with guided prayer available.
- April 21 – Easter, Regular services
Community breakfast at Bloomville UMC, 8-10am followed by Egg Hunt at 10:15.

In our hearts



Our sympathy is extended to the family of John O. Pardy, 77, formerly of Hobart, who passed away on Feb. 17, 2019. John was a graduate of South Kortright Central School, served in the United States Marines from 1959 to 63 and was stationed in Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Spring interment in Locust Hill Cemetery, Hobart, will be at the convenience of the family.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Valerie A VanValkenburgh, 34, of Stamford, who passed on Feb. 15, 2019. Valerie was both a member of the Hobart United Methodist Church and the Harpersfield United Methodist Church. A memorial service was held on Feb. 23, at the Hobart United Methodist Church.

Pastor's Message

In the last two months, the parish has been blessed. I hope you made it out to hear the Niles family stories in Hobart, how God has used them in the mission field.

In January, Kids' Sunday was canceled due to the weather. I was

devastated, a day that was supposed to be spent together growing in God and enjoying the snow had to be canceled due to snow. Just a reminder life does not always go as planned. But in February God provided the perfect day for us. We were blessed to enjoy his creation. It was such a blessing to see the kids enjoy learning about God and enjoy the love and friendship in the snow! All who made it out to kids' Sunday enjoyed the snow.

As Easter comes near once again I have been thinking, about the term sacrifice. It's a common term we use as Christians.

I came across this article that I shorten for the newsletter, but it is by Ted Wieler, who was a corporate attorney before he started serving in ministry. Ted has a great point about the term sacrifice that I hope you enjoy reading.

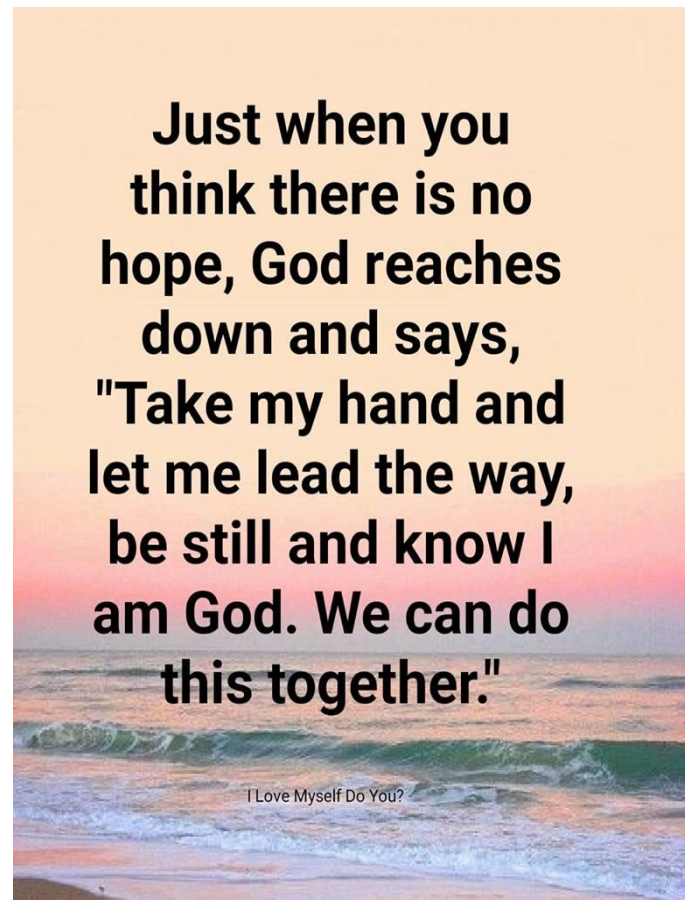
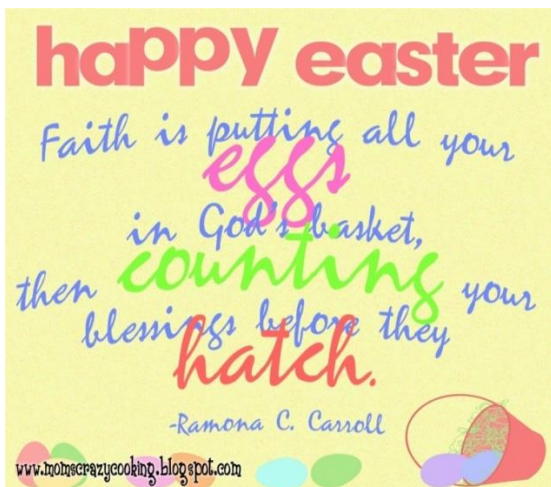
"What qualifies as sacrifice? Sacrifice requires surrendering something of true value to you. Value exists in anything that you will take action to keep or gain. "I am sacrificing to serve God," is saying, "I'm turning away from something I value more than God to serve God." I imagine that everyone reading may think "That's *not* what I mean!" That is exactly my point. We truly never sacrifice to serve God. Genesis twenty-two is the record of God's testing of Abraham concerning Isaac. Abraham had two valuable relationships. One was with God. The other was with Isaac. The value decision Abraham had to make was whether his relationship with Isaac was more valuable than his relationship with God. He was willing to release a relationship of lesser value—his son Isaac— to

preserve a relationship of greater value—his relationship with God. Abraham gains by showing that his greatest love was for God. Abraham gained as God restored his son to him. Abraham also gained by teaching his son the importance of life with God. I urge you to stop thinking about serving God as a sacrifice. Rather, think in terms of Christ gain flowing out of service. The more we are willing to let go of the more of God we can gain. This will affect us but also others around us just as it did with Abraham and Isaac. When we serve God we are gaining because we are living in obedience to God.

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:5-8). We sacrifice when we stop serving God to do something else.”

Blessings

Pastor Paul



Congratulations to Morgan Hungerford



Bloomville UMC youth Morgan Hungerford was named second alternate in state Dairy Princess contest.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

-Jesus

Just who is the least? Who is the least in your life? Now want the best for them and help it happen! Americans are always being tempted to run for the gold instead of in the opposite direction to help those left behind. Christianity is very queer like that. We are always being asked to remember those who have fallen behind, to bring up the rear, to make the whole world, a nicer place for everyone. The Niles family is making it happen.

The Delaware Headwaters Parish was blessed by the presence of missionaries, Alain and Katherine Niles, with their three young children, Camille, Caleb, and Mia-Joy, on January 31st at the Hobart United Methodist Church. All four churches were represented; with youth and young children to experience the living work of Jesus Christ through the development of a hospital, by the Niles family's vision and missionary work, in Togo, West Africa.

Using a screen and power point Alain took us all to Togo, West Africa, a small country bordered by Burkina Faso in the North, Benin in the East, Ghana in the West and the Gulf of Guinea to its South.

Imagine-- all you have is some tropical land in Togo, in the middle of nowhere, with nothing on it. Now vision the hospital you want to build upon it. Then with the goodwill and resources of many churches in the States and the goodwill of the people of Togo you start to make it happen. And it happens! By your very hard work and the grace of God it happens! A person with a vision is a powerful person indeed.

Walking in the Spirit of Jesus, God, reminds us time and time again:

**[Hey America] , those who are well have no need of a physician
but those who are sick. [Get on it.] -Jesus**

Healthcare is not the privilege of the poor. Couple poverty, with a need for healthy foods, and you have a recipe for chronic ill health. We have the call to help health happen.

People line up early in the morning at the hospital in Togo hoping to see a doctor and often sit outside its doors for a week before they do. The overwhelming need is triaged each morning by Alain who takes in those in greatest need hoping to do enough for one day.

Alain shared in a heavily Muslim area there was a man who faithfully called the Muslim community to prayer each day for ten years. One terrible day he was pinned by a bus up

against a wall. He was left for dead because without money a state hospital would not let him even through the door. Alain was called for and came up on his motorcycle over the dusty roads and gave him the money he needed to be treated at a city hospital.

They visited as he recovered. The man wanted to hear about Christianity and became one. Then he told his Village and forty other villagers found themselves in a river being baptized. They now saw lines at the hospital and lines at the river because of Alain's faith in action.

And yes. There is a great danger to become a Christian in a Muslim community. But there was something about having a stranger go out of their way to save your life you; and then tell you it was because of the call of Christ on their life, that was very compelling. Ten years of Muslim prayers had brought to him a Christian savior. God works in mysterious ways!

Shalom, Pastor Dee





Bring a box of diapers – any size!
Thank you

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day



Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner!

by Sacred Heart Parish and Knights of Columbus



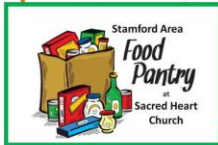
Saturday, March 16

at Hobart Methodist Church Dining Hall
corner of Maple Avenue and Pearl Street in Hobart
from 5-7:30pm

Connect with friends and neighbors and help strengthen our community.

Free! All are Welcome! Bring a Friend!

Bring a dish to pass, free-will donations gladly accepted



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