



# Great Kills Moravian Church

## The Herald June 2024



2024 Volume 6

June 16 is Father's Day. Many men in our congregation are fathers or father figures. Special recognition goes to Shehan Liyanage, Todd Hallett, Peter Ziegeler, and Chuck Montanti, the fathers of our Sunday School children who along with grandfather Charlie Montanti bring their children to church.

Our congregation is blessed to have a robust Sunday School. The children: Kayden Liyanage, Lilac and Teddy Hallett, Peter and Cayleigh Ziegeler, Diana and Charles Montanti have shared their faith with us on numerous occasions this year.

On Father's Day, June 16, they will sing during the worship service. Afterward, they will sponsor fellowship hour downstairs. Sunday School for the year will end that day and resume in September. Many thanks to teachers, Pam Bailey and Veronica Samuel. Organist Stan Timari stepped up to teach songs and to accompany the singers during their programs. Muriel Timari initiated the monthly children's chat.

I remember the excitement of singing in the church choir when I was a child, I'm sure many members of our congregation do too. As we enjoy today's children, we become our younger selves again remembering Matthew 18:3. "And he said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

*Charlott Bramwell*

### **Did you know?**

**In 1884 the Town of Giffords (now Great Kills) had about 54 houses and 250 people. 26 houses on Amboy Road, 9 on Giffords Lane, 5 on Nelson Avenue, 8 on the shore front and 4 on Railroad Place. Giffords was a famous stopping place for fishermen – with three stages running from station to beach on dirt roads.**

**The railroad ticket agent lived upstairs over the waiting room. Ice cream was bought from the undertaker who drove through twice a week with ice cream cans in the back of his "Roakaway".**

**The people at Giffords were happy to have a regularly organized church in their community. The work began to prosper as membership and Sunday School grew.**

**By 1907 it was evident more Sunday School space was needed. Plans were drawn for a new Sunday School annex which included a gymnasium. Since the community would benefit from this new structure a plea was made to the citizens to help raise \$10,000. The church raised \$6,000 and the community \$3,500.**

**On October 11, 1908 the building was dedicated. The gym included a basketball court with the walls being out of bounds. As a result, there were many bruised and scratched bodies.**

**All of the above was passed down to me from my great grandfather, the first church mouse!**

### **The Church Mouse**



## Joint Board News

- The Trustees will meet on Sunday, June 9th following worship service.
- The church office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.
- The Elders will meet on Thursday, June 20th at 11am in person at the church and on Zoom.
- Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant and Elizabeth Reres are attending the Eastern District Synod, June 26-29, 2024 in Bethlehem, PA.
- *Muriel and Stan are inviting the congregation to a luncheon on Sunday, July 7 after worship to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Please use the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the Cloak closet.*

### Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for April

Total Income: \$8,033.84

(offerings, building usage, church events)

Total Expenses: \$6,654.45

Difference: \$1,379.39

**From the Financial Secretary**, please include your latest offering envelope or envelope number in memo of check when making a donation to the church. Questions about envelope number or online giving please contact our Financial Secretary, Claudia McGloin.

## Ministries and Events

**Sunday School:** Last day of Sunday School is Sunday, June 16th. Sunday School will sponsor a Fellowship on June 16th to celebrate the end of class.

**Sunday Worship Services:** We continue to hold **in-person** worship services on Sunday at 11am and via Zoom. If you wish to attend on Zoom, please contact the church office for log-in information. Worship aids and worship services are available on our website, <https://www.greatkillsmoravian.org/> If you missed a service click on the Watch Now button under Previous Services and then click on the service you would like to view.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Prayer shawls are knit or crocheted for those who are in need of comfort or those who are celebrating something. If you are interested in volunteering to help make shawls or if you know someone who would like a Prayer Shawl, please contact the church office.

**Craft Group:** All are welcome to join our group and create beautiful pieces. We meet Fridays at 10am.

**Christian Education Committee:** CEC committee will meet on Sunday, June 16th Following worship.

## Children's Bulletins and Children's Chat

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22: 5

We have started something new during our worship service. Each child will receive a baggie with crayons or pencils and a children's bulletin that will correspond with the Gospel message. Every second Sunday of the month there will be a Children's Chat and the children will help with the Joyful Noise collection. It will be their special day. We will try to have a children's song for them, too. We look forward in seeing the children every Sunday. *In Christ, Muriel*

## John Hus Festival

The commemoration of the martyrdom of John HUS will be a service for all of the New York Metro Churches on Sunday, July 14th at 3:00pm at John HUS Moravian Church located at 153 Ocean Ave, Brooklyn New York. The Rev. Walter Bishop; Pastor of New Dorp Moravian will be the preacher. All are encouraged to attend.



## Congratulations Graduate!

**Adam Hallett**, graduating from New Dorp High School.

**Lilac Hallett**, graduating from 5th grade and going into middle school.

**Zoe Holland**, stepping up to Kindergarten.

**Diana Montanti**, stepping up to 1st grade.

**Peter Ziegeler**, graduating the 5th grade and going to middle school.

## GKMC Fellowship Hour

We all love to snack on cakes and cookies and visit with friends after the service so please sign up to coordinate a fellowship hour. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

## Events Happening Beyond GKMC

### Vanderbilt Moravian Church Community Dinner

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

The next community dinner is **Saturday, June 15 4:00pm-6:30pm**. If you would like to help in any way or need more information, please contact Muriel Timari.

## 2024 Synod Mission Project: One Tree Planted

A desire of the 2024 Synod planning team of the Moravian Church Eastern District is to make a positive impact in our community and world by planting trees. Synods use a tremendous amount of paper, and we hope to reduce our footprint through this effort. Trees are essential in creating clean air and water, a healthy climate, and providing habitats for wildlife. For every dollar donated a tree will be planted through the One Tree Planted organization. The Eastern District Synod will match up to the first 250 trees. We encourage our congregations to support this effort to plant more trees. Please join our team and create a positive impact on our environment. The goal of the Synod planning team is to donate 1,500 trees before the end of Synod on June 29, 2024. Donations may be made through the synod web page: <https://www.moravian.org/northern/edsynod2024/>

## The Moravian Church Community Garden



Grow food for yourself and for our community! Learn to garden or share your gardening skills at Castleton Hill Moravian Church. For meeting dates and additional information email: [simoraviancommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:simoraviancommunitygarden@gmail.com)

## Being a Christian Citizen: A Bible Study for Our Time

The Racial Justice Team will offer the Bible Study on Zoom on Tuesdays June 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2024, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm ET. Most of the hour will be spent in small groups discussing questions provided in the Bible Study. Session titles include: Humility as a Christian Citizen; We Are Citizens of a Country, What Does That Mean? and Civil Authority and Responsibility: Obligations and Opportunities. The online Zoom Bible Study sessions are open to all.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327816095?pwd=MGtOSGs1cDF0N3dSZXkvVGNwbk1mdz09>

Meeting ID: 813 2781 6095

Passcode: 99378

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*"In essentials, unity;  
in non-essentials, liberty;  
in all things, love."*

Website: [www.greatkillsmoravian.org](http://www.greatkillsmoravian.org)

We are also on:  
**Facebook**

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**Prayers for:** John Ducey, Bill and Carol Burt, Susan C, Barbara F, Nicholas Falvey and his family, Joanne K, Joyce Fernandez, Captain J. King, Madeline M, Doug Wycoff (**Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list**)

### GKMC Prayer List

To add someone, a written request must be made, giving the name of the person needing prayer and the person asking to have them added to the list. Specific details are not required. Request forms are in a basket in the Narthex.

#### June Birthdays

- 6/2 Georgine Norbury  
Laura Hepworth
- 6/3 Stan Timari
- 6/6 Laura Coury
- 6/7 Luis Gutierrez
- 6/8 Veronica Samuel
- 6/10 Melissa Price
- 6/11 Steve Morrison
- 6/15 Susan Pulice
- 6/16 Jeffery Walker
- 6/17 Richard Scarpato
- 6/18 Barbara Feltus
- 6/25 Amanda DelGiudice
- 6/26 Carl Dahlberg
- 6/29 Diane Hansen



#### June Anniversaries

- 6/5 Melissa & Mark Hertman
- 6/13 Christine & Kermit Peterson



#### Upcoming Communion Services:

June 2

**Communion cups** can be delivered if you plan to join a communion service on Zoom. Please contact the church office if you would like to have one delivered to you. Office phone 718-317-7788, e-mail [office@greatkillsmoravian.org](mailto:office@greatkillsmoravian.org)

## Watchword

2024

**Great Kills Moravian Church**

**Here is the Lamb of God who  
takes away the sin of the world!  
John 1:29**

#### Pastors scheduled for June

- June 2 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
- June 9 – Sister Susan Attzs-Mendoza
- June 16 - Rev. Jesus Laguerra
- June 23 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
- June 30 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

### The Herald Newsletter



We welcome the creative efforts of our congregation to produce a newsletter that we all want to take the time to read. Do you love to write or do you know of a topic that would be interesting to our members? Please call the office or email with your suggestions. All news, articles, and church information for the newsletter must be in to the Church office by the 15th of the month. **If you would like The Herald emailed to you, send an email to: [office@greatkillsmoravian.org](mailto:office@greatkillsmoravian.org)**



# June 2024

**HAPPY**  
**FATHER'S**  
**Day!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<a href="http://www.greatkillmoravian.org">www.greatkillmoravian.org</a> Like our Facebook Page						1
2 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom-Holy Communion	3	4 7:30pm Bible Study, page 3	5	6	7 10am Craft Group	8
9 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom-Joyful Noise Collec- tion for Esperanza-Children's Chat 12pm Trustee Meeting	10	11 7:30pm Bible Study, page 3	12	13	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 10am Craft Group	15 4pm VMC Community Dinner
<b>16 Father's Day</b> 9:30am Last Day of Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom 12pm Fellowship Hour & CEC Mtg	17	18 7:30pm Bible Study, page 3	<b>19 Juneteenth</b> <i>Church office is            closed</i>	20	<b>21 First Day of            Summer</b> 10am Craft Group	22
23 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom	24	25 7:30pm Bible Study, page 3	26 Eastern District Synod	27 Eastern District Synod	28 10am Craft Group Eastern District Synod	29 Eastern District Synod
30 11am Worship Service						

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## ***Great Kills Moravian Church Weekly Scriptures***

***If you miss our In-Person worship service you may join in the recorded services available on our church website 24/7.***

***June 2 - Second Sunday after Pentecost***

***Holy Communion***

***Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6***

***June 9 - Third Sunday after Pentecost***

***Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35***

***June 16– Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Father's Day, Last Day of Sunday School, Fellowship Hour***

***Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4,12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34***

***June 23-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3,23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41***

***June 30 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43***