

# Great Kills Moravian Church



2024 Volume 7

## The Herald July/August 2024



Before they crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land after wandering in the wilderness for forty years, God's people promised to remember their history and teach their descendants what God had done for them. They also took 12 large stones from the Jordan River and built a monument to help them remember.

Our forefathers left names on places and movements so that we would remember where we came from and who helped us get where we are today. We are Christians, because we worship Jesus, the Christ. We belong to Great Kills Moravian Church.

What are Kills? What's a Moravian? Down the street and around the corner from our church are two other Christian churches—the Church of St. Clare, a Roman Catholic Church; and Christ Lutheran Church—with whom we sometimes share ecumenical worship services. Who was St. Clare? Whom do Lutherans remember? Answers to this quiz are at the end of the newsletter.

The Moravian Church honors John Hus each year. In 1415 Hus, was burned at the stake for speaking against some practices of the Catholic Church of Bohemia. Hus, considered by many to be the first Protestant reformer, influenced Martin Luther who wrote and protested a century later. Indeed, New York metro churches will commemorate his martyrdom at John Hus Moravian Church in Brooklyn on July 14. We are invited and urged to attend.

During times when Christians disagree about what Jesus wants us to do, remember that Jesus said we are to love God and love one another. Moravians affirm, "in essentials unity; in non- essentials liberty, in all things love."

*Charlott Bramwell*

## Joint Board News

- **The Trustees will meet in August, date and time tbd.**
- **The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.**
- **The Elders will meet on Thursday, August 15 at 11am.**
- **Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant is out for the month of July and will return on Sunday, August 2.**

### Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for May

Total Income: \$2,446,69

(offerings, building usage, church events)

Total Expenses: \$9,626.07

Difference: -\$7,179.38

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

## Ministries and Events

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will resume in September. Dates will be announced in late August, check our bulletin for updates. For registration or additional information, contact Pam Bailey at [eccep3@gmail.com](mailto:eccep3@gmail.com) or the church office.

**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 knitted 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.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have someone to add to the Prayer Chain, please contact Christine Peterson at 718-984-1623.

## For The Beauty of the Earth

“For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow’r sun and moon and stars of light.

Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.”

Summer is here. Now is the time to enjoy more of God’s beautiful world. So here’s some advice from an anonymous Chinese philosopher.

On an ancient wall in China Where a brooding Bhudda blinks. Deeply raven is the message – it is later than you think.

The clock of life is wound but once and no man has the power To tell just when the hands will stop at late or early hour.

Now is all the time you own, the past a golden link. Enjoy your leisure time my friends while you’re still in the pink.

*Church Mouse*

## 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.

## GKMC Fellowship Hour

We all love to snack on cakes and cookies and visit with friends after the service. Please sign up to coordinate a fellowship hour. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Cloak Room.

## Events Happening Beyond GKMC

### Vanderbilt Moravian Church Community Dinners

“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 are **Saturday, July 20th, 4:00pm-6:30pm and August 17th, 4:00pm-6:00pm.** If you would like to help in any way or need more information, please contact Muriel Timari.

## 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)

## With thanks...



On behalf of the Board of Management of Hope Conference and Renewal Center, thank you for your recent gift of \$139.87 from your Joyful Noise Collection. We appreciate your support and thank you for your generous gift.  
*Camp Hope*

## Answers to Quiz from Page 1

Kills are creeks. Moravians are Protestant Christians. We share the essential beliefs of other followers of Jesus. St. Clare of Assisi was an Italian saint, a friend of St. Francis of Assisi. Martin Luther was an early leader of the Protestant Reformation. Lutheran churches remember his actions.

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(\*office hours subject to change)



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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.

**July Birthdays**

7/3 Deborah Koop  
7/4 Daniela Korbeci  
Camryn Lodato  
7/5 Harold Erwood  
7/8 Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant  
7/9 Nancy Doran  
7/13 Janice Hermansen  
Rocco DelGiudice  
7/14 Lauren Crea  
Charles Montanti  
7/16 Ronald Coury, JR.  
7/18 Nancy Walker  
7/20 Melissa Hertman  
7/27 Vanessa D'Avino

**August Birthdays**

8/3 Lily Price  
8/21 Gail Coury  
8/25 Besnik Korbeci  
8/26 Parker Crea  
8/28 Thomas Pisano, Jr.  
8/30 Zachary Koop  
8/31 Ethel Ducey

**July Anniversaries**

7/13 Murial and Stan Timari  
7/15 Robin and Rocco DelGiudice  
7/25 Peace and Zakariah Ali

**August Birthdays**

8/4 Georgine & Guy Norbury  
8/5 Mathilde & Luis Guterrez  
8/7 Diane & Gary Hansen  
8/24 Leslie & Vincent Bruzzese

**Upcoming Communion Services:**

July 7 and August 11

**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  
July and August**

July 7-Pastor Chris Giesler

July 14 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra

July 21 - Sister Chloris Hicks

July 28 - Hymn Sing

August 4 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

August 11 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

August 18 - Pastor Blonel Jones-Grant

August 25 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra

**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 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)**



# July 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<a href="http://www.greatkillmoravian.org">www.greatkillmoravian.org</a> Like our Facebook Page	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Church office is closed 	5	6
7 11am Worship Holy Communion 12pm Fellowship Hour	8	9	10	11	12 10am Craft Group	13
14 11am Worship Service and Joyful Noise Collection	15	16	17	18	19 10am Craft Group	20 4pm VMC Community Dinner
21 11am Worship Service	22	23	24	25	26 10am Craft Group	27
28 11am Worship Service	29	30	31			



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4 11am Worship Service	5	6	7	8	9 10am Craft Group	10
11 11am Worship Service- Holy Communion and Joyful Noise Offering 12pm Fellowship Hour	12	13	14	15 11am Elders Meeting	16 10am Craft Group	17 4pm VMC Commu- nity Dinner
18 11am Worship Service	19	20	21	22	23 10am Craft Group	24
25 11am Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30 10am Craft Group	31

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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.***

***July 7 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost-Holy Communion and Fellowship Hour  
Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13***

***July 14 - Eight Sunday after Pentecost-Joyful Noise Offering  
Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29***

***July 21 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34,53-56***

***July 28 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21***

***August 4 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 16:2-4,9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35***

***August 11 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost-Holy Communion, Joyful Noise Offering and Fellowship Hour  
1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51***

***August 18 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58***

***August 25 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69***